

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Whole Peal of Grandsire Triples.

A COPY of what is perhaps the most interesting, and certainly the most momentous, work from a composer's point of view that the ringing world has seen, reached us a few days ago. It is a pamphlet of nineteen pages, entitled, *A Note on Grandsire Triples*, by W. H. Thompson, M.A. (Macmillan and Bowes, Cambridge: price 1s.) We have always felt confident that the first mathematician who could give his time to the study of the great Grandsire question would speedily and conclusively settle it. This Mr. Thompson has done, and has thereby earned the gratitude of the exercise. We trust the pamphlet will have a large sale. Its moderate price ought to place it within reach of all. 'Can the whole peal of Grandsire Triples be produced by means of plain leads and ordinary bobs alone?' This long-vexed question the author answers in the negative. Moreover, he conclusively proves that Holt has obtained the extent in his famous Original. Mr. Thompson shows that the nearest approach to the whole peal of 360 leads is either 355 or 357 leads. In the first case there is a plain course omitted, and in the latter three bobs are omitted; just, in fact, as is the case in Holt's Original, and in Mr. Penning's second One-part and Mr. Hollis's Five-part. Mr. Thompson was preparing to publish peals of these descriptions when he was informed that such had already been done. He had come to his conclusions without any previous information on this point. We cannot pretend that the pamphlet is light reading. It is very condensed, with not a sentence or a word too many. It is strictly mathematical in its form, though not, so far as the present writer is aware, to be classed under any one particular head of the different branches of ordinary mathematics. The author gives us our mental food in a series of neatly cut and compact bites, each of which needs to be very diligently chewed—some with *exceeding* diligence—before proceeding to the next. There is only one point on which we have to offer criticism. We should have found it more convenient had the treble been omitted at the head of all the treble leads; and considering the bracketed portion of the fifth line on page 14, we wonder that this did not strike the author's mind. The first three pages are occupied with a masterly exposition of the 'in and out of course,' showing how a row of even twenty bells may be analysed almost at a moment's glance.

The publication of this pamphlet is another and a great step in what we have long foreseen to be coming. We allude to the fact that the day of haphazard composition is fast drawing to a close. Doubtless it was most interesting and exciting to put in a lead here, or patch on a course-end there, and then scan eagerly up and down on the tip-toe of expectation to see whether or not it would 'go.' All this is exciting; indeed, we might say romantic; but, for all that, it is doomed; and the time is fast coming when to obtain a peal we shall only have to turn the windlass of calculation and out will glide the peal composed, and proved, and all. This is century nineteen. *Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis.*

Members of the Kent County Association at Ashford, Kent.

A MEETING was held at Ashford on Saturday evening, the 6th ult., to commemorate the eightieth birthday of Mr. John Laker, an accomplished veteran in the art of ringing. Representatives from Brabourne, Folkestone, and Mersham, joined the local band to do honour to their fellow-member. A band was set for eighty treble leads of BOB MAJOR, which, however, failed. In the evening various touches of BOB MAJOR, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, were rung. Mr. Laker took part in the ringing, and when the company parted they wished him health and strength to join in the performance on his next anniversary. It is now upwards of sixty-three years since he commenced handling the bell-ropes, and he rang his first peal of 5040 changes of BOB MAJOR at Ashford on April 3rd, 1826. Mr. Laker is still a member of the Ashford company, and has been conductor of the same for many years.

Restoration of the Bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Bridport, Devon.

A MEETING was held in the National School, Bridport, on Monday evening, the 29th ult., to consider various schemes for the restoration of the bells of the above church, two of which have recently been cracked, viz., third and fifth. The ring, originally of five bells, was augmented by the addition of a treble in 1843; but this bell is not of sufficient weight to be in accord with the other five. After the various schemes put forward by different bell-founders had been discussed, the meeting unanimously adopted the one for the retention of the present tenor—a very fine-toned bell in E flat, about 19 cwt. 3 qrs.—recasting the other five, and adding two new smaller bells, thus completing the octave. The work is to be entrusted to the well-known firm of Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, Cripplegate, London, whose estimate of 388l. 6s. was accepted. Subscriptions for the above object will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Mr. J. W. Hartgill, churchwarden, Stag House, Bridport. It is hoped shortly to establish a Ringing Guild in the parish.

A Birthday Peal at St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Monday, the 29th ult., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5089 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 18 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; R. French (conductor), 2; J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans, Herts, first peal of CATERS), 3; J. M. Hayes, 4; H. Langdon, 5; W. W. Thorne (first peal of CATERS), 6; G. R. Banks, 7; W. Weatherstone, 8; W. H. George, 9; E. Albone, 10. Composed by Mr. J. Rogers. The above peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Lindsay, the wife of the Rev. J. Lindsay, D.D., Rector of the above church, both of whom having always shown great kindness to the parochial ringers, who lately made two attempts to ring a peal on the Rector's birthday, but failed to do so.

Reopening of Bells at Winkfield, Berks.

THE six bells of this church having recently been rehung in new oak frame with new fittings, and the four middle bells quarter-turned by Mr. Edwin Rogers of Maidenhead, they were reopened on Saturday, October 9th, by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, when two 720's of MIXON were rung. First 720 in 27½ mins., by T. Woolford, 1; H. Rogers, 2; R. Smith, 3; E. Rogers, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; W. A. Garraway, 6. The second 720 in 27 mins., by H. Rogers, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; R. Smith, 3; E. Rogers, 4; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, about 14 cwt. Some STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were afterwards rung, several of the Winkfield band taking part in the latter. These bells, which have for years been barely ringable, are now in good condition, and reputed to go remarkably well.

The Lancashire Association.

A RINGING MEETING will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, December 11th. All ringers in the Rossendale Division are specially invited to attend. Ringing from 2 p.m.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

St. Sidwell's and St. David's Societies, Exeter.

THE Annual Dinner of the above Societies will be held at the 'Bude Hotel' on Monday, January 3rd, 1887, at 8 p.m. sharp, when all ringing friends in the neighbourhood will be very welcome. Tickets are now being issued, and may be obtained of the Secretary, price 2s. 6d. each.

EDWARD PITT, Hon. Sec. St. Sidwell's Society.

10 Stover Place, Cheeke Street, Exeter.

Death of a Ringer at Greenwich, Kent.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., the local ringers rang the bells of St. Alphege half-muffled in respect to the memory of the late W. G. Shade, who was interred at the private cemetery of the Greenwich Royal Hospital in the afternoon of the same day. In the evening 700 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by Messrs. Lamb, Weatherstone (conductor), Jones, Langdon, Thorne, Fussell, Hayward, and G. Gibbs. The deceased, whose name appears on a tablet in the above tower, took part in a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, conducted by H. Booth, on Saturday, Oct. 30th, 1872, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., by the Society of College Youths. W. G. Shade, 1; G. Ferris, 2; J. R. Haworth, 3; G. Mash, 4; E. Horrex, 5; H. Booth, 6; A. Hayward, 7; W. G. Davis, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. 3 qrs.

Toast List at Kirkleatham, Yorkshire.

The following toast-list on the door of the belfry in Kirkleatham Church, near Redcar, Yorkshire, has been forwarded to us:—

TOASTS TO BE DRANK, NOVEMBER YE 4TH, 1756.

1. The King.
2. The Prince and Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke, and the rest of the Royal Family. 5 Guns.
3. The glorious and immortal memory of our great Deliverer, King William. 7 Guns.
4. To the ever-memorable Patriots who brought in ye Bill of Exclusion.
5. Everlasting Disappointment to the Popish Pretender and his rascally adherents. 5 Guns.
6. May Great Britain always bear the balance of Power in Europe.
7. May the Navy of Great Britain under the smiles of Neptune ride triumphant. 3 Guns.
8. The County of York and all Mr. Turner's fast friends.
9. Prosperity to the Loyal Gentlemen of the Revolution Club at Stockton, and all other friends of the present happy Establishment.

There are three bells in the tower from the Whitechapel Foundry, 1763. Tenor, about 9 cwt. They do not appear to have been rehung since that date.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On Wednesday, the 17th ult., twelve members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5002 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 43 mins. C. H. Hattersley, 1; J. Joyes, 2; H. Johnson, jun., 3; W. R. Small, 4; H. Bastable, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; S. Reeves, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; J. Buffery, 9; A. P. Heywood, 10; W. Wakley, 11; A. Thomas, 12. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson and conducted by Mr. H. Bastable. The peal rang for the first time.

At St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Reeves' Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. E. Willoughby,* 1; H. P. Bennett (conductor), 2; W. Allfrey,* 3; T. Smith,* 4; G. Howse,* 5; T. Hart, 6; A. Bennett,* 7; T. Lewes,* 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. W. Allfrey and H. Bennett came from St. Paul's, Brighton; T. Smith and G. Howse, Christ Church, Eastbourne; E. Willoughby and T. Lewes, All Saints', Eastbourne; and the other two St. Mary's. The first peal ever rung by Eastbourne men was rung at St. Mary's, on January 21st, 1873, the time being 3 hrs. 4 mins., conducted by H. P. Bennett; not one of the band, himself included, ever having rung a peal before. In the peal recorded above six of the band claim it as their maiden peal. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Rochdale, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Rochdale and District Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. W. Schofield, 1; J. T. Lucas, 2; J. Hoggard, 3; B. Meadowcroft, 4; J. Harrison,* 5; G. Hoyle,* 6; F. Birtwistle* (conductor), 7; W. H. Smith, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. The above peal was rung to celebrate the sixty-eighth birthday of Mr. Joseph Butterworth, an old ringer at the above church, the

ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. It is the first time the above peal has been rung by a band of Rochdale ringers, all of whom are ringers at the above church and members of the Rochdale District Association. [* Members of the Lancashire Association.]

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

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., ten members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a peal of 5260 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 45 mins. J. Motts (composer and conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; C. Mee, 4; W. Catchpole, 5; H. Howell, 6; E. Reeve, 7; W. Motts, 8; R. Hawes, 9; R. Brundle, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. The above is the first peal of ROYAL since 1801, which was rung by the Royal Cumberlands at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, London, and is also the longest.

At St. Andrew's, Litchurch, Derby.

On Thursday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association, St. Andrew's Society, rang Reeves' Five-part peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; H. C. Woodward, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; G. Mottashaw, 5; J. Thompson, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; C. E. Hart, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat.

At St. Philip's, Birmingham.

On Monday evening, the 29th ult., a peal of 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 23 mins. G. Hitchman, 1; J. Callaghan, 2; J. Carter, 3; J. Tinsley, 4; C. Barnacle, 5; C. Carmel, 6; J. Plant, 7; W. Smith, 8; T. Holmes, 9; A. Hackley, 10. Tenor, 29 cwt. Composed and conducted by J. Carter. The peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, 5th thirteen times wrong and six times right. [Mr. T. Holmes hails from Burton-on-Trent, J. Tinsley and W. Smith from Darlaston, J. Plant from Erdington, and the rest from Birmingham.]

AT TRINITY CHURCH, OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 13th ult., 720 BOB MINOR in 25½ mins. H. Mason, 1; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 2; W. Green, 3; W. Bird, 4; R. Bird, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6. Also another 720 BOB MINOR in 25½ mins. W. A. Pugh (Stourbridge), 1; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 2; W. Foxhall, 3; R. Bird, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; A. H. Bassano, 6. Tenor, 23½ cwt. [* First 720 in the method.]

AT ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, the 14th ult., for service at the Cathedral, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by H. Lewis, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. 624 GRANDSIRE MAJOR. T. Grant, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; E. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills (conductor), 8. [Longest touch of Grandsire Major by all.]

AT ST. PETER'S-IN-THE-EAST, OXFORD.—On Saturday, the 16th ult., 720 OXFORD BOB. P. Hind, 1; C. Fox, 2; W. Browning, 3; A. E. M. Custance, Esq., 4; F. Castle, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, the 14th ult., at Holywell Church, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. W. Browning, 1; A. F. M. Custance, 2; Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; W. Paine, 4; W. Baston, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

AT ST. PAUL'S, SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Tuesday evening, the 16th ult., the bells were deeply muffled as a last token of respect for the Rev. Edward Leigh Bennett, M.A., vicar of Long Sutton, who was an honorary member of the South Lincolnshire Association from its commencement, and who died on the 9th inst., aged eighty-seven. The age of the deceased was first rung with the usual whole-pull and stand, after which a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in good style in 47 mins. G. Barker, 1; W. Jarvis, 2; G. Skeef, 3; R. Skeef, 4; C. Quinton, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6; C. Creasey, 7; T. Clark, 8. [G. and R. Skeef are members of the Eastern Counties' Guild, and the others are members of the South Lincolnshire Association.]

AT SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND, ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 20th ult., 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 35 mins. by D. Ivers, 1; U. Stringer, 2; M. Murphy, 3; J. Callaghan, 4; J. Murphy, 5; P. Conlon, 6; J. Plant (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. Also on Sunday, for evening service, several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES by F. Hales, 1; P. Conlon, 2; J. Murphy, 3; M. Murphy, 4; J. Plant (conductor), 5; C. Fellows, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F. [J. Callaghan came from Birmingham.]

AT ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST'S, CROYDON, SURREY.—On Saturday, the 20th ult., a quarter-peal of UNION TRIPLES was rung in 50 mins. by eight members of the Surrey Association. U. Holman, 1; H. C. Haley, 2; A. B. Carpenter, M.B., 3; T. Boniface, 4; W. States, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; A. Bruce, 7; T. Verrall and W. Todd, 8. Composed and conducted by A. B. Carpenter. [Messrs. Boniface and Hawkins are of Blethingley, the rest belong to Croydon. It was intended to start for the whole peal, but owing to illness near the church the attempt was abandoned.]

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., two courses of 224 BOB MAJOR were rung by members of the Surrey Association. S. Fisk, 1; G. Russell, 2; H. C. Haley, 3; A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 4; W. States, 5; A. Bruce, 6; T. Verrall, 7; U. Holman, 8.

AT GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Saturday evening, the 27th ult., a peal of 720 PLAIN BOB was rung by W. West, 1; Rev. C. L. Kennaway (rector), 2; J. Chenery, 3; J. Bason, 4; H. Avis, 5; J. Bennett, 6. Conducted by John Bennett with thirty-eight singles, and was rung on this occasion, for the first time, by the Garboldisham Company. [Time not given.]

AT ST. MARY'S, WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., 720 BOB MINOR (21 bobs and 12 singles) were rung in 25 mins. A. Kirby, 1; R. Kilby, 2; J. Jackman, 3; A. Pittiam, 4; A. Tennant, 5; F. Weare (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt. [* College Youths.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Morning Prayer, Sermon, Holy Communion.

SIR,—The Comment upon the arrangement of these three services, or functions, which appeared in *Church Bells* of November 12th, loses much of any force it may possess in consequence of a blunder for which I am willing to be regarded as the cause, although I thought that it was turned out in manuscript correctly. The whole subject may be regarded as hardly worth notice by some Churchfolk, although it appears to me as possibly one which might be attended to with great advantage for the people, whom we all wish to win over to Church practices. Allow me then to restate my notion. And for the sake of clearness, let me show the scheme as I think it might be worked, commencing from any one of the times suggested. Thus:—

Celebration.	Hymn. Sermon. Hymn.	Morning Prayer. Hymn. Litany. Hymn.
Fifty minutes.	Forty-five minutes.	Sixty-five minutes.
9.45 to 10.35	10.35 to 11.20	11.20 to 12.25
Or		
10 to 10.50	10.50 to 11.35	11.35 to 12.40
Or		
10.30 to 11.20	11.20 to 12.5	12.5 to 1.10
Or		
11 to 11.50	11.50 to 12.35	12.35 to 1.40

I suppose that the hymns before and at the close of the sermon would be rather long, and that the bell would also be tolled at those times for two or three minutes. They who chose to be present at the first and second services would be in church one hour and thirty-five minutes. They who came to the second and third services would be there one hour and fifty minutes. They who remained throughout all three services or functions would be in church two hours and forty minutes. And I assume that every part of every service would be rendered in the best possible manner, so that they who attended any one service might feel that they were really engaged in a true service of devotion, or for spiritual edification.

Possibly, however, the following method might be preferred, by which, perhaps, each one of the three functions would be reverently performed, each in fifty minutes, or two and a half hours for the three. This would require the Litany in the second column, when the method would be thus:—

Celebration.	Hymn. Litany. Sermon. Hymn.	Morning Prayer. Hymn or Anthem. Hymn.
Fifty minutes.	Fifty minutes.	Fifty minutes.

This arrangement would have some advantages. But would the people be likely, with such an arrangement, to stay or come to the third service? I fear not. It appears to me that some arrangement is practicable whereby the morning hours may be used more profitably than they now are, in a way to secure one good sermon (chiefly for edification) and to render all the services hearty and attractive. I do not say that I have hit on the best scheme. But I shall be very thankful if these suggestions may lead on to something profitable and useful, which may secure the attendance of 'all sorts and conditions of men' in the morning on Sundays. 'All sorts and conditions of men' must be won. Would these plans be of any use in rendering the services convenient and intelligible to them?

G. V. (The writer of the Comment alluded to).

The Census of Worshippers.

DEAR SIR,—Your paragraph referring to St. John's, Broad Court, is based on a statement in the *British Weekly*, which is inaccurate. The attendance on October 24th, morning, is correctly given, but the evening attendance is stated to have been 621—much larger than it really was. I do not think that more than 410 persons were present—a greater number than usual, for our ordinary winter evening congregation has been about 280. The population of our parish is declining, and now scarcely exceeds 2000.

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EDWARD VENABLES, Vicar.

Nov. 15th, 1886.

The Bishop of Liverpool.

SIR,—You will oblige me by adding the following few lines to my recent letter, which were accidentally omitted from it, at the end of the second paragraph:—

'Who made him a judge or a divider over those with whom he has nothing whatever to do, and of whom he can have no personal knowledge as to the matters in question? Not a paper in the country but testifies weekly, and even daily, to the devotion and labours of the clergy; and when they might look for sympathy and encouragement under their trials and difficulties, this ungenerous Bishop of Liverpool—he in his *ex-cathedra* arm-chair—has nothing but cold water to chill them with.'

When I wrote to you not long ago, I was, as far as I then knew, the first person to say a word in defence of my brethren, the clergy; but since then

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Kirkleatham, near Redcar, Yorkshire.

SIR,—Our three bells are alluded to in your last number—it may interest some to know the inscription on the centre bell: 'O quam dulce sonas, Domini properamus ad ædes. Lester and Pack, London, 1763.'

JOHN DALE WAWN, *Vicar of Kirkleatham.*

Royal Cumberland Society.

THE Master requests all Members in town to attend Meeting at Headquarters, St. Martin's Lane, on Friday, the 17th inst., at 9 sharp, and Country Members to kindly send present address to 71 Bridge Road West, Old Battersea, Surrey.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

THE Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Salisbury on St. Thomas' Day, the 21st inst., when the bells of St. Thomas, St. Edmund, St. Martin, and St. Paul, will be at the disposal of the Guild. It is intended to open St. Martin's bells on this day, the same having been augmented to eight. A dedication service will be held in the morning at that church.

Accident to the Tenor Bell at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire.

ON Saturday, the 13th ult., while this bell was being tolled for the funeral of the late Vicar, she suddenly cracked. The bell was cast by Henry Penn of Peterborough in 1716, and had been quartered once. She was a very thin bell, being in the key of F, and only forty inches in diameter. Clocking was, perhaps, the immediate cause of the accident.

[This is only another instance of the proverbial danger of the habit of clocking bells—a habit usually arising from slovenliness. The bell surely could not have been so very thin, as her note would have been deeper.—*Ed. C.B.*]

Re-Dedication of the Church Bells at Hambledon, Hants.

THE fine ring of six bells in the parish church was reopened on Saturday, the 4th inst., after a temporary silence caused by the dilapidation of the ancient framework. A new frame and fittings have now been provided by subscriptions, chiefly through the liberality of J. B. Barkworth, Esq., of Hull, who contributes half the cost; and the work has been well executed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel. The service of dedication began in the belfry, where the Vicar (Dr. White) said a prayer of dedication, after which the village ringers, under the direction of Mr. J. Knight, rang an opening peal. A move was then made to the church, where a good congregation had already assembled, and the rest of the specially arranged service was proceeded with by the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. H. A. Spyers and a full choir. Appropriate Collects were taken from the *Priest's Prayer-book*. The service concluded with a special hymn composed expressly for the occasion by the Vicar, after which joyous peals were rung all through the afternoon till a late hour by members of the Winchester Guild of Ringers from Fareham, Twyford, Havant, and Catherington, under the direction of their enthusiastic secretary, the Rev. H. A. Spyers. The visitors were hospitably entertained at the Vicarage. The change-ringing was particularly good, and included many 120's and several GRANDSIRE MINORS of 720.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Luke's, Chelsea, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 40 mins. W. G. Wild (first peal), 1; W. Lally, 2; J. W. Mansfield, 3; W. Coppage, 4; H. J. Davies, 5; W. Baron, 6; A. E. Church, 7; H. Swain, 8; J. Rogers (composer and conductor), 9; J. Barry, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. The above peal (which was now rung for the first time) is in five parts, containing fifty-five courses, has an exactly equal number of courses and leads in each part, and is supposed to be the only peal of CATERS in the method, in equal parts, yet rung.

At St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berks.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 10 mins. G. Young (first peal), 1; W. Sandell, 2; E. Holifield, 3; H. Holifield, 4; J. H. Viner, 5; G. Holifield (conductor), 6; J. Avery, 7; H. Humfrey (first peal), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. [Messrs. G. and E. Holifield came from Appleton, the others belong to Abingdon.]

At the Parish Church, Warnham, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. G. Chandler, 1; H. Wood, 2; W. Wadey (first peal), 3; W. Short, 4; T. Andrews, 5; H. Chandler (conductor), 6; H. Cook (first peal), 7; G. Woodman, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Harlow, Essex.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang a peal of 5376 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 33 mins. N. W. Tarling, 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; F. Sworder, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; T. Tarling, 6; P. Springham, 7; H. J. Tucker* (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 21½ cwt., in E. The peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th and 5th each eighteen times in 6th's place, and the 6th twelve times wrong and twelve times right. First peal in the method on the bells, and also the first peal in the method by all except the treble and tenor men. It was rung to celebrate the opening that day of a handsome pulpit, erected in

the above church by parishioners and friends to the memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Perry Watlington, of Moor Hall, Harlow. It being also the birthday of the ringer of the 5th, his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns. [* College Youths.]

At Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association (Ashton Branch) rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. H. Heap,* 1; J. Leigh,* 2; W. Jakeman,* 3; S. Wood (conductor), 4; C. Willecocks,* 5; B. Broadbent, 6; G. Longden, 7; M. Pailthorpe,* 8. [* First peal in the method, and the first in the method by the Association.]

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., the following members of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Staffordshire rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. J. Hares,* 1; W. Cooper,* 2; S. Reeves (conductor), 3; J. Hall, 4; W. R. Small, 5; R. Hall, 6; C. Timms,* 7; C. Price, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs., in E. [* First peal. + First peal with a bob bell.]

At St. Mary's, Ringmer, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers rang Hollis' Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 9 mins. A. Fuller, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; W. Palmer, 3; C. Tyler, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. C. Hammond, 6; J. Jay, sen., 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F. [Messrs. Fuller, Golds, and Jay, are members of the St. Peter's, Brighton, Society; Searle, Palmer, Tyler, and Butler, of St. Nicholas, Brighton; and Hammond belongs to the local band. This is the second peal on the bells, the first having been rung on the opening day, December 1st, 1885, and is recorded on a marble tablet in the belfry.]

AT HOLY TRINITY, DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday morning, for service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) in 45 mins. A. Rose, 1; W. Cook, 2; E. W. Snowden, 3; G. May, 4; F. French (conductor), 5; T. Blackman, 6; E. Everson, 7; H. Rose, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, the 14th ult., 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (twenty-two singles) in 26 mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; G. Lucas (conductor), 5; A. Jacob, 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins. T. Grove (first 720 TREBLE BOB), 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; A. Jacob* (conductor), 6. [* First 720 of OXFORD TREBLE BOB. + First 720 of OXFORD as conductor.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 14th ult., being Hospital Sunday, for service in the morning, a touch of GRANDSIRE CATERS (503 changes) in 25 mins. J. Hares, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. R. Small, 3; T. Frisby, 4; B. Hill, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. And on Monday, the 18th ult., for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS (1259 changes) in 50 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; S. Reeves (conductor), 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs., in E flat. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham.

AT HOLY TRINITY AND ST. JAMES'S, HULL.—On Tuesday, the 16th ult., for Divine service, 480 STEDMAN TRIPLES. H. Cutter, 1; C. Jackson (conductor), 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; W. Southwick, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Bennett, 8. On Wednesday, the 17th ult., at St. James's, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260 changes), in 43 mins. C. Bennett, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Pollard, 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. Jenkins, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. W. Stickney, 7; J. Miller, 8. On Thursday, the 18th ult., at Holy Trinity, 480 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Southwick, 1; H. Cutter, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; C. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Bennett, 8. On Sunday, the 21st ult., at Holy Trinity, 480 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Cutter, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; W. Southwick, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Bennett, 8. On Monday, the 22nd ult., at the same church, 408 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Bennett, 1; H. Cutter, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; W. Southwick, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8.

AT SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS', SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., for Divine service in the evening, 546 UNION TRIPLES were rung. This is the first touch of UNION TRIPLES by the local company. On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., three six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. J. R. Mackman (first 360, aged eleven years) rang the treble. Also three six-scores in the same method. J. Peck (first 360), 1; J. S. Wright, 2; R. Jarvis, 3; R. Mackman, 4; C. Neverson (conductor), 5; G. L. Richardson, 6. And 366 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Ladd (first touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES), 1. On Wednesday, the 24th ult., on the occasion of a Confirmation, 546 UNION TRIPLES, conducted by R. Mackman; and 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by G. Skeef. Also on Advent Sunday, at 7 a.m., 360 PLAIN BOB, conducted by J. S. Wright; and 360 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by J. Brown. At 10 a.m. 546 UNION TRIPLES. R. Jarvis, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; C. Neverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Peck, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday, the 22nd ult., the local company, to celebrate the eighty-third birthday of the Rev. Edmond Hiley Bucknall Estcourt, M.A., who has been Rector of the parish of Eckington over forty years, 720 OXFORD, 360 VIOLET, and 360 NEW LONDON PLEASURE. F. Hancock, 1; G. Norman, 2; E. James, 3; J. Shaw (conductor), 4; W. Price, 5; S. Lunn, 6. Also on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., to celebrate the marriage of Sir George R. Sitwell, Bart., of Renshaw Hall, Chesterfield, and the Hon. Ida Denison, third daughter of Lord Londesborough, of Berkeley Square, London, Londesborough Lodge, Scarborough,

and Market Weighton, Yorkshire, 720 each of OXFORD and VIOLET. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; S. Lunn, 6. J. Shaw rang and conducted in VIOLET in place of G. Marsden.

AT ST. JAMES'S, BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Wednesday, the 24th ult., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB (nine bobs) was rung by C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; I. Hills, 2; C. West, 3; M. Warwick, 4; T. Foote, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Also 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. West, 1; M. Warwick, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. King, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. And 360 DOUBLE COURT MINOR (nine bobs). C. West, 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; T. Foote, 4; W. Biggs, 5; I. Hills, 6.

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., a touch of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 42 mins. C. Chaplin, 1; W. Partington, 2; A. Wood, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; W. Broadbent, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. On Sunday evening, the 5th inst., before Divine service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 42½ mins. C. Chaplin, 1; W. Broadbent, 2; W. Partington, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

AT ST. MATTHEW'S, BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., a muffled peal was rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. W. G. Shade. After ringing rounds and tolling his age (60 years), 840 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. J. Bonny, 1; C. Beach, 2; W. Cecil, 3; E. Wallage, 4; G. Dorrington, 5; M. Wood, 6; J. West, 7; J. H. Monday, 8.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BAGUP, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, the 28th ult., for Divine service, 360 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. A. L. Hardman (conductor), 1; A. White, 2; Z. Lord, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6. Also 360 OXFORD SINGLE BOB. A. L. Hardman (conductor), 1; A. White, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 23 mins. G. Peacy, 1; M. Wagstaff (first 720), 2; R. G. Knowles, 3; T. Williams, 4; J. T. Horton, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Tenor about 10 cwt.

AT ST. PETER'S, CAVERSHAM, OXON.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., for Divine service, six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang 720 OXFORD BOB MINOR in 27 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; F. Simmonds, 2; G. Essex, 3; J. Hands, 4; H. Smith (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Tuesday, the 30th ult., being St. Andrew's Day, the local company rang for service their first quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 51 mins. J. Randall, * 1; H. Buckingham, * 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, * 4; W. Allen, 5; S. Hare, * 6; J. Hare † (composer and conductor), 7; W. Kitchener, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. [* First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal as conductor.]

AT ST. THOMAS'S, MARKET RASEN, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, the 4th inst., the following members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR before service, another peal of the same method after service, and a third peal of KENT on Monday evening. J. Hackney, * 1; S. Marshall, * 2; H. Gadd, 3; W. Lunn, * 4; T. Gibbons, 5; H. G. Burkett (conductor), 6. This was the first peal of KENT TREBLE BOB rung by any one Society connected with the above Association, all the members belonging to Market Rasen. [* First peal in the method.]

RECEIVED ALSO:—G. Mash (next week); H. J. Davies; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Church House.

SIR,—My own opinion on this considerably debated question is not worth much, but, such as it is, I am altogether in favour of the plan; and if for no other reason, yet for this: that I feel sure that the building of such a place will be the very means of all others of furthering those various objects which those who think differently would wish to bring forward in lieu of it, and which no one would, in themselves, object to, but all would be in favour of.

One thing I have as yet not seen suggested by any one. The cost of the site would no doubt be a very considerable part of the expense. Why should not some one of our great London landed proprietors, such as the Duke of Westminster, the Duke of Bedford, or some other, make the Church a present of the site, the value of which they would never miss? Or, let any person who may not have the land itself to give, give the money where-withal to purchase it. Let some large-hearted Churchman give it to the Church for all time; or even some Dissenter, as did Mr. Pease the Church House, both site and building, for the Bishop of Newcastle. It occurred to me recently that the Westminster Aquarium would be as good a situation as could be found for the purpose, and I remember some time back it was spoken of as not having been a successful speculation. Otherwise, would not the site of the National Society, with its wide precincts, answer the purpose? they, of course, having rooms in the new building, which being carried up to a sufficient height might be able to accommodate other Societies with rooms for meeting in as well, with much saving of expense to them: such as the Christian Knowledge Society, who no doubt would be glad of being saved some space in their present building, large as it is. And so also the Additional Curates' Society, Church Missionary Society, Gospel Propagation Society, Pastoral Aid Society, and others, for meetings. At present, if I am not mistaken, the National Society has its only building on the ground-floor, or but very little raised above it.

F. O. MORRIS.

Friendless and Fallen.

SIR,—One of my most pleasant remembrances is that of the zeal of the late Canon Dale, when vicar of St. Pancras. Very earnestly was his heart set upon supplying his great parish with a sufficient number of district churches. All classes were the subjects of his care, so far as it was possible for any one man to devote himself to good works. Hence I well remember the leading part he took in the formation of this institution, how he presided at the committee meetings and gave that advice and assistance which led to a way of escape being opened for the fallen, not simply of the parish of St. Pancras, but of the metropolis at large. The grand work he inaugurated in 1857 has indeed prospered. The first Home was designed to accommodate 16 inmates; but the various Homes of the Institution now provide for the admission of 200, as its annual reports show. During these many years the effort has been heartily sustained by earnest workers and liberal subscribers. The gifts of individual Christian sympathisers have been generous and constant, and it is with thankfulness I can record the fact that, though the expenses have increased with the enlarging sphere of operations, enough money has been collected every year to meet the year's obligations. It is not expected that the year so soon to close will prove any exception to the general rule in this respect. It may reasonably be asked therefore why any appeal for assistance should be made? It has been the rule of the committee to admit immediately all suitable cases throughout the year, irrespective of any fluctuations of income, and to appeal to the charitable especially at the bright festival of Christmas, to give of their substance so that there should be nothing lacking. The advertisement in this day's paper will give kindly disposed persons all the information they may desire to have in reference to the work and position of the Homes. EDWARD W. THOMAS, Secretary.

200 Euston Road, N.W.

Degrading Journalism.

SIR,—I have read the remarks of 'C. M.' with deep interest, and can only express my astonishment, in common with many fathers of families, that such a disgraceful state of things should be allowed to continue. The question, no doubt, has a legal as well as moral aspect; and some who adopt the former would urge that it is in the interests of justice that our Courts should be open to all and their proceedings published to the world. This is so, as a general principle; but the Divorce Court is a modern institution and exceptional in the nature of the cases, the details of which are always more or less revolting and demoralising and unfit for publication. I submit that the morals of the people are of far higher moment than any possible detriment to justice, since our judges may well be trusted to administer it without partiality, even with closed doors. Untold harm has been done since the Court was established by such publication, one of the saddest and worst features in which is the familiarity with sin engendered in the public mind, which is thus led to think lightly of it. I hear it said, 'What are the clergy about? why do they not raise a protest?' If ever there was a case for an indignation meeting, surely the present is one. Only think of this present Sunday, in how many thousands of houses have the Sunday papers been the principal or only reading! Such vile garbage as may well be compared with the food of the lower beasts of the creation. The responsibility of the actors in such cases is very great; but far greater, to my mind, is the responsibility of those who promulgate these hideous details, and that too, it is to be feared, for gain of money! I am told that in France such cases are heard *in camera*, and the press is closed to them. If this be so, it should make us blush indeed.

I do think that the present state of things calls for some strong effort on the part of the clergy, backed by the voice of the laity, to put a stop to this disgrace. PATER INDIGNANS.

December 5, 1886.

The Numbered Prayer-book.

SIR,—Will you oblige me by inserting an extract from a letter which I received a few days ago from Japan? It is as follows:—'For our Japanese congregations we have a Japanese Prayer-book, every page of which is numbered, which we refer to when necessary during the service. Our New Testament, and also such portions as are printed of the old, are numbered in the same way. In giving out our text, or in reading the lessons, we generally refer also to these numbers.' I need not repeat the reasons which show that it is better to number the paragraphs rather than the pages (having been the first to do both); but I beg attention to this letter because it shows how thoroughly useful is the principle which I have advocated, and which here in England is beginning to be appreciated.

December 2, 1886.

GEORGE VENABLES.

The Rev. Mr. Morris and the Bishop of Liverpool.

SIR,—The Rev. F. O. Morris, in his letter which appeared in *Church Bells* of October 29th, seemed to be slightly annoyed with the Bishop of Liverpool for his bold and plain speaking at the recent Congress at Wakefield. How is it that no class is more tenacious of being found fault with than the country clergy? Is it because, as a rule, they have taken life too easily, and have not had their time sufficiently employed? They consider that there is not work enough for a man in a parish containing only three or four hundred inhabitants. But is that true? Cannot a garden be brought into a higher state of cultivation than a farm? Is there no work in studying the individual character of the farmer and labourer, also in getting a sufficient knowledge of their life-work; so that they may understand them better, and make conversation more interesting? I think the rector who entered heartily into this work would soon learn to respect the knowledge possessed by the farmer or labourer; also find that he could preach better and more practical sermons, for his illustrations would be truer to life and strike home. He would

with interest Mr. Revington's paper on "The Clergyman's Best Hundred Books." May I, however, observe that, so far from my having omitted the Bible, it was the first book on my original list, as may be seen by the report given at the time by the *Morning Advertiser*? Some of the other papers, which gave abstracts, took it, I suppose, for granted that the Bible was included, and omitted the passage referring to it, much to my regret. The list in the *Contemporary* is as it originally stood.

Another clergyman has received a testimonial from his friends in the course of the last few days—the Rev. F. G. Le Peor McClintock, M.A., who has been presented by his cousin, Lord Rathdonnell, to the parish of Drumcar. The presentation consisted of a silver tea and coffee service and salver. The presentation was made by the Rural Dean on behalf of his former parishioners at Castle Bellingham.

THE CHURCH BOARDS AND PATRONAGE BILLS.

A CONFERENCE of members of the General Council of the National Church Reform Union and others was held on Saturday in Manchester. There were present his Honour Judge Hughes, Q.C. (in the chair), the Hon. and Rev. Canon Fremantle, the Revs. R. E. Healey, T. W. M. Lund, E. V. Schuster, H. A. Noel, F. W. Wainwright, Messrs. W. H. Houldsworth, M.P., Albert Grey, Herbert Phillips, G. Milner, P. Lytelton Gell, T. C. Horsfall, G. Harwood, E. W. Marshall, J. Newton, R. Newton, and J. Raiton. The Conference was called to consider the Church Boards Bill as last introduced to the House of Commons by Mr. Albert Grey, Mr. W. H. Houldsworth, Mr. Stafford Howard, Mr. Gerald Balfour, and others, and the Church Patronage Bill introduced into the House of Lords by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was, after discussion, unanimously resolved—"That the persons to be empowered to elect the members of the Statutory Church Boards shall be the same persons as are entitled to vote for and elect the churchwardens in an ancient parish." It was resolved unanimously—"That the Board shall consist of the incumbent, the churchwardens appointed in the way customary in the parish, and four other persons, one of whom may be nominated by the incumbent." It was further resolved unanimously—"That it shall be understood that the assistant clergy of a parish are eligible to sit upon the Board, either by nomination by the incumbent or election by the parishioners." It was resolved, after prolonged discussion, and by a considerable majority—"That it is expedient that each elected member of the Board shall, before taking his seat, make a declaration that he will faithfully perform the duties of the office as a member of the Church of England by law established." It was unanimously resolved—"That whilst the general provisions of the Archbishops' Patronage Bill are approved, the constitution provided by the Bill for the Diocesan Council of Presentations is very unsatisfactory." The following was adopted in place of clause 8 in the Bill:—"The Council of Presentations shall consist of official and elected members. The official members shall be the Lord Bishop, the Archdeacon, and the Chancellor, if he be a barrister-at-law; but if he be not, then some barrister of not less than five years' standing appointed by him. The elected members to be three laymen and one clergyman for each archdeaconry, to be elected by representative electors, themselves appointed at the Easter vestry by the same persons as are entitled to vote for the churchwardens, together with the clergy of the archdeaconry." It was further resolved that an address should be drawn up for signature by laymen, to be presented to the Archbishops, urging upon them the necessity of dealing with the reform of the National Church during the present Parliament. A proposal to issue a quarterly paper dealing with questions of Church reform, and published under the direction of the Executive Committee, met with much favour, and special subscriptions to the necessary guarantee fund were offered. Sermons in reference to the subject of the Conference were preached in several of the Manchester churches on Sunday.

THE ADVANCE OF TEMPERANCE.—Most of our readers will be pleased to see that, under the action of healthy public discussion, temperance is becoming more and more a custom with our countrymen. Alcoholic drinks, which once were classed with daily bread in very many households, rich and poor alike, are now luxuries less common than tea, and have, indeed, in an ever-widening range of popular opinion, come to be no more than the stimulant accessories of impaired nutrition. They certainly should not, as a rule, be taken apart from food, and neglect of this precaution has probably much to do with the formation of the drinking habit. We have heard it suggested, in conformity with this view, that licensed houses should be required to supply food as well as intoxicant liquor, and it is possible that in that case the consumption of the latter would be less than it is. Every means of restraining drunkenness is helpful to the cause of temperance, therefore we willingly note the suggestion. At the same time it should be remembered that there is not for those whose health is good much help, if any, in alcohol, that it rather hinders than assists their energies, and that non-stimulant restoratives and food can best recruit them after toil; while thirst, the want of water, is best allayed by merely making good that want.—*Lancet*.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Bell-ringing Extraordinary.

(Copied from 'The Lincoln, Rutland, and Stamford Mercury,' June 7, 1816.)

SIR,—I read in your last week's paper, with a very great deal of satisfaction, an account of Holt's celebrated peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, consisting of 5040 changes, having been rung at Newark on the 16th inst., in three hours and thirty-five minutes, by a society of gentlemen of that town, nothing of the kind having been attempted there for more than forty years. I say it gave me peculiar pleasure to be informed that this noble exercise, both for the body and mind, has been revived in that town, and, I will also allow, has stamped infinite credit, for its accurate performance, upon the gentlemen who undertook and completed the arduous task; yet I must beg leave to caution them, as they are juvenile performers, not to be too much elated on the occasion, as if the thing was almost unprecedented, but to attend to a recital of a few, amongst many other in my recollection, of remarkable exertions, both physical and mental, in this ingenious art. And first, then, as to bodily labour. In the month of April, 1761, fourteen men only rang a complete peal of Bob Major, 40,320 changes, upon the eight bells at Leeds, in Kent, in a little less than twenty-eight hours! being the only attempt of the kind upon record. On Shrove Tuesday, 1775, a Society at Nottingham rang, upon the ten bells at St. Mary's there, eleven thousand three hundred and forty GRANDSIRE CATERS! The time very near seven hours and a half! The late W. D. Crofts, a solicitor at that place, ringing the whole time the ninth bell, which is considerably heavier than the seventh at Newark; Francis Draper, who rang the eighth at the same time, is still living. And on the 8th of February, 1773, Holt's peal of 5040 changes, as at Newark, was rung at Boston (it is true in less time than at the former place), when the eighth bell, the cover, was rang by one Mark Mathers alone, he being then seventy-three years of age. Boston bells are about the same weight as those at Newark. Thus far for physical exertions. Now for a specimen or two of mental energies. In the year 1766 a person rang BLINDFOLD, at the first attempt, the fifth bell, at Bingham (the number is six), through 720 changes of COLLEGE SINGLE BOB, the time half an hour; and the truth of this being questioned, a deputation of ringers from Nottingham went to Bingham to ascertain the fact, when, a wager being proposed and accepted, the same extraordinary feat was again performed, in excellent style, in the presence of the Nottingham gentlemen. The same person also, in a peal of GRANDSIRE upon five hand-bells (120 changes), rang the whole hunt and half ditto completely through at one and the same time!

AN OLD CAMPANALOGIAN.

Rochdale and District Association.

THE above Association will hold its Intermediate Meeting on Saturday, the 18th inst., at Walsden parish church. Bells ready at two; Meeting at four. Members are requested to attend: business of importance.

The St. Saviour's, Southwark, London, Sunday Ringers.

THE Rev. W. Thompson, M.A., Rector, kindly invited Mr. Mash and his young band, with three senior members of the College Youths, to his house to supper on Monday, the 22nd ult. After supper Mr. Mash proposed the health of the Rector, and also of Mrs. Thompson. In his remarks Mr. Mash said he was very pleased to see the feeling that existed at the present time between the clergy and ringers, for the ringers were in every sense of the word hard churchworkers. Mr. Mash also mentioned the following clergymen who took a great interest in ringing: Rev. Burmin Casson, rector of St. George's; the Vicar of St. Peter's, Walworth; the Rector of St. Clement Danes. He likewise mentioned that the Vicar of St. Giles', Cripplegate, during the first week after his induction wanted to know who rang his bells. He was told that they were rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, who rang St. Paul's and also St. Saviour's bells. He said how pleased he should be to meet them at the Vicarage as soon as he got settled. Mr. Thompson in responding said he was very pleased for the kind way his name had been mentioned. He was very fond of hearing his bells rung. If at any time he could do anything to forward the interest of the Company he should be very pleased to do so. He thought they could not have a better man as steeple-keeper than Mr. Mash. He also hoped he should have the pleasure of their company every year.

A New Treble at Lockington, Leicestershire.

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., the picturesque village of Lockington was enlivened by the sound of a ring of bells, which have been for many years almost dormant and unringable. Formerly a ring of five, by the munificence of N. C. Curzon, Esq., of Lockington Hall, a new treble has been added to make six, and all the bells have been retuned and rebung in a new iron frame. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Several 720's were rung by the Bellfoundry band, assisted by Mr. Draycott of Loughborough, Mr. John Howe of Derby, and Messrs. Ward and Bradley of Long Eaton, under the conductorship of Mr. John W. Taylor, junior. On the following Sunday, Nov. 28th, the formal re-opening of the bells was celebrated, occasional collects being used by the Rev. R. L. Story, the esteemed vicar of Lockington, who delivered an earnest and appropriate sermon. In the afternoon collections were made in aid of the S. P. G. In the middle of each service a short touch of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was rung, which had a solemn and impressive effect upon the congregation. Several 720's were accomplished throughout the day, and the ringers were most liberally entertained at the Hall by Mr. Curzon.

Mr. Woodward of Derby, and Messrs. Ward and Dicken of Long Eaton, kindly rendered assistance to the Loughborough band. The note of the tenor is F, and the weight of the new treble is 5 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs., and bears the following inscription on the one side:—*'Omnia fiant ad Gloriam Dei;'* on the reverse, *'Ex Dono N. C. Curzon, 1886.'* [What is the weight of the tenor? Both weight and note are necessary to form an estimate of a bell. We know one tenor in F which is 26 cwt. We only hope the tenor at Lockington is not so unfortunate.—ED. C. B.]

A Muffled Peal at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd ult., the remains of the late Mr. G. Richardson, sen., of the Heath, Uttoxeter, who died on the 19th ult., aged seventy-seven, were interred at the parish church in the presence of a large company of townspeople. Mr. Richardson was formerly leader of the church bell-ringers, and fulfilled his duties with much ability; but his great fame as a ringer was gained in connexion with the band of All England Prize Hand-bell Ringers, of which he was the founder and head. He was well known as a tradesman in the neighbourhood and much respected. As the funeral procession proceeded to church a muffled peal was rung, and at the close of the ceremony the hand-bells were also rung over the grave by members of the band.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, West Malling, Kent.

ON Wednesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 6048 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 33 mins. J. Worsley, 1; C. Payne, 2; G. Newman, 3; W. Harden, 4; G. Bell, 5; D. Hall, 6; E. Bonner, 7; J. W. Leonard (conductor, thirty-third birthday), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

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

ON Friday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 32 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late O. E. Coope, Esq. J. Austin, 1; H. D. Betteridge, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; J. Griffin, 4; A. Wakley, 5; H. Wakley, 6; J. Jaggar, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by Mr. W. Wakley. Tenor, 26 cwt. [Mr. Betteridge came from Drayton; Mr. Hounslow, Oxford.]

At St. Lawrence, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 3 mins. T. West, 1; H. Oddy, 2; M. Tomlinson, 3; W. Bolland, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; S. Longstaff, 6; G. Bolland, 7; R. Binns, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Tebbs of Leeds, and conducted by Mr. Binns. Tenor, 16 cwt. [S. Longstaff came from Pudsey; Messrs. Bolland and Oddy from Tong; the others, Leeds.]

At St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Sussex Association rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45 mins. E. Willoughby, 1; H. P. Bennett, 2; G. Howse, 3; C. Harffrey, 4; T. Smith, 5; T. Hart (first peal as conductor), 6; T. Willoughby, 7; J. Rollison, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., ten members of the Holt Society rang a peal of 5021 STEDMAN CATERERS in 3 hrs. 8 mins. J. Carter, 1; H. Johnson, 2; A. Jones, 3; J. Buffery, 4; H. Bastable, 5; C. Stanbridge, 6; B. Witchell, 7; J. Sanders, 8; T. Reynolds, 9; W. Kent, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen., and conducted by Mr. Carter. This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times behind the 9th, and the 5th twenty-two times behind the 9th. [* Members of the St. Martin's Society.]

At All Saints', Sheffield.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society and the Yorkshire Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. to celebrate the seventieth birthday of Sir John Brown, the donor of the church and bells. E. F. Rippon, 1; J. Rowley, 2; F. Willey, 3; T. Hattersley (conductor), 4; S. Seed, 5; G. G. Holmes, 6; W. Smithson, 7; J. Lloyd, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., twelve members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths succeeded in ringing a peal of 5140 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 3 hrs. 57 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; C. E. Malim, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; H. A. Hopkins, 4; A. E. Church, 5; E. F. Cole, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; H. Swain, 8; G. Newson, 9; A. Jacob, 10; H. Dains, 11; J. Smith, 12. Composed by H. Hubbard. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. [* First peal of CINQUES. Mr. Smith came from Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk. This is the first peal of GRANDSIRE CINQUES that has been rung in London since the year 1869, which was also rung by the Cumberlands. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar for placing the bells at their disposal on the present occasion.]

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Baldock, Herts.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 19 mins., being the first peal on the bells. T. Webb, 8; W. Battle, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. W. Roslyn, 5; R. Jackson, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. [* First peal. Messrs. Hill, Waddington, Cartmel, and Battle, are members of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, the others are local ringers.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; Frank Arnold, 3; F. Bridget, 4; E. Moses, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, the 30th ult., 720 OXFORD SINGLE BOB in 25 mins. F. Arnold, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; R. Jordan, 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. And four plain courses of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. F. Bridget, 1; R. Arnold, 2; Frank Arnold, 3; R. Jordan (Capel), 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Moses, 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Thursday, the 25th ult., 120 BOB DOUBLES were rung by W. Bowyer, 1; F. Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. First 120 by the local company. Also two 120's of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. J. Poplett, 1; R. Arnold, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. [F. and R. Arnold came from Betchworth, the others are of the local band.]

AT ST. HELEN'S, DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., the local company rang for practice 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 23 mins. S. Groom, 1; J. Derbyshire, 2; J. Siddall (first 720), 3; C. Whymark, 4; C. Gwatkin, 5; E. Hallows (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, the 4th inst., another 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, in 24 mins.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., a touch of 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. W. Alley (conductor), 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; A. Prescott, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; W. Lane, 6; A. Palmer, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

AT HOLY TRINITY, STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., 2520 STEDMAN TRIPLES, being the first half of Brook's peal, were rung in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Woods, 1; J. Leigh, 2; W. Lakeman, 3; J. Hopwood, 4; C. Willocks, 5; B. Broadbent, 6; G. Longden (conductor), 7; M. Pailthorpe, 8.

AT SEDGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 44 mins. by J. Goodman, 1; D. Bruce, 2; R. Schofield, 3; S. Bunn, 4; G. Hughes* (conductor), 5; W. Pardoe, 6; J. Devenport, 7; T. Bennett, 8. [* Came from Tipton.] The first quarter-peal that G. Hughes has conducted. Tenor, 20 cwt.

AT HOLY TRINITY, BENGEO, HERTS.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., for service in the morning, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE were rung by T. Barker, 1; M. Ellmore, 2; J. Channer, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; W. Bennet (conductor), 5; H. Phillips, 6. And for service in the evening, 720 KENT TREBLE MINOR. W. Childs, 1; H. Phillips, 2; J. Channer, 3; M. Ellmore, 4; W. Bennet, 5; J. Pomfret (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, STANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., six of the local company rang for the afternoon service 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 26 mins. J. Luckey (conductor), 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; G. Prior, 5; I. Cavill, 6. On Thursday, the 2nd inst., 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. C. Prior (conductor), 1; W. Watts, 2; W. Prior, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; I. Cavill, 5; G. Prior, 6. Also 720 OXFORD BOB MINOR in 25 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; I. Cavill, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. [This is the first 720 by all, and the first on the bells.]

AT ST. PAUL'S, WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Saturday, the 4th inst., 720 BOB MINOR, on the back six, was rung in 26 mins. W. Houlton, 1; J. Hands, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; W. Goseltine, 4; G. Gibbard, 5; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 6. Also 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, in 25 mins. W. Goseltine, 1; J. Hands, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; G. Gibbard (conductor), 5; W. Houlton, 6. And 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung with T. Houlton on the 1st and T. Harvey on the 8th. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

AT ST. PETER'S, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, the 5th inst., for Divine service, 1005 STEDMAN CATERERS was rung in 46 mins. T. Lockwood (conductor), 1; W. Pawson, 2; H. Lockwood, 3; J. Hutchinson, 4; W. Walker, 5; H. Hubbard, 6; H. Needham, 7; T. West, 8; R. Binns, 9; G. Fothergill, 10.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 5th inst., the members of the local company and the Midland Counties Association rang after the afternoon service 720 BOB MINOR (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 26 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; J. Vickers, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. The above was rung to celebrate the eighty-third birthday of the Rev. J. Deans, who has been Vicar of Melbourne for fifty-three years, and president of the Melbourne Society since its formation in 1884. Also, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 BOB MINOR (twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Monday evening, the 6th inst., the local company rang their first true and complete 720 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MINOR in 26 mins. J. Saladine (aged 14), 1; G. Jones (aged 14), 2; M. Bleazard, 3; W. Thomas, 4; W. Morgan (aged 16), 5; J. Morgan (conductor, aged 17), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. in A flat. [This is believed to be the first 720 in this intricate method ever rung in the county. The members of this society take this opportunity of acknowledging their indebtedness to Mr. C. Price (College Youths), of Eccleston, for much valuable advice and assistance.]

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, SURREY.—On Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., a muffled peal (the usual whole pull and stand) was rung by members of the Waterloo Society as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. G. Shade, of Greenwich. Afterwards, touches of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, and TREBLE BOB were rung for practice.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. Rogers: composition of the peal of Grandsire Caters next week.

IRELAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

THE Lord Primate held an ordination in his Cathedral, Armagh, on Sunday last, when the following orders were given by his Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Knox:—For Diocese of Armagh—Deacon: Edward Champion Wade Hannon, T.C.D. and Cambridge theological certificate, for the curacy of Tullyallen. Priests: Rev. John Wilkinson, T.C.D., curate of Errigle Keevoge; Rev. Edward Foy, St. Bees', Theological College, curate of Drumfree. The following were ordained upon letters dimissory from the Lord Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore:—Deacons: Robert Walker, B.A., T.C.D., to be curate assistant of the parish of Kilconrola and Ballycluy, in the Diocese of Connor; Henry Singleton Maziere Harpur, B.A., T.C.D., to be curate assistant of the parish of Killenchy, in the Diocese of Down; Alfred Sadlier Woodward, B.A., T.C.D., to be curate assistant of Ballywillan in the Diocese of Connor. Priests: Rev. Henry Cameron Lyster, B.A., H.D., T.C.D., curate assistant of Hillsborough, in the Diocese of Down; Rev. John Alfred Armstrong, B.A., T.C.D., curate assistant of Hallinderry, in the Diocese of Connor: Rev. James Forde Leathely, curate assistant of the parish of Skurry and Rathcavan, in the Diocese of Connor; Rev. Frederick William Davis, curate assistant of Coleraine, in the Diocese of Connor. The sermon on the occasion was preached by his Grace's chaplain, the Rev. J. B. Crozier, M.A., vicar of Hollywood, Belfast.

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin was one of those who attended the funeral of the lifeboat men who were drowned off Southport in the storm of last week. The Bishop of Liverpool was also present.

At the Clonfert Diocesan Council held on the 9th inst., and presided over by the Dean in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop, a resolution was carried recommending that hereafter the dignities in the diocese should be confined to the following:—One dean, two archdeacons, one provost, and two canons, one for each Rural Deanery. This is a step in the right direction.

A new book from the pen of the Bishop, Dr. Pakenham Walsh, is announced.

Our Diocesan Courts have as a rule had a quiet time of it; now, however, there is about to be a stir. We understand that the Rev. S. G. Cotton, M.A., rector of Carogh, Dio. Kildare, has filed a petition in the Registry of the Diocesan Court of Kildare against the Rev. Canon Cooke, rector of Clane, in the same diocese, charging him with having on several occasions during some years past visited, and as a clergyman ministered, to various parishioners of the petitioner without his permission. The respondent, we understand, has filed an answer, practically admitting the facts charged, but pleading justification. A citation has been issued by the Right Hon. Dr. Ball, Chancellor of the Diocese, fixing the hearing of the case for Tuesday (this day) at the Synod Hall, Christchurch Place, Dublin. The following constitute the Court:—His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, Right Hon. Dr. Ball, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Kildare, and William Phillips, Esq., J.P. It is understood that Mr. Cotton has filed a similar petition against a second clergyman for the same offence, namely, the Rev. Alex. Kea, rector of Ballinacagh. This latter can stand over pending the decision in the above. A heavy bar has been engaged. Mr. Cotton endeavoured to secure the services of the eminent counsel, Mr. Charles H. Todd, Q.C., who, however, could not act, being himself an ecclesiastical judge for the diocese of Derry.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Albans' Cathedral Society, Herts.

A MEETING of this Society was held at the Rectory, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence presiding. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and signed, the Chairman read a letter from Mr. N. N. Hills, who was unavoidably absent, requesting the Archdeacon to present to the Society a handsomely bound peal-book, in memory of his late wife and in commemoration of his having conducted the first peal of the Society. In presenting the book, the Chairman remarked on the deep interest Mr. Hills had taken in furtherance of the art, and said that the rapid progress the members were making was mainly due to his efforts. The thanks of the Society, he said, were due to the donor of the book for the great trouble he had taken in instructing them. A resolution of thanks was passed to Mr. Hills. The first page of the book bears the following inscription:—'To the loving memory of Emily, the dearly loved wife of Newman Norwood Hills, who departed this life August 30th, 1886, aged thirty years. Presented to the Society by the conductor of its first peal in memory of a dear wife.' On the next page are the names of the Society's officers and original members, following which is an inscription recording the peal above mentioned. The book, which is neatly and strongly bound in boards, with gilt letters and edges, and contains space for about 150 peals, is the work of Mr. B. Keeble, of Waterloo Road, Romford, Essex.

Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

THE first meeting for 1887 will be held at Wolstanton, on Saturday January 1st.

W. W. BOLTON, } Hon. Secs.
T. E. GLOVER, }

The Lancashire Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connexion with the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at Standish, when the following companies were represented:—Leyland parish, Leyland St. James, Preston, Blackrod, Chorley, and Standish. About 2.30 a mixed band from Leyland parish and St. James' assembled in the tower of the parish church, and rang a 720 COLLEGE SINGLE BOB in 24½ mins., after which several 720's of BOB MINOR were rung. At 5 p.m. the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where the usual business was gone through, the meeting closing with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom for the purpose of this Association.

A Ringing Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Newchurch, Rossendale. About thirty ringers were present from Bacup, Haslingden, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, and Waterfoot. Touches of BOB MINOR, COLLEGE SINGLE, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, were rung in the course of the afternoon. At the business meeting, over which Mr. Nutter, of Ramsbottom, presided, the following resolutions were passed:—(1), That an Association be formed for the Rossendale division, which Association will be willing to join the Lancashire Association, as its Rossendale branch, and pay all dues and demands as other members of the Lancashire Association, and be bound by the same rules, if the Lancashire Association pay the postal expenses of the local secretary. (2), That Mr. J. T. Scott, of Newchurch, be appointed local secretary, and be empowered to get ready a list of Rossendale ringers willing to join the Association. (3), That the district be extended so as to include Ramsbottom.

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

A Peal of 5039 Grandsire Caters.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Ormskirk Society rang a birthday peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Prescott (sixty-fourth year), 1; W. B. Lloyd (first peal with a bob bell), 2; W. Winrow, 3; W. Ellis, 4; J. Sholicas (composer and conductor), 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey (first peal), 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

At Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., a peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min. D. Wilson (first peal), 1; C. B. D. Farrow (first peal), 2; G. Thornton, 3; T. Goodall, 4; J. W. Lang, 5; J. Clayton, 6; A. Briggs, 7; B. A. Dodson, 8. Composed by Mr. G. H. Hardy of Earlsheaton and conducted by Mr. B. A. Dodson. Tenor, 15 cwt. [Messrs. Goodall, Lang, and Briggs belong to Liversedge; Farrow came from Tong; the others from Birstall. This peal is in two parts, and had never before been performed.]

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

UNITED STATES.

THE 'Presbyterians of the South' have removed Professor Wodrow from his chair and pastorate for unsound teaching on evolution.

WEST INDIES.

THE Bishop of Jamaica has issued an appeal on the subject of 'Public Morality,' refusing to accept the Governor's minute. He counsels that all the Christian bodies should try to guide public opinion in the matter, uniting to form a committee and seek amendment of the law for protection of young girls in conformity with the recent amendment in England.—*Jamaica Churchman*.

FRANCE.

THE consecration of the beautiful American Church at Paris in the Avenue de l'Alma took place on the 25th November. Bishop Lyman of North Carolina, now in charge of the United States' chaplaincies in Europe, officiated, assisted by Bishop Potter of New York. The site had cost 30,000l. The architect was the late Mr. G. E. Street. A 'church-house,' with cloister and mortuary chapel, has been erected close by, at the sole charge of the Niven family of New York. The church is 146 feet by 70, the nave being 45 feet wide; height of nave, 58 feet. The spire when completed will be 280 feet high. The style is Gothic of the Early Decorated period. Chancel and aisles are vaulted in stone, the columns, &c., being of marble. The windows throughout the church illustrate the *Te Deum*. The cost up to the present time has been 104,000l., and will eventually amount to 150,000l. The church will be always open, with daily prayers and weekly celebrations. There is a choir of 24 members.

At St. Mary's, Bedford.

On Monday, the 20th inst., being the second anniversary of the reopening of the bells, a peal of 5040 changes was rung in 2 hrs. 52 mins., consisting of 720 changes each of WOODBINE TREBLE BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE COURT, YORKSHIRE COURT, COLLEGE LITTLE, and CANTERBURY PLEASURE. F. Keech, 1; M. Warwick, 2; T. Foote, 3; W. Biggs, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7 cwt.

The following is a summary of all the 720's rung on these bells, including the above, from December 22, 1885, to December 20, 1886, viz., KENT TREBLE BOB, 13; OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 17; WOODBINE TREBLE BOB, 5; VIOLET TREBLE BOB, 3; PLAIN BOB, 13; DOUBLE COURT, 8; OXFORD BOB, 7; GRANDSIRE, 5; YORKSHIRE COURT, 5; CANTERBURY PLEASURE, 3; COLLEGE SINGLE, 2; COLLEGE LITTLE, 2; and COURT SINGLE, 1.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Howe, 1; J. Carter, 2; S. Johnson, 3; W. Hickling, 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson, 6; J. Jagger, 7; A. P. Heywood, 8. Composed by Mr. H. Dains and conducted by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. In this peal, which is now rung for the first time, the second and third are never in sixth's place.

At SS. Thomas and Edmund, Erdington, Warwickshire.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of SS. Thomas and Edmund Society rang Day's peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. W. Stanger, 1; J. Benn, 2; A. Hales, 3; M. Murphy, 4; J. Murphy, 5; P. Conlon, 6; J. Plant (conductor), 7; F. Hales, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F. The first peal by the above Society.

At the Parish Church, Epsom, Surrey.

On Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. A. E. Bassett (first peal), 1; T. Miles (first peal as conductor), 2; S. Brooker, 3; H. Pederick (first peal), 4; H. Kenten (first peal), 5; J. Easton, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; G. Pederick (first peal), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt., in E. [This peal was rung at the first attempt, and is the first conducted by a resident of Epsom for sixty-three years. Mr. Brooker came from Leatherhead; the others are local members.]

At Manchester Cathedral.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., ten members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers attempted a peal of Thorp's 5040 BOB ROYAL. After ringing 1 hr. 20 mins., two bells having changed course, 'Stand' was then called. T. Thorp, 1; G. E. Turner, 2; T. G. Downs, 3; S. West, 4; J. Phillitt, 5; J. Rodgers, 6; W. Sevier, 7; J. Thorp (conductor), 8; A. E. Wreaks, 9; J. Eachus, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat. [The above was intended to be a birthday peal for the worthy conductor, he having attained the twenty-second year of his age: his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns of the day, and success to the art.]

At the Parish Church, Aston-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Hopwood, 1; J. Leigh, 2; W. Jakeman, 3; S. Wood, 4; J. Wood, 5; B. Broadbent, 6; G. Longden (conductor), 7; J. Harrison (first peal), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At St. Thomas's, Pendleton, Manchester.

On Friday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 59 mins. T. Thorp, 1; J. Grimshaw, 2; T. Downs, 3; W. Sevier, 4; S. West, 5; J. Thorp, 6; J. Rodgers, 7; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 8. Tenor, about 14 cwt., in F.

At Heywood, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association attempted a peal of 5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR; after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins. it came to grief. J. Millitt, 1; G. E. Turner, 2; G. Hoile, 3; F. Birtwistle, 4; J. Harrison, 5; W. Sevier, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; J. Eachus, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

At ST. PETER'S, FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Monday, the 15th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 18 mins. (being the first 504 of STEDMAN rung by members of the Guild in Hampshire). J. Hewitt, 1; C. Williams (conductor), 2; C. Privett, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Grafham, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 8. And on the hand-bells 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 19½ mins. C. Privett, 1; G. Grafham, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6. On Friday, the 10th inst., on the back six, two 720's of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 25 and 26 mins. respectively. G. Passingham, 1; C. Privett, 2; J. Hewitt, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp. These are the first 720's of TREBLE BOB ever rang by a local band in Fareham.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday, the 29th ult., the local company rang for practice 720 PRIMROSE. Also on Monday, the 6th inst., 720 TULIP. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

At ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, MESHAM, KENT.—On Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., 1680 BOB MAJOR were rung by W. Post, jun., 1; E. Ruck, sen., 2; F. Wanstall, 3; D. Hodgkin, 4; G. Pain, 5; F. Wanstall, 6; W. Hyder (conductor), 7; P. Hodgkin, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. [Messrs. Ruck and Pain are local men, the others came from Aldington.]

At THE PARISH CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 30th ult., 720 BOB MINOR (twenty-six singles and four bobs), with the sixth and eighth behind, were rung by C. W. Holdich, 1; H. Plowman, 2; E. F. Read, 3; G. Baker, 4; T. Measures, 5; J. T. Binks, 6; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 7; — Robinson (Whittlesea), 8. On Sunday, the 5th inst., for Divine service in the morning, 420 BOB TRIPLES, containing Whittington, Queen's, and Tittum's; and, for evening service, 532 in the same method, being the full extent of the Tittums. C. W. Holdich, 1; H. Plowman, 2; E. F. Read, 3; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 4; G. Baker, 5; T. Measures, 6; J. Hancock, 7; J. S. Binks, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. Also on Tuesday, the 7th inst., 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles) were rung on the front six. C. W. Holdich, 1; W. A. Tyler, 2; J. Hancock, 3; T. Measures, 4; G. Baker, 5; E. F. Read (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At SS. PETER AND PAUL, HAMBLETON, HANTS.—On Saturday evening, the 4th inst., six members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang 720 OXFORD SINGLE BOB in 24 mins. E. N. Garnett, 1; J. Staples, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; F. Hill, 4; T. Newnham, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 5th inst., three six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, each called differently, were rung by F. Turley, 1; G. Salter, 2; F. Geens, 3; J. Bennett, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Shilton, 6. [J. Bennett came from Kidderminster, the others are members of the local company.] Also another six-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. F. Geens, 1; G. Salter, 2; J. Bennett, 3; J. Walker, 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; W. Shilton, 6.

At THE CATHEDRAL, ST. ALBANS.—On Tuesday, the 7th inst., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 48 mins. A. Barnes (first quarter-peal), 1; R. T. Kent, 2; T. Grant, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. On Saturday, the 11th inst., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original, was rung on the hand-bells in 44 mins., by J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 11th inst., six members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild rang 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 26 mins. G. Evans, 1; A. C. Buckell, 2; E. J. Beatley, 3; J. T. Horton, 4; J. Field, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 11th inst., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung in 23 mins. Also some six-scores of STEDMAN DOUBLES. G. Evans, 1; A. C. Buckell, 2; E. J. Beatley, 3; J. T. Horton, 4; J. Field, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

At MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, the 12th inst., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (38 bobs and 22 singles) was rung in 29 mins. T. Andrews (conductor), 1; W. Andrews, 2; R. Scott, 3; J. Richards, 4; R. Andrews, 5; W. Chapman, 6. Also 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (4 bobs and 2 singles) in 4 mins. T. Andrews, 1; R. Andrews, 2; W. Chapman, 3; R. Scott, 4; W. Andrews (conductor), 5; J. Richards, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At ST. LAWRENCE'S, NORTH WINGFIELD, CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, the 12th inst., the local company, assisted by Messrs. Bannister and Day, rang six six-scores of BOB DOUBLES in 29½ mins., each 120 called differently. A. Bannister, 1; T. Allibone (conductor), 2; G. Tarlton, 3; J. P. Tarlton (first 720 in any method), 4; T. Day, 5; W. Hopkins, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in F.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 12th inst., for Divine service in the evening, a half-peal of 2528 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 1 hr. 38 mins. A. Spurr, 1; W. Bircham, 2; G. Crawshaw, 3; J. Chapell, 4; J. A. Idle, 5; W. Dixon, 6; W. Byrom, 7; D. Stephenson (conductor), 8. Composed by G. H. Hattersley. Tenor, 26½ cwt.

At ST. MARTIN'S, ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Sunday, the 12th inst., for Divine service in the afternoon, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen singles and three bobs) was rung by W. Post, sen., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; F. Wanstall, 3; Fred. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Also, after service, another 720 BOB MINOR (twenty-two singles and six bobs). W. Post, jun., 1; C. Viggers, 2; D. Hodgkin, 3; F. Wanstall, 4; W. Hyder (conductor), 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On Monday, the 13th inst., six members of the Kent County Association rang 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. Broom, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; F. Hayes, 3; G. Hayes, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

Notice to Correspondents.

WE are glad to hear that the 'Windermere and District Association of Change-ringers' has been set on foot. The President is the Ven. Archdeacon Cooper. There is a Committee composed of hon. and representative performing members, and the Hon. Secretary is Mr. Thomas Moss, Burton, Westmoreland. We wish this Association a long career of usefulness and prosperity.

WE have received a copy of a little tractate, entitled *The Ringing Isle*, by Rev. A. Blair of St. Barnabas, Sunderland, price 3d., to be obtained of the author. To those unacquainted with bells and their surroundings, this short essay will convey much useful information. We believe the author is mistaken in calling 'Great Paul' an 'hour' bell, the hours being still struck on the old great bell of St. Paul's, which the new monster has supplanted in the public estimation. Also, it is the 'St. James' Society,' and not the 'Westminster Youths,' who practise at St. Clement Danes.

CORRECTION.—In our account of the peal at St. Bride's on the 11th inst. the figures should have been 5104 and not 5140.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Meeting at Whitstone, near Exeter, Devon.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at the above place on Saturday, the 4th inst., when there was a good attendance from Kenn and Bradninch, which, with a strong local band and Messrs. Mundy and Shepherd from Exeter, brought the party up to the number of thirty. Dinner was held in the barn, and Colonel Hobart, of the Royal Artillery, occupied the chair. After the loyal toasts had been given, the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote and C. Pearson, Esq., made some very interesting and gratifying speeches. Three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Pearson, who kindly arranged the meeting and generously provided the dinner and tea. After some tunes on the hand-bells by the Kean band, a move was made to the tower, and some well-struck GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung each by the Bradninch and Kenn bands; also several by the Whitstone band, which is a late addition to the Guild, having rapidly learnt the art under the able tuition of Mr. F. Shepherd of St. Sidwell's, Exeter. Several 120's were also rung. — Chudley (Whitstone), 1; — Saunders (Bradninch), 2; Rev. J. S. Northcote (conductor, Upton Pyne), 3; F. Shepherd (Exeter), 4; C. Pearson, Esq. (Whitstone), 5; G. Truman (Kenn), 6.

The Essex Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, January 8th, 1887. Ringing at the parish church (ten bells) to commence at 12.20 p.m. The girls' schoolroom in the churchyard will be open for hand-bell ringing. Tea at the Church Hall, Meeson Road, at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea. The vicar, the Rev. Canon Scott, will preside. West Ham is close to Stratford station. Return tickets to Stratford, at one fare and a quarter, will be issued by the Great Eastern Railway to members who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, January 5th, from what station they propose to start, and produce, at the booking office, their receipt for this year's subscription. Tickets for the tea (price 6d. to members), should be applied for beforehand, that we may have some idea of the number to be provided for. The tower of St. John's, Leytonstone (six bells), will be open to members between 12 and 2 p.m. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertford County Association of Change-ringers.

MEMBERS are requested to take notice that the next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Monday, January 10th, at Rickmansworth, and that the proposal will then be brought forward to divide the Association into local Branches, according to the plan which is at work in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Members who intend to be present are requested to inform the Secretaries of their respective bands as early as possible.

W. WIGRAM, *General Secretary.*

A New Bell at St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, Devon.

A NEW bell—weight, 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 13½ lbs.; note G—has lately been presented to the above church. It was used for the first time at Evensong on Christmas Eve. It has a rich, mellow tone, and bears the following inscription:—*Adeste fideles.* The gift of John Lysaght, Esq. James Veysey, M.A., Vicar. James Bower Bower, William Henry Walton, Churchwardens. The founders are Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Thomas's, Pendleton, Lancashire.

ON Friday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. T. Thorpe, 1; J. Grimshaw, 2; T. G. Downs, 3; W. Sevier, 4; S. West, 5; J. Thorpe, 6; J. Rogers, 7; R. E. Wreaks, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F sharp. Composed by Mr. J. Thorpe of Ashton-under-Lyne, and conducted by Mr. Wreaks. The first peal in the method on the bells, and contains the greatest number of calls possible in a five-part peal. [J. Grimshaw came from Eccles, the others belong to Manchester.]

At St. Thomas's, Leesfield, Lees, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the St. Thomas's Society rang Reeves' Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. E. B. Shaw, 1; F. Crossland (conductor), 2; J. W. Holme, 3; J. Bailey, 4; T. B. Shaw (first peal with a bob bell), 5; J. Priestley, 6; J. Hilton, 7; J. Platt, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the United Counties' Association (Officers) rang a peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. J. Holden, Esq., 1; H. Shaw, 2; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor), 3; J. Wrigley, 4; J. Sellars, 5; T. Wilde, 6; G. Longden, 7; J. Pye, sen., 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This peal, which has never been previously performed, is in two parts, with the sixth its extent in 5-6. [Messrs. Holden and Wrigley came from Saddleworth; Shaw, from Stalybridge; brothers Wilde, Hyde; Sellars and Pye, Glossop; and Longden, Ashton.]

At St. Andrew's, Hertford.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association and the Hertford College Youths rang the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Pomfret (first peal on eight bells), 1; H. Baker (conductor), 2; J. Jauncey (first peal inside), 3; Rev. Canon Wigram, 4; M. Ellsmore, 5; S. Knight, 6; J. G. Crawley, 7; J. Cull, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

ON Monday, the 20th inst., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5088 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Shaw, 1; R. Pritchard, 2; J. Gratix, 3; W. Slater, 4; R. Woolley, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. Wilde, 7; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt. The peal, which had never been previously performed, is in six parts, and has the 6th twenty-four times each way in forty-eight courses. [J. Gratix came from Manchester, the others belong to the local company.]

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter.

ON Monday, the 27th inst., eight members of the Devonshire Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. Mundy, 1; E. Pitt (first peal as conductor), 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; J. Moss, 5; W. C. Marsh, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; J. Lake, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. [W. Marsh comes from Plymouth, the rest belong to St. Sidwell's Society.]

At the Parish Church, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

ON Monday, the 27th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. T. Thorp, 1; J. Moulton (conductor), 2; G. E. Turner, 3; G. Longdon, 4; J. Thorp, 5; W. Sevier, 6; A. E. Wreaks, 7; J. Eachus, 8. Composed by Mr. S. Wood. [The bells were rung half muffled as a mark of respect for the Churchwarden's wife.]

At Manchester Cathedral.

ON Monday, the 27th inst., ten members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 15 mins. T. Thorp, 1; S. West, 2; J. Eachus, 3; G. E. Turner, 4; J. E. Phollitt, 5; A. E. Wreaks, 6; W. Sevier, 7; J. Thorp, 8; G. Longdon, 9; J. Moulton (conductor), 10. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat. [J. Moulton comes from Chester; G. Longdon from Ashton-under-Lyne; the rest are of the Cathedral Company.]

AT ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung by E. Shepherd (conductor), 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. Munday, 8. Also, on Saturday, the 11th inst., the first part of Hollis's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Captain Pearson, of York Road. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Munday, 5; J. Moss, 6; T. Shepherd (conductor), 7; C. Carter, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Monday, the 6th inst., 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, in 27 mins., was rung by G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Bunce, 4; H. Smith, 5; F. May, 6. First by all. On Sunday, the 12th inst., for morning service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, in 29 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; A. Bunce, 3; C. Page, 4; A. Gregory, 5; F. May, 6. On Thursday, the 16th inst., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, in 30 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; A. Gregory, 4; C. Page, 5; F. May, 6. And on Monday, the 20th inst., 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, in 27 mins. G. Gregory, 1; J. Gardner, 2; F. Money, 3; C. Page, 4; A. Bunce, 5; F. May (conductor), 6. Tenor, 25 cwt.

AT HARBORNE, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.—On Friday, the 10th inst., the Amateur Society, assisted by Mr. J. Buffery, rang their first touch of 503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Proberts, 1; W. Nicholls, 2; A. Thomas, 3; W. Bennett, 4; J. Buffery (conductor), 5; T. Gibbs, 6; H. Bradley, 7; J. Day, 8. On Saturday, the 11th inst., four members of the above Society paid a visit to the neighbouring church of Selly Oak, and with the assistance of two members of the home Society rang 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. J. Day, 1; W. Nicholls (first 720), 2; A. Thomas, 3; E. Boylin, 4; T. Lewis, 5; H. Bradley (first 720, conductor), 6. And on Sunday, the 12th inst., for evening service, three members of the Amateur Society, with the assistance of three members of the Selly Oak Band, rang 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. W. Nicholls, 1; E. Boylin, 2; T. Lewis, 3; T. Gibbs, 4; E. Bryant, 5; H. Bradley (conductor), 6.

AT HOLY TRINITY, OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 11th inst., an attempt was made for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Taylor's Bob-and-Single variation), but after ringing about 4300 changes it was a failure. The longest touch in the method by all, and the first attempt at calling the 5000 by the conductor. W. Bird, 1; H. Mason, 2; W. Foxall, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; R. Bird, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6; H. Cartwright, 7; W. Green, 8. And on Tuesday, the 14th inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, in 29 mins. R. Bird, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; W. Green, 4; H. Cartwright, 5; A. H. Bassano (conductor), 6. Tenor, 23½ cwt. First 720 in the method by all.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 12th inst., Messrs. W. Harvey, A. Tarbun, and W. Piper, of Widdford, and W. Lincoln, of Writtle, paid a visit to the above church and rang 360 BOB MINOR. W. Harvey, 1; M. Rolfe, 2; J. Young, 3; W. Lincoln, 4; H. Argent (conductor), 5; W. Piper, 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins. J. Richell, 1; J. Shonk, 2; W. Harvey, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; W. Piper, 5; W. Lincoln (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. [Mr. Rolfe came from Springfield, the others are of the local company.]

AT ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 44 mins., taken from the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Greenwich in the year 1732, was rung by J. Rose, 1; W. Pead, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 4; E. Wells, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; F. Parmer, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 19th inst., for evening service, 1344 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the twenty-

our 6-7's, was rung in 47 mins. F. Elliott (first quarter-peat), 1; I. Goodwin, 2; G. Toplis (conductor), 3; D. Farthing, 4; J. Goodwin (first quarter-peat inside), 5; A. Knights, 6; J. Hunt, 7; T. Mee, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 19th inst., before Divine service, a touch of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 42 mins. W. Broadbent, 1; S. J. G. Davies, 2; A. Wood, 3; W. Partington, 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; C. Chaplain, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

AT SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, the 20th inst., six members of the Somerleyton Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers rang 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 25 mins. Also 720 ASSOCIATION EXERCISE in 25 mins. This is the first time it has been rung by the Somerleyton Company of Ringers. G. Wright (conductor), 1; G. Rudd, 2; John Orford, 3; James Orford, 4; H. Orford, 5; R. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

AT DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Monday, the 20th inst., the plain course of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung seven times during a practice of nearly three hours. W. Finch, 1; J. Jones, 2; F. Field, 3; C. Trinder, 4; W. Warwick, 5; H. D. Betteridge, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8.

AT ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday, the 20th inst., the local company rang for practice 720 each of COLLEGE PLEASURE and DUKE OF YORK in 55 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

AT ST. DAVID'S, EXETER.—On the 22nd inst., several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES; and at St. Sidwell's, on the 23rd inst., a touch of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 43 mins. T. Townsend, 1; W. Richardson, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; F. Shepherd, 7; J. Moss, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. Also at the Society's Meeting-house, the 'Poltimore,' on hand-bells retained in hand, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. A. Clements, 1, 2; E. Shepherd, 3, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8.

RECEIVED ALSO:—C. Gordon (thanks, next week—always send); and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Lists of Bishops and Incumbents in Churches.

SIR,—I note the Rev. E. S. Lowndes's letter in your issue of November 5th, and I think, perhaps, it may be well for me to explain more fully the meaning of my comment in *Church Bells* of October 22nd. I was hardly thinking of the same sort of thing as that which the Rev. D. W. Barnett mentions in his letter, though his plan is in itself an excellent one, and would, no doubt, in most instances lead up to what I suggested. In speaking of two tablets, containing the names of the Bishops of the diocese and the Rectors of the parish, I meant substantial wooden or metal tablets to be placed in the church among the other memorial tablets. Perhaps it may be suggestive to others if I give my idea as to arrangement of such tablets. We will take the Diocese of Liverpool, in which I am writing this letter, and one of its largest and most ancient parishes—that of Wigan. I may remind your readers that South Lancashire in Saxon and mediæval times was under Lichfield.

BISHOPS OF THE DIOCESE.

BISHOPS OF MERCAIA.		60. Rowland Lee 1534	
1. Diuma	656	(See of Chester founded 1542.)	
2. Ceollach	658	BISHOPS OF CHESTER.	
3. Trumhere	659	61. John Birde 1542	
4. Gearoman	663	62. George Cotes 1554	
BISHOPS OF LICHFIELD.		63.	
5. Ceadda or Chad	669	90. John Graham 1848	
6. Winfred	673	91. William Jacobson 1865	
7. Seaxwulf	674	(See of Liverpool founded 1880.)	
8. Headdi	691	BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL.	
59. Geoffrey Blythe 1503		92. John Charles Ryle 1880	

At the foot of the tablet there should be the words, 'South Lancashire was in the Diocese of Lichfield until 1542.'

The parochial list would be:—

RECTORS OF WIGAN.

Before 1245. John de Mansel.	1833. Henry John Gunning.
" 1299. (?) Pympton.	1864. Hon. George T. O. Bridgeman.
" 1303. Robert de Cliderhow.	

VICARS OF ST. CUTHBERT'S, WIGAN.

1821. Maximilian Brown.	1852. Edward Carr Robinson.
1829. H. Widdrington Jones.	1865. Herbert Bell Jones.
1840. Marmaduke A. B. Robinson.	1880. Henry Gell Brown.

In the case of a daughter church, of course the incumbents of such church should appear as suggested above, and it would be well to leave room for three or four more names, both in the Bishops' and in the Incumbents' list. The tablets should be companion tablets. But as the list of bishops in nearly all cases is much longer than that of the incumbents, the lettering of the parochial list would be larger than that of the diocesan list. As regards the size of the tablets, these are arranged in the case referred to above for about 6 feet by about 2 feet 6 inches, in the form of an Oxford frame. The

lettering which I should suggest would be plain capitals, say, dark brown on a grey ground.

As to the cost. A firm of decorators who do very good work have given me an estimate. The Bishops' tablet would cost 6l. That with the Wigan parochial list, 3l. 10s. If the letters were painted in ordinary colours with gold margins to throw up the lettering, the Wigan list would cost 5l. 10s., and the diocesan list, 8l. 10s. This includes the cost of the wooden tablet, which would be thoroughly good work. The heading, the words 'Bishops of the Diocese,' would of course be larger lettering than any other part. Such tablets would look really effective in the porch or vestibule of a church, or on the western wall, one on each side of the main entrance.

As to the position in the church. The Rev. E. S. Lowndes says that he chose the chancel because that was the rector's property, and therefore the most suitable place for a memorial to his predecessors. For my own part, being a layman, I should prefer the nave, and not merely that, but the most conspicuous part of the nave, or still better, the vestibule or narthex at the west end, if there be one. It should be like the statue of Horatius in Macaulay's poem:—

'It stands in the Comitium,
Plain for all folks to see.'

If a parish is so very poor, or, to speak more correctly, so much accustomed to depend on old endowments, and so little used to providing for its own needs, as to feel doubtful as to incurring the expense of a painted tablet, the decorator who gave me the above estimate suggested that the lists might be printed on a large-sized sheet of suitable paper, the same size as the tablets, and varnished. 'It would look very well in its way,' said he, 'though I am going against the interests of my own trade in making such a suggestion. But I think the idea of such tablets a most excellent one, and I consider that they should form a feature of every church.' As showing the effect of such tablets on a man's mind, I may mention that when I showed the decorator referred to the list of the rectors of the mother church of the parish in which he lives, he remarked, 'Really, I had no idea that our rectors were known so far back as that.' And yet in this case the parish was only made an independent benefice some 300 years ago, so that the list does not go anything like so far back as in the case of some neighbouring parishes, where it is known for 500 years and more. As to having a printed list of the Bishops of the diocese hung up in the porch, I myself suggested this in a comment in *Church Bells* for the 15th of January, and where tablets are not erected, as now suggested, it is highly desirable to have a printed list of the Bishops placed in the porch. But surely there are but few parishes which cannot manage to raise the 10l. or 15l. needed to have really handsome tablets erected. Such contributions to local Church history would soon induce people to take more interest in general Church history, and through this in general Church affairs. The S. P. C. K. has a series of Diocesan Histories, and their sale would soon be increased in a diocese where such tablets as these were erected.

H. C. R.

P.S.—The Incumbents' tablet might perhaps have some such words at the foot as:—'In grateful memory of those who have ministered in this church and parish this tablet was erected in the year of our Lord 1886.' And on the Bishops' tablet, 'In grateful memory of those who have exercised the spiritual oversight of this Diocese this tablet . . .'

Net Value.

SIR,—The article with the above title by 'M. W.' is, on the whole, a sensible and timely one. But I cannot follow him when he argues at the close that the beneficed clergy have no grievance in having to pay rates on their income, unlike any other class of the community. 'M. W.' says, 'Rates to a certain amount must be paid by the ratepayers of the parish, and, if glebe and tithe are to be exempted, the other real property in the parish must be rated in excess of its rateable value to make up the difference.' Quite so. But what does this mean, but that the rates paid by the clergy on the tithe (putting glebe out of the question) go to relieve the rates paid by the farmers and other ratepayers? If the Church were disendowed, the ratepayers would have to make up the difference in the rates. The clergy have not even the satisfaction of feeling that this large slice of their income goes to benefit the poor. As 'M. W.' says, the rates must be paid by some one. It is the ratepayers, not the poor, who benefit by the present system. If, as some suppose, it was originally intended that the poor should have some share of the tithe, and that this was the origin of the present law as to the rating of tithe, it would seem that this is one of the many instances in which ancient endowments have been diverted from their original purpose.

December 6, 1886.

The Jubilee Memorials.

SIR,—While various schemes have been suggested for commemorating the Queen's Jubilee, no doubt the Church House and Colonial Institute will meet with the greatest favour, while, in addition to these, each important town may call on its inhabitants for a local memorial. Yet another has been proposed, especially addressed to the women of England, which from the definite amount of subscription will scarcely fail to meet with a ready response throughout the length and breadth of the land. Why should not a similar proposal be made and adopted for carrying out a work which is especially connected with the reign of the sovereign who has so long and worthily reigned over us and the National Church of her kingdom, namely, the building of the first Cathedral since the Reformation—a work which has been gradually progressing for the nearly six years, and a portion of which it is hoped will be consecrated next year?

Why should not the liberal offerings of the Diocese of Truro and County of Cornwall, presided over by the Primate as its first Bishop, and now by his

of so many English friends and lost us many a subscription to our impoverished funds.

The *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* says: 'Samuel Dobbin, Esq., whom we believe to be the last of the acting surviving Vicars Choral of Christ Church Cathedral under the old *regime*, has generously provided handsome trees and shrubs for the adornment of the ornamental grounds in front of the Cathedral. These grounds will shortly be thrown open to the public. Seats have been provided for the aged and infirm, and it is to be hoped the people will protect this fine open space and garden which has been set apart for their use and recreation, and that when they visit the place they will remember that they tread not only upon historic but on holy ground.' Mr. Dobbin is an elder brother of the Rev. Canon Dobbin, of Cork.

The late storm did much damage to some of the churches. A sacred edifice in the county of Kerry was unroofed and a large portion of the spire of the Cathedral Church of Ross was blown down.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Change-ringing at Benington, Herts.

SIX THOUSAND OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

ON Friday evening, the 31st ult., the Society of Change-ringers, all resident in the above village, assembled in their belfry to welcome the coming of the New Year, and ring out with musical notes the departure of the Old Year, wishing every happiness and continued prosperity to their numerous kind friends and neighbours during the New Year. The musical ring of eight bells was raised in excellent style, and a fine touch of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung, containing 1008 musical changes, with no cessation. Also a touch of that melodious method, SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, containing 448 changes, was well brought round. The bells were lowered in musical order, and all welcomed each other with a cordial greeting for happiness and prosperity during the New Year. N. Warner, 1; Joseph Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; John Kitchener, 4; J. Warner, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; S. Page (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., a fine peal of that musical method, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, consisting of 6000 changes, was rung at the above village by the under-mentioned members of the Ringing Society, all resident in the village, and belonging to the Herts County Association of Change-ringers. N. Warner, 1; Joseph Kitchener, 2; John Kitchener, 3; L. Chapman, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; J. Warner, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; S. Page, 8, who ably conducted this excellent peal, consisting of 55 courses and 80 bobs, in 3 hrs. 32 mins.,

A new Public Clock at Windhill, Yorkshire.

A NEW public clock has just been erected in the tower of the new Town Hall, Windhill, by Messrs. James Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford. The order was placed in the hands of the firm named in August, and the result of their work is that a most useful and well-finished clock is now completed and in thorough working condition. The clock indicates the time upon four large illuminated dials, each measuring five feet nine inches in diameter. The escapement is upon the double three-legged gravity principle. The hour bell was cast on the premises of Messrs. Shaw at Bradford. It is named 'The Victory.' The firm have in hand a large Cambridge quarter-striking clock for Saltaire, and have just completed the rehanging, with all new fittings, of the ring of eight bells at the parish church, Burnley, Lancashire; also rehanging and retuned the ring of eight at the parish church, Knaresboro', Yorks. They also have in hand the rehanging, with all new fittings, of the ring of bells at the parish church, Roundhay; also the addition of two new treble bells, and the rehanging, with all new fittings and quarter-turning, of the old ring of six at the parish church of Skipton.

Some Account of a Veteran Change-ringer.

MR. BENJAMIN THACKRAY, of Dewsbury, Yorkshire, died in 1851, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. He was admitted by all his brother-ringers who knew him to be one of the most celebrated composers in England at the time of his death. He was the only man who composed PLAIN BOB TRIPLES without a single for the seventh bell to throw them in and out of course alternately, together with an immense number of other compositions upon six or eight bells, which have been published. Any difficult or mysterious question in the art of campanology which might have been a subject of dispute amongst his brother-ringers was very easily solved when referred to 'Old Ben.' He had been a ringer at the parish church of Dewsbury for fifty-six years, and had assisted in ringing upwards of fifty peals consisting of 5000 changes and upwards; the last, of 5020 changes, he completed in the tower of the parish church, Dewsbury, on his seventy-sixth birthday. A circumstance of a remarkable character here occurred, which shows his zeal for the cause; viz.: They had on this occasion begun ringing before they had determined how many changes to ring; a difference of opinion here arose, which was soon decided when the old gentleman boldly called for 5020 changes, which was completed in three hours and three minutes. He had assisted in winning twenty-four prizes upon six and eight bells; the last time he ever entered a tower was for a prize at Skipton on the 17th of May, 1850. When he was borne to his long home the ringers from eighteen churches attended; viz., Liversedge, Birstall, Mirfield, Kirkheaton, Almond-bury, Huddersfield, Holmfirth, Elland, Sowerby, Wakefield, Horbury, Darton, Rugby, Rothwell, Bradford, Low Moor, Tong, and Pudsey, who followed him

to his grave in funeral procession, a ringer from each of the above churches wearing a mourning scarf. The bells were muffled, and chimed as the funeral procession approached the church, amidst the largest concourse of people assembled in Dewsbury for a number of years. After his remains were carefully deposited in the grave his brother-ringers ascended the tower and rang a very solemn peal with the bells muffled.

The Bells at St. James's, Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

THE bells of this church in ancient times consisted of a ring of four, but about the year 1829 William Dobson of Downham had orders to recast them into a ring of six bells, the tone of which seemed so to please the good people of Grimsby that two trebles were cast directly afterwards, two new pits being added each time to the old frame to take the eight bells, the whole ring being dated 1830. About thirty years since grave doubts began to be felt as to the safety of the tower (which is central), the building being a cruciform structure. Soon afterwards, some disagreement arising between the Rector and the ringers, ringing was abandoned, and Sir Gilbert Scott being called in condemned the tower, but no steps were taken to restore it. The bells were now clocked for services, weddings, &c., the result being that the 2nd, 5th, and 6th became badly cracked. Things remained in this state until the beginning of 1886, when a committee was formed, and the services of Mr. Withers, architect of London, were called in to once more safely place the bells in ringing position. Messrs. Warner of Cripplegate were entrusted with the recasting of the cracked bells and the making of a new frame of English oak, while local tradesmen put up a framing of posts and cross-braces from the lower and much thicker portion of the tower to receive the cage and bells, the whole weight being carried by eight corbels of York stone placed just over the centre arches, every part being kept quite clear of the upper portion of the tower. During the ten days previous to December 16th Messrs. Warner's men, under the direction of Mr. G. Dunn, placed the new cage on top of the strutting and rehung the bells. On the above date, in the presence of the architect, the rector (Rev. A. Young), and a large number of spectators, the bells were rung for the first time for twenty-seven years by the following:—W. Quick, 1; Rev. C. Moore,* 2; D. Seamer,* 3; H. Fuller,* 4; J. Mackenny, 5; C. Gordon, 6; G. Giffen, 7; C. Skinner, 8, to the great delight of the inhabitants, it being a new thing altogether to have a ring of bells, the nearest being four miles off and only four in number. [The ringers marked with an asterisk are local men, the rest being the hangers.] On the previous Tuesday there was a solemn dedication service for the new bells by the Bishop of Nottingham, when the hymns and usual services for such occasions were used. The bells are a remarkably musical ring, tenor 20 cwt., in E flat, the 'go' of them leaving nothing to be desired. It is to be hoped that with a good ring of bells in excellent order we may soon hear of the first 5000 being rung and of a good company of local men being formed, some of the old ringers yet being able to take part in the ringing, and the Hull ringers being within easy reach of Grimsby. The new belfry and the restoration of the tower are expected to be ready by the end of January. The whole of the work at present seems to give much satisfaction to the Committee and the inhabitants. Grimsby can now boast of a ring of bells second to none in Lincolnshire.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE third Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Leicester on Saturday, the 8th inst., and the following towers will be open for ringing. St. Margaret's, ten bells; St. Martin's, ten bells; St. Saviour's, eight bells; St. Mary's, eight bells; and St. George's, six bells. Committee meeting in St. Margaret's schools. Tea at the St. Margaret's Coffee-house, opposite the church, which will be provided free of charge to visiting members, providing they give notice to the local Hon. Sec. of their respective districts of their intention of being present seven days before the meeting.

5 St. Paul's Street, E., Burton-on-Trent. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

Surrey Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Giles's, Camberwell (by the kind permission of the Vicar), on Monday, January 10th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 6 p.m., to be followed by the usual business meeting. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, January 6th, in order that provision may be made for them. Ringing members free; all others 1s. 6d. a-head.

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

Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE Members of the above Association are requested to take notice that the next Quarterly Meeting will take place on Saturday, January 15th, 1887, in the King Street Schoolroom, Dudley. The Rev. Dr. Cosens, Rural Dean, will preside. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. The tower of St. Thomas's will be open for ringing during the day to members and ringing friends. Members to meet at Mr. E. Fellows', 'Beehive Inn,' Stafford Street, and to note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting, according to Rule 4.

25 Simms' Lane, Netherton, near Dudley. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Crawley, Sussex.

ON Wednesday, the 15th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Johnson's Twelve-part peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. G. Wickens, 1; W. Collison, 2; T. Smith, 3; G. F. Attree (Brighton), 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (first peal as conductor), 6; A. F. Hellier, 7; E. Pearce (first peal), 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At All Saints', Maidstone, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 19 mins. E. Price, 1; R. Simmonds, 2; G. Pawley, 3; J. Ferguson, 4; S. Snelling (Sittingbourne), 5; A. H. Woolley, 6; H. Pearce (Aylesford, conductor), 7; J. Johnson, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 18 mins. C. Souter, 1; W. Souter, 2; J. Souter, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; C. Mee (conductor), 6; H. A. Mills (first peal with a bob bell), 7; F. W. Brett (first peal), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At Eccles, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 10,176 TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung by eight members of the Lancashire Association in 5 hrs. 58 mins. S. West, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; J. Barrett, 3; E. Cash, 4; E. Wreaks, 5; W. Sevier, 6; J. Eachus, 7; S. Wood (conductor), 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. Composed by Mr. W. Harrison.

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

ON Tuesday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Association rang a peal of 5184 TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. J. Hopwood, 1; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 2; S. West, 3; A. Wreaks, 4; E. Cash, 5; C. Cash, 6; W. Gordon, 7; W. Sevier, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat.

AT ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH, KENT.—ON Saturday, the 18th ult., an attempt was made to ring Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; but after ringing 2016 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins. it failed through a change course. J. Beaver, 1; G. Hogg, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; J. C. Harvey, 4; W. Watchorn, 5; E. Wells (conductor), 6; E. E. Richards, 7; R. G. Carter, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WIDFORD, ESSEX.—ON Wednesday, the 22nd ult., for practice, 720 NEW LONDON PLEASURE in 25 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Daines, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; W. Lincoln (Whittle), 4; A. Tarbun, 5; W. J. Piper (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 25 mins. W. J. Piper, 1; J. Daines, 2; W. Lincoln (first 720 in the method as conductor), 3; A. Tarbun, 4; A. Shuttleworth, 5; W. Harvey, 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—ON Christmas Eve, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB; at 9.30 a.m. on Christmas Day, for service, 720 YORK SURPRISE; at the same hour on Sunday, the 26th ult., 720 LONDON SURPRISE; and at 5 p.m. on the same day, 720 WELLS SURPRISE. J. Clarkson, T. Burdon, T. Watter, W. Stephenson, T. Stephenson (conductor), and W. Newton.

AT STAPLEHURST, KENT.—ON Christmas Eve and Morning, parties of the Ringers' Guild here, consisting of J. Gransbury, W. Walter, W. Pope, W. E. Pope, J. Tillmon, H. G. Pope, E. Pope, A. E. Nunn (conductor), T. Colon, and Philip Sims, of Sittingbourne, rang several touches of GRANDSIRE, and two 720's of PLAIN BOB MINOR. On Monday, the 27th ult., a quarter peal (1260 changes), and several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. They have to thank Mr. Thomas Reeves, of this parish, for a very useful portable table, fitted to carry their peal of twelve handbells.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—ON Christmas Night, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by E. Pether, 1; E. E. Napper, 2; F. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. F. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; A. Woodley, 8. Also on Sunday, the 26th ult., for Divine service, in the evening, 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Pether, 1; E. Pether, 2; F. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; J. F. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BOCKING, ESSEX.—ON Sunday, the 26th ult., for divine service in the afternoon, six members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 28 mins. F. Bumpstead, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19 cwt. [Messrs. J. M. Hayes and E. Carter came from London.]

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S, BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—ON Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang for practice a date touch of 1886 changes, in the following methods, in 1 hr. 12 mins.:—86 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (two bobs and two singles), 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (nine bobs), 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles), and 360 PLAIN BOB MINOR (four bobs and two singles). J. Yeates, 1; G. Miles, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; R. A. Barrett, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—ON Monday, the 3rd inst., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 46 mins. by the Halesowen Society, assisted by two members of the Old Hill Society, on account of illness of some of the Halesowen band. W. Green (Old Hill), 1; J. P. Heckingbottom, 2; E. Hackett, 3; H. Mason (Old Hill), 4; E. White, 5; R. A. Eaton, 6; — Raybould (conductor), 7; M. Hackett, 8. Also on Sunday, the 26th ult., a touch of 546 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung for evening service. J. Clarke, 1; J. P. Heckingbottom, 2; G. Cockin, 3; — Raybould (conductor), 4; E. White, 5; R. A. Eaton, 6; E. Hackett, 7; M. Hackett, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. [It is over one hundred years since any of the above methods were rung by Halesowen men.]

RECEIVED ALSO:—F. G. Ayling; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Kirkstall Abbey.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to a paragraph in your issue of the 10th inst., respecting Kirkstall Abbey, and as I am the present lessee I must protest against your correspondent's remark as to some alleged 'profanation' of that place, which will give the impression that the lessee is careless as to the management, and also forgetful of the original purpose of such a building; this being not at all the case. Some fifteen or sixteen years ago your strictures might have been justifiable, the then lessee, my late uncle, being a non-resident, and, in consequence of his parliamentary duties, not able to give that amount of supervision to the management of the Abbey which was no doubt necessary, the result being that proceedings of an objectionable nature were allowed by the under-tenant, entirely at variance with the sacred character of the surroundings; but since my late father came into possession, in 1870, stringent rules were drawn up for the proper conducting of the place, and former abuses done away with. My late father took the greatest personal interest in the Abbey, and at his own expense undertook repairs necessary for the preservation of the chapter house, which, I believe I am correct in stating, is the most perfect specimen of the kind in the country; and it was at his instigation, with the co-operation of Colonel Akroyd, that a scheme was set on foot for the entire restoration of the Abbey, and a report obtained from the late Sir Gilbert Scott, with the above purpose in view, which was abandoned for want of the necessary funds. I beg to enclose a copy of the rules now in force for the management of Kirkstall Abbey, for your perusal, and I trust you will give publicity to this disclaimer.

J. THEOBALD BUTLER.

The Married Curate.

SIR,—'A. B. A.' writes in your last issue but one on behalf of the poor curate who rushes into matrimony. Permit me to add a word to his. The dilemma in which the unmarried curate is placed never seems to strike the mind of the ordinary observer. A man is only a curate—with nothing more than a curate's stipend—therefore, on the one hand, he *cannot marry*. He is not married, therefore, on the other hand, *not one patron in a hundred will give him a living*. Such is his wretched position. Is it, therefore, to be wondered at that many curates, having the first in their own power, enter the married state, at the same time comforting themselves with the thought that, at all events, they stand thus a far better chance of obtaining a living? I know a baronet who said (not to me), 'I must have a married man here, otherwise my girls will be always down at the church.' On the other hand, I heard only a few months ago of a poor curate who proposed to a peer's daughter and got accepted—the whole noble family aghast at his 'impudence.' But what was the result? A friend of the peer came unasked to the rescue and gave him a living, for which *otherwise* he might have waited—possibly to the end of the chapter.

A. M. A.

SIR,—I read with some interest the article signed 'W. B.' There was so much good sense in it that I am at a loss to understand the adverse criticisms of 'A. B. A.' and 'A Married Priest.' Imprudent marriages are sadly too common amongst the less wealthy clergy. Many a man thinks that when he is ordained Priest he is in a position to marry a lady without means on the strength of his 150l. The poor fellow thinks that 'Gertrude' has never been accustomed to extravagance, and that she will economise and make 'Theophilus' income go a long way. They marry young, and find out that the Curate's stipend does not increase with his years. 'Theophilus,' after seven or eight years' service, becomes dispirited and careless in his work; 'Gertrude,' with her increasing family, ceases to be the bright and cheery partner that her husband expected, and, as a matter of course, the parish suffers and the married curate is coldly pitied. The position of a bachelor priest in an agricultural or mining parish is a lonely one, but, as one who has had some experience, I say it must be endured for a time as the lesser of two evils. The mistake that is made by most men is that of entering into an engagement prior to ordination to the priesthood. I think that every candidate for the ministry, and, for the matter of that, every young clergyman, should read that excellent little book, *The Modern Curate Married, Unmarried, &c.* 1s. Skeffington & Son.

Let me conclude with a few hints to my younger brothers, candidates for the ministry:—

1. Avoid engagements before ordination.
2. Serve your ministerial apprenticeship of three years at the least before contracting marriage, if you lack private means.
3. Marry one that will bring some grist to the mill; if you cannot find such an one, wait.
4. Insure your life early, and provide for your relatives.
5. Join the 'Clergy Pensions Institution,' and be kind to your old age.
6. Be prepared (if you lack influential friends) to serve as a curate till you are grey-headed.

I am well aware that some will say that this is very hard on the 'poor mouse.' I answer, we have to deal with the Church's ministry as it is, not as it should be. The laity would help the clergy more if their guides were examples to the flock in these matters.

AN UNMARRIED PRIEST NOT BENEFICED.

SIR,—The article signed 'W. B.' in your last issue is well worth the attention of the younger clergy. But the truth is that English writers of fiction for the last century have been persistently misleading the people of this country on the subject of marriage. The whole tendency of popular novels is to exalt inclination above prudence, and what is called 'love' above

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

[The Ancient Society of College Youths.]

THE Members of this Society are requested to attend the next meeting at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on January 18th, 1887, at eight o'clock precisely, to receive the report of the committee appointed to revise the rules.

G. T. McLAUGHLIN, *Master*.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE Members of the above Association are respectfully informed that the next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, the 22nd inst., when their presence will be esteemed a favour. The church bells at Gainsborough and Lea have kindly been placed at the disposal of the Association for that day. Refreshments provided. Societies intending to be present will please communicate at once with the Hon. Sec.,

W. LUNN, *Market Rasen*.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The St. James's Society, Bristol.

ON Monday, the 27th ult., eight members of the above Society met at All Saints' Church to attempt their first peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES. They began at eight minutes to twelve; but after ringing twenty-five minutes a mistake was made. It was successful, however, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. W. Paddock* (age 16), 1; G. Pymm* (16), 2; W. Porch* (17), 3; J. Hinton, 4; A. Howell* (17), 5; H. Tucker* (17), 6; H. Porch (first peal as conductor), 7; F. Porch*, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Carter. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F. [* First peal. First peal in the method by all.] The rapid progress made in the art of change-ringing by the young members of this Society is rather remarkable, especially in Bristol, as good change-ringing once predominated among the ancient societies. The 'go' of the bells of St. James's, where the members of the Society practise, is anything but what it ought to be; yet in the short space of eighteen months they have thoroughly mastered the PLAIN BOB method. They can also ring STEDMAN and TREBLE BOB. The Society wish to thank the churchwardens for granting the use of the bells, the 'go' of which reflects great credit on Mr. A. York, who rehung them some years ago, to whom the Society is very much indebted for getting the bells in readiness.

At St. Giles's, Ashted, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; W. Coppage, 2; A. G. Thomas, 3; A. E. Church, 4; H. J. Davies, 5; H. S. Thomas, 6; I. Rogers, 7; J. W. Mansfield, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon.

ON Monday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Devonshire Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. Munday, 1; E. Pitt (first peal as conductor), 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; J. L. Moss, 5; W. G. Marsh (Plymouth), 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. G. Lake, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

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

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooke's Variation) was rung in 3 hrs. 5 min. S. Wood (conductor), 1; R. Pritchard, 2; J. Wood, 3; G. Longden, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; T. Wilde, 6; J. S. Wilde, 7; W. Frith, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. [The above was rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells. Mr. Pritchard and the brothers Wilde came from Hyde.]

At the Parish Church, Arundel, Sussex.

ON Thursday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. H. Peckham (first peal), 1; G. F. Attree (conductor), 2; C. Blackman, 3; J. Searle, 4; H. Haggett, 5; W. I. Chamberlain, 6; G. Balchin, 7; F. Laxford, 8. [Messrs. Attree and Searle came from Brighton.]

At St. Andrew's, Hagbourne, Berks.

ON Thursday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 10 mins. E. Pether, 1; D. Napper, 2; F. Napper, 3; E. E. Napper, 4; J. F. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; C. W. Allen, 7; A. Woodley, 8. Tenor, 2½ cwt.

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

ON Friday, the 31st ult., ten members of the above Society rang a peal of 5400 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 52 mins. W. L. Catchpole (composer and conductor), 1; R. H. Brundle, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. Motts, 4; C. Saul, 5; H. Bowell, 6; R. Hawes, 7; A. R. Aldham, 8; F. Tillet, 9; J. Motts, 10.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston-juxta-Birmingham.

ON Thursday, the 30th ult., ten members of the Holt Society rang a peal of 5079 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 28 mins. T. J. Hemming, 1; W. Kent, 2; T. Russam (first peal of Stedman), 3; A. J. Jones, 4; H. Bastable, 5; J. Plant, 6; B. W. Mitchell, 7; J. Carter, 8; J. Reynolds, 9; H. Johnson, jun., 10. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen., and conducted by Mr. H. Bastable. Tenor, 23 cwt., in D. [The above peal was composed in the inverted Tittum position, with the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses behind the 7th, the Treble being a fixed bell as usual. It was rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect for the late William Jones (a junior member, and brother

to Arthur John Jones of the above Society), who was interred at the above resting-place on the 29th December. Members of the Society were bearers, who afterwards assembled and rang touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN, conducted by Mr. Bastable and Mr. Kent respectively.]

At St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 43 mins. G. Howse, 1; C. Harfeley, 2; T. Smith, 3; G. Smith (first peal with a bob bell), 4; T. Lewes (first peal with a bob bell), 5; T. Hart (conductor), 6; T. Willoughby, 7; J. Lewes, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. [Messrs. Howse and T. and G. Smith came from Christ Church; T. Lewes, All Saints'; the others, St. Mary's. 'Go' was called at 6.20 a.m. The whole of the band are total abstainers.]

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., in 3 hrs. 12 mins., a peal of 5024 TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent variation. J. Plowman, 1; J. Branch, 2; E. Bennett, 3; G. Welling, 4; A. B. Carpenter, M.B., 5; J. Fayers, 6; J. Trappitt, 7; W. Burkin (conductor), 8. Composed by J. Cox. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Christmas Day, 720 BOB MINOR was rung for Divine service in the morning in 23½ mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Welsby, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday evening, the 9th inst., 720 BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 24 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. Potter (first peal as conductor), 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S, CROYDON, SURREY.—On Monday, the 27th ult., a start was made for a peal of Holt's Ten-part GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but owing to a mishap on the conductor's part it failed, after ringing 2400 changes.—Dudley, sen., 1; G. Russell (conductor), 2; T. Trappitt, 3; N. Holman, 4; W. States, 5; A. Bruce, 6; T. Verrall, 7; G. Rosier and W. Todd, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt., in E flat. [G. Russell is in his seventy-seventh year.]

AT ST. THOMAS'S, MARKET RASEN.—On Tuesday, the 28th ult., six of the Market Rasen members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang a date touch (1886) in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Hackney, 1; S. Marshall, 2; H. Gadd, 3; W. Lunn, 4; T. Gibbons, 5; H. Burkitt (conductor), 6. The methods were 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, 720 OXFORD BOB, 446 PLAIN BOB. It is eight years since a date touch was rung on these bells.

AT NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 30th ult., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung in 29 mins. T. Hotchkiss, 1; W. Micklewright (Stafford), 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. Also 360 PLAIN BOB in 15 mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; W. Micklewright (Stafford), 3; W. Micklewright (Dudley), 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And three different six-scores of GRANDSIRE by the local Company in 14 mins. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, it being the fourteenth anniversary of the death of the donor of the bells, Mrs. B. Skidmore. On Sunday, the 2nd inst., for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB in 27 mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Also, for evening service, 240 GRANDSIRE MINOR. R. Round, 1; W. Prestidge, 2; J. Smith (conductor), 3; M. J. Robinson, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Townsend, 6. And 720 KENT TREBLE BOB in 27 mins. T. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. I. Robinson, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Friday, the 31st ult., with the bells half-muffled to ring out the Old Year, a 560 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, being the first part of Reeves's Variation of Holt's Ten-part; also 139 in the same method. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare (conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen, 7; G. Halsey, 8. Also to ring in the New Year, with the bells open, a 350 and 168 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, standing in the same order as before, conducted by W. Allen.

ON Monday, the 3rd inst., for practice, 742 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, being the last of Holt's Original. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., a 1200 of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, on hand-bells, being ten, six scores each, called differently. G. Halsey, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. Hare, 3-4; A. Squires (conductor), 5-6.

ALSO ON Monday, the 10th inst., for practice, a 720 of PLAIN BOB MINOR (nine bobs and six singles) in 29 mins. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare (first 720 as conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; T. Dobbs, 7; G. Halsey, 8. The above was rung with 7-8 covering.

AT HOLY TRINITY, PRIVET, HANTS.—On New-year's Eve eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a touch of 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Hasted (conductor), 1; F. G. Ayling, 2; H. Sutton, 3; R. Baker, 4; L. Reid, 5; T. Hansford, 6; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 7; J. Baker, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Friday evening, the 31st ult., with the bells muffled to ring out the Old Year, 720 PLAIN BOB (twenty-eight bobs and two singles). W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6. And 720 YORKSHIRE COURT (eighteen bobs and two singles). F. Chapman, 1; E. Mayes, 2; R. Shipley, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; J. Braybrook, 5; T. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also, to ring in the New Year, with the bells open, 720 OXFORD BOB (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). W. J. Gilbert (conductor), 1; F. Chapman, 2; R. Shipley, 3; J. Braybrook, 4; E. Mayes, 5; T. Roberts, 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Friday night, the 31st ult., five members of the East Lincolnshire Association rang the Old Year out and the New One in; and then attempted to ring a date touch of 1887 changes, which failed by the third bell casting her rope and setting herself, after ringing nine six-scores in the following methods: viz., LONDON DOUBLES, DUNSTAN DOUBLES, the DREAM OF HUDIBRAS, two of GOGMAGOG, one with the tenor half-hunt, the other with the third half-hunt, and three 120's of PLAIN BOB, called from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively. Joseph Sharp, 1; A. Barber (conductor), 2; W. Fletcher, 3; John Sharp, 4; S. Steeper, 5.

AT ST. ALBANS, HERTS (ON HAND-BELLS).—On Saturday, the 1st inst., 720 was rung by TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. Barnes, 1; A. Sibley, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, the 8th, 1152 GRANDSIRE MAJOR. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; A. Sibley, 5; A. Barnes, 6; E. P. Debenham, 7-8.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, HAVERSTOCK HILL, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, the 2nd inst., for evening service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (fifteen bobs), in 25 mins. G. Thurlaw, 1; T. Gleed, 2; G. Harvey, 3; J. Leach, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. After service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR (nine bobs) in 24 mins. D. W. Greggs, 1; J. Hannington (conductor), 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Leach, 4; N. Alderman, 5; E. Chapman, 6. Also, on Monday evening, the 3rd inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, in 24 mins. J. Hannington (conductor), 1; T. Gleed, 2; G. Harvey, 3; G. Griffin, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Nixon, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., the local Company rang for practice 720 each of CITY DELIGHT and LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; C. Norman (conductor), 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, CANTERBURY.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the local Company rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Troyte's book, in 49 mins., in honour and to celebrate the sixty-first birthday of Mr. A. Foreman. F. Davison, 1; A. Foreman, 2; H. G. Fairbrass, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; R. Goodbourn, 6; J. H. Small, 7; C. Luery, 8. Tenor, 34 cwt., in C.

AT ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER, DEVONSHIRE. GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.
—On Sunday, the 9th inst., for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of 1260 STEADIAN TRIPLES was rung in 45 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; E. Pitt, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; T. Townsend, 8.
[First quarter-peal in the method by all.]

1260
2 3 4 5 6 7
S 5 7 2 6 3 4 1
3 4 5 2 6 7 2
4 5 3 2 6 7 4
7 2 4 6 5 3 1
5 3 7 4 6 2 2
4 3 5 2 6 7 5
Five times repeated.
Contains the twenty-four 6-7's.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Storm Warnings.—Unmarried Curates.

SIR,—I have read with some interest the correspondence which has arisen in your columns *in re* the article 'Storm Warnings.' There are two good letters which have arisen out of it. One from a bachelor clergyman, who, from the sublime height of his single blessedness, looks down with supreme pity upon his foolish young brother-priest who, yearning for sympathy, has drifted into marriage. The other from a married priest—I suppose a poor man—who, except for the insinuation at the beginning of his letter as to the writer of the article, speaks good sense when he talks of the pinching of the rich and the poor clergy, and says, and says truly, that if the young curate showed a little more worldly wisdom in marrying money the writer of 'Storm Warnings' would, of course, have no objection. Now it may be supreme conceit on my part, but I should like to add a word to put these good people to rights on the subject of the marriage of the clergy. First, this,—Most men are meant to marry; it is a holy estate ordained of God and blessed of Christ. A man without his better-half is not a whole man, nor can he fully sympathise with his people if he keeps himself out of marriage. But, secondly, What is a man to expect his wife to have? Shall we say from one half to one quarter of what he has himself? Therefore, if a clergyman with 200*l.* a-year marry he ought to expect a wife with an income of say 100*l.* to 50*l.*—not more. Let them marry by all means, and live as people with such an income should live—in a small house, in a simple way. Their people will not despise them for being poor. They will be just as good Christians, just as good gentlefolk, as if they were rich. If they cannot afford to keep a servant, then let the wife do the house-work. She will be all the better wife and all the truer lady for it. If they cannot send their children to a boarding-school, let them send them to the National School or the Board School. Why, then the poverty is no disgrace. The Christian minister should not surely be the richest or one of the richest members of his congregation—should he? He ought, I should say, to strike the average, or something of that kind. The reason why we hear so much of the poverty of the clergy is in great part, I fear, because they try and live as the rich while they are poor. Let them live as other people with their means would do. We do not want rich clergy. We do not want large vicarages. We want simple, earnest, good men, who are not ashamed of being poor, and of living in the style that poor men should live. Surely the poorer the Church

is the more will it be like the Church our Master founded and the Church St. Paul tried to extend! The Church is too rich as it is. Surely to be a gentleman does not mean to have so much gold! Let us have more plain living and high thinking. Let the clergy marry wives who have been trained and educated to live on just such an income as they have; not daughters of men who have lived up to their income in educating their daughters to marry money if possible—girls who have been taught, that is, to play and to sing, to speak foreign languages, to skate and play lawn tennis; but who, as to sweeping out the home or cooking a dinner, oh! their hands were not made for such things as that! What we want is a more practical, healthy education among the daughters of officers and clergy, &c.; an education which shall fit them, as the daughters of the Germans and the French and our own sensible middle-class are fitted, to marry and keep house without a servant if necessary. But I will add no more, I have said enough. You see what I mean, and I subscribe myself,

A BACHELOR WHO HAS NOT FORSWORN MARRIAGE.

SIR,—There is yet one point which has been altogether ignored by your correspondents on this subject. I presume that the writers are all clergymen, as I am, and yet, strange to say, not one of them has recognised the existence of an *overruling Providence*.—One 'Who ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will.' This great truth your correspondents have quite forgotten, although they may doubtless frequently preach it! Where are the *faith*, and *trust*, and *patience*, which are supposed to characterise every minister of the Gospel? Are these virtues intended only to be admired, and not practised? It would seem so from the tone which all your correspondents have adopted. My own experience, in a few words, is this: When one door has been shut another has been opened by the same Almighty hand, and I have faith to believe that it will be so to the end of the chapter. *Jehovah Jireh* is my *patron*, and I have two Advocates who possess the very highest influence with Him; and whenever a sphere of independent labour is vacant for which I am best fitted I shall be presented. Let me exhort your correspondents not to put their trust in princes, nor in any child of man, for there is no help in them. However much man proposes, God invariably disposes. Remember the fate of Belshazzar, and the cause of it.

A MARRIED CURATE WITHOUT MEANS OR INFLUENCE.

SIR,—The article signed 'W.B.' which recently appeared in your columns, was, I am satisfied, not uncalled for. Only a few days before Christmas I received an appeal from a Society, with which was enclosed a list of 'most urgent cases for immediate help,' *i.e.*, cases of unbenefficed but married clergy, with families of eight or even ten children, entirely dependent for their support on stipends of 120*l.* to 150*l.* Now, to an unbenefficed and unmarried man like myself, this is simply incredible. Like a guardian of the poor, to whom a case is reported of a family living on three shillings a-week, I say 'there must be something coming from other sources to have enabled them to exist and make their appeal.' Why, too, are we unmarried priests, whose position is often 'a lonely one,' to be called upon to support the wives and families of those who have foolishly and unadvisedly married on their curates' stipend? Further, in how many cases, *pace* the letter of 'A Priest who remained unmarried until recently,' can we not see those who, in St. Paul's words, while 'unmarried cared for the things that belong to the Lord,' now 'caring for the things that are of the world, how they may please their wives?' Surely parishioners who require 'to be bound together by the hospitality' of the incumbent's wife are sorry Churchmen, even if Church-goers!

AN UNMARRIED ASSISTANT CURATE.

The Church House and the Poorer Clergy.

SIR,—Some people endeavour to show that the present is an unsuitable time for building a Church House, and that a fund should be raised for the poorer clergy instead. May I, as a provincial layman, point out that the whole question of the payment of the clergy, beneficed and unbenefficed, will have to be dealt with in a very few years? It will, in fact, inevitably come to the front as soon as the Church Patronage Bill, the most pressing of all Church reforms, has been passed through Parliament. But the best way to get the question of the payment of the clergy, the inadequacy of old endowments for present needs, &c., to the front, is to get a building erected in which both Convocations and both Houses of Laymen can meet, and the Church of England can through them really express her mind.

I noticed that the Bishop of Durham in his Charge remarked that no money fructified sooner than money spent in providing additional bishoprics. This has been found true in the colonies for the last forty or fifty years, and during the last ten has been found true at home. Just so with the Church House. What the Church wants is to bring her work into a focus, and to unite her assemblies, so that she may speak with an authoritative voice. The Imperial Institute seems to be somewhat hanging fire till it gets more thoroughly into shape, but I hope that the bishops will bring the question of the Church House prominently and urgently before their people. The one great need of the Church is united action, and the Jubilee Memorial should surely be something visible and something useful. A NORTHERN LAYMAN.

SIR,—I hope the Committee of the Church House Fund will take steps to facilitate the receiving of subscriptions. If a week was appointed specially for making the collections—having previously taken care to make this known—I believe every man, woman, and child of the Church of England, would be delighted to give from pence upwards towards erecting a memorial of Her Majesty's Jubilee. Everybody goes to London now, so all may hope to see a grand noble Church House worthy of its *first* object, and all others secondary to this. We have been told that we owe much to the fraternity of Freemasons, that to them is due the excellence of the architectural works we admire all over Europe. Why do *they* not come forward and assist in these

A BISHOP LIKE ST. LUKE.

THE *Rangoon Church News* gives a picture of the medical work of Bishop Strachan in his diocese of Burma:—

'Early in June we inspected the Medical Mission promoted by our Bishop at Pazundang. In a teak-house in the heart of this busy Rangoon suburb of rice-mills, creeks, and swamps, where resides the European S. P. G. Missionary, the ground-floor has been fitted up as a dispensary, and adjoining it is a consulting-room made of bamboo mats. The Bishop now took his seat in this room, and for two hours a stream of suffering humanity filed in at one door and out at another. Each patient, if registered, presented a ticket with particulars of case, headed with the text, "So God loved the world," &c. The Bishop is constantly up to his eyes in work. Some of the cases are beyond measure grievous, and yet, like all things human, the scene has also its humorous side. An old man with one eye out, and a cataract growing over the other, thinks the Bishop can give him a new pair. A dyspeptic *syce* of the vegetarian caste seriously tells us that the bit of twine tied round his wrist has proved an effectual charm for checking the devil who was wont to annoy him by jumping on his breast during sleep: a tonic is prescribed, and the horsekeeper goes away apparently grateful and happy. A well-dressed and prosperous-looking Burman, evidently one of those who are always thinking themselves ill, is easily disposed of with a cough mixture. A young widow, who comes for the first time perhaps, betraying an excess of timidity, is quickly reassured as the Bishop accosts her in her native tongue, Tamil. A falling piece of timber in one of the mill-yards has badly bruised the leg of a poor *bheestie*, who finds a place of succour here. Many cases are still waiting as the Bishop rises to go, but as he cannot stay longer they are left to his assistant—an intelligent-looking and well-mannered young Tamil, who serves the Mission as dresser. On the morning of our visit we saw entered in the Register case No. 4476—the number of patients from August 1884, when the mission was begun, two years ago. When it is considered that each patient may have as many as three or four consultations, our readers may form a fair idea of what amount of work the Bishop has to get through during his morning visits, which, we learn, take place three or four times a-week when he is in Rangoon. There is no other medical provision in Pazundang, the place is swampy and unhealthy, and the people are mostly poor. Surely great blessings must rest on Bishop Strachan's noble and self-sacrificing work. No money, or contribution of any kind, is asked from the thousands who receive medical help, even the medicines being given to them.'

JAPAN AND CHRISTIAN PROSPECTS.

THE two Bishops from England and the United States memorialised the late General Convention at Chicago. They said:—It is scarcely more than thirty years since this country, with its population of nearly forty million souls, was sealed to all intercourse with the West except through a single Dutch trading company. During the interval it has adopted with startling rapidity our civilisation and customs, assimilating very much of our most advanced learning and knowledge, and itself being admitted to a recognised position among the nations of the world. The result has been a great displacement of the Japanese people from the faith in the religious systems which for a thousand years had held undisputed sway among them. Though Shintoism and Buddhism are still nominally the religion of the great mass of the people, they have ceased to have any beyond a speculative interest for the educated, and have lost much of their hold even on the lower classes. State recognition has recently been withdrawn from both systems.

'Meanwhile, alike the treatment and popular estimate of Christianity have no less completely changed. Instead of being prescribed by public edict, it shares in the impartial toleration which is now shown by the Japanese government of all religious faiths. Instead of being regarded with feelings of mingled contempt and hatred, it is now generally looked upon with interest and respect. Among the upper classes this is in part due to the belief that it is an essential element in the higher form of Western civilisation, which they have adopted as their model. But a more spiritual motive often prevails. The work of the last two years more especially seems to have left upon the minds of many experienced missionaries the impression of a widespread desire to know the truth.

'Such a crisis in a nation's history seems to call for a combination in the Church Missions of men of various gifts and powers. We desire to call attention to three lines of work of special importance at the present time.

'A wide field is open to those who, taking advantage of the new spirit of respectful inquiry, would give themselves to public preaching and lecturing alike in the towns and country—a work with which might often be combined the preparation of books fitted to commend the faith to the Japanese mind.

'The new system of education in operation throughout the Japanese empire affords an unprecedented opportunity. Alike in government and private schools, instruction in English is now eagerly sought from those to whom it is their native tongue. A fair salary is assigned in return

for a few hours' teaching on five days in the week. The teachers in the private schools have the consent of those who engage them to bring to bear on the pupils alike in and out of school hours every moral and spiritual influence. Such missionaries, if attached to the staff of a Society, would, in some cases, need to make but little demand upon its funds. Experience has shown that large results may be expected from such work. In the capital and other large cities instruction in English is now desired scarcely less by women than by men. Ready access is afforded to English-speaking ladies.

'Colleges have been established for the education of clergy and teachers, as well as Christian schools for boys and girls. A beginning has also been made in training Japanese Christian women to act, after the model of Apostolic days, as evangelists among the many millions of their sisters. All such training institutions are at present carried on chiefly by foreign missionaries; but the increase in the number of baptisms has been larger during the past year than during any year preceding since the foundation of the Mission, and such growth can only be healthful if the newly baptized can at once be placed under well-instructed pastors and teachers of their own nationality and tongue. We have at present at work in connexion with our Communion only twenty-one clergy, six laymen, and eight missionary ladies. So small a staff is insufficient even for the work in hand, and without its increase extension is impossible. In a special sense to the people of these islands now is the day of salvation. Their old religions are indeed disappearing, but manifold superstitions and infidelities wait to occupy the ground, if it is not claimed by the faith of Christ. On the other hand, the opinion held by many does not seem unfounded that, when the people of these islands themselves have been gathered into the fold, missionaries sent forth by them might exercise as large an influence on the nations of the neighbouring continent as was exercised by missionaries from Great Britain in the early Middle Ages on the nations of North Europe.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Waterloo Society, London.

THE Annual Business Meeting of this Society was held after the weekly practice on the 12th inst. The Master (Mr. Baron) being unavoidably absent, Mr. Coppage was voted to the chair, and opened the business by stating that the accounts of the Society having been audited by himself and Mr. Tyack, he would ask his co-auditor to read the balance-sheet. This was accordingly done, and showed that the Society's financial position was a highly satisfactory one. The expenditure had been liberal but judicious, and a very useful balance remained in the treasurer's hands. The election of officers was next proceeded with, the Chairman stating that Mr. Baron had given him to understand that he would prefer that the government of the Society be vested in the hands of some younger member, as he had been Master now for several consecutive years. Ultimately, and after many proposals and excuses, the following were unanimously elected to fill the offices attached to their names:—Mr. W. Baron, Master; Mr. W. H. Fussell, Secretary; Mr. G. Wild, Steward; and Mr. C. E. Malim, Treasurer. The Society's hand-bells were handed over to Mr. Welch, to be cleaned and have some slight repairs effected. It was decided to make an effort during the coming year to meet for practice at an earlier hour than heretofore, the lateness of the start being prejudicial to the progress of beginners; and 8.15 was fixed for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers for their services during the past year, and to Mr. Coppage for presiding. Mr. Coppage, in concluding the business of the evening, remarked that the Waterloo Society was now entering upon another year of its existence, and although the past year had been a successful and prosperous one, yet it might have been better—no peal, in fact, having been rung by the Society, although several very good attempts had been made. He also urged the Company to remember that the Waterloo Society was essentially a teaching Society; and he hoped that in the coming year many of the more proficient members would make a point of attending at the commencement of the practice to push beginners on, instead of turning up an hour late in the hope that the novices would have retired.

Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connexion with this Association was held at Willenhall on Saturday, the 8th inst., when the following places were represented:—Perry Barr, Darlaston, Lichfield, Tettenhall, Tamworth, Wombourne, Wolverhampton, and West Bromwich. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock at the parish church, and was kept up during the afternoon and evening with some touches in the *GRANDSIRE* and *SREDMAN* methods. At a Committee Meeting held at the 'Cocoa House' two new members were elected; and it was also decided to hold the next meeting at Penkridge, on Saturday, April 23rd.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday the 29th inst., and not on the 22nd inst., as previously announced. The church bells at Lea and Gainsborough will be at the disposal of Members for that day. All intending to be present will please communicate at once with Mr. J. C. Tinker, 20 Trinity Street, Gainsborough, in order that satisfactory arrangements may be made.

W. LUNN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.

On Monday, the 10th inst., the Quarterly Meeting was held at St. Giles's, Camberwell, by the kind permission of the Vicar. Tea was served at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, at 6 p.m., and was followed by the usual business meeting. It was attended by about forty members from the following parishes:—Beddington, Benhlilton, Bletchingley, Croydon, Epsom, Kingston, Mitcham, Reigate, Streatham, Wimbledon, and various parts of London. Nine new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next District Meeting at St. John's, Waterloo Road (if the necessary permission could be obtained), on Saturday, February 19th; and the next Quarterly Meeting at South Croydon on Easter Monday. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in the GRANDSIRE, SREDMAN, and TREBLE BOB methods.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

THE Annual Meeting of the above branch was held at Great Marlow on Saturday, the 8th inst., but, owing, no doubt, to the bad state of the roads, the attendance was somewhat meagre. The afternoon's proceedings began with ringing at 2.30, and from then until 4.30 the bells were kept merrily going. At half-past four the members adjourned to the Boys' Schoolroom, where they found an excellent tea arranged for them, through the kindness of Mrs. Fearon, the wife of the Vicar of Great Marlow. After tea business was transacted, the number of names on the roll of members showing an increase, and the balance-sheet a fair amount on the right side. The Rev. A. H. Drummond, Vicar of All Saints, Boyne Hill, was re-elected President; Mr. E. Rogers, Hon. Treasurer; and the Rev. R. E. Spencer, Boyne Hill, Hon. Secretary. At six o'clock Evensong was sung in the parish church, the Vicar having kindly provided this privilege, and the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bucks preached a most fitting sermon, dealing with the history of bells and bell-ringing from a threefold point of view—the time of devotion, the time of decay, and the time of reform.

The United Counties' Association.

THE Annual Dinner and Meeting of the above Association will take place on Saturday, 22nd inst., at the house of Mr. James Wright, 'Waggon and Horses,' Hyde Road, Gorton, Lancashire. Dinner on the table at 4.30 p.m.; tickets, 1s. 6d. each. The bells (eight) of Brookfield Church (recently rehung) will be at the disposal of the members during the day. The Committee desire a full muster of members, as business of the utmost importance will be placed before the meeting. Members are also requested to note that their subscriptions are now due.

JAMES S. WILDE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.

NOTICE is hereby given that the District Meeting announced for the 22nd of January, at Southover, Lewes, is postponed in consequence of the bells being at present in the bellfounders' hands for rehanging. Another place will be selected, and the meeting held early in February.

GEO. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.

A MEETING of this Association will be held at Bletsoe, Beds, on Saturday afternoon, January 22nd. The five bells of the parish church have been rehung, and will be placed at the service of the members attending for practice.

C. HERBERT, *Hon. Sec.*

Woburn, Beds.

Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

THE next Meeting will be held at Buckland on February 5th.

W. W. BOLTON, E. GLOVER, *Hon. Secs.*

The Guild at Dunster, Somerset.*

THE Guild of Change-ringers attached to St. George's Church rang their second peal on Saturday, the 8th inst. As the Rev. J. U. Todd, the founder and first instructor of the Guild, is shortly about to leave Dunster, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey's stay is also drawing to a close, it was decided to start for a farewell peal. Two unsuccessful attempts having been made on different dates, the company met for a third trial on Saturday. The bells were started into changes at 6.41 p.m., and came round at 9.39. The striking was most excellent throughout, and with the exception of a slight trip at the end of the ninth part, which was put right in half-a-dozen strokes, hardly a false blow was struck. E. Hole (first peal), 1; Rev. H. A. Cockey (first peal as conductor), 2; J. Grabham, 3; R. Hole, 4; C. B. Craze, 5; W. W. Thrush, 6; Rev. J. U. Todd, 7; J. Payne, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. [It was 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Ten-part), and rang in 2 hrs. 50 mins.]

Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., a Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held in the Girls' Schoolroom, King Street, Dudley. The Rev. W. R. Cozens, Vicar, D.D., and Rural Dean, presided, supported by the Rev. J. W. Down, Curate, and Mr. J. Naylor, Churchwarden. Members from Bromsgrove, Brierly Hill, Belbroughton, Coseley (including the Rev. C. W. Tibbetts), Clent, Dudley, Hagley, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton, West Bromwich, Wollaston, &c., were present; as were also Messrs. S. Spittle, Master; J. Smith, Secretary; and E. Clump, Treasurer. The Rev. Chairman said he was very pleased to be present on that occasion, feeling that these Associations were calculated to do great benefit to the work of bell-ringing in the Church. He thought that the clergy meeting with their ringers on occasions like this would cause a more kindly feeling to exist between them. One benefit to be derived was, he hoped, that the ringers, after calling others, would themselves attend the services of the Church. He suggested that it would be

a good thing if ringers of all villages in the diocese (where bells existed), and they were numerous, could be induced to join the Association. He ventured to think the subscriptions for the same might easily be obtained from the clergy and churchwardens where the ringers were not in a position to pay them. The tower of St. Thomas was opened for ringing during the afternoon, and several touches of GRANDSIRE CATERS, GRANDSIRE MAJOR, BOB MINOR, and GRANDSIRE MINOR, were rung. The members afterwards adjourned to host Fellows' 'Bee Hive' Inn, Stafford Street, where a pleasant evening was spent, interspersed with tunes, courses, and touches upon the hand-bells.

25 Simms' Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

JOHN SMITH.

Presentation to Canon Cattley.

Our readers will be interested to hear that the Rev. Canon Cattley of Worcester, so well known for the interest which he takes in bell-founding operations, has received another mark of the esteem in which he is held by those around him. Having lately retired from the superintendence of the Cathedral Voluntary Choir, the members presented him with an illuminated address and photographic group of the adult members of the choir.

Augmentation of the Foxearth (Essex) Bells.

THE bells of this village consisted of only three down to the year 1861, when the old tower was taken down and the present one built in 1862. It is a fine building, ranked as one of the finest in the county, having been built in memory of Matilda Forster, as the following inscription round the tower will show:—'This tower was built in the year of our Lord 1862, to the honour and glory of God, in loving and pious memory of Matilda Forster, who deceased Easter-Eve, 1861.' When it was completed in 1862, it was decided to augment the ring to six by adding three new bells. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears of London, who added a treble, 2nd and tenor, thus making the three old bells 3rd, 4th, and 5th of the ring. All went on well until about 1870, when the 5th bell became slightly cracked. This bell was one of Miles Gray's, and bore the following inscription:—'Milo Graie me fecit, 1640.' About six or seven months ago Mr. David Ward, master of the ringers and organist of the church, decided to open a subscription list to provide two treble bells to complete the ring of eight. The result was that subscriptions came in so as to enable the Rector to order the two additional bells, at the same time the Rector himself providing a new seventh in place of the old cracked bell. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner of Cripplegate, London, who supplied the new bells, which arrived at the church on December 20th, and were ready for ringing on Christmas Eve. They were fully tested on Christmas Day by the various ringers who had assembled to ring touches upon them. It was the unanimous opinion amongst all who heard the new bells that Messrs. Warner had supplied three very good ones. Mr. D. Ward must be congratulated on his great perseverance, as he has been solely instrumental in bringing this good work to a successful end. The following are the touches that have been rung:—

First touch on the eight bells was a 336 BOB MAJOR, rung by the following persons: S. Slater (conductor), 1; G. Maxim, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; Z. Slater, 4; R. Mingay, 5; J. Lee, 6; D. Ward, 7; G. Hammond, 8. Second touch, BOB MAJOR, 560 changes. S. Slater, 1; G. Maxim, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; J. Bird, 4; F. Wells, 5; J. Lee, 6; G. Hammond (conductor), 7; P. C. S. Scott, 8. Then a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. Afterwards, for the morning service, 336 BOB MAJOR was rung by the following band: G. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; F. Wells, 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins (conductor), 7; D. Ward, 8. 336 and 112 BOB MAJOR for the afternoon service, the band as before. After the afternoon service an attempt was made for a touch of 1008 BOB MAJOR, but after ringing about 950 it was lost. Geo. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; F. Wells, 5; R. Mingay, 6; Geo. Maxim, 7; N. Hawkins (conductor), 8. On Sunday morning, for service, a touch of BOB MAJOR, 672 changes, was rung. S. Slater (conductor), 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; J. Slater, 4; G. Maxim (Foxearth), 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; D. Ward, 8. The same band rang a touch of BOB MAJOR for the afternoon service. [Messrs. Slater, Wells, and Honeybell came from Glemsford; Bird, Hammond, and Scott from Long Melford; Hawkins from Belcham Walter; Geo. Maxim from Cavendish; the rest are of the local company.]

Accident at Harwich, Essex.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild started at Norwich for a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR. C. Mee, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; J. Alexander, 3; W. Motts, 4; J. Motts, 5; T. Steward, 6; C. A. Clements, 7; R. H. Brundle, 8. After ringing for about half an hour the clapper of the tenor flew out and dashed through the louver boards with a crash, narrowly escaping falling on to the roof of the church.

Information Wanted.

SIR,—Will any of your numerous readers give me information as to a bell-founder named Thomas Jannaway, who flourished at the end of last century? I should like a few details on the following points:—(1), Where he carried on business; (2), Where some examples of his casting may be found; and (3), How his work has stood the test of time. INQUIRER.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Saturday, the 1st inst., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberlands rang a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 33 mins. W. Baron, 1; W. Coppage, 2; C. E. Malin, 3; A. G. Thomas, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; H. A. Hopkins, 6; A. E. Church, 7; G. Newson, 8; H. Davis, 9; J. W.

Mansfield, 10. Composed by Mr. J. Cox and conducted by Mr. Baron. Tenor, 33 cwt.

This band was intended to include all the subscribers to the iron safe recently presented to this Society. Mr. A. H. Gardom could not, however, attend, and so nominated Mr. Newton. Mr. H. S. Thomas being temporarily indisposed, nominated Mr. Church, and it is in contemplation to specially arrange a peal for Mr. R. A. Daniel. The record of this first Jubilee performance will be the second entry in the new Peal Book recently presented by the Master. The first will contain, together with officers' names, the peal rung on the 27th ult. at Ashtead, in which that gentleman took part.

At the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, rang **Thurstans' peal** of 5040 **STEDMAN TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. 1 min. J. Jaggar, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Austin, 4; J. Griffin (conductor), 5; H. Wakley, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. [First peal in the method on the bells.]

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

On Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang **Holt's Ten-part peal** of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. J. Bonney, 1; W. Cecil, 2; J. West, 3; S. Joyce, 4; W. Cooter, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Prime, 7; A. Hughes, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Syston, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (Duffield branch) rang a peal of 5040 **DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR** in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Howe, 1; E. Morton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; W. Hickling, 4; G. Hingley, 5; J. W. Taylor, 6; H. C. Woodward, 7; A. P. Heywood, 8. Composed by Mr. Dains and conducted by A. P. Heywood, Esq. [This peal, which had never been previously rung, is the first in the method in the county of Leicester, and was rung on the morning of the Association's quarterly meeting. In it the 2nd and 3rd are never in the 6th's place.]

At St. Peter's, Tiverton, Devon.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Devonshire Guild (Tiverton branch) rang **Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal** of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. 8 mins. R. Grater (first peal), 1; E. Mundy, 2; T. Harvey, 3; J. Grater, jun., 4; R. Grater, jun. (first peal with a bob bell), 5; J. Babbage (first peal as conductor), 6; John Grater, 7; S. Hoare (first peal), 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 5024 **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR** in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Plowman, 1; J. Branch, 2; E. Bennett, 3; G. Welling, 4; A. B. Carpenter, Esq., 5; J. Fayres, 6; J. H. Trappitt, 7; W. Burkin, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Cox and conducted by Mr. Burkin. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat.

At the Parish Church, Mersham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Kent Association rang a peal of 5120 **BOB MAJOR** in 3 hrs. 20 mins. E. Ruck, sen. (conductor), 1; G. Finn, sen., 2; G. Finn, jun., 3; D. Paine, 4; G. Paine, 5; E. Ruck, jun., 6; F. Finn, 7; E. Finn, 8. [All belong to Mersham.]

At the Parish Church, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., **Holt's Ten-part peal** of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** was rung in 3 hrs. 2 mins. T. Salter (first peal), 1; R. E. Grove, 2; H. Williams (first peal), 3; C. S. Rowland (first peal), 4; C. W. Bassano, 5; A. H. Bassano (first peal of Grandsire), 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; H. Sandell, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt. [Quickest 5040 on the bells. Messrs. Rowland and C. W. and A. H. Bassano are members of the Oxford University Society.]

At St. Albans Cathedral, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Cathedral Society (also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex and Herts Associations) rang **Holt's Original peal** of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. 17 mins. T. Grant, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham (first peal), 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor, thirtieth birthday), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in E flat.

At Debenham, Suffolk.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., a peal of 5040 **BOB MAJOR** (Hubbard's composition) was rung in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. W. Lines, 1; C. Mee, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; W. Motts, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; F. Mee, 6; A. R. Aldham, 7; J. Motts (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. [Messrs. Jerram and Clements came from Salisbury; all the performers in this peal were bachelors, and all members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild.]

At Coddendam, Suffolk.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., **Holt's Ten-part peal** of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** was rung by members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild in 2 hrs. 50 mins. J. W. Lines, 1; C. Mee (conductor), 2; J. Motts, 3; H. English, 4; W. Motts, 5; A. R. Aldham, 6; C. A. Clements, 7; F. Mee, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [Mr. Clements comes from Salisbury, and the rest are from Ipswich and the district.]

At St. John's, Deptford, Kent.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., a peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** was rung (the original Bob-and-Single) in 2 hrs. 49 mins. H. W. Groult, 1; W. Pead, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 4; E. E. Richards, 5; J. Laws, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; F. Palmer, 8. [The ringers, through the medium of *Church Bells*, wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.]

At St. Margaret's, Warnham, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Brighton Branch of the Sussex County Association rung **Holt's Ten-part peal** of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree (conductor), 2; J. Searle, 3; J. Reilly (first peal), 4; C. Tyler, 5; J. Jay, sen., 6; C. E. Golds, 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. [Messrs. Attree, Fuller, Golds, and Jay, belong to St. Peter's; Butler, Searle, and Tyler, to St. Nicholas'; and Reilly to St. Paul's, Brighton.] The church is situate about three miles from Horsham, and the bells hang in a low, square, embattled, Norman tower, and bear dates from 1702 to 1886. They are a very poor ring, although in good going order. In the belfry is a massive ladder, said to have been made in 1669, in excellent preservation, and, to all appearances, likely to last another two centuries.

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

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths (Battersea Branch) rang a peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** (Holt's Original), in 2 hrs. 45 mins. S. Baker (conductor), 1; W. Baron, 2; A. G. Thomas, 3; J. Horton, 4; A. E. Church, 5; H. S. Thomas, 6; C. W. Ludwig, 7; W. Ambrose, 8. [Rung to commemorate the twenty-eighth birthday of Mr. Jabez Horton (first attempt in London), his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, the 27th ult., 720 **OXFORD BOB**, was rung in 28 mins. J. Mercer, 1; G. Jones, 2; R. G. Williams, 3; W. Morgan, 4; W. Thomas, 5; O. J. Morgan (conductor), 6. [This is the first 720 in the method by all the band and the first on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. The tenor, which has been understood to be 11 cwt., is only 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in A flat.]

AT ST. ANNE'S, HAUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—On New-year's Morning, a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins., in the following methods—447 of **PLAIN BOB**, 720 of **KENT TREBLE BOB**, 720 of **OXFORD TREBLE BOB**—was rung by W. Wilde, jun., 1; J. Bardsley, 2; J. Howard, 3; J. A. Thomas, 4; W. Wilde, sen., 5; P. Smith (conductor), 9.

AT HOLY TRINITY, OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, visited the above place, and by the kind permission of those in authority attempted to ring Brooke's variation of 5040 **STEDMAN TRIPLES**; but on approaching the half way it was found advisable to omit the single and let the bells come home, owing to the indisposition of one of the band. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; A. J. Jones, 2; S. Reeves, 3; B. Witcheil, 4; W. R. Small, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; H. Johnson, 7; A. Thomas, 8. [This is the first attempt to ring a complete peal in the method on these bells, which are a musical ring. Great credit is due to the young society for their perseverance in the art, also for the way in which the ringing-room is fitted up.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, APPLETON.—On Tuesday, the 4th inst., seventeen courses, 3712 **CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**, were rung in 2 hrs. 8 mins., when two bells changed course, and the attempted 5056 came to an untimely end. F. White, 1; E. Holfield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; J. Field, 4; W. Bennett, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; G. Holfield, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8.

AT ST. GEORGE'S, HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, the 6th inst., the following members of the St. George's Society rang a date touch of 1887 **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Shaw, 1; R. Pritchard, 2; R. Woolley, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 9th inst., for morning service, 120 and 720 **PLAIN BOB MINOR**, with 6-8 behind, was rung by A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; F. Radley, 5; C. Dennison, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. Also 180, with W. Lincoln, 5; and F. Radley, 7. [This is the first 720 of Minor by all except the conductor, and is believed to be the first ever rung in Writtle by a local company.]

AT CHRIST CHURCH, WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., the following members of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Staffordshire rang a touch of 1887 **GRANDSIRE CATERS** in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. R. Small, 4; B. Hill, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, Birmingham.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, the 16th inst., a 720 **BOB MINOR** was rung before service in 24½ mins. W. Denner, 1; A. Potter, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter (conductor), 4; J. Williamson, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt. [This is the first peal as conductor for Mr. J. Potter, who is only young in the art of ringing, but he shows that he will in the future, with his steady progress, rank among the world-famed campanologists.]

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—On Sunday evening, the 16th inst., before Divine service, 1260 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 42 mins. C. Chaplin, 1; W. Broadbent, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; W. Partington, 4; H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinne-gar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

AT ST. JOHN'S, PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On the 17th inst., by the local Company, for practice, a 720 **GRANDSIRE MINOR** in 27 mins. W. H. Godden (first 720), 1; G. Smith, 2; E. Unitt, 3; H. Brown (first 720), 4; W. Cooper, 5; W. Long (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Sidwell's and St. David's Societies of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Dinner in connexion with the above Societies took place at Brice's 'Bude Hotel' on the 5th inst. The Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote (rector of Upton Pyne) occupied the chair. The Hon. Secretary of the St. David's Society (Mr. R. Jerman) announced that he had received letters regretting their inability to attend from the Rev. E. Lang (curate of St. David's), and Mr. Heath (churchwarden of St. David's). The tables having been cleared the Chairman gave the toast of 'The Queen,' which was drunk with enthusiasm. Mr. C. Pearson gave the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese,' and in doing so said he thought that the success of every band of ringers depended very much upon the assistance of the clergy. The Rev. S. Hosking, in reply, said that he did not think that any belfry would get on well unless a complete understanding existed between the clergy and the ringers. As one of the clergymen of the diocese, he thanked them very heartily for the manner in which they had drunk the toast, and in conclusion he gave 'The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.' The Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, in responding to the toast, said that, although his duties were not always pleasant—because he was treasurer of the Guild as well as secretary, and he had to be rather cranky and stingy over the funds sometimes—yet he could say that he had always been received with the utmost kindness by the members of every tower in which he had been. He hoped that all, however, would think that he had endeavoured to carry out his duties to the best of his abilities. He had always encouraged bands to join the Guild, and had done everything possible for the good of the Guild at large. Mr. S. Herbert proposed the toast of 'The St. Sidwell's Society,' and in so doing complimented the Society upon the progress they had made. Mr. F. Shepherd responded. The Rev. S. Hosking gave 'The St. David's Society.' Mr. R. B. West responded; and in the course of his remarks said that, with regard to the remarks of Mr. Herbert as to the St. Sidwell's ring being increased from eight to ten bells, he might state that St. David's only had six bells. These he should like to see increased to eight, and from his connexion with St. David's parish he should naturally use his endeavours to see this carried into effect. Mr. Rowden, whose name was coupled with the toast, also responded, and intimated that everything in his power which would further the St. David's Society of Ringers he should be most happy to do. Mr. R. Jerman proposed 'The Visitors,' and in so doing alluded to the valuable help rendered to the St. David's Society, which had only recently been started, by the St. Sidwell's Society. Mr. G. Fremantle replied. The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

A Meeting at Bletsoe, Beds.

ON Saturday, the 22nd inst., a District Meeting of the Beds Association of Change-ringers was held at Bletsoe. There is a fine ring of bells at the parish church, cast in 1786 by Robert Taylor. These have been thoroughly overhauled and rehung with new iron frames and fittings complete by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, space being reserved for a new treble bell, to make six when obtained. There was a fair attendance of members, some of whom journeyed by train from Bedford; and on reaching Sharnbrook on the way raised the five bells there and rang several 120's, then proceeding by road to Bletsoe, where all were well received by the Rector. After inspecting the bells and fittings, touches of BOB DOUBLES, GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES, BOB SINGLES, and STEDMAN DOUBLES, were continuously rung; the Rector and several members of his family and others being present in the ringing-chamber. At 4 p.m. tea was partaken of at the 'Falcon Inn,' through the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. F. H. Bolingbroke, after which ringing was resumed. It is upwards of forty years since change-ringing was executed on the Bletsoe bells, and then by the Rushden ringers. It is to be hoped that the study and practice of change-ringing will follow the well-executed restorations and improvements in the belfry. The inscriptions on the bells are:—

1. 'I mean to make it understood, That though I'm little yet I'm good.'
 2. 'Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound, Let love and loyalty abound.'
 3. 'Ye people all that hear us ring, Be faithful to your God and King.'
 4. 'I to the poor and needy am a friend, For whose relief I call you to attend. J. Coles & N. King, C. Wardens.'
 5. 'I to the church the living call, And to the grave do summon all. John Coles & Nicholas King, Churchwardens.'
- And on all the bells, 'R. Taylor, St. Neots, Fecit, 1786.'

The Midland Counties Association.

A MOST successful Quarterly Meeting of members of the above Association was held at Leicester on Saturday, the 8th inst., under the presidency of A. Percival Heywood, Esq. At the general meeting, which was held after tea, four ringing members were elected. The President stated that thirteen peals had been rung during the past quarter, making a total of forty-six peals rung by members of the Association since the Annual Meeting last Easter Monday. The question of a 'free tea' was again mentioned, and on the motion of Mr. John Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hickling, it was unanimously resolved that tea should be provided free of charge to visiting members at the next meeting, on the same conditions as proposed at the previous meeting at Loughborough. It was also unanimously decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Derby, on Easter Monday, April 18th, 1887. Mr. Stephen Cooper, Leicester, and Mr. W. Dawson, Derby, were chosen to audit the accounts of the Association. It having been brought to the notice of the President that the rules for the 'Easter Handbell Competition' made it possible for any one band to win all the prizes, the following addendum to the rules was unani-

mously passed:—'In the event of the same band being adjudged first for more than one of prizes 1, 2, and 3, such band shall receive only the highest prize to which they are entitled, but shall draw their stake for the rest; the other bands receiving the remaining prizes as if the first band had not competed.' Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to the respective vicars and churchwardens of St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mary's, St. Mark's, St. Saviour's, St. George's, and All Saints' Churches for the use of their bells, and to Mr. Heywood for presiding, which brought the proceedings to a close.

The Queen's Jubilee at Clare, Suffolk.

A CORRESPONDENT writes as follows to the *Clare Free Press*:—'Sir,—It is daily announced by the newspapers that great preparations are being made in various parts of the kingdom to celebrate in some ostensible manner the fiftieth anniversary of her most gracious Majesty's accession to the throne of England. Surely the ancient town of Clare will awaken from her usual slumber and endeavour to do something to remember this momentous occasion? I beg to hint that it would be a great boon to the inhabitants of Clare if our noble octave of bells (tenor, 28 cwt.) could be rung again, and thus celebrate this glorious event with a grand peal as in days of yore. It seems a lamentable affair that the bells should rest so dormant, and I am sure it needs only "a hearty good pull and a strong one" by our leading residents to get them merrily ringing once more.—I am, Sir, ever your "LOYAL,"

Clare, Suffolk, January 4th, 1887.

An Historical Bell in France.

THE bell which for nearly seventy years has announced the opening and closing of the day's business on the Paris Bourse has, it seems, just cracked, and must be replaced. It is said to be a very old bell, dated 1647, and to have once belonged to the ancient convent of the Filles de St. Thomas, which stood on the site of the present Bourse.

Death of a well-known London Ringer.

MR. CHARLES WILSON, an old member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and well known as a first-class change-ringer, died on November 26th, 1886, at Lubenham, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, aged seventy-seven, and was buried at the above village. On Thursday, December 30th, ten members of the above Society rang a half-muffled peal at the church of St. Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct, London, as a token of respect to his memory. Afterwards, touches of GRANDSIRE CATERERS were rung by W. Moore, 1; W. Fussell, 2; H. T. Davis, 3; T. Nelms (conductor), 4; T. Rumsey, 5; A. E. Church, 6; W. D. Matthews, 7; T. Barry, 8; D. Lovett, 9; T. Wheeler, 10.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Hyde, Cheshire.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., eight members of the United Counties Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. Shaw, 1; R. Pritchard, 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; R. Wooley, 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 16 mins. H. Sandells, 1; T. Salter, 2; J. Bennett, 3; C. S. Rowland, Esq., 4; J. Overton, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; H. T. Fowles (twenty-third birthday), 8. Messrs. Overton and Fowles belong to Bridgnorth; Washbrook, Oxford; the others from Kidderminster. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Foxearth, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. S. Slater, 1; J. Lee,* 2; J. Bird,* 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Maxim,* 5; R. Mingay,* 6; W. Gridley, 7; P. C. S. Scott, 8. Composed by Mr. D. Prentice of Ipswich, and conducted by Mr. Scott. Tenor, 8½ cwt. [* First peal in the method.] The above is a three-part peal, and has never been previously performed. It is also the first peal upon the bells, which were augmented to eight in December last. Messrs. Scott and Bird came from Long Melford, Slater and Wells from Glemsford, the others belong to the local company.

At St. Mary's, Worsley, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5008 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. E. Cash, 1; J. Barratt, 2; C. Cash, 3; J. H. Ridyard, 4; J. Welsby, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; F. Derbyshire, 7; R. Ridyard, 8. Composed by Mr. W. Harrison and conducted by Mr. R. Ridyard. Tenor, 21 cwt. 14 lbs. [The brothers Cash and Barratt came from Eccles, the others belong to the local company.]

At the Parish Church, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 12 mins. N. W. Tarling (first peal as conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. Morris, 4; H. Saban, 5; W. J. Pleasance (first peal), 6; P. Springham, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berks.

ON Tuesday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thesley's Bob-and-Single Variation of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. H. Humfrey, 1; T. Short, 2; W. Sandell, 3; J. H. Viner, 4; H. Fruin, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; H. J. Hyde (first peal), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Lord Iddesleigh. [W. Napper came from Didcot; H. J. Hyde, Drayton, Berks; the others from Abingdon.

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

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., eight members of the Holt Society of Aston-juxta-Birmingham rang Brooke's Variation of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. J. Plant, 1; J. Sanders, 2; J. Buffery, 3; C. Stanbridge, 4; M. Murphy, 5; H. Bastable (conductor), 6; R. Johnson, 7; P. Conlon, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. in F sharp. Mr. Johnson came from Duffield, Derbyshire.

At St. Leonard's, Seaford, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 43½ mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. C. Hammond, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; J. Jay, sen., 5; C. E. Golds, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs. C. Hammond belongs to the Ringmer Branch, and the rest to Brighton. Thanks are tendered to the Vicar, Rev. Mr. Buck, for granting the use of the bells. The church is an ancient building, built in the Early English style of architecture, with square embattled tower, the walls of which are of immense thickness. The ring of bells is a very musical one, and was cast by Mears in 1811, the opening peal being rung on December 27th of that year, which is recorded on a tablet in the belfry. The last 5000 was rung in 1850.

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

On Monday, the 24th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. F. G. Newman, 1; A. E. Church, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; W. Coppage, 4; T. Taylor, 5; I. Barry, 6; G. R. Banks, 7; G. Wilds, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. The peal was Holt's Original Reversed, composed by Mr. Carter of Birmingham, and conducted by Mr. Newman. First time rung in London.

At BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 2nd inst., for Divine service in the morning, six members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang 360 PLAIN BOB MINOR. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; J. Hayes, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Also 360, in the same method, in the afternoon, the ringers standing as before. And on Friday evening, the 7th inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 28 mins. A. Spurge, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Warren, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6.

At ST. PAUL'S, BRIGHTON.—On Thursday, the 6th inst., a date touch (1887 changes) was rung by H. Eves, 1; H. Bennett, 2; A. Bennett (composer and conductor), 3; G. Biggarstaff, 4; W. Allfrey, 5; J. Reilly, 6; J. Fox, 7; J. Salmon, 8.

At ST. JAMES'S, BERMONDSEY, LONDON.—On Sunday evening, the 16th inst., for Divine service, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 1191 STEDMAN CATERERS. H. Langdon, 1; S. Joyce, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 5; B. Battrum, 6; E. Horrex, 7; C. F. Winny, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; E. Carter, 10. Also, after service, 520 TREBLE BOB ROYAL. J. Pettit, 1; S. Joyce, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 5; B. Battrum, 6; E. Horrex, 7; E. Gibbs, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; E. Carter, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. The above touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Iddesleigh.

At ST. HILDA'S, SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.—On Sunday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, and other touches were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect for the late Mr. Collin Wawn, who died at San Remo after a long and painful illness. It was mainly through the deceased gentleman's influence that the new ring of bells was procured for the above church. Mr. Wawn was an ardent change-ringer, and well known to the members of the above Association. The above 720 was rung with the tenors behind. R. Hopper, 1; James Moffit, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; T. Gates, 4; J. T. Gibson, 5; J. Moffit (conductor), 6; J. Hopper, 7; J. Rutherford, 8.

At KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, the 9th inst., for Divine service in the evening, eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a date touch (1887 changes) of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Bradley, 1; T. Thompson, 2; J. Normington, 3; A. Harcastle, 4; W. Smith, 5; M. Moore, 6; J. McGoun, 7; J. Scott (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. The above was rung as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Wilkinson of Shipley. Composed by Mr. A. Sykes of Huddersfield.

At ST. PETER'S, EARLSHIEATON, YORKS.—On Monday evening, the 10th inst., with the bells deeply muffled, a date touch of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR (1887 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 9 mins., as a mark of respect to the late William Preston, of that town. J. Blakeley, 1; W. Idle, 2; T. Hall, 3; G. Ruddlesden, 4; J. A. Idle (composer), 5; J. Ruddlesden, 6; W. Byrom, 7; C. Senior (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At HOLY TRINITY, CASTLE HALL, STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., the following persons rang a date touch (1887 changes) of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Pownall, 1; H. Shaw, 2; A. Marsden, 3; E. Schofield, 4; S. Hill, 5; I. Schofield, 6; J. Bradley, 7; M. Pailthorpe, 8. Composed by A. Sykes of Huddersfield, and conducted by M. Pailthorpe.

At CHRIST CHURCH, WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 13th inst., ten members of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a date touch of GRANDSIRE CATERERS (1887) in 1 hr. 10 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. R. Small, 4; B. Hill, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, Birmingham, and conducted by S. Reeves.

At GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Saturday, the 15th inst., an attempt was made at St. George's, by eight members of the Kent County Association, to ring Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but after ringing two hours

there came a tremendous rattling at the lower belfry door. On going to ascertain the cause the ringers were informed that there was illness in the neighbourhood—a circumstance which, though of sufficient cause to stop the ringing, was very annoying to those engaged. G. Hayes, 1; G. Martin, 2; R. Simmons, 3; F. Hayes, 4; — Paulley, 5; J. W. Aitkin, 6; H. Pearce (conductor), 7; B. Spinner, 8. On Sunday, the 16th inst., for evening service, at SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. W. Louth, 1; H. D. Davis, 2; F. Ring, 3; B. Spinner, 4; G. Hayes, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On Saturday, the 22nd inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. G. Hayes, 1; H. D. Davis, 2; J. W. Aitkin, 3; B. Spinner, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

At ST. ANDREW'S, NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, with the bells half-muffled, was rung in 30 mins. as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Iddesleigh. W. Prestidge, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At ALL SAINTS', BERNHILTON, SURREY.—At the weekly evening practice, on the 21st inst., a 720 of PLAIN BOB MINOR was rung with 32 bobs and 2 singles in 29 mins. H. Arney, 1; J. Trendell (conductor), 2; W. Walker, 3; E. Burtenshaw, 4; S. Smithers, 5; H. Bryant, 6. Tenor, 19¾ cwt., in E.

RECEIVED ALSO:—H. D. Davis; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Married Clergy.

SIR,—The advice of 'A Waiting One' as to the means of escape from the horns of the dilemma which I pointed out is, 'Let him wait, and save.' It will greatly add to the practical value of this advice if 'A Waiting One' will further tell us *how much per annum* out of a salary of 130*l.*—at most 150*l.*—a man may be expected to save, who has to keep up the appearance of a gentleman? Or, to put the question in another form, in how many years will our bachelor have saved enough to furnish a house of two sitting-rooms, three bedrooms, and a kitchen, and with the help of his curate's stipend to keep himself, his wife, and a servant for the year during which he may be supposed to be in expectation of the forthcoming living? We have heard in the columns of *Church Bells* of such a thing as a priest being told that he is 'too old now for a living.' I never hinted, or wished to hint, that a man of no experience should be presented to a parish. But, surely, from six to ten years' apprenticeship should entitle a man at least to a salary that will enable him to have a wife and a house of his own. It appears to me that 'Reformer' is far nearer the truth than 'A Waiting One.' His whole letter is excellent, his last paragraph admirable. A. M. A.

SIR,—I should infer from the remarks of 'A Bachelor who has not forsworn Marriage' that either he has never lived in a country village, or that if he has, it must have been one in which there was a state of society rarely met with. In such a place as this his 'love-in-a-cottage' idea would no doubt work admirably. But in the ordinary English parish he would find that, although 'living in a small house, and in a simple way,' the married clergyman is obliged to keep up a certain amount of appearance. His position requires it. His wife would certainly not be any less the lady for dispensing with a servant, but his parishioners—at least, the poor and ignorant part of them—would not think so. These expect—and they have a right to expect—that the wife of their rector or curate shall be somewhat better than a hard-worked drudge, with no time on her hands for helping her husband with his visiting.

After disposing of the servant difficulty, your correspondent proceeds to provide for the children's education. 'If their parents cannot afford to send them to a boarding-school they are to send them to the National School or the Board School.' Let them send them to one of these interesting institutions by all means if they are not particular about the contractions of rustic morals and manners, and do not mind the occasional importation of some parochial nastiness. But let them not think that such a proceeding will earn them the respect of their people, who, on the contrary, in nine cases out of ten, will be very much dissatisfied at their clergyman's taking advantage of one of their own institutions; and rightly so. National Schools are for them, and not for those who are presumably their superiors.

We have next, after a declamation in favour of ecclesiastical poverty, the astounding statement 'that the Church is too rich as it is.' Surely your correspondent must have forgotten the numberless calls the Church has upon her resources, and the noble way in which she spends those riches with which God has prospered her! How is it possible for her to be too rich when she has so much to provide for?

We are told that 'we want more plain living.' I suppose this means a greater disregard to appearances, a greater readiness on the part of clergymen to reduce their families to the labourer's level. To ensure this happy state of things, bachelors who have not forsworn marriage are to steadily set their faces against girls with accomplishments—girls, that is, who can play, sing, speak foreign languages, or play lawn-tennis. They are to look for wives who can 'sweep out a home, or cook a dinner.' Most necessary qualifications no doubt, especially if the wife is to do the housework. In short, bachelor parsons are to look for wives with suggestive-looking hands; whether they are to be ladies or not apparently does not matter. Which is the worst: to marry a pudding-making, house-cleaning girl, with not two ideas in her head, or to marry an accomplished young lady whose only fault was an overdue fondness for tennis or skating, as the case might be? Poverty, as your correspondent very rightly remarks, is no disgrace! But it becomes a

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1887 at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. The ringing calendar also includes the following days, two of which have already passed:—

Saturday, Jan. 1 (New-Year's Day)	9 to 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival)	9 to 10 a.m. & 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11 (Sons of the Clergy Festival)	2.30 & 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 19 (Ascension Day)	9.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24 (Queen's Birthday)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Monday, June 20 (Queen's Accession)	9 to 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. (Harvest Thanksgiving Service—date not fixed)	6 to 7 p.m. and after the service.
Tuesday, Nov. 1 (All Saints')	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day)	1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	10 a.m., 2.45 p.m., & 6 to 7 p.m.

On Christmas Eve and New-Year's Eve

11.15 p.m.

On the following Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. for practice:—Feb. 22, April 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Dec. 27.

Erection of a Tablet at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, London.

On Thursday evening, the 20th ult., several members of the Royal Cumberland Society met at the above church for a touch on the fine-toned ring of ten bells, and to celebrate the erection of a tablet, which records a performance of STEEDMAN CATERPS, rung on May 3rd, 1880, to mark the completion of some extensive restorations to the church, and which has a unique history. Its donor, Mr. Thomas Bates, a builder in the parish, not only had the tablet at once prepared, but he took the whole band, with several ringing friends and church officials, to the Alexandra Palace; however, through some technical flaw or other, this tablet was never allowed to enter the church till a few days ago, having for five years been stowed away in Mr. Bates' workshop. Thanks are due to this gentleman for his perseverance, and to the present churchwardens, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Lovett, for their assistance in the matter.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., ten members of the above Society rang a half-muffled peal to the memory of Mr. Nathaniel Dillon, a much-esteemed friend of the ringers, who was buried on the above date, aged forty-three years. J. Nelms, 1; H. Alford, jun., 2; A. Moggeridge, 3; G. Gains, 4; H. Davies, 5; W. Moore, 6; D. Lovett, 7; J. Rumsey, 8; A. E. Church, 9; J. Barry, 10. The mourners assembled outside to hear the last token of respect paid to their departed brother.

Birthday Peal at Benington, Herts.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., the Benington (Herts) Society of Change-ringers, all resident in the village, and all members of the Herts County Ringing Association, met to celebrate the natal day of their old friend and veteran patron, Leonard Proctor, Esq., and rang upon their musical ring of eight bells (Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp) a fine peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, consisting of 6720 changes.

The Peal.

6720.

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

Four times repeated.

30 courses, 145 bobs.

The striking was very brilliant throughout, and the bells came home with clear notes and admired music, to the great delight of many interested friends and neighbours, who were present to give their best congratulations to the village band of ringers upon the completion of their great feat of ringing such a difficult and arduous peal with such unbounded success. The peal was rung in 4 hrs. 2 secs. Two fine courses of STEEDMAN TRIPLES were rung, and six jubilant 'fires' were struck to denote that this great feat was done to all distant friends and neighbours. Nathan Warner, 1; Joseph Kitchener, 2; John Kitchener, 3; L. Chapman, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; J. Warner, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; S. Page (conductor), 8. The peal contains 30 courses and 45 bobs.

Anniversary of Diss Church Bells.

THE fifty-fourth anniversary of Diss Church bells was held on Thursday, the 6th ult., when some capital ringing in the OXFORD method was rung, also some PLAIN BOB and GRANDSIRE. A substantial dinner was served up at the 'Dolphin Inn,' the Rev. A. Anstruther Wilkinson, the esteemed curate of the parish, presiding. The health of 'Her Majesty the Queen' was duly honoured; and after a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman for coming amongst them, and for his telling remarks, had been passed, ringing on the hand-bells and on the church bells was resumed.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Association took place at the Gainsborough centre on Saturday last, and was an unqualified success. Some of the visiting members stayed at Lea in the morning, and rang the first peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR that has ever been rung upon these bells, the following ringers taking part in the same: J. Hackney, 1; H. Maidens, 2; I. Vickers, 3; W. Lunn, 4; T. Shearing, 5; H. Burkitt (conductor), 6. The time occupied was 26 mins., and it was the first peal in the method, with a bob bell, of H. Maidens.

After ringing at Lea, the Lincoln and Market Rasen brethren had a pleasant walk to Gainsborough, when ringing commenced on the Gains-

borough bells by mixed bands, touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES being gone through. At five o'clock some of the members attended the evening service at All Saints' Church, at the conclusion of which they repaired to the Coffee Tavern for tea. Canon Williams occupied the chair. He said he was pleased to see the brethren from Lincoln and Market Rasen, and congratulated the company upon having such an excellent gathering. He felt sure the Association was of the utmost importance, and had done an immense amount of good. The Rev. C. E. Cockin, vice-chairman, wished that Sir Charles Anderson could have been present, because that gentleman was an authority on bells, and could have given some interesting information about them. Speaking of the Association, the reverend gentleman said he wished the Lea ringers had seen the wisdom of joining this Association; in his own mind one of the objects of the Association was to draw the clergy and the ringers closer together, and make them feel they were all workers in the same cause. A vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy and churchwardens of Lea and Gainsborough for kindly granting the use of their church bells.

At the business meeting, which was held subsequently, the following new honorary members were announced: Col. Eyre, M.P.; the Vicar of Gainsborough (Canon Williams); the Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke, vicar of Caistor; the Rev. J. P. Young, vicar of Grimsby; Mr. F. J. Sowby and Mr. J. Craven, of Gainsborough. Mr. T. Shearing, now of Lincoln but formerly of Ipswich, was elected an efficient ringer of the Association. A grant of 10s. 6d. was voted to the Snowden Memorial Fund.

After the meeting, the ringers further exercised their skill on the Gainsborough church bells, which brought to a close a very enjoyable day.

Kent County Association.

THE next District Meeting is to take place at Leeds, on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Permission has been obtained to ring at Ulcombe, East Sutton, and Chart Sutton. A Committee Meeting will be held in the Leeds Schoolroom at twelve, for admission of members, fixing future meetings, examining specimens of entries of peals, and other business. Ringers desiring cheap fares should apply early to the Secretary, stating their route and trains, when, if there is a sufficient number, he will make application to the Railway Companies. The allowance is 3s. for full members, and 1s. 6d. for probationers, which will be paid in the schoolroom between eleven and twelve.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN.

Winsted Court, Sittingbourne.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

On Wednesday evening, the 19th ult., several members of this Society met at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, and rang with the bells half-muffled a funeral peal to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Richard Burton, who died at his residence, 54 St. Martin's Lane, on Friday, the 14th ult., after several weeks' painful illness. Mr. Burton, who leaves a widow with several children and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss, was for several years a highly-respected vestryman of the parish, and for some fourteen years an honorary member of the above Society. The remains were taken into the church, and after the sacred rites had been duly administered, the funeral party proceeded to Brompton Cemetery, where the remains of the deceased were interred.

Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connexion with this Association was held at Willenhall on Saturday, the 8th ult., when the following places were represented:—Perry Barr, Darlaston, Lichfield, Tettenhall, Tamworth, Wombourn, Wolverhampton, and West Bromwich. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock at the parish church, and was kept up during the afternoon and evening with some touches in the GRANDSIRE and STEEDMAN methods. A Committee Meeting was held in the Cocoa House, when two new members were elected, and it was also decided to hold the next meeting at Penkridge on Saturday, April 23rd.

Rochdale and District Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells ready at two; meeting at four in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided. Tickets, 1s. each, to be had from Mr. Albert Crossley, All Saints' Terrace.

The Waterloo Society, London.

THE Members of this Society will assemble for practice at St. John's Church, Waterloo Bridge Road, during the ensuing month at 8.15 p.m., as follows:—Wednesday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. When possible, notice will be given of any alteration to these meetings in *Church Bells*.

11 Gower Place, W.C.

W. H. FUSSELL, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., a peal of 5376 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. S. Taylor (first peal), 1; J. Leigh, 2; W. Jakeman, 3; J. Etchels, 4; C. Willocks, 5; W. Middleton, 6; G. Braddock, 7; J. Thorp (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Messrs. Middleton and Braddock are local men, the others came from Ashton-under-Lyne.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford, Herts.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Hertford College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59½ mins. W. A. Alps, 1; J. G. Crawley, 2; H. Phillips, 3; Rev. Canon Wigram, 4; M. Ellesmore, 5; S. Knight, 6; H. Baker (conductor), 7; F. George, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F. [*First peal in the method. The first peal of STEEDMAN TRIPLES called by the conductor, and the second peal in this method ever rung in the county by eight men, all of them members of the same local band.]

At Immanuel's, Streatham, Surrey.

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. G. Russell, 1; W. Pell, 2; D. Springall, 3; G. Welling, 4; G. Pell, 5; J. Fayers, 6; S. Greenwood (conductor), 7; H. Pates, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. The first peal in the method by all except the conductor; also the first peal of STEDMAN by the Surrey Association. Mr. Russell came from Croydon; Messrs. Welling and Fayers from Beddington; the others belong to the local company.

At St. Paul's Cathedral Meeting-house, St. Paul's Churchyard, London.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult. (St. Paul's Day), Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 30 mins., on handbells retained in hand, by J. C. Mitchell* (St. Albans, Herts), 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham* (St. Albans), 3-4; C. F. Winny (conductor), 5-6; W. Greenleaf,* 7-8. Umpires: Mr. J. Barry, Royal Cumberland Society; and Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, Ancient Society of College Youths. [*First peal on handbells.] Messrs. J. Pettit, J. M. Hayes, J. R. Haworth, and other prominent members of the College Youths, were present. Mr. W. Baron, to the regret of the ringers, was unavoidably prevented from coming, he having kindly acted as umpire in two previous attempts.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult., ten members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5016 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 27 mins. H. Johnson, jun., 1; J. Joynes, 2; H. Bastable, 3; J. Reynolds,* 4; S. Reeves, 5; C. Stanbridge,* 6; J. James, 7; J. Sanders, 8; A. Thomas,* 9; J. Buffery, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen., in 1842, and conducted by Mr. Thomas. [*First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]—This peal, although composed upwards of forty-five years ago, was now rung for the first time. It contains the greatest number of courses ever rung in any one method, viz., eighty-four, and has 334 calls. There are four courses with bells, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, at home, and 5 and 6 are each forty courses in 5th's place, or behind the 9th, with 7, 8, 9, in Tittum position.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooke's Variation) in 2 hrs. 56 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; York Green, 2; S. Hayes, 3; H. R. Newton (first peal), 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; R. T. Woodley (first peal of Stedman), 7; J. Jones, 8.

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

On Saturday, the 29th ult., by eight members of the Holt Society, Aston-juxta-Birmingham, Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. Bastable, 1; W. Long (first peal on a bob bell), 2; T. Reynolds, 3; A. J. Jones, 4; J. Plant, 5; J. Sanders, 6; J. Buffery (conductor), 7; C. Pluck, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in F.

At ST. MARY-THE-GREAT, CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, the 17th ult., a touch of 324 STEDMAN CATERS was rung by N. J. Pistow, 1; G. Taylor, 2; G. Martin, 3; J. Rockett, 4; F. Pistow, 5; J. Holliday, 6; E. Pistow, 7; J. Jackson, 8; C. A. Clements, 9; J. R. Jerram, 10. Tenor, 30 cwt. Also two plain courses of GRANDSIRE CINQUES.

At SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Tuesday, the 18th ult., two 720's of BOB MINOR, one with 8 bobs and 6 singles and the other with 26 singles; on the 19th ult., 720 BOB MINOR, 18 bobs and 2 singles; and on the 26th ult., 720 BOB MINOR, 18 bobs and 2 singles (the old 720 reversed), were rung in 15½ mins. by W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburn (conductor) 5-6.—On Wednesday, the 26th ult., at St. Martin's, 720 BOB MINOR, 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 27 mins. by J. Judd, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5; C. A. Clements, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. The first 720 on the bells since they were re-hung.

At ST. JAMES'S, DOVER, KENT.—On Thursday, the 20th ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 28 mins. F. Finn, 1; F. Rolfe, 2; S. Barker (conductor), 3; E. Potter, 4; H. Coucher, 5; F. Slingsby, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. Also several touches of BOB MINOR.

At ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, LONDON.—On Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths met to attempt a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES; but owing to the death of Mr. Thomas Wilson, of Osborn Street, a member of the above Society, a muffled peal was rung instead as a mark of respect (the usual whole-pull and stand), after which 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; W. Tanner, 3; H. Springhall, 4; S. Joyce, 5; E. Wallage, 6; W. Jones, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8.

At ST. GREGORY'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Sudbury Company, with George Lancelot Andrewes, Esq., and the Rev. R. Martin, rang some leads of change-ringing with the reverend gentleman, he never having attempted anything but call-changes before. A touch of 560 BOB MAJOR was also rung by F. Tolliday, 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Howell, 3; M. Silvester, 4; G. L. Andrewes, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

At ST. MARGARET'S, SOUTH ELMHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, the 25th ult., five members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers rang a date touch (1887 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. upon five bells; viz., three STEDMAN, three ST. SIMON, three VIOLET, three GRANDSIRE, three OLD DOUBLES, and eighty-seven OLD DOUBLES. W. Aldous (conductor), 1; S. Bird, 2; H. Aldrich, 3; C. Clarke, 4; A. Aldrich. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 25th ult., for practice, the local Society rang 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (42 singles) in 25 mins.

H. Hollingworth, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe, 6. Also on Sunday, the 30th ult., the annual collections being held for the ringers' benefit, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR was rung for each service: that in the morning, containing 26 singles, by H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Warren, 2; G. A. Fish, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe (conductor), 6; and that in the evening, containing 30 singles and 6 bobs, by J. Warren, 1; F. W. Cook, 2; J. Vickers, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Tunncliffe (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F.

At ALL SAINTS', BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Friday, the 28th ult., for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (with 32 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 28 mins. G. King, 1; H. Arney, 2; S. Smithers, 3; H. Bryant, 4; J. Trendell (conductor), 5; G. Petrie, 6. This is the first 720 ever rung by G. King, he being a young ring.

At ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On the 30th ult., for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by members of the Cathedral Society in 46 mins. A. Barnes, 1; T. C. Mitchell (conductor), 2; R. Fowler, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; M. N. Hills, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Also 924 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Barnes, 1; T. Grant, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; A. Sibley, 8. Also, on handbells, on the 13th ult., 720 of BOB MINOR. G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; A. Sibley, 3; W. H. Buckingham, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also, on the 22nd ult., 720 of OXFORD TREBLE BOB. A. Sibley, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6.

At ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Friday, December 31st, with the bells half-muffled to ring out the Old Year, a touch of 560 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung, being the first part of Reeves's Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal; and 139 in the same method. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare (conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen, 7; G. Halsey, 8.—To ring in the New Year with the bells open, 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; and 168 in the same method, standing in the same order as before, conducted by W. Allen. On Monday, the 3rd ult., for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. *Hand bell Ringing.*—On Thursday, the 6th ult., 1200 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, being ten six-scores each called differently. G. Halsey, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. Hare, 3-4; A. Squires (conductor), 5-6. Also on Monday, the 10th ult., for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (9 bobs and 6 singles), with 7-8 behind, in 29 mins. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare* (first 720 as conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; T. Dobbs, 7; G. Halsey, 8.

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. W. Gifford, Salisbury (thanks for letter); C. Gordon, Wallington Corner, Carshalton (next week); R. T. Woodley; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Married Curate.

SIR,—I quite agree with all that 'Reformer' says on the subject. The matter, however, concerns the present generation of young curates, who will certainly not be young if they wait till the Bishops are content with fishermen's pay. I am convinced that, in the interest of his work, every clergyman should be married by the time he is twenty-five, and for these reasons:—

1. He is associated much with women; the subordinate work of the parish is mainly done by them, under his direction, and the nature of his office adds a fascination to that direction.

2. He has had, probably, only a University training; which means the largest amount of Greek and Latin, the smallest amount of moral and general supervision.

3. His work is desultory, often hard, but yet affording periods of leisure at a time of day when most men are in harness.

4. Add to this that curates are young men, endowed by nature with feelings like men of other professions, and I think a case has been made out in favour of early marriage.

It should in fairness be added, that I have known two or three cases in my own circle where one would say the claims of the Church had entirely and alone absorbed the thoughts and passions of the men. One in particular I have in mind, who passed several terms at Cuddesdon College after leaving Cambridge; he assured me in the most convincing manner of the signal moral benefit of that training, and while such a spirit is maintained he will probably conquer those feelings which affect the majority; but I am bound to say that in those cases before me nature had not much adorned, nor had art polished, in appearance or manner.

But now we come to the ways and means. It cannot be said that on this point your correspondents have not been plain. The majority, I think, have advised the choice of a wife with an income ranging from 50l. to 150l. a year—a very modest limit, although I do not remember any mention of whether the income should flow from foreign bonds or consols. The calculated venture should, one would think, concern itself somewhat with the quality as well as the quantity; but in truth these counsellors have forgotten the poet's words,—

'Curious fool, he still!

Think'st thou that human love's the growth of human will?'

To any one who knows human nature there is nothing more calculated to lead to an interview with Mr. Justice Butt than the advice to choose a wife

He began by paying a tribute to those whose sympathies carried them beyond their Church pale. Where, he asked, was to be the limit of liberality in the face of 120 existent sects? And if there was to be this gadding about there must be reciprocity; and if that be granted then a possible inundation of female as well as male preachers.

Canon Hopkins seconded the motion, basing his argument on the principle of obedience to the fundamental law of Church order. He also laid great stress on the consideration that was due to the laity in this matter.

The Dean of Windsor expressed his agreement with the general tenor of *gravamen* and *reformandum*. He desired the omission of the words in the *gravamen* from 'that we are warned' down to 'deserving excommunication.'

This amendment was seconded by Canon Clements, who cordially concurred in the *reformandum*.

Canon Cadman supported the amendment.

Canon Rawlinson appealed to Canon Hole to accept the amendment with a view to unanimity.

Canon Hole and his seconder having expressed their willingness to take this course the amendment was carried.

Canon Medd proposed the words, 'have preached by invitation of those who are not in communion,' to replace the first words of the *reformandum*, and this was carried.

Canon Howell Evans proposed the omission of the words 'which have not been consecrated according to its use,' and this was carried.—The Dean of Windsor moved the words 'desire to express our belief that the acceptance of such invitation is not only contrary to the law of this Church and realm, but tends to hinder, rather than to promote, the unity of Christian people,' in substitution for the last clause of the *reformandum*, and this was carried. Upon this amendment Canon Bright moved 'that the words "principles and laws of the Church" be substituted for "the law of the Church and realm,"' and this was carried.—Archdeacon Randall moved, as an amendment to the *reformandum*, that the Bishops be requested to 'continue to take such steps.'—Canon Rawlinson defended the existing phraseology, upon which Canon Medd proposed to substitute 'this' for 'an,' and to cut out the words from 'which' to the end.

Canon Wild moved the omission of the word 'becoming,' which was carried.—The Dean of Windsor moved the excision of the words 'which is a great scandal in the eyes of many devout Church people.'—Canon Bernard seconded this amendment, but it was lost.

Archdeacon Harrison moved the omission of 'in consequence,' which was carried. The Benediction was then pronounced by the Bishop of Colchester, and the House rose.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ring of Eight Bells at St. Michael's, Herne Hill, Kent.

A short time back the above church contained a ring of five bells, cast at Whitechapel in 1785, but now (thanks to the generosity of E. S. Dawes, Esq., and a public subscription) it can boast of a very pretty ring of eight bells—tenor, 10 cwt., in A flat. Messrs. Warner & Sons, of the Cripplegate Foundry, have cast the three new bells and rehung the old five in a new oak frame, which was made by local tradesmen and presented by E. S. Dawes, Esq., who is also the donor of the first and second bells. Great improvements have also been made in the tower, the chamber underneath having been made into a very comfortable ringing-room, with a ceiling placed some four feet from the floor supporting the cage. A chiming apparatus has been placed on the ground-floor, where the bells used to be hung. In fact, everything has been done to render the job a success. The whole of the works were most satisfactorily brought to a conclusion on Friday, the 21st ult. The bells were rung for the first time on Thursday evening, by the following:—W. Quick, 1; C. Gordon, 2; J. Mackenny, 3; G. Giffen, 4; H. Foreman,* 5; C. Skinner, 6; W. Boulding,* 7; T. Philpott, 8: to the great delight of the villagers, there being but one opinion expressed regarding the bells, and that was that they harmonised well with the old ones and were a great improvement, while the local ringers declared that the 'go' of them left nothing to be desired. We hope soon to hear of the first 5000 being accomplished. The formal opening and dedication service was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult. Messrs. Warner also recast the tenor at the neighbouring village of Boughton in 1886—tenor, 12 cwt.—a peal of six. [Those marked * are local ringers; the rest were the hangers of the bells.]

The Surrey Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E., by the kind permission of the Rev. A. W. Jephson, on Saturday, Feb. 19th. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m. Permission has also kindly been granted to ring at Christ Church, Blackfriars, between the hours of 4.30 and 6.30 p.m.

The Report for the past year, containing a list of peals rung, times of practice at churches in union, balance-sheet, list of members, and a general account of the work done, will shortly be published, at the price of 4d. each copy to ringing members. All who wish to obtain a copy are hereby requested to inform the Hon. Secretary, through their local representatives, as soon as possible. Those who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year are requested to forward them at the same time.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon,

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

The Royal Cumberlands.

ON Friday evening, the 28th ult., an interesting event took place at this Society's headquarters, viz. the presentation of the Master's portrait. The picture is a very good likeness, and will in future adorn the walls of the Society's meeting-room, the compliment coming from a combination of ringing and private friends. In response to this well-merited tribute of esteem and respect, Mr. Henry S. Thomas responded suitably, but briefly. Beneath the portrait the following nicely-written inscription appears:—'ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—This picture was presented to this Society by friends out of respect and esteem for the Master, Mr. Henry S. Thomas, 1887.'

East Lincolnshire Change-ringing Association.

THE Members of this flourishing young Society held a meeting at Frieston on Saturday, the 29th ult. The bells of the parish church were rung without much intermission throughout the day; and those of Butterwick and Benington were also kindly placed at the service of the Society. Peals of GRANDSIRE, BOB MINOR, and other variations, were rung by successive teams of ringers. A service was held in the church at 12.45. The preacher was to have been the Dean of Lincoln, but he was unfortunately prevented from coming by a pressing engagement at Lincoln, and the Sub-Dean, the Rev. J. Clements, kindly took his place. The preacher took for his text Col. iii. 17. He first gave the words a general interpretation and application, and then considered them specially as applicable to the work of church bell-ringers. At 2 p.m. dinner was provided at the 'Bull and Dog Inn,' and forty members and friends sat down. The chair was occupied by the Rev. H. T. Cheales, president of the Society, and he was supported by the Rev. F. Besant, Vice-President. The Chairman, after some excellent remarks about the work of ringers generally, advocated that the three Ringing Societies of Lincolnshire—the North, the South, and the East—should hold a joint meeting at Lincoln this year. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Burgh.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

THE February meeting will be held on Monday, the 21st inst., at Jarrow. The bells at the disposal of the ringers will be a ring of six at Christ Church (tenor, 17 cwt.), and a peal of six at St. Peter's (tenor, 8½ cwt.). A dinner will be provided at two o'clock at the 'Queen's Arms Hotel,' 1s. to members, and 2s. 6d. to non-members. Dinner tickets should be applied for not later than Monday, February 14th, to the Secretary. A meeting of the Committee will be held at the Inn at one o'clock. Subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid to the Secretary.

16 Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a District Meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, February 19th. The following rings of bells have been placed at the disposal of the members for the day:—Crawley (8 bells), Horley (8 bells), and Charlwood (6 bells). Further details will be published.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. James's, Whitfield, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins. E. Haigh, 1; W. Harrop, 2; W. Marsden, 3; J. Maloney (College Youth), 4; H. Cooper, 5; J. Brierley, 6; J. Bradbury, 7; S. Stafford, 8. Composed by Mr. Knott, jun., of Glossop, and conducted by Mr. Haigh. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London.—Half-Muffled Peal.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERERS was rung in 3 hrs. 38 mins. W. J. Moore (first peal), 1; H. J. Davies, 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Horton (first peal of CATERERS), 4; J. Barry, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; H. Dains, 7; A. E. Church, 8; G. Newson (conductor), 9; G. R. Banks, 10. Composed by the late Mr. John Cox. The composition contains the 5th and 6th bells exclusively behind the 9th, and the large bells are in the Tittum position. The performance commemorates the second anniversary of the death of the late steeple-keeper, the composer of the peal, who retained that office for many years. It is also noteworthy that this date commemorates the first anniversary of the death of the late Mr. Henry W. Haley. The ringers desire to express their thanks to the Vear and Wardens of this church for use of the bells.

At the Parish Church, Low Moor, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the West Riding of Yorkshire and Yorkshire Association rang a Birthday peal of 10,176 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 6 hrs. 5 mins. L. Illingworth, 1; J. Worsnop, 2; A. Wilkinson, 3; G. Taylor, 4; W. Tordoff, 5; H. Deansfield, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; E. Dracup, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Composed by Mr. Sottanastall and conducted by Mr. Dracup. The above was rung to celebrate the forty-fifth birthday of Mr. Thomas Pickard, one of the Low Moor ringers. This is the longest length ever rung on the bells. Illingworth came from Liversedge; Taylor, Dewsbury; Dransfield, Brierley Lane (late of Earlsheaton); and the rest from Low Moor.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury, first peal in the method), 2; N. N. Hills (St. Albans), 3; H. Springhall, 4; H. G. Fairbrass (Canterbury), 5; S. E. Joyce, 6; F. G. Newman, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8.

At Holy Trinity, Hull.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang Lates' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. Sowthwick, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; J. Dixey, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. The above peal, which was now rung for the first time by the Association, is the first peal in the method by the ringers.

At the Parish Church, Ross, Herefordshire.

ON Wednesday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Clark,* 1; H. Bird, 2; A. Russell,* 3; J. G. Wall, 4; E. Turner,* 5; A. Bird, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; R. Clark, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. [* First peal.]

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. Bedwell, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; W. E. Tydeman (Salisbury, first peal in the method), 4; W. Bowles, 5; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 6; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. It was intended to start for a 'William Peal,' but, on account of Mr. W. H. Freeman being unable to come, Mr. A. G. Freeman kindly rang in his place.

At Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. W. E. Garrard (first peal), 1; J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 2; J. M. Hayes, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; W. Battle, 7; R. T. Woodley, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The conductor is nineteen years of age, and this is his first attempt at calling a peal. Messrs. J. M. Hayes, R. T. Woodley, and W. E. Garrard came from London; the others from St. Albans, Herts.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 9th ult., for Divine service, six members of the Bedfordshire Association rang 720 KENT TREBLE BOB (9 bobs) in 24 mins. E. Norman, 1; E. Lewin, 2; W. Mynard, 3; J. Carwell-Cooke, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, the 11th ult., for practice, 360 PLAIN BOB. W. Smith, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; Rev. J. C. Maltby (Rector), 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; W. Chibnall, 6. And 360 COLLEGE SINGLE. E. Lewin, 4; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6; the others as before.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On Sunday, the 9th ult., for Divine service in the evening, the local company rang 720 PLAIN BOB in 27 mins. L. Digweed, 1; A. Cornford, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Monday, the 10th ult., the following persons rang some 120's of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, with 4, 6, 8 covering:—A. Fenwick,* 1; G. Ilsey,* 2; W. Fenwick,* 3; J. Faithfull,* 4; G. Trinder,* 5; A. Green,* 6; W. H. George [Pinner and London], (conductor), 7; G. Gould,* 8. [* Cumberlands. † Local man. ‡ College Youth.]

AT WYMESWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Mourning Peals of BOB MINOR were rung on Wednesday evening, the 12th ult., in memory of the late Mr. Marshall Brown, who was churchwarden, a ringer, and a chief supporter of ringing at Wymeswold. The ringers will feel his loss severely. John Brooks, sen., 1; A. Cresser, 2; E. D. Taylor (Loughborough), 3; J. W. Taylor, sen. (Loughborough), 4; R. W. Charles, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun. (Loughborough), 6.

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—On Sunday evening, the 16th ult., before Divine service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 42 mins. C. Chaplin, 1; W. Broadbent, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; W. Partington, 4; H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

ON Monday, the 7th inst., 2520 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 27 mins. C. Chaplin, 1; A. Wood, 2; W. Broadbent, 3; W. Partington, 4; W. Coppage (Waterloo Society), 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8.

AT HUNTSWOLD, DEVON.—On Sunday, the 16th ult., between morning and afternoon services, a peal of 720 TREBLE BOB MINOR in half-pulls, and 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES in whole-pulls (back-stroke muffled), as a tribute of respect for the late Lord Idlesleigh, was rung by J. Norrish, 1; H. Payne, 2; W. Heard, 3; J. Heard, 4; H. Tucker, 5; Colonel Troyte (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, ASHFORD, KENT.—On Friday evening, December 17th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Canon Alcock), seven members of the Aldington Branch of the Kent County Association and one from Mersham visited this place, and rang 2016 BOB MAJOR in 1 hr. 20 mins. Also on Friday, the 14th ult., the same party attempted 5040 BOB MAJOR; but after ringing 800 changes the conductor called 'Stand!' two bells having changed course. W. Post, jun., 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; F. Wanstall, 3; G. Paine (Mersham), 4; F. Wanstall, 5; E. Hyder, 6; W. Hyder (conductor), 7; P. Hodgkin, 8. This fine ring of eight is now in good going order. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Tuesday, the 18th ult., 79 treble leads of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in commemoration of Mr. James Harrison's seventy-ninth birthday, were rung by J. Croucher, 1; J. Harrison, 2; J. Fisher, 3; F. Finn, 4; H. Croucher, 5; S. Barker (conductor), 6; F. Slingsby, 7; G. Millen, 8. Mr. Harrison's brother-ringers wish him health and strength to take part in the ringing on his eightieth anniversary.

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. Gifford, Salisbury; North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association (next week); J. C. Mitchell; St. Albans; J. R. Jerram; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Marriage of Poor Clergy.

SIR,—I have read with some care the correspondence in your columns on the subject of the marriage of poor clergy. I have been hoping from week to week to see two points brought forward which appear to me of importance, but which, so far as I know, have not been touched upon by any of the writers. I should like, though with diffidence, as I am not a clergyman myself, to mention these, and also to give two recent experiences of my own, which seem to me to bear on the question. I will give these first.

In the course of last year business led me into a remote country district. I had known it well in former years, and the clergyman of the parish kindly offered me hospitality. He was one of the numerous army of poor clergy; he had married young, and he was the father of eleven children, nine of whom at the time of my visit were alive. The eldest was a son aged twenty-six; there were five other sons and three daughters. All these children had been educated at home, regularly and thoroughly, by the father and mother, and from childhood they had been trained to wait upon themselves and on each other. The two elder sons wished to enter the Church. Their father took two pupils, and, by dint of hard living and hard working, sent both the sons to Oxford, where, with no training but their father's, they went creditably through their college career. One has been ordained priest, the other is about to be ordained deacon. The third son did not wish to take Holy Orders; he was put into business. There still remain at home three daughters and three young sons. There is one maid-of-all-work, and each week one of the daughters is the cook, one house-and-parlour maid, and one the 'young lady' for the week. I can assure 'A Bachelor who has not yet thought of Marriage' that their hands are not red, and that they are very fond of a good game at lawn tennis. The house was full of life and brightness, though it was by no means summer when I was there, and very evident to a reflective person that most of the family must have risen before it was light, and got through no mean portion of the day's work before I saw them gathered for family prayers. In the evening it may surprise the aforesaid bachelor to hear that the usual custom was for one daughter to sit down to the piano, and for another daughter and two sons to take their violins—purchased, doubtless, at the cost of much self denial—and play in concert. It may be said, then, if the children were so well educated the parish must have been neglected. I can only say that, during the twenty years of this gentleman's incumbency, schools have been built and the church restored, and this without the aid of a single large proprietor or resident gentleman in the parish. I could say a good deal more about this family, but I fear to trespass too much upon your space, and will turn to the other picture.

Curiously enough, I found myself, shortly afterwards, an inmate of another clerical household. This gentleman held a family living nearly double the value of the other, but he had never afforded himself a wife, though he had several servants. He was now old, and for him the outside and growing world was a somewhat tiresome and encroaching stranger. I left my poor friend's large family, cheered and refreshed. I left my comfortable friend's solitary home saddened, and anxious to escape into fresh air, both literally and figuratively.

I have but two more things to say. One is that it seems to me, as a loyal though lay member of the Church, a very strange thing that it should be counted wrong for a clergyman, dying before he can put them out in the world, to leave his widow and young children dependent on the Church. What would the Apostles have said? If the widows and children of ordinary members of the Church had so much claim to support that deacons were told off for no other purpose than to minister to them, how much more the widows and children of their pastors! I am poor myself, but if our vicar were to die to-morrow and leave his wife and children penniless, I should be the first to acknowledge that they had a claim on me, in common with other members of the Church, until they could support themselves.

And yet there is one word I should like to say to the clergy. I think, though I say it in all humility, it is what the Apostles would have said. If you are young and very poor, with not much chance of being anything else for some time to come—'lead about a wife, a sister.' Choose your wife, with prayer, with hearty love, and then devote the first years of your married life to the service of God alone. Work together, dwell together, as man and wife in name, as brother and sister in truth.

A LAY RECTOR.

SIR,—'A. M. A.' says that it will greatly add to the practical value of the advice I gave if I will say how much per annum out of a salary of 130*l.*, or at most 150*l.*, a man who has to keep up the appearance of a gentleman may be expected to save. Permit me to reply. I should say 50*l.* out of the former sum, 70*l.* out of the latter. Let us take the lower amount. Suppose him to invest his savings at only three per cent interest. 50*l.* a-year would amount in nine years, with compound interest, to something like 530*l.* He could furnish such a house as 'A. M. A.' describes for 130*l.* This would leave him 400*l.*, which, with his curate's stipend, would enable him as a married man, practising the habits of economy to which he had accustomed himself, to tide over, not one, but, if necessary, several years of waiting for the living, without asking his friends, or any charitable society, for a halfpenny.

I fancy I can see the broad smile with which 'A. M. A.' and others have read thus far. Allow me, then, to support what I have said with something of my own experience. As I write under a *nom de plume* I think there can be no objection to my doing so. It is not quite nine years since I was ordained deacon. During this time I have paid about 25*l.* for my M.A. degree, which, of course, many do not take. I have repaid to my father 400*l.* of my college expenses, which was all he desired. This, too, most men would not be ex-

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

ON Wednesday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the above Association met at Great Grimsby, at the request of the Vicar, to ring a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and thus celebrate the opening of the new ring of bells which has lately been placed in the tower of St. James's Church. After raising the bells in peal, a start was made about one o'clock for Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; but, unfortunately, after ringing for fifty-two minutes, the bells broke down, owing to the seventh bell 'throwing' her rope, and setting at the back-stroke. After readjusting the rope, it was decided to ring a half-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Ten-part), time not allowing for a full peal being rung, and this half-peal was successfully brought 'home' in 97 mins. The ringers who took part were:—W. Lunn, 1; M. W. Ashton, 2; H. Burkitt, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; T. Pattison, 5; I. Vickers, 6; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; C. Brewin, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. At half-past four o'clock the company sat down to a capital dinner at the 'White Hart,' the Rev. J. P. Young (vicar of Grimsby) presiding. The Secretary of the Association (Mr. W. Lunn) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Grimsby, for the honour they had conferred upon the Association in allowing them to formally open the bells. The Chairman responded, and expressed his obligation to the Association for coming forward. The early departure of the evening train necessitated an early departure of the visitors, whose only regret was that circumstances over which they had no control had prevented the peal being accomplished.

The Lancashire Association.

A RINGING MEETING will be held at New Hey, near Rochdale, on Saturday, February 19th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

JOEL REDFORD, A. HOLME, *Hon. Secs.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild (Reading Branch).

THE Annual Meeting will be held on Monday evening, the 21st inst., at the 'Wheatheaf' Hotel. Supper will be laid on the table at 7.30 p.m. precisely. An allowance of 1s. 6d. will be made to all ringing members of the Branch. Members intending to be present must send word *without fail* to the Secretary, before Friday, February 18th, stating how many friends are likely to accompany them. No allowance will be made to members who have not thus signified their intentions. Any friends from a distance will receive a hearty welcome, but are requested to send intimation beforehand.

Caversham, February 9th.

G. F. COLERIDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

MEMBERS are requested to attend St. Martin's belfry, 7.30 p.m. sharp, Friday next, February 25th, and Meeting-room 8.30 p.m., to oblige the Master.

HENRY DAINES, *Hon. Sec.*

Waltham Abbey Society, Essex.

CHANGE OF HEAD-QUARTERS.—The Waltham Abbey Society beg to notify to all concerned that they have removed their head-quarters from the 'Three Tuns,' Market Place, to the 'Green Dragon,' Market Place, Waltham Abbey. All inquiring friends or intending visitors are requested therefore, in all instances, to forward their communications to the head-quarters, addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

WALTER DYMCK.

[Meeting nights every alternate Saturday, commencing February 12th.]

St. Martin's Society, Birmingham.

NOTICE.—Mr. Johnson's seventy-eighth Birthday Anniversary Dinner will take place at 'St. Martin's Hotel' on Monday, February 28th, at six o'clock. Tickets 3s. each, application to be made on or before the 21st inst. All friends wishing to take part in it will be welcome. A peal of STEDMAN CINQUES is contemplated to be started for on that date at two o'clock.

Fentham Road, Birchfields, Birmingham.

W. KENT.

Ringers' Dinner at Salisbury.

THE Annual Dinner of the united ringers of the belfries in Salisbury was held at the 'Shoulder of Mutton Inn' on Monday week. Mr. Councillor Fullford presided, and was supported by the Rev. T. J. Woodall, Rev. S. Dugdale, Mr. Councillor Dear, and Rev. A. C. Gibson. Justice having been done to an excellent dinner, the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen, which was then drunk, and a verse of the National Anthem sung. The next toast was that of the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The Chairman proposed the health of the Bishop and Clergy, and in so doing he called attention to the very difficult position which the clergy had to occupy in the present agitated state of the religious and political elements. The Rev. T. J. Woodall and the Rev. A. C. Gibson responded in a few suitable words, and Mr. Woodall apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who was out of town that day. Mr. Jerram gave the health of the Mayor and Corporation, coupled with the names of Councillors Dear and Fullford, which toast was heartily received. Both gentlemen replied in a few suitable words. The Chairman then proposed 'Success to Ringers, and especially the Salisbury Diocesan Guild,' calling attention to the great improvements in the local belfries made lately, in the shape of two new bells at St. Edmund's and two new bells at St. Martin's. He said that he hoped they were now in a fair way towards getting St. Thomas's bells rehung, which had been in a disgraceful state for so long. With the toast he coupled the names of Messrs. T. Blackburn, J. Short, J. R. Jerram, and J. Parsons. Each of those gentlemen responded, and called attention to the progress of change-ringing, till lately unknown in Wiltshire. Mr. J. Parsons, sen., spoke of the disgraceful state of belfries years ago, when men thought nothing of eating, drinking, and smoking in them, and when bells were

seldom if ever rung for strictly Church purposes. Mr. Short also touched upon the same subject, and spoke of what used to take place in St. Thomas's belfry in his younger days. Mr. Short proposed the health of the Chairman, and Mr. Blackburn that of the Vice-Chairman. Both gentlemen suitably responded.

Woughton-on-the-Green, Bucks.

It has been recently decided, at a meeting of the parish, to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee by recasting an ancient bell which has been cracked nearly forty years, to tune the other three bells, and to put the ring of four bells into good working order. A former generation of ringers tried in vain to stop the crack at various stages by drilling holes and filing the bell to get at the end of the crack, but they did not succeed. The labour of these ringers in trying to make their bell sound must have been very great. An old ringer says that they spent very many nights at their laudable task, each in his turn taking the file as the other became tired.

Death of a Ringer.

WE are sorry to record the death of Mr. Thomas Wallwork of Walkden, who had been a Warden at the parish church for upwards of thirty years. He was taken to his rest on the 3rd inst., and was interred at the parish church on the 7th inst. At the close of the ceremony a muffled peal was rung by the local company in 29 mins. W. Denyer (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Dakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. R. Wright, 1; J. Harrop, 2; R. Shaw, 3; G. D. Hadfields, 4; W. Middleton, 5; M. Williamson, 6; G. Braddock, 7; T. Braddock, 8. Composed by Mr. Dains and conducted by Mr. Wright. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At the Parish Church, West Malling, Kent.

ON Wednesday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. R. Simmonds, 1; C. Payne, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; A. Moorcraft, 4; E. Baldock, 5; D. Hall, 6; S. Snelling, 7; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At the Parish Church, Warnham, Sussex.

ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5040 CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. G. Charman (composer and conductor), 1; W. Short, 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Andrews, 4; H. Cook, 5; H. Burstow, 6; H. Chanler, 7; T. Hogsflesh, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. The above is the first peal rung in the method.

At the Parish Church, Micheldean, Gloucester.

ON Friday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Reversed) in 2 hrs. 51 mins. H. Bird, 1; W. Honeyfield, Esq. (Monmouth), 2; J. G. Wall, 3; J. Atkins, 4; J. Jones (Monmouth), 5; A. Bird, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; R. Clark, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Chad's, Saddleworth, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire and United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5056 ALBION MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. J. Brierley (composer and conductor), 1; J. Radcliffe, 2; J. Holden, 3; J. Wrigley, 4; J. L. Buckley, 5; E. Buckley, 6; J. H. Shaw, 7; J. Wood, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. The first peal of ALBION MAJOR on the bells, and the first in the method by all the above, who are members of the local company and of the above Association.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang Holt's Original (Reversed) peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 46 mins. A. J. Keit, 1; T. Maynard, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; H. Nunn, jun., 4; R. Maynard, 5; J. H. Wilkins, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; W. Crockford, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

At St. Mary Matfelon's, Whitechapel, London.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. W. Cecil, 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; W. Tanner, 3; H. Springall, 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; E. Wallage, 6; E. Horrex, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. This is the first peal rung on the bells in the new tower. Tenor, 20 cwt. The last peal was rung in the old tower in 1875, and was reported in *Church Bells* as follows:—'On Thursday, January 7th, 1875, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. R. Haworth (conductor), 1; W. Jones, 2; G. Tanner, 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Reeves, 5; W. Tanner, 6; J. M. Hayes, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. The last peal on the bells before the demolition of the tower and church, the workmen beginning to take down the tower the next day.'

At St. Mary's, Slough, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. W. Baron, 1; A. C. Fussell (first peal as conductor), 2; W. Coppage, 3; C. E. Malim, Esq., 4; W. Wilder, 5; H. S. Thomas, Esq., 6; A. G. Thomas, Esq., 7; J. Pursey (first peal), 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt. This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles last year by Frederick Charsley, Esq., a great benefactor to this town, and the ringers take the opportunity, through the medium of *Church Bells*, to thank him for his munificent gift.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. B. Sugden, 1; S. Johnson, 2; J. Howe, 3; J. Griffin, 4; G. Hingley, 5; W. Hickling, 6; H. Wakley, 7; A. P. Heywood (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. In this peal, which was now rung for the first time, the 2nd and 3rd are never in the 6th's place.

On Sunday, the 30th ult., for evening service, the following persons rang a quarter-peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 46 mins. B. Sugden, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; E. Moreton, 4; G. Hinkley, 5; A. Robinson, 6; J. Howe, 7; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 8.

At Aston-juxta-Birmingham.

On Monday, the 7th inst., five members of the Holt Society met at the residence of Mr. W. Kent, and rang upon handbells retained in hand a peal of 5013 STEDMAN CATERS in 2 hrs. 55 mins. H. Bastable (conductor), 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; B. Witchell, 5-6; G. Townsend (first peal of STEDMAN), 7-8; H. Johnson, jun., 9-10. Composed by H. Johnson, sen. This peal, which had not been previously performed, contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th, with 7, 8, 9 in Tittum position, and the treble a 2nd bell, and was rung in the presence of Mr. John Buffery and Mr. Thomas Reynolds, who marked off each course-end as it was rung. This is the first peal of STEDMAN CATERS rung on handbells out of London, also the first in the method by the above on handbells. It may be interesting to know that three of the above members took part in the first peal ever rung on handbells in Birmingham—viz., Hy. Johnson, W. Kent, and H. Bastable (conductor), which was GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, on July 30th, 1873.

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

On Monday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang a peal of 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 34 mins. J. Austin, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal is a variation by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Middleton's original peal. The members of the St. Paul's Society decided on January 1st this year to commence learning the above method, but owing to illness very little was done in the early part of the month. A plain course was accomplished for the first time on January 20th, and short touches were rung on the 27th and 30th, and on February 3rd and 6th.

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

On Friday, the 11th inst., a lecture on Church Bells was delivered in connexion with the Wood Green Institute by Mr. W. Mawer, F.G.S., the Vicar occupying the chair. A company of handbell-ringers, under the leadership of Mr. Haworth, illustrated the lecture by examples of change-ringing, airs, &c., and were greeted with loud applause. We understand that Mr. Mawer is willing to repeat the lecture in other parishes.

At St. Giles', Camberwell, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., a peal of 5130 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 33 mins. by members of the St. James' Society. J. Davidson,* 1; J. Bonny,* 2; C. Fussell,* 3; H. Langdon, 4; R. French, 5; W. H. Judd,† 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; W. Jones, 8; A. Hayward, 9; T. Coxhead, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. Composed by the late H. Booth, conducted by R. French. [* First peal of CATERS. † First peal of CATERS with a bob bell.]

At Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; J. Barry, 2; J. Horton, 3; H. J. Davies, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; A. E. Church, 6; G. Newson (conductor), 7; W. G. Wild, 8. Mr. Meads (who is an old Cumberland) came from Hayward's Heath, Sussex. This is his first peal, and was arranged for him on the previous evening at St. Martin's Lane, W.C. It is the quickest peal on the bells. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Monday, the 3rd ult., 1160 changes in the following methods were rung: 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR and 440 COLLEGE SINGLE. G. Smith, 1; F. Strugnell, 2; J. Johnson, 3; J. Collin, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, the 30th, for Divine service in the evening, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE, in 26 mins. H. Smith, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Johnson, 3; F. Strugnell, 4; F. H. Brewer, 5; H. Deal (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by G. Smith with a bob bell. All communications to be addressed to F. H. Brewer, High Street, Rayleigh, Essex.

At ST. MICHAEL'S, TWERTON-ON-AVON, NEAR BATH.—On Thursday, the 13th ult., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Ten-part peal, was rung. G. Temple, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3; J. Wotton, 4; J. Blackmore, 5; G. Daltry, 6; H. Wotton, 7; E. Bendall, 8. Also on Sunday, the 16th ult., at the same church, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. H. Tucker, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3; J. Wotton, 4; J. Blackmore, 5; G. Daltry, 6; H. Wotton, 7; G. Temple, 8. And 384 GRANDSIRE MAJOR, G. Temple and J. Hinton changing places, the others standing as before.

At KENN, DEVON.—On Tuesday, the 18th ult., six members of the Kenn band of the Devonshire Guild rang a muffled peal as a mark of respect to the late Earl of Iddesleigh, who was an honorary member of the above Guild. A. T. Truman, E. Truman, H. Skinner, W. Woolacotte, T. Cleal, and G. J. Truman.

At BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday evening, the 18th ult., six members of the St. Lawrence's Society rang for practice 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 27 mins. H. Barnes, 1; S. Romans (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; G. Miles, 3; J. R. Wilkins, 4; A. A. Waite

(conductor), 5; J. Yeates, 6. On Sunday morning, the 23rd ult., prior to Divine service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (9 bobs) in 26 mins. H. Barnes, 1; G. Miles, 2; W. Sevier, 3; J. Yeates, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G. This 720 TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung to celebrate the return home of Mr. W. Sevier, after being absent for about six months in the north of England. His brother-ringers were much pleased to receive him. He arrived home just in time to fulfil the office of an instructor for the above Association.

At CLIFFE, ROCHESTER, KENT.—On Saturday evening, the 22nd ult., some members of the St. Margaret's Company, Rochester, paid a visit to the above place and rang 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, with the sixth and eighth behind, in 32 mins.; and also assisted the Cliffe company to ring several touches of TRIPLES. E. Rayner, 1; J. Rayner, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Tulett, 4; W. Baker (conductor), 5; A. Ring, 6; E. Andrews, 7; J. P. Kidd, 8. E. Andrews belongs to the Royal Engineers' Band.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, the 31st ult., the following members of the Glemsford Society of Change-ringers, in company with Mr. Charles Sillitoe of Sudbury, rang a peal of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 30 mins. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

At ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.—For some considerable time past the ringers of the above church have entertained a desire to perform some creditable change-ringing on the bells. They have been prevented, however, from doing so owing to the eleventh bell being in a bad condition. Notice was given to the churchwardens, and an order for the rehanging of the bell was sent to the firm of John Taylor & Co., bell-founders, Loughborough. They at once despatched two men, who thoroughly rehung her, and she now rings as well as any bell in the tower. This was proved by a lad sixteen years of age being able to ring her with ease. On Monday evening, the 31st ult., the ringers met at the church and rang a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on the lower eight, to celebrate the rehanging, in 56 mins. G. Staddon, 1; A. Anderson, Esq., 2; E. Duckham, 3; E. Beak, 4; W. Emery, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; W. Parsons, 7; R. Watkins and G. Stallard, 8. Tenor, 50 cwt., in C.

At ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, LONDON.—On Monday, the 31st ult., ten members of the St. James's Society attempted Hubbard's peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS, but after ringing 3 hrs. 11 mins. a shift course occurred, and the bells were brought round. W. H. Manning (Pinner), 1; W. W. Thorne, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; J. Barry, 4; H. Langdon, 5; R. French (conductor), 6; R. Woodley, 7; W. H. Fussell, 8; W. H. George (Pinner and London), 9; A. Hayward, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Monday, the 31st ult., for practice, 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Randall, 1; A. Squires, 2; F. Furr, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; J. Foster, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, the 1st inst., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Dains,* 1; H. F. de Lisle, 2; J. Dains, 3; C. Waskitt, 4; W. Piper,* 5; A. Tarbun, 6; E. Scotcher (conductor), 7; J. Bloomfield, 8. [* First quarter-peal]

At ST. MARGARET'S, BARKING, ESSEX.—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Essex Association started for a peal of Bon Major, but lost it through a 'shift' after ringing about an hour. Afterwards 720 Bon Major was rung by W. Nash, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; R. Sewell, 5; W. Lebbon, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; T. Scarlett, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt.. This peal was started to commemorate the birthday of one of the ringers, and would have been the first peal in this method by six of the band.

At ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Saturday, the 5th inst., 757 STEDMAN CATERS were rung by E. Bennett (conductor), 1; J. Branch, 2; G. Russell, 3; A. B. Carpenter, 4; W. Burkin, 5; J. Trappitt, 6; J. Plowman, 7; G. Welling, 8; C. Gordon, 9; E. Burtenshaw, 10.

At ST. MARY'S, WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Saturday, the 6th inst., for Divine service, 720 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MINOR was rung in 24 mins. R. Moss, 1; B. E. Battrum, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, for practice, 360 SUPERLATIVE. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett (conductor), 5; B. E. Battrum, 6. 360 CAMBRIDGE. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; B. E. Battrum, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, the 13th inst., 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR in 25 mins. G. Hyde, 1; B. E. Battrum, 2; C. Hyde, 3; J. Cooley, 4; A. Garrett, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

At ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH, KENT.—On Sunday, the 6th inst., for Divine service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 33 mins. G. Hogg, 1; H. Bright, 2; W. E. Tydeman (Salisbury), 3; H. Harman, 4; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 6; E. Richard, 7; R. Carter, 8.

At CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—Lately, five members of the Loughton Society rang for Divine service six 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. G. Perry, 1; J. Rann, 2; E. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; W. Lebbon, 5. This was rung on the occasion of the reopening of the church, which is now a splendid building. This is the first six 6-scores ever rung on the bells, several previous attempts having failed owing to the long flight and the incessant clattering of the ropes against the galleries, which have now been removed, but still it is no easy matter to ring the bells in change-ringing. Tenor, about 15 cwt.

ST. PAUL'S, FISHERTON, SALISBURY.—The tenor bell, which has been cracked for nearly two years, was last week removed by Mr. T. Blackburn, and sent to the foundry of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, London, to be recast.

RECEIVED ALSO:—H. Dains; Birmingham (date touch); C. W. Clarke (Bedford) W. T. Pates (Cheltenham); Richards (Plumstead); and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Records of Peal-ringing near Oxford.

DURING the course of last week, as will appear from a perusal of the following records of peal-ringing, some most excellent results were achieved in the neighbourhood of Oxford. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, near Abingdon, had invited Mr. A. Percival Heywood, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Mr. Herbert Baker, to pay him a ringing visit, and to the great kindness and excellent organization of their host was due the success which attended the proceedings. The company met at Abingdon on Monday afternoon, and, with the help of Mr. Betteridge and Mr. Fulker (from Drayton, Oxon), Mr. Hounslow (of Oxford), and Mr. Washbrook (whose services for the week were kindly spared by the Hon. Sec. of the Oxon Guild), rang a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, being the first peal in the method on the bells. The visitors then drove home to Drayton, Berks, starting early next morning for a drive to Dorchester, which was reached at eleven. Here an attempt was made unsuccessfully for a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE. After dinner, however, an excellent peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by the same band as on the previous day, excepting only that Mr. F. Field took the place of Mr. Fulker. On Wednesday morning, after proceeding by train from Stevenston to Didcot, where they were joined by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and walking thence to Hagbourne, a start was made for a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, which came to grief through a rope slipping the wheel just after the third quarter-peal end. The band stood thus:—A. P. Heywood, 1; H. D. Betteridge, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; Rev. C. Davies, 4; J. Washbrook, 5; H. Baker, 6; A. Thomas (late of Birmingham), 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8. This mishap was, however, well repaired by a most excellent peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE at Drayton in the evening, as recorded below. On Thursday the company divided, the one part proceeding to Appleton, where a good peal of STEDMAN CATERS was accomplished; the other part, who are members of the Oxford University Society, dining with the latter at their annual dinner at Abingdon. On Thursday evening Mr. Heywood was unfortunately compelled to return home to attend a meeting on the following morning; Mr. Coleridge also had to leave. On Friday the party drove to Appleton, where 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was accomplished. The evening was concluded with some plain courses of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR. On Saturday morning Mr. Davies and Mr. Baker returned home, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable week; the weather, too, with the exception of a slight drizzle on Friday, having been most propitious.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

THE anniversary of this Association was celebrated at Stroud on Monday, the 7th inst. The proceedings commenced, as usual, with a shortened service in the parish church, at which there were only about twenty members present. The Rev. Pitt Eykyn intoned, the Vicar, Rev. H. D'Ombraïn, read the lesson, Ephes. iv., and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies preached the sermon. The hymns, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' and 'O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see,' were led by several younger members of the choir. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies selected as his text St. Matt. xx. 16, 'The last shall be first, and the first last.' The meeting was held shortly after service in the Corn Hall, the Rev. the Master presiding. The following were among the members present:—Messrs. G. Latham, F. Stevens, C. King, J. Nash, W. S. Sloman (Stroud), W. Hale, J. Wager, A. Gwinnett, A. Trigg (Painswick), F. Howell (Thornbury), J. Middlecote (Upton St. Leonards), H. Roberts (Deerhurst), J. Wilkins (Gloucester), and W. Sevier (Upton St. Leonards), the Instructor. It was stated that the Ven. Archdeacon Sheringham had been prevented from giving the address in church by duties in Convocation. Six new members were elected. The meeting was chiefly taken up with the Instructor's report, which gave particulars of instruction given at Tytherington, Thornbury, Iron Acton, Chipping Sodbury, and Wotton-under-Edge. It was mentioned that a large number of apologies from hon. members had been received for non-attendance. The dinner was served in the hall at one o'clock. About thirty sat down. The vicar, Rev. H. D'Ombraïn, presided, supported by Rev. T. Keble, Bisley, Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rev. F. Smith, Rev. E. H. Hawkins, and Mr. W. Hobbs. A short toast list was gone through at the conclusion of the repast. The Chairman, in submitting 'Church and Queen,' said very few words of commendation were required in any assembly of Englishmen, especially in a company of church bellringers. In giving next the toast of the day, 'Success to the Association,' he coupled with it the name of the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. This gentleman, who was cordially received on rising to respond, said although this was the first time the Association had visited Stroud for six years, he hoped the local company would not think they had been slighted, as there had been no intention on the part of the Association to neglect Stroud. It had been more of an oversight than anything else. He wished more members were present, but perhaps this was partly owing to short notice. It was customary for the Master to refer to the condition and work of the Association. He thought they were in a fair way of getting on better than in the past. He confessed that he did not think they could congratulate themselves upon the work of the past; they had really done very little; they had now been an Association since January 8th, 1878, and really, speaking merely from a change-ringing point of view, they had done very little. He had been through the peals rung by the Association, and he did not think they exceeded a dozen, whereas the Midland Counties' Association rang about fifty peals per annum. They would agree with him that they were behind-hand, because he believed they had just as many peals—three of twelve, two or three of ten, and he might say endless peals of eight, and therefore with regard to change-

ringing they ought to have accomplished more. But with improved funds they had been able to appoint an Instructor, a step which he thought would be productive of very much good. The Instructor went to Thornbury, where there were five towers, twice a week, and he thought they might look for an accession of members and of peals from that part of the diocese in consequence. From a belfry reform point of view he thought that the Association had been useful. He appealed to them to work hard during the next few months, so that at the end of ten years they might have a good record to point to. The Rev. Pitt Eykyn, in proposing 'The Health of the Chairman,' said the Association had been warmly received by the Vicar. When he wrote to him to ask him if they might come, Mr. D'Ombraïn at once replied, telling them that he should be glad to see and welcome them. They were indebted to the Vicar for the use of the church, for his presence there, and for his presidency at that dinner. The Chairman said it had been a great pleasure to him to place the church and tower at their disposal. He must not forget to give them a message from the veteran bell-ringer, Giles Mansfield, who desired him to give them all kind wishes and to say that it would afford him great pleasure to see any of them. The Rev. T. Keble gave 'The Officers of the Association,' coupled with the name of the indefatigable hon. sec., who did his work in a most exemplary way. The Rev. Pitt Eykyn, in responding, regretted the absence of Mr. Witts, the Treasurer, through family circumstances, and said all the officers were united and worked in harmony, which insured the best results for the Association, while they now welcomed amongst them another friend in the form of an Instructor. Their prospects were better than ever before, and he should only be too willing to do anything in his power to further the objects in view. This concluded the toast list, and the company separated.

Various touches were rung on the Church bells during the day, including 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES before the business meeting, followed subsequently by several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOB MINOR, STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE CATERS, PLAIN BOB, and BOB MAJOR. In the evening the members of the Stroud Branch, assisted by a member from Painswick and another from Gloucester, rang a touch of 1400 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 50 mins. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnett (Painswick), 2; C. King, 3; J. Wilkins (Gloucester), 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham (conductor), 6; W. Sloman, 7; G. Smith, 8.

Death of a well-known Essex Ringer.

MR. HENRY PRIOR, sen., who had been staying for the benefit of his health at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Litson, Eastbourne, expired there on Friday, February 4th, and his remains were brought thence on Tuesday, the interment taking place in the parish churchyard of Stanstead Mountfichet, Essex, on Wednesday, February 9th. Mr. Prior, who was in his fifty-eighth year, was a member of the Royal Cumberland Society and of the Essex Association, had been a ringer from his boyhood, and was well known to campanologists in Essex and adjacent counties; and had his death and funeral been more widely known there is no doubt a larger company of change-ringers would have wended their way towards Stanstead, to show their regard to so ardent a lover of the art. The mourners included the widow, five sons, four daughters, and numerous other relations, besides Messrs. H. J. Tucker and W. H. Tucker, Bishop Stortford; J. Mumford, Henham; G. Harvey and H. Ward, Manuden; G. Martin, E. Pitstow, F. Pitstow, and N. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden; G. Rochester and N. W. Tarling, Sawbridgeworth; I. Cavill, J. Cavill, J. Luckey, G. Gray, and W. Watts, Stanstead. The grave is situated near the foot of the tower, under the shade of a fine cedar-tree, a spot in every way suitable for one who had passed it so often. Immediately after the funeral a muffled 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung. G. Rochester, 1; G. Martin, 2; N. J. Pitstow, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; F. Pitstow (conductor), 6. On Saturday evening, the 12th inst., at St. Michael's, Bishop Stortford, Herts, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 1260 changes, was rung in 47 mins. W. Rickett, 1; C. Martin, 2; G. Martin, 3; A. Tucker, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6; W. H. Tucker, 7; J. Seatey, 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Prior, sen., of Stanstead, Essex.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Wednesday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (Duffield Branch) rang a peal of BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Howe, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Wakley, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; G. Hingley, 5; W. Hickling, 6; B. Sugden, 7; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. This peal, which was composed for the occasion, was rung at Mr. Wakley's request, he being anxious to include this method in his 100 peals, this being his 99th. The composition contains the full extent of the combinations of 4, 5, and 6, in 5-6; the 2nd and 3rd being never in 6th's place, and only five and three courses respectively in fifth's place. This peal is the quickest yet rung on the bells in a peal of MAJOR.

On Friday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. B. Sugden, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; E. Moreton, 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson, 6; J. Howe, 7; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (composer and conductor), 8. This peal, which is now performed for the first time, was rung at the first attempt, and is the first peal in the method by all except the conductor. It is also the third within a week, all three being in different methods. The composition is in four parts, without a bob at 6.

At All Saints', Bristol.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. W. Paddock, 1

Pymm, 2; W. Porch, 3; J. York (first peal, and a member of St. Stephen's Society), 4; A. Howell, 5; J. Hinton, 6; H. Tucker, 7; H. Porch (conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F. The average age of the above ringers is nineteen years.

At St. John the Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, Sussex.

On Friday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Sussex Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 2 hrs. 48½ mins. J. Jay, 1; G. F. Attree (conductor), 2; G. Howse, 3; T. Smith, 4; C. Tyler, 5; J. Searle, 6; T. Hart, 7; H. Weston, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. Howse, Smith, and Hart, are members of the Eastbourne Branch; the rest belong to Brighton. These bells have just been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and give great satisfaction, as the above performance will testify. They are a very good ring, were cast by Mears in 1837, and remain intact. The church is of great antiquity, in many styles of architecture, early Norman and Perpendicular prevailing; it has a square brick tower, built in the place of the old steeple, which collapsed in 1698. The building has recently been thoroughly restored, and contains the remains, in a chapel, of William de Warrene and Gundrada, his wife, fifth daughter of William the Conqueror, founder of the famous priory of St. Pancras. They were found enclosed in leaden cists, or cases, in excavating for the construction of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway. The ringers partook of a meat-tea, at the conclusion of the peal, under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Richardson.

At St. Mary's, Cardington, Bedfordshire.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., a peal of 5088 **BOB MAJOR** was rung in 3 hrs. 16 mins. J. N. Frossell, 1; W. Allan, 2; F. Pitstow, 3; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 4; W. G. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; I. Hills, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat. This was the first peal in the method on these bells. It was arranged for the Pitstow brothers, who were on a visit to Bedfordshire. They are members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and came from Saffron Walden, Essex. The remainder are members of the Bedfordshire Association, and this was their first peal in the method; and the first time the peal has been rung with the 6th its extent wrong and right.

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., the following members of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5003 **GRANDSIRE CATERNS** in 3 hrs. 11 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; S. Reeves (conductor), 3; W. R. Small, 4; B. Hill, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; R. Hall, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs., in E. The peal, which is the first of **GRANDSIRE CATERNS** rung by this Association, and also the first by any of the band except Messrs. Reeves and Small, was composed by Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham.

At Christ Church, Spitalfields, London.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. 16 mins. G. Tanner, 1; W. Cecil, 2; H. Page (Stoke-upon-Trent, formerly of Hackney), 3; E. Wallage, 4; H. Springall, 5; S. E. Joyce, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt.

At Allhallows', Tottenham, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 2 hrs. 56 mins. A. Hubbard, 1; J. W. Barrs, 2; T. C. Grove (first peal with a bob bell), 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; J. Waghorn, 5; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 6; W. Pye-English, 7; G. B. Lucas, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The conductor is eighteen years of age, and is believed to be the youngest ringer who has called this peal from a bob bell.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, Holt's Original (Reversed), in 2 hrs. 41 mins. W. Pead, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; F. G. Newman (conductor), 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; W. Watchorn, 5; E. Wells, 6; H. Scarlett, 7; E. E. Richards, 8.

At St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berkshire.

On Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5184 **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR** in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Thomas Fulker, 1; A. P. Heywood, 2; H. Baker, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 5; H. D. Betteridge, 6; C. Hounsflow, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. This is a six-part peal with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place, and is the first peal in the method on the bells.

At Harborne Parish Church, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Holt Society, Aston-juxta-Birmingham, rang T. Day's Six-part peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 2 hrs. 43 mins. J. Day, 1; W. Long, 2; H. Bastable, 3; T. Gibbs, 4; T. Reynolds, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6; H. Bradley, 7; E. Bryant, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt., in G. [* First peal.]

NOTICE.—Numerous communications will appear next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Congregational Worship.

SIR,—I have been reading with much interest and great profit a book frequently advertised in your columns, viz., *Worship in Heaven and on Earth*. May I recommend it to Clergy, Church Organists, and Choirs, all of whom are, now-a-days, so anxious to make our Services responsive, congregational, reverent, musical, and beautiful? The author of the above work says, truly, 'that in many churches, congregational responding is seriously injured, if not absolutely extinguished, by being attempted on a musical note so high that it is a physical impossibility for the majority of the people to join in it. In the Jewish synagogue, the congregation almost invariably respond on a low musical note, F, in which every one, whether musical or not, can easily join: for responding in the natural voice blends with this note.' I have been trying in every direction to get 'Matins, Evensong,' &c., set in F, but without success. May I appeal through your columns (always open for any practical suggestions) to some earnest and musical Churchman to venture to publish such a musical Liturgy? I am quite certain many earnest people oppose a musical service for the very reason that they cannot respond on so high a note as G or A.

[There is no necessity to publish a new Musical Liturgy. Let the organist and the officiating minister agree that F is to be the reciting note; and we entirely concur with our correspondent in holding it to be far better than G for an ordinary congregation, and his difficulty will be at once met. For the Confession E or E flat will best answer to secure the 'humble voice' required by the rubric.—ED. C. B.]

Repetition of the Lord's Prayer.

SIR,—I have often thought, with 'C. E. M.', in *Church Bells* of January 28th, that our Saviour, knowing our inability to grasp at once the comprehensiveness of His prayer, gave us this command: 'WHEN ye pray, say Our Father.' In obedience to this command our Church uses it in every service. As to its use after the Creed, it may be then used as a special prayer for the universal extension of the faith, and that all who profess and believe may be kept from the temptation, and delivered from the evil, of denying and dishonouring that Faith.

E. SLADE.

Designs for Gravestones.

SIR,—Will your courtesy allow me to ask your readers where I can get some designs for tombstones suitable for a country churchyard, either in stone, terra-cotta, or other material? Being desirous of introducing a more becoming and Christian memorial than the stones in ordinary use here, my first want is some designs to put before my parishioners. No doubt many such are published. Will any of your readers tell me where I can obtain them, and oblige

THE RECTOR?

[*Stones of the Temple*, published by Rivingtons, contains such designs; and the Ecclesiastical firms would send you their catalogues, which contain many suitable designs.—ED. C. B.]

The Parson's Wife.

SIR,—A 'B. A.' is either grossly ignorant of the subject upon which he is writing, or else he must be a married curate himself who has been unfortunate enough to catch a Tartar of a woman for his wife, and is to be pitied. Cannot you imagine him in his back-kitchen smoking his pipe? He must be a very weak man who will allow his wife to act in the way a 'B. A.' has described; and he is not worthy the name of man who will be dictated to by a woman as to what he is to do or wear. Surely a curate has a mind of his own as well as any other man? My knowledge of curates' wives is that they are not bad specimens of their sex, and are possessed of a little more common-sense than a 'B. A.' gives them credit for, although they have not yet come down to cleaning their own doorsteps; and I hope some of them will take the matter up strongly, and give him what he deserves for maligning the curate's wife in the way he has done. The curate of to-day, too, as a rule, has his wits about him; and in choosing a partner for life looks out for a woman, and not a dressed-up, frivolous creature of the class with whom a 'B. A.' seems to have come in contact.

J. T. C.

SIR,—Here is my experience of a perfect parson's wife. She is superintendent of nothing, but strengthens the weakness of everything; she takes the worst district in the parish; the most troublesome class in the school. She never says she does this. Authority she claims none of; in influence she is a queen. She always talks of things, and not of persons. She is 'my (living) Kate'; vide Mrs. Browning.

A SOUTH LONDON PARSON.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of February 11th I see a letter under the above heading, signed a 'B. A.' Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for a few words in reply. A 'B. A.' says, 'The modern father objects to part with his daughter, and thinks he is showing great kindness in giving her to another man to keep and feed to the day of his death.' He evidently thinks it is no part of a husband's duty to provide for his wife, and, judging from the elegant refinement of expression in the sentence above quoted, he doubtless expects the thistles for his own consumption to be supplied by his father-in-law. A 'B. A.' expects his wife to cook his meals, scrub the doorsteps, clean the house, nurse and educate his children, visit among the poor, and help him to write his sermons; and if she breaks down under the work he indulges in the manly sneer, 'She suffers, poor thing! from neuralgia!' According to a 'B. A.' the modern clergyman's wife must be a perfect nuisance. 'She offends the farmers' wives, annoys the poor folk, upsets the school, and promptly drives the curates from the parish.' And worse than all this, what to a 'B. A.' is the unkindest cut of all, 'she makes her husband smoke his pipe in the back-kitchen and wear a clean collar!'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Annual Meeting at Wellingborough, Northants.

THE annual gathering of churchwardens, sidesmen, choir, and ringers connected with the parish church, Wellingborough, took place on Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., at the Drill Hall. About eighty sat down to a capital supper, ringers and probationers numbering eighteen. The Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot (vicar) presided, being supported by Mr. W. Davis and Mr. H. J. Russ, churchwardens. After the usual toasts had been duly honoured, the remaining time was spent in a very pleasant and social manner, enlivened by songs and well-struck tunes and changes on the hand-bells. Three hearty cheers were given for Mr. W. Woolston, the donor of the new chimes. Previous to the supper, the ringers had their last pull at the belfry—Wellingborough bells being kept silent during Lent. As usual, on Shrove Tuesday the 'Pancake Bell' (6th) was rung from 10.45 to 11 a.m. It is also customary to ring two bells (3rd and 4th) at one o'clock on Ash Wednesday.

Worcester and adjoining Districts Association.

A COMMITTEE MEETING of the above Association will be held in the Church Schoolroom, Chaddesley Corbett, on Saturday, the 5th inst., at 4 p.m. prompt, when each representative is requested to attend. The tower will be open for ringing. Ringing members to meet at the 'Talbot Inn.' Business: To make out Annual Report, &c., and to make arrangements for next Annual Meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE next District Meeting of the Association will be held at Harwich on Saturday, the 19th inst. Ringing to commence at St. Nicholas' Church (eight bells) at 12 o'clock. Tea at the 'Great Eastern Hotel' at 4 p.m. Business meeting after the tea.

T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

Writtle, Chelmsford.

Kent County Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held at Leeds on Saturday, the 19th ult., and attended by seventy-four members. Full bands from Leeds, Rochester, Merham, Eynsford, and Tunbridge Wells, were present, as well as representatives from Malling, Maidstone, Staplehurst, &c. At the Committee Meeting there were several new bands admitted, among whom those of Tenterden and Tonbridge will be very welcome, their fine rings of eight having been lately put in thorough order; the former by Messrs. Warner, the latter by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Bedfordshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday next. Further particulars will be given in a future issue.

CHARLES HERBERT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

WE have received a copy of the *Sixth Annual Report of the Oxford Diocesan Guild*. We much wish that we had more space at our disposal to review this pamphlet at greater length. We will only say that it abundantly testifies to the thoroughness with which the Guild does its work in the diocese, both from a Church and from a Change-ringing point of view. Fourteen towers have joined the Guild during the year, making a total of seventy-three; while the members amount to 940. The Guild stands second in England as regards number of peals accomplished, thirty-three having been rung. We heartily congratulate the Guild upon the report which the Hon. Sec. has been enabled to publish.

The History of Bells.

At the Hull Royal Institution, recently, Mr. William Andrews, F.R.H.S., delivered to a crowded audience an interesting lecture on 'The History of Bells.' The lecturer commenced by tracing the history of the bell, whose origin was lost in hoary antiquity, touching upon the use made of bells in Egypt, China, amongst the Hebrews (the bells and cymbals mentioned in the Bible), and the Greeks and Romans. After alluding to the tradition that Paulinus, bishop of Nola, in Campania (*circa* A.D. 400), introduced bells into Christian churches, although there was no real evidence of their existence until a century later, the lecturer said that, according to the Venerable Bede, they were used in England at the end of the seventh century, Benedict, abbot of Wearmouth, having brought one from Italy in the year 680. He also referred to the labours of St. Dunstan in popularising the use of bells. The materials of which bells were made next had consideration, the best bells being made from four parts of copper to one of tin. Several other topics of interest received careful consideration. Miss Alice Hurst, Miss Maud Simpson, Mr. G. H. Ditchburn, and Mr. R. Russell, rendered, in an efficient style, capital songs bearing on the subject. Mr. J. C. Manley ably presided at the piano. The vocalists were much applauded. The St. James's Hand-bell Ringers added much to the enjoyment of the proceedings with charming selections on their bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Prestbury, Gloucestershire.

ON Monday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59½ mins. D. Davis,* 1; W. T. Pates, 2; F. E. Ward, Esq., 3; T. Steel,* 4; F. Musty, 5; G. H. Phillott, Esq. (first peal as conductor), 6; T. Davis,* 7; T. Compton,* 8. [* First peal on eight bells in any method.] The above is the first peal on the bells by the local company since their augmentation and rehanging in last October,

The peal was rung perfectly true, and reflects great credit on those of the band who had never rung a peal of TRIPLES before. The bells were rehanging in October last, and were augmented by a pair of trebles from Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The new bells are very good, and an excellent splice has been made. The 'go' of the whole ring leaves nothing to be desired. Prestbury may think itself fortunate in possessing now such a melodious and handy ring of eight bells.

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

ON Monday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang a peal of 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 43 mins. J. Austin, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; Jos. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jagger, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal is C. Middleton's composition, and, in its original form, was now rung for the first time. It is the hundredth peal in which the conductor has taken part, the number being made as follows:—GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 12, conducted, 4; STEDMAN TRIPLES, 21, conducted, 9; STEDMAN CATERERS, 1; STEDMAN CINQUES, 1; BOB MAJOR, 1; DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 1; NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 1, conducted, 1; DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 21, conducted, 11; KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 16, conducted, 10; KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 1, conducted, 1; SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 21, conducted, 14; DITTO, BURTON VARIATION, 1, conducted, 1; CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 2, conducted, 2. Total conducted, 52.

At the Parish Church, Dorchester, Oxon.

ON Tuesday, the 15th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; F. Field, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; H. Baker, 5; H. D. Betteridge, 6; A. P. Heywood, 7; C. Hounslow, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berkshire.

ON Wednesday, the 16th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5088 SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; H. D. Betteridge, 3; A. P. Heywood, 4; H. Baker, 5; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. This peal (composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq.), is in three parts, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

ON Wednesday, the 16th ult., eight members of the Croydon Branch rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. H. C. Haley (conductor), 1; G. A. Russell, 2; H. Dudley, sen., 3; A. B. Carpenter, M.B., 4; U. Holman, 5; W. States, 6; A. Bruce, 7; S. Fisk, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp. This peal was rung to commemorate the forty-first birthday of the conductor.

At St. Lawrence's, Appleton, Berkshire.

ON Thursday, the 17th ult., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5103 STEPMAN CATERERS in 3 hrs. 14 mins. A. P. Heywood, 1; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 2; F. Field, 3; H. D. Betteridge, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; H. J. Castle, 6; H. Baker, 7; G. Holifield, 8; A. Thomas, 9; W. Napper, 10. Tenor, 14½ cwt. This peal has the 6th's in 2nd's place throughout.

ON Friday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4 mins. F. White, 1; F. Field, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 3; H. J. Castle, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; H. D. Betteridge, 6; H. Baker, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. This peal (composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq.), is the first in the method on the bells.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. F. S. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; G. Holifield, 5; J. W. Washbrook (composer), 6; F. White, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8.

At St. Faith's, Havant, Hampshire.

ON Friday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. Hewitt, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. L. Chamberlain, 6; H. Haggett, 7; G. Grafham, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F. Messrs. Baker, Chamberlain, and Haggett came from Arundel, Sussex; Williams, Whiting, and Grafham, Fareham; Hewitt, Gosport; and Staples one of the local band.

At St. Margaret's, South Elmham, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., five members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers rang 5400 changes in 3 hrs. 10 mins. The following were the methods: 9 of STEPMAN, 9 of ST. SIMON, 9 of VIOLET, 9 of GRANDSIRE, 9 of OLD DOUBLES. W. Aldous (conductor), 1; S. Bird, 2; H. Aldrich, 3; C. Clarke, 4; A. Aldrich, 5. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., the ringers of the above church, assisted by Mr. G. Turner from the Parish Church, Wigan, rang the first half of Reeve's Ten-part Variation and the last half of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, each containing 2520 changes (total 5040), in 2 hrs. 54 mins., the occasion being the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the bells. R. Calland, 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; J. Prescott (conductor), 4; E. Kay, 5; T. Tickle, 6; G. Turner, 7; G. Lang, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt, 1 qr.

At St. Giles's, Cripplegate, City of London.

On Saturday, the 19th ult., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 55 mins. J. Pettit, 1; W. Cecil, 2; H. Springall, 3; E. E. Clarke, 4; R. Jameson, 5; W. Tanner, 6; H. Page (Stoke-upon-Trent), 7; G. T. McLaughlin, 8; S. Joyce, 9; W. D. Smith, 10; E. Horrex, 11; W. Prime, 12. Composed by Mr. Haley and conducted by Mr. Pettit. Tenor, 36 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

On Monday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. F. White, 1; E. Menday (first peal), 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; T. Newman, 4; H. D. Betteridge, 5; J. M. Routh, 6; A. Thomas, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells, and the first since they were rehung by Mr. White, of Appleton.

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

On Monday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Eastern Counties' Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 13 mins. J. S. Wright, 1; R. Mackman (conductor), 2; J. W. Jarvis, 3; C. Neaver-son, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; G. Skeef, 6; J. Brown, 7; G. Ladd, 8.

At St. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, the 1st ult., 1887 STEDMAN CINQUES were rung in 1 hr. 24 mins. W. Haywood, 1; J. Joynes, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; J. Buffery, 4; H. Bastable (conductor), 5; W. R. Small, 6; J. Sanders, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; A. Thomas, 9; F. H. James, 10; H. Johnson, jun., 11; J. Johnson, 12. Composed by H. Johnson, sen. Tenor, 36 cwt., in C.

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4	1	3	5	6	2	6-19
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4	1	5	2	6	3	- - 19
5	1	4	2	6	2	6-19
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At St. JAMES, TYTHERINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Monday evening, the 7th ult., six members of the local company took part in 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES on the handbells. Also a course of STEDMAN DOUBLES. T. Trotman,* 1; M. Cole,* 2; Wm. Culemore,* 3; G. Brown,* 4; Wm. Sevier (conductor), 5; Wm. Curnock,* 6. [* First touch.]

At St. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—On Wednesday evening, the 9th ult., a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 45 mins. H. J. Davies (conductor), 1; W. Baron, 2; W. Coppage, 3; C. E. Malin, 4; F. L. Davies, 5; W. Jones, 6; J. Barry, 7; W. G. Wild, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F.

At St. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Wednesday, the 9th ult., a touch of 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. J. Judd (first touch), 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; T. Blackburn (conductor), 4; J. Wilton (first touch), 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; N. M. Lush (first touch), 8. And on Wednesday, the 16th ult., 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 37 mins., being two first parts of Holt's Ten-part peal. J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8.

At MELBOURNE, DERBY.—On Thursday, the 10th ult., the local Society rang two 720's of PLAIN BOB MINOR; the first, containing 21 bobs and 12 singles, in 25 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; G. A. Fish, 2; J. Warren, 3; J. Vickers, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Sunnicliff, 6. The second one, containing 8 bobs and 6 singles, in 26 mins. T. W. Cook, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. Warren, 3; G. A. Fish, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; G. C. Sunnicliff, 6. Both peals were conducted by G. C. Sunnicliff, and were rung in honour of the marriage of Captain F. A. Lambert (Queen's Bays) to Miss G. S. Fane, eldest daughter of W. D. Fane, Esq., of Melbourne Hall.

At THE CATHEDRAL, LINCOLN.—On Saturday evening, the 12th ult., eight members of the North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association rang a half-peal of 2520 BOB TRIPLES in 1 hr. 39 mins. W. Stiles, 1; S. Woodthorpe, 2; H. Gadd, 3; H. Doughty, 4; W. Lunn, 5; I. Vickers (conductor), 6; F. Rose, 7; J. Stewart, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. This was the longest length which has been rung upon these bells by a Lincolnshire Company for many years. Messrs. Gadd and Lunn came from Market Rasen, the remainder belong to the Cathedral Company.

At St. PETER'S, BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, the 12th ult., an attempt, which proved futile, after 2590 had been rung in 1 hr. 35 mins., in consequence of the treble rope breaking, was made to ring Holt's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Allfrey, 2; J. Jay, 3; G. Biggerstaff, 4; C. E. Gold, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. On Sunday, the 13th ult., for afternoon service, 1008 BOB MAJOR in 38 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Palmer, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Searle, 5; J. Jay, 6; C. E. Golds, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. All the above are members of the Brighton Branch of the Sussex County Association.

At St. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On Sunday, the 13th ult., before Divine service in the evening, a date touch of 1887 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Townsend, 1; E. Pitt (composer and conductor), 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; J. Lake, 8.

NOTICE.—Other communications will appear next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Married Curate.

SIR,—‘L. W.’s’ sympathetic comment errs, I fear, on the side of indulgence. The age of twenty-five is certainly too early for most clergymen—in fact it would mean, in not a few cases, marriage co-extensive with ordination. What becomes, then, of that period of parochial training which it is pretty generally agreed ought to succeed the taking of Holy Orders? On the other hand, a time ought to be fixed when it would be lawful, by ecclesiastical custom, for a priest to marry. I would put this, myself, at thirty-two—a time when the freshness of clerical work begins somewhat to wear off, and the solitary bachelor has visions of quiet and content bound up with their supposed realisation in the form of home life. Up to that age I do not think that bachelor curates, as a rule, feel lonely. It is, of course, a little trial to have to live in lodgings, but at the same time there is a considerable amount of personal liberty, such as a married curate could not possibly have. In fact, one could hardly expect to meet a more helpless object than a curate compelled to change his sphere of labour from year to year, and at the same time to take proper care and forethought for his wife and family. At thirty-two a priest ought to be able to look forward to something like a recognised permanency, so that his changes (if necessary) from place to place should be unaccompanied by that mental and physical strain which seems now to inseparably cling to them. A fixed rule, too, on the subject would enable all the clergy to be done justly by. That part of the question has not, I fear, been sufficiently brought out. To get a rule accepted it must be just, and capable of being applied amongst all sections of the Church's ministers. C.

Clergymen's Wives.

SIR,—In reply to ‘J. J. L.’s’ letter with the above heading, permit me, as a clergyman's wife, to say a few words on the subject he refers to. While I fully agree with his first statement that the position of a clergyman's wife is one of very great responsibility, and also that the influence of many a clergyman may be weakened through the unfortunate mistakes of his wife, I do not think the remedy is to be found, as your correspondent suggests, in a system of training, or in a code of rules drawn up by the Bishop. Any such form, however good in itself, could not possibly adapt itself to the special and peculiar difficulties which meet each clergyman's wife in her own individual sphere. What I think is needed is the grace of God working in the heart, and the glory of God to be the ruling motive of the life; where these two principles are at work, I feel sure that the clergyman's wife, knowing that, in her difficult and responsible position, she above all others lacks wisdom, she will ask of God, and it shall be given to her liberally, and ‘the wisdom that cometh from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.’ If a clergyman, when choosing a wife, would always make choice of one who had first given her own self to the Lord, the difficulties your correspondent mentions would, I think, soon be removed. I fail to see that a clergyman's wife is assuming any undue position in taking the lead among the women in the parish; as the wife of the Vicar she should do so. And the instances where it leads to jealousy will be very few. If she does not take up a certain position she will lose her influence, and merge her own identity as the clergyman's wife with that of his other fellow-helpers and workers; and this is not, I think, what should be. The position of a clergyman's wife is a unique one in a parish, and by virtue of her union with her husband she does possess a certain kind of authority, which, when coupled with the ‘meek and quiet spirit,’ brings no trouble or jealousy in its train. As I write, I have in my mind one clergyman's wife, who, in the midst of a large town parish, with curates, curates' wives, and fellow-helpers to her husband of every description, is yet able to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. The secret how this can be done has been learnt from no authoritative directions or rules, but from the Divine Master, at Whose feet each clergyman's wife should daily sit to hear His Word. M. G.

SIR,—To ‘refuse profane and old wives' fables’ is a caution not to be despised even in these intelligent but censorious days, and ‘J. J. L.’ would surely have shown more sound sense had he discredited the fault-finding ‘good woman’ whom he met in the train, rather than suffered himself to be cajoled by her flattery into a public expression of his views. For what are those views, the public expression of which is to do the Church so much good?

1stly. ‘J. J. L.’ says that ‘the clergyman's wife, though belonging to no definite order in the Church, occupies a position of great responsibility;’ which latter statement, however, he afterwards qualifies by the admission that ‘the management of parish business belongs no more of right to her than to any other woman in the parish.’ The fact is, that the clergyman's wife does not possess a definite standing in the Church. She is no office-bearer, but belongs simply to the laity, and is no more to be identified with her husband's clerical office than the doctor's or lawyer's wife is to be identified with the medical or legal profession.

2ndly. As to the authoritative directions your correspondent suggests should be given her, who is to be the authority? ‘J. J. L.’ says the Bishop; but he has no more authority over her than he has over other ladies.

3rdly. As to the system of training to be instituted, what does ‘J. J. L.’ mean? Would he have colleges founded, in which young ladies might be trained to make suitable wives for clergymen? And would he grant certificates of proficiency? But how would he guarantee to these young ladies, after all the expense of their specific training, that they should be wooed and won by clerical lovers? Perhaps, after all, the clergy might be so unreasonable as to prefer some other young ladies, brought up and educated in the

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

On 'Firing' of Bells.

SIR,—In report of peal rung at Benington, Herts, in your issue of February 4th, it is mentioned that after ringing what must have been a noble performance 'six jubilant "fires" were struck.' It has seldom been my lot to hear any ringing; and I am thankful to say that only once, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, did I hear firing. I think I have seen it remarked in your paper that it is very bad for both bells and tower; but that is no concern of mine; I only wish to remark as to the musical effect. To all intents and purposes a peal is a tune—a melody—the beauty and effect of which depends not on any individual note, but on the sequence of sounds; and the appreciation is not only through the ear but also the memory, so that if a wrong note is played at the end the effect of the whole is spoiled. Imagine Rubinstein, having played a very difficult piece on the piano, to proclaim his great feat to the audience by striking six times in succession all the notes of one octave at once; or a chorus, after performing the *Messiah*, or other 'great feat,' to all shout together the same eight notes six or any other number of times! All that would be left, as the effect of the 'feat,' would be a sensation of 'jar!' Now if it is so wished, why should not a peal end like another piece of music, by striking certain harmonious chords consisting of as many notes as will harmonise, and, if you like, introducing a discord provided you resolve it again? This is a suggestion which comes as original from me, whether it has ever been acted on or not. I suppose it could be done; if not, it would surely be best to leave well alone and omit the firing.

Diaper Hill, Waringstown, Lurgan.

WM. O'N. LINDESEY.

Birmingham and District Association.

THE above Association held its fourth annual meeting at Birmingham on Saturday, the 19th ult., members attending from Birmingham, West Bromwich, Harborne, Moseley, &c.

The President of the Association, the Rev. Canon Bowlby, rector of St. Philip's, Birmingham, presided at the meeting held in the schools connected with St. Philip's Church, and, in welcoming the ringers, in graceful terms alluded to their high office and the close relationship existing between them and the clergy. In speaking of the rules of the Association, he said it was extremely gratifying to him to see the spirit which animated its members. It appeared, said the reverend gentleman, that it was not simply the gratification of ringing peals, which should be encouraged nevertheless, which inspired them, but a far nobler work, that of calling God's people to prayer and praise. After Mr. Wright, the Hon. Secretary, had read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed, the President called on the Secretary to read the Report, which compared favourably with previous Reports, and shows a considerable saving in the funds of the Association. Instructors are now being sent out to those districts where such are required. The President, in moving the adoption of the Report, said it appeared a very satisfactory one, and he was pleased, from the small sum paid by members, to see such a balance to the good, and to note that the Association had embraced the clergy in its ranks. He was certain, if anything was required to assist the Association in the noble work which it had begun, they, the clergy, would be most happy to render every assistance that lay in their power.

The President, who through prior engagements was compelled to leave somewhat early, met with a hearty response to the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Wright for presiding over the meeting, and for the use of his bells and schools for the occasion. He suitably replied, after which the election of officers took place, the result being as follows: President, the Rev. Canon Bowlby, Birmingham; Vice-President, Mr. William Ellesmore, West Bromwich; Secretary, Mr. John Wright, King's Heath; Treasurer, Mr. John Carter, Birmingham. Committee: Mr. B. Stevens, Birmingham; Mr. G. Hayward, Bromsgrove; Mr. W. Palmer, King's Norton; Mr. G. Farmer, Harborne; Mr. E. Dickenson, Moseley; J. Fullwood, West Bromwich; J. Tinsley, Darlaston; J. Findon, Hampton-in-Arden.

During the afternoon and evening touches of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, *BOB MAJOR*, *STEDMAN TRIPLES*, and *GRANDSIRE CATERS*, were rung on the bells of St. Philip's Church. The next meeting will be held at Harborne, which will be duly notified.

The Lancashire Association of Six-bell Ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connexion with this Association was held at Horwich, on Saturday, the 19th ult., when the following places were represented: Leyland parish, Leyland St. James', Blackrod, Chorley, Preston, Standish, and Horwich. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock, and at five o'clock the members retired from the tower to hold their meeting. After the usual business had been gone through the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Pigott, M.A.), after which a mixed band assembled in the belfry; but little ringing could be done, owing to the third rope breaking.

The Clerkenwell Society of Bell-ringers, London.

THE Members of the above Society held their thirteenth Annual Dinner on Saturday the 26th ult., at the 'Three Kings' tavern, Clerkenwell Close. Mr. J. Bissmire was Chairman, and Mr. C. Banks Vice-chairman. Afterwards a toast-list was entered upon. The members, however, preferred their music to long speeches; and only four toasts were proposed:—The Queen and Royal Family, which was loyally received, and accompanied with musical honours; 'The Health of the Vicar and Churchwardens,' 'Success to the Clerkenwell Society,' and 'The Chairman, Officers, and Friends.' The ringers displayed their ability with the hand-bells, and some excellent songs were rendered by Messrs. Banks, Thornhill, Mandeville, Bissmire, March,

Rayner, Matthews, Looker, Welkes, Humphreys, Ward, Jones, Mitchell, Allen, Green, Boyer, and others. Mr. Tait ably presided at the pianoforte. A special toast was given in honour of Mr. J. T. Knight, the tutor of the ringers. Everything passed off in a satisfactory manner.

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

ON Saturday last, a Committee Meeting of the above Association was held at Chaddesley Corbett, when the Rev. W. R. Carr, vicar of St. John's, Worcester (Vice-President), occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Annual Report having been drawn out, was read by the Secretary and received. Thirteen new members from Chaddesley, and six from Hanbury, were proposed and accepted as performing members, and the Rev. F. E. Jones, Bromsgrove, as an hon. member. It was unanimously resolved that the annual meeting be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and that the reverend Chairman make arrangements (if possible) to hold the same in the Chapter House, and also a short service in the Cathedral. Votes of thanks having been passed—to the Chairman for presiding, the Rev. F. A. Marriott for the use of the tower and bells, and also the Trustees for the use of the schoolroom, the meeting terminated. Touches, &c., were rung during the afternoon and evening, the members thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The New Bells of St. Mary's, Peterborough.

THROUGH the strenuous exertions of the clergy, churchwardens, and members of St. Mary's, Peterborough, this church now possesses a ring of bells and a public clock. A social gathering was held in the schoolroom on Friday evening, the 18th ult., when four of the new ring of six bells were on view. At the close the Rev. W. H. Deane gave an address on 'Bells.' The new bells are from the celebrated foundry of Messrs. John Warner & Son, London. The weights are as follows:—No. 1, 4½ cwt.; No. 2, 4½ cwt.; No. 3, 5 cwt.; No. 6, 8½ cwt. On Monday afternoon the dedication of the bells and clock was performed by Bishop Mitchinson, D.D., D.C.L., assistant bishop of the diocese. Amongst the clergy present were the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Thomas, M.A.), the Rev. R. F. Gould, B.A., Rev. Canon Syers, Rev. W. D. Sweeting (Maxey), Rev. W. H. Deane, Rev. Arden, Rev. P. Hurrell, &c. The Mayor and Corporation also attended the service. There was a large congregation. The Bishop, clergy, Mayor and Corporation, and the choir, met at the south entrance to the church, and proceeded to the west arch of the tower and the vestry, where the first part of the dedication took place. The procession then made its way to the chancel, the appropriate hymn commencing as follows being sung:—

'Set between the earth and heaven,
Now our bells are raised on high.'

The collection was then made, the amount contributed being about 7l. 7s. 9d. At the conclusion of the service the ringers, Messrs. F. Read, Tyler, Plowman, and Holdich, ascended the belfry and rang a peal on the bells for the first time, and expressed great satisfaction at the manner in which the bells had been hung. A public tea followed in the schoolroom, to which a goodly number sat down. The 4th and 5th bells are not in their places.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Giles's, Ashstead, Surrey.

ON Wednesday, the 16th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Sayer, 1; H. Wood, 2; H. Sayer, 3; W. Marks, 4; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 5; E. Hull, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; Jos. Sisney, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the Duffield Society rang a peal of 5040 *DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR* in 3 hrs. 2 mins. B. Sugden, 1; H. C. Woodward, 2; S. Johnson, 3; W. Hickling, 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson, 6; J. Howe, 7; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (composer and conductor), 8. This peal, which was now performed for the first time, was rung on the third anniversary of the opening of the bells. The 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place.

On Sunday, the 20th ult., for evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of *STEDMAN TRIPLES*, was rung by eight members of the Midland Counties' Association in 46 mins. E. Moreton, 1; G. Dawson, 2; S. Johnson, 3; W. Hickling, 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson (conductor), 6; A. P. Heywood, 7; B. Sugden, 8.

At the Parish Church, Saddleworth, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5056 *ALBION MAJOR* in 2 hrs. 57 mins. J. J. Brierley (composer and conductor), 1; Jos. Radcliffe, 2; J. Holden, 3; F. Brierley (first peal in the method), 4; Jos. L. Bulkeley, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6; J. Radcliffe, 7; Jos. Wood, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. This peal has never been previously performed. The two peals of *ALBION MAJOR* rung at Saddleworth Church are believed to be the two first peals ever rung in the method. Mr. Wilde came from Hyde, the rest are members of the local company.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., ten members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 5039 *GRANDSIRE CATERS* in 3 hrs. 28 mins. W. Burkin, 1; J. Branch, 2; C. Martin (first peal of *Caters* with a bob bell), 3; E. Bennett, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; A. B. Carpenter, M.B., 6; J. Fayers, 7; C. Bance, 8; J. Plowman, 9; G. Turner (first peal of *Caters*), 10. Composed by Mr. H. Hubbard and conducted by Mr. Plowman. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On Monday, the 28th ult., twelve members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 34 mins. J. Buffery, 1; H. Bastable, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; S. Reeves, 4; W. Kent, 5; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 6; W. Wakley, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; T. Hattersley, 9; J. Howe, 10; A. P. Heywood, Esq., 11; H. Johnson, jun., 12. Tenor, 36 cwt. The above peal was rung to commemorate the seventy-eighth birthday of Mr. Henry Johnson, sen. A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and Mr. Howe, came from Derby; Messrs. H. and T. Hattersley, Sheffield; and Mr. Wakley, Burton.

At St. Lawrence's, Appleton, Berks.

On Tuesday, the 1st inst., the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., a peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR. F. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; W. Bennett, 5; J. W. Washbrook, 6; G. Holifield, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING BY THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—At St. Giles', Oxford. on Monday, January 3rd, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 24 mins. J. West, 1; A. Fox, 2; F. Castle, 3; A. Browning, 4; H. J. Castle (conductor), 5; T. Payne, 6. On Tuesday, the 15th ult., at St. Mary Magdalene's, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (15 bobs). P. Hind, 1; A. Browning, 2; C. Tolley, 3; A. Hind, 4; W. Baston, 5; H. J. Castle (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, the 16th ult., four members attempted a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES on handbells retained in hand (Thurstans' composition), but after ringing eleven parts, a shift brought it to an end. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1-2; H. J. Castle, 3-4; W. C. Baston, 5-6; A. F. M. Cundance, Esq. (B.N.C.), 7-8.

AT ST. MARY'S, BATTERSEA, SURREY.—On Saturday, the 12th ult., 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by members of the St. John's (Waterloo) Society in 42 mins. W. Baron (St. Mary's Society), 1; W. Partington, 2; A. Wood, 3; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 4; W. Broadbent, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8.

AT ALL SAINTS', WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 15th ult., eight members of the All Saints' Society rang a touch of 1887 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. Woodhall, 1; W. Cooper, 2; J. Siddons, 3; R. Jones, 4; S. Reeves (conductor), 5; S. Smith, 6; S. Slater, 7; G. Griffiths, 8. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Training of Clergymen's Wives.

SIR,—As the point to which my letter referred was only introduced at the end of a long discussion on the more general subject, I will ask you to permit me a few words in explanation of my meaning. Your correspondent, 'J. E. T.', appears to have misunderstood my motives in making the proposals contained in my last letter. I was far from wishing to make a sweeping attack upon clergymen's wives in general. I am quite aware that there are many who fully deserve the encomiums pronounced by 'M. G.' on one known to herself. But even if there were ten thousand such, five thousand who were otherwise might do a very great deal of mischief notwithstanding, and any endeavour to improve the tone and temper of these last would not be time wasted. I am thankful to believe that ladies of the Mrs. Proudie type are rarer than they were. But I have only too good reason to fear they have not disappeared. I do not think, therefore, that I should have mended matters had I assured my 'fault-finding "good woman"' that she was very much out of her reckoning in thinking all clergymen's wives were beyond the reach of criticism, and yet that every one who ventured to find fault with them was exceedingly to be blamed.

'J. E. T.' asks who is to be the authority to give directions to the clergyman's wife, and assumes that I proposed that it should be the Bishop. Here two different propositions of mine are mixed up. I thought that the Church should define the position of the clergyman's wife, but that the Bishop should give advice concerning her training. I quite agree with 'J. E. T.' that the Bishop has no more authority over the clergyman's wife than over any other ladies. But has he no authority over other ladies? Has he no right even to advise Church workers? I certainly did not mean, nor could 'J. E. T.' have even supposed that I meant, the Bishop to 'step in and interdict the marriage of the clergy,' though even here I should have had with me one who enjoyed the privilege of personal acquaintance with the Apostles. Ignatius tells us that *all* marriages should be entered upon with the approval of the Bishop. However, I am not proposing at present to return to such an ideal state of things as this. I simply urge that any woman who contemplates occupying a position of much responsibility in the Church of God should seek advice and experience before entering upon her duties.

I do not, nor could 'J. E. T.' seriously suppose that I did, advise that 'colleges' should be 'founded' to carry out my views. It would be quite sufficient if every one who was about to take upon her the difficult and delicate task of which I have been speaking should make a point of spending some time as a worker in a well-ordered parish. And here I am afraid I must differ from 'M. G.', the earnest spirit of whose letter has my warmest approval. I do not exactly believe in either a 'system of training' or a 'code of rules.' But I *do* believe that a little experience must *always* be of value, and that such experience should in all cases be eagerly sought, before any woman settles down into her place as a clergy-

man's wife. The most disastrous mistakes in spiritual work are often made by those who insist on buying their experience for themselves, instead of being willing to learn wisdom from the lips of others. 'M. G.' has, moreover, misconceived my view as regards the position of the clergyman's wife. She has exactly hit the mark when she says that 'as the wife of the vicar' the clergyman's wife should 'take the lead' in the parish. My view was that this precedence would be more readily conceded if it were not too pointedly assumed, for it rests rather on courtesy and convenience than on official position.

I am glad to find that I have the cordial support of 'W. B.', whose wit and wisdom have so often enlivened and enlightened your columns. And, fortified by his approval, I venture to repeat the expression of my conviction, (1), that the Church should define the true position of the clergyman's wife in the parish; (2), that she should be trained for her special work as all other workers are or ought to be; and (3), that retreats should be established for the purpose of helping those who occupy the most important position which can be held by women in the Church of God.

J. J. L.

P.S.—I have not, as 'J. E. T.' seems to suppose, rushed into print on this subject. The conversation to which I alluded took place about six years ago. Nor have I, in my brief reference to it, done justice to the good sense and right feeling displayed by my interlocutor. It is well, too, sometimes, 'to see ourselves as others see us.'

Easter Offerings.

SIR,—We hear a great deal in the present day of the distressed state of the clergy, but in some minds the term 'clergy' seems to embrace only the incumbents of parishes. The suggestion of 'A Churchman' is a good one; by all means let the Rector or Vicar of a parish have the Easter offering; but why stop there? Why not let the curates, who in many cases are a great deal worse off than the incumbents, have an offering too? Some one may say, though, that to take more than one offertory during the year from the church expenses would, in many cases, have the effect of showing a balance on the wrong side at Easter, but this can easily be obviated, as I know it is in some churches where incumbent and curate fare alike, by the average Sunday collection being taken out of the offering on that occasion, and the congregation apprised of the fact beforehand. The incumbent would often find his Easter offering larger if he arranged for his curate to be treated in a similar manner to himself, for many, I know, decline to give anything to the Easter offering when it is given to the incumbent and no offering is made for the curate during the year, simply because they do not think it right that priests in the same parish, although holding different positions, should be treated in this way. An extra fifty or a hundred pounds would indeed make all the difference in the world to a poor curate, 'who quietly plods on in a parish from day to day without luxury or restful change, sowing spiritual things without charge or stint,' but with respect to whom a busy world makes no mistake, and, therefore, stigmatises a man who does not prosper in business as being 'as poor as a curate.'

J. T. C.

SIR,—'A Churchman's' proposal that the Easter Offertories in all our churches should be devoted to the clergy of the parish, or, in some cases, sent to the Bishop for the poorer clergy of the diocese, is an excellent one. In many parishes in Canada it is the custom to do this on Christmas Day, and no offertory in the year is so popular, or produces so large an amount. In addition to the substantial benefit thus received, it is a great encouragement to a clergyman in his work to receive such a token of his people's goodwill and affection. And may I add a suggestion that, in parishes where the endowment is under 300l. a year net, it might be well, on a stated day in each year, to devote an offertory to an Endowment Fund? The proceeds might be placed by the churchwardens in the Post-office Savings' Bank, and the interest perhaps added to the principal until they reached a sum sufficient for investment. The matter would thus be kept before the minds of the parishioners, and there is little doubt that from time to time bequests and thank-offerings would come in, until the required limit would be reached, when the offerings could be turned into another channel—say, the endowment of the parish school, or the Sunday-school; or they might be devoted to the endowment fund of a poorer parish in the neighbourhood.

A CANADIAN.

The House of Laymen and the Diaconate.

SIR,—The Canterbury House of Laymen is doing much to disarm its critics by its intelligent treatment of Church questions, not less cautious than vigorous. So far it has shown no disposition to go beyond its province. It has confined its discussions to matters on which its opinions are entitled to much deference, and may well command the respect of our ecclesiastical rulers. It has been thus dealing with the extension of the diaconate. This important movement has been before the Church for years. It was long before it gained recognition, and longer before it won full assent. At length, in 1884, the Bishops, by unanimous resolution, consented to open the diaconate, under certain limitations, to men having other means of living, and willing to work gratuitously. But only twenty such deacons have so far been ordained. We can hardly wonder at this. The experiment was novel, and at first little known; and there was much hesitation on all sides. The caution imposed on the Bishops by the responsibilities of their position we cannot venture to call in question. Diverse, and sometimes mutually distinctive objections, filled the air; for instance, that such deacons would have no weight with the laity, or that they might have too much; that the laity would not care to come forward as candidates, or that there would be a crowd of applicants; that the laity would prefer the ministrations of laymen, and come to undervalue the ordained ministry.

The debate on Mr. Sydney Gedge's resolution, and its affirmation by nearly two to one of the representative laymen of the Province of Canter-

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Mr. Henry Johnson's Anniversary Dinner at 'St. Martin's Hotel,' Birmingham.

ON Monday, the 28th ult., the ringers met and accomplished a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, which was recorded in last week's issue. They afterwards adjourned to the hotel, where a dinner had been provided and a goodly number of friends mustered. After the cloth had been removed, Mr. A. P. Heywood was unanimously voted to the chair, Mr. A. Thomas occupying the vice-chair. The Chairman opened the proceedings at length, gave some interesting accounts of ringing, &c., and proposed 'Queen and Country,' which was duly honoured. Mr. A. Thomas gave 'Church and State,' after which Mr. C. H. Hattersley proposed 'The Health of Mr. Johnson, senr.' In the course of his remarks he referred to the veteran's abilities as a ringer and composer, and drew the attention of the guests to a notable performance of STEDMAN CATERS which was composed in his early career, and rung at St. Martin's a few months back, containing eighty-four courses, with the bells in the most musical positions, with 9, 7, 8, for course-ends. The toast was drunk with musical honours. Mr. Johnson briefly responded, tendering his sincere and heartfelt thanks to the gentlemen present, and his gratitude to the ringers for the peal that was rung in honour of his birthday. The Chairman then called for a touch of STEDMAN CATERS on the hand-bells, which was successfully brought round, and contained 501 changes. H. Bastable (conductor), 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; B. Witchell, 5-6; G. Townsend, 7-8; H. Johnson, junr., 9-10. Mr. Thomas proposed 'The Clergy and Churchwardens,' which was responded to by Mr. Wakley. Mr. Johnson proposed 'The Health and Prosperity of the Derby, Burton, and Sheffield ringers, and friends,' which was ably responded to by Messrs. Heywood, Hattersley, and Wakley. Afterwards a course of GRANDSIRE CINQUES was rung by J. Buffery, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; B. Witchell, 5-6; A. P. Heywood, 7-8; T. Miller, 9-10; T. Hattersley, 11-12. In the course of the proceedings the Chairman presented Mr. Wakley with a handsome terra-cotta plate on behalf of Mr. Roland Cartwright, of Wombourn, for the courtesy he had received from the Burton ringers, the inscription of a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, with the names also decorated with floral display, being engraved on it. Mr. Wakley thanked the Chairman and Mr. Cartwright for the valuable gift, and said the ringers were always willing to do their best for visitors. A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for conducting the meeting, and shortly afterwards the proceedings terminated.

A Visit to Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. E. W. Bowling, M.A., six members of the Bedfordshire Association visited the above place, and rang upon the six bells at the parish church a 720 DOUBLE COUNT BOB (18 bobs and 2 singles). F. Keech, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Biggs, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Frossell, 6. Also 720 PLAIN BOB (28 bobs and 2 singles). C. W. Clarke, 1; F. Keech, 2; J. Frossell, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Chapman, 5; W. Biggs (conductor), 6. And 720 KENT TREBLE BOB (9 bobs). F. Keech, 1; H. Chapman, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; W. Biggs, 4; J. Frossell, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. A six-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; F. Keech, 2; W. Biggs, 3; J. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Chapman, 6. Another six-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Chapman, 3; W. Biggs (conductor), 4; J. Frossell, 5; F. Keech, 6. The bells have lately gone under thorough repair by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank of London, and the 'go' of them is all that can be desired. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells on this occasion; also to the steeple-keeper, Mr. Smart, for having them in readiness. They hope to see the art of scientific change-ringing practised by the local company in this neighbourhood, as everything is in their favour.

Royal Cumberland Society.—Album Presentation.

ON Friday evening, the 11th inst., at headquarters, St. Martin's Lane, the Rev. James Utten Todd, who has lately left Dunster, Somersetshire, presented the Society with a very beautiful album, bound in crocodile leather. In making the present Mr. Todd said that it had occurred to him that such an ornament would be both interesting and useful in perpetuating the portraits of Cumberland ringers. Although there was no chance of past heroes figuring in the pages of this book, he hoped to see the giants of the present day placed there. The leaves had been arranged for small and large portraits; the most prominent places should be reserved for composers and conductors. Mr. John Rogers, an old Cumberland, thanked Mr. Todd for his kindness in supplementing a want long felt by members of this Society. Mr. Geo. Newson, well-known for hard work and enthusiasm in the art, responded in a similar strain: a hearty vote of thanks followed.

NOTICE.—The Annual Supper of this Society will take place at headquarters, St. Martin's Lane, on Friday evening, April 1st, 1887. Members and friends will please accept this invitation, and signify intentions to the Hon. Sec. by the 25th inst. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, and supper will be on table at 8 p.m. precisely.

H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

Fourth Report of 'the Surrey Association of Change-ringers.'

WE have been favoured with a copy of the Fourth Report of the Surrey Association of Change-ringers. (London: Bell News Office.) We are glad to note that the Association is holding steadily on its way of progress. The Secretary is able to report that on the whole the Quarterly Meetings have been well attended during the past year. A 5040 in seven different methods has been rung on six bells, and a peal of TREBLE TEN has been accomplished. A peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS has likewise been rung, the total number of

peals being eleven. There has also been an increase in the number of honorary and performing members. Altogether the Association is to be congratulated on its work, position, and prospects.

A New Method.

SIR,—This method is new to myself, also to many of my ringing friends. If it has been rung before, kindly say when and where, and give the composer's name. I add the first lead of the plain course. If it should prove new, I will send the best guide for ringing it so far as I know.

W. T. PATES.

Cheltenham.

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A Peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

THIS is the first peal ever composed in this method in 'two equal parts.' It contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th, the extent in 5-6; and the 2nd or 3rd bells are never in 6th's place at course ends. Composed in the year 1885 by Mr. H. Dains.

A New Ring of Bells and Clock at Walkerville, Australia.

A NOVEL and interesting church service took place on Saturday, at Walkerville, when the bells of St. Andrew's were dedicated by the Bishop, and rung for the first time. We may premise that the tower, which has been specially built for the clock and bells since January of the present year, looks a strong and massive piece of work, and is withal, in its lines and height of about seventy feet, an object pleasant to the eye. The church was packed with people before four o'clock, the hour of service, and many stood without by the open doors. To the singing of 'The Church's one foundation' the choir of St. Andrew's came up the aisle, followed by fourteen or fifteen of the clergy, the incumbent (Archdeacon Dove), and Bishop Kennion, before whom was borne his pastoral staff. After a service by the Bishop, his lordship, with the clergy and choir, returned to the tower, and the Bishop, with his hand on a rope, which had been specially let down from the belfry, having said a brief prayer of benediction, gave the word to the ringers. The intention was to have rung about six rounds, while the choir and clergy were regaining their places at the far end of the church, but some unseen mischance had befallen the fourth bell, and her enforced silence marred the harmony of the rest, and spoilt what should have been a bright and inspiring interlude in the service. A hymn, which Archdeacon Dove had specially written for the day, was then sung to the tune 'Faith of our fathers, holy faith,' the choir taking their part with much feeling and expression; and the Bishop preached an eloquent sermon on the part which church bells have played in Christian worship and in English life. The service concluded with hymn 303, 'When morning gilds the skies.' The amount of the offertory was 24l. As the congregation dispersed the bells broke out once more, this time with no refractory member in the tuneful company. Very favourable opinions were expressed as to the tone and quality of the bells. The next thing will be for the Walkerville friends of the church to form a society of young ringers and educate them in this interesting art, which, while it requires the greatest perseverance, is one of the most healthful and interesting exercises both for mind and body. The ringers were:—Messrs. G. Mills, C. Cox, J. Williams, jun., C. M. Hird, J. Boucher, and F. M. Hird (tenor), who were assisted by Messrs. G. Michell, H. Spiller, E. Heath, and G. Fraser.

In the procuring of the bells great pains have been taken to get the best possible for their size. Mr. H. H. Walters, late of Adelaide, who is now living in England, took immense trouble in obtaining the highest opinion as to the best founder to employ. He was finally led to select Messrs. Mears & Stainbank from hearing a beautiful ring of theirs in his own neighbourhood. The order given towards the end of last year to Mears & Stainbank was faithfully carried out, and entirely to the satisfaction of everyone concerned, the bells proving sweet as well as clear and resonant in tone, and successfully passing the criticism of Dr. Bridge, of Westminster Abbey. As specimens of workmanship they are well worth inspecting. They correspond in calibre nearly to the Town Hall peal, their weights being:—Tenor, 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.; 5th, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.; 4th, 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.; 3rd, 7 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lbs.; 2nd, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.; treble, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.; total, 50 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. Considerable praise is due to Mr. Brailey, of North Terrace, for the way in which he has handled the bells and placed them in position in their frames without any misadventure.

The clock, which occupies a chamber immediately below the bells, presents

two clear faces to the village, and has the train for a third dial, which no doubt will some day be added. It is the handsome gift to the church of Mrs. Kent Hughes, in memory of her husband, who for many years with herself was a member and generous helper of the church in Walkerville. The clock is from J. W. Benson, the famous London maker.—*Extracted from 'The South Australian Advertiser,'* October 11, 1886.

[Mr. C. M. Hird, the Instructor of the Walkerville ringers, learnt the art at the church of All Saints', Fulham, and is labouring hard to transplant into Walkerville the good principles he took from home. We heartily wish him all success.—*Ed. C. B.*]

CHANGE-RINGING.

Holt's Original Peal on Handbells.—Non-conducted.

ON Friday, the 11th inst., at St. Paul's Cathedral Meeting-house, St. Paul's Churchyard, London, four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Original One-part Peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 39 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7-8.

[The above was strictly a non-conducted peal, rung without bobs or singles being called, or the slightest intimation of them given, and this is the first time it has been performed. Mr. W. Baron of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. J. W. Rowbotham of the Ancient Society of College Youths, acted as umpires, and took down each lead as rung.]

At Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. J. Davidson, 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 5; W. H. Freeman, 6; W. Pye-English, 7; R. Elliot, 8.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., eight members of the same Society rang Holt's Original peal (reversed) of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. C. E. Freeman, 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Barnett, 3; F. G. Newman (conductor), 4; W. H. Freeman, 5; W. Pye-English, 6; A. G. Freeman, 7; H. Scarlett, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, rang a peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. J. Austin, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggard, 6; J. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 11½ cwt. The above is Mr. H. Johnson's variation of Middleton's Original peal, and was now rung for the first time. It is believed to be the fourth true peal hitherto rung, three of them having been achieved by this Society within the last fortnight.

At St. Lawrence's, Appleton, Berks.

ON Friday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. G. Holifield, 1; W. Bennett, 2; E. Holifield, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; J. M. Routh, Esq., 6; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 7; T. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. The above was rung to commemorate the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Society of Appleton.

At the Meeting-House, Ipswich, Suffolk.

ON Friday, the 4th inst., five members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Norwich Diocesan Association rang, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 4 mins. W. Motts, 1-2; C. Mee, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; A. R. Aldham, 7-8; T. Steward, 9-10. Composed by Mr. H. Hubbard and conducted by Mr. J. Motts. Referees, Mr. J. W. Lines and Mr. Tillet, who had a copy of the peal before them, and marked off the lead-ends as they were rung. There were also present during some of the time Mr. F. Tillet, Mr. A. Durrant of Ipswich, and Mr. Garrett of Ufford. The above is a One-part peal, the first of ROYAL ever rung in the Eastern Counties, and also the first peal rung on handbells by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

At the Parish Church, King's Merton, Worcestershire.

ON Sunday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Birmingham and District Association rang Annable's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. W. H. Sumner, 1; T. Russam, 2; J. T. Perry, 3; C. Barnacle, 4; J. Carter (conductor), 5; C. Carmell, 6; W. Palmer, 7; J. Betterton (first peal), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

ON Tuesday, the 8th inst., a peal of 5104 GRANDSIRE CINQUES was rung in 3 hrs. 42 mins. by the St. Martin's Company. A. J. Jones, 1; J. Joynes, 2; H. Johnson, jun., 3; S. Reeves, 4; W. R. Small, 5; B. Witchell, 6; J. Buffery (conductor), 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; J. Sanders, 9; F. H. James, 10; T. Reynolds, 11; A. Thomas, 12. Composed by H. Johnson, sen. Tenor, 36 cwt. This company purpose attempting a peal 9000 odd on the 23rd inst., the day of the Queen's visit to Birmingham.

At St. Peter's, South Croydon, Surrey.

ON Friday, the 11th inst., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original) was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. S. Greenwood, 1; J. Trappitt, 2; E. Bennett, 3; J. Plowman, 4; A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 5; G. Pell, 6; A. Bruce, 7; T. Verrall, 8. Tenor, 26½ cwt., in E flat. This was the first peal on the bells, which were opened by the Surrey Association on Thursday, the 24th ult. Messrs. Greenwood and Pell come from Streatham; Messrs.

Bennett, Plowman, and Trappitt from Beddington; and the rest belong to Croydon Parish Church Society.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex

ON Saturday evening, the 12th inst., Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins., by the Brighton Branch of the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Searle, 3; G. Biggerstaffe, 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; J. Jay, 7; W. F. Vernod, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.—On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., six members of the Cambridge University Guild rang, on Seage's dumb-practice apparatus, 720 BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles). W. O. Assheton (Jesus), 1; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity), 2; M. C. Potter (Peterhouse), 3; J. T. Rickman (Jesus), 4; J. R. Ellis (Trinity), 5; Rev. H. J. Elsee (St. John's, conductor), 6.

AT GREAT ST. MARY'S, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Sawbridgeworth Branch of the Herts Association of Change-ringers rang a quarter-peal of 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 48 mins. G. Rochester, 1; A. Brown, 2; F. Sabin, 3; W. Morris, 4; J. Freeman, 5; H. Sabin, 6; N. W. Tarling, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. The first quarter-peal by the local company on the bells, and the first quarter-peal by all the ringers except the conductor, Mr. G. Rochester.

AT ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday afternoon, the 6th inst., for Divine service, eleven members of the local company, assisted by Mr. J. Aspinwall, rang three courses of STEDMAN CINQUES in 24 mins. G. Helsby, 1; J. Meadows, 2; C. A. Heron, 3; W. Woodhead, 4; H. Brooks, 5; G. Fisher, 6; J. Welch, 7; W. Davies, 8; J. Egerton (conductor), 9; H. Coley, 10; J. Aspinwall, 11; R. Thistlewood, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. C. Mitchell, St. Albans (the history of the peal next week); and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Kneelers.

SIR,—I have just read the article by 'H. H. M.' in your issue of January 7 on the subject of kneelers. He speaks of 'kneeling-boards of the best and newest design,' and this reminds me of a correspondence which took place in your pages some time—is it more than two years?—ago on this subject. If I remember rightly Canon Venables of Yarmouth took it up and put it into a practical form by first of all explaining a design, which had been found most serviceable, and then, if I am not mistaken, announcing that full working details and drawings could be obtained for making of the same. By this I gather there is no 'patent,' and even if there were for the old country I imagine we are too far out in the wilds of the prairie to interfere with it. The fact is, we are just considering the best and cheapest way of providing kneelers for our little church here, only holding about sixty, and I am in favour of kneelers, *i.e.* boards, rather than hassocks; and whilst we are about it I should like to get some that would permit standing, and, I was going to say, *compel*, but at least encourage kneeling. I find the ordinary Canadian has absolutely no idea of kneeling down, but sits stolidly throughout, and I am sorry to say some of our fellow-countrymen seem only too ready to follow his example. Would you oblige me, then, by either stating in your next where I can obtain the pamphlet with details above referred to, or giving the address of some one who could give me information? or, better still, at once forwarding this to 'H. H. M.', or some one else who knows, and asking them to communicate direct with me. This would save time.

WALTER S. JOHN FIELD, Priest-in-Charge.

All Saints' Parsonage, Moose Mountain, Canada, N.W.T., February 22, 1887.

Saxon Fonts.

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if any of your readers can tell me where any baptismal fonts of pre-Norman date are to be found. Most of those described formerly as Saxon are now generally supposed to belong to the Norman period, but there are some exceptions, of which one, I believe, is the very early font in St. Martin's Church, Canterbury. A. H.

The Government and the Tithe-rent Charge.

SIR,—A Shropshire Parson inquires, 'Is it fair that one class of property—the land—and one section of the community—the landowners—should continue to bear the whole burden of the maintenance of the Church?' I apprehend that the right answer to this is, that the early owners of land in this country very frequently, at the time of their conversion, thought themselves bound to devote a tenth of the produce of their land to the service of God and for the benefit of their tenants. By thus charging their own land they only diminished their *own* incomes and that of their descendants. Very few, if any, of the present landlords are the descendants of these men, and, if they are, have no right to repudiate the deeds of their ancestors. When the landed property was sold, it was sold for so much less in consequence of the tithe, and therefore the tithe-rent charge is not really paid out of the resources of the present owners. We are indebted for the tithe to men who have been in their graves for some centuries!—J. R.

Rating of Tithe.

SIR,—Allow me to offer a word on this question, for it is important that we should not make grievances without substantial cause. The reason why a tithe-owning clergyman pays rates on his income, while others do not, is

THE WHITE CROSS MOVEMENT.

On Sunday, February 27, Canon Young, vicar of Grimsby, presided over the Annual Meeting of the White Cross Society in the Town Hall, Grimsby, at which Mr. G. S. S. Vidal gave the annual address to members. The Vicar expressed his strong belief in the practical good done by the meetings, and alluded to the need of greater effort, as shown by the distressing circumstances which had resulted in the recent murder at Grimsby.

The Annual Meeting of the Darlington Branch of the White Cross Army was held on March 2nd in the North Road Institute, Darlington. The valuable services of Canon Goring, of Grimsby, and Mr. G. S. S. Vidal had been obtained. The meeting had been well advertised, and the audience seemed much to appreciate the hearty and manly words and healthy advice given by the speakers. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chairman and Vicar, Canon Hodgson, who stated that during the past year forty-six members had been enrolled. A vote of thanks having been given to the speaker the meeting closed with prayer.

On Tuesday, March 8th, a White Cross Society was inaugurated at Gainsborough, at a meeting of nearly 200 men out of the various parochial guilds and societies in the town. Several of the clergy were present, and Canon Hodgkinson introduced Mr. Vidal. At the close of the address, which was listened to throughout with evident sympathy, a gentleman asked whether it was proposed to affiliate the Society to the C. E. P. S., and the President replied that he understood from Mr. Vidal that all parochial White Cross Associations were urged to affiliate to that Society. The Rev. G. Danker, of Moreton, and others also spoke.

The large hall in Rawtenstall, near Manchester, was crowded on March 10th with an audience of men, chiefly those engaged in the large mills and warehouses of the Rosendale district. The chair was taken by the head cashier of one of the large firms, who said that he had only once before attended a meeting on the subject of purity, and that he had received advice then that he had been thankful for all his life. Mr. Vidal, who followed, urged the five White Cross Obligations, illustrating the method by which they could be carried out by facts drawn from his own experiences of the work.

A series of meetings were arranged from March 12 to 16 in Leamington, under the auspices of the Leamington Vigilance Association. Mr. Vidal spoke on Sunday afternoon in St. John's parish to a Bible Class of men, and on Monday at the Boys' Mission Room.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Non-conducted Peal of Grandsire Triples.

It will no doubt be of interest to our ringing friends to read a description of the silent peal on handbells which was recorded last week.

Nothing daunted by previous failures it was arranged to start again on the 11th, this being the thirty-third anniversary of the silent peal of SREDMAN TRIPLES which was rung on Saturday, March 11th, 1854.

Everything being ready a start was effected at twelve minutes past eight, when 'Go!' was called by Mr. Baron, and from the moment the bells went into changes the ringing was simply faultless. Not a sound or move of anything was perceptible; the bells being rung more like rounds than anything else. At length the plain course arrived, and the excitement of the listeners was intense when, exactly at nine minutes to eleven, the bells ran merrily round, and Mr. Baron called 'Stop!' Thus ended one of the finest peals ever recorded in the annals of change-ringing, one which will rank among the foremost of performances, and will reflect a lasting credit on the band.

The following gentlemen were also present during the ringing:—Messrs. Barry, Gover, Wilde, Haworth, Horrex, Dawe, Aldham (Ipswich), Gibbs, Woodley, and Garrard, who can testify to the quality of the ringing.

J. W. R.

Beds Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 11th. Luncheon will be provided at the 'Swan Hotel' at 2s. 6d. each at 1.30, to be followed by the Business Meeting. A short service will be given at St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Paul's (8) and St. Mary's (6) churches will be available for ringing during the day. Ringing friends will be cordially welcomed. CHARLES HERBERT, *Hon. Sec.*
Woburn, March 23rd, 1887.

Rochdale and District Association.

THE Intermediate Meeting of the above Society will be held at Moorside Church on Saturday, the 26th inst. Bells ready about 2. Meeting at 4. The proposals of the Lancashire Society will be brought forward at this meeting, and it is wished that a goodly number of members may be present.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., the following members of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5022 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 10 mins. W. Cooper (first peal Caters), 1; S. Reeves, 2; T. Horton, 3; A. Thomas (Birmingham), 4; R. Hall, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; W. R. Small, 8; C. Timms, 9; T. Adkins, 10. This

peal, which was now rung for the first time, contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, was composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen., and conducted by Mr. Reeves.

On Sunday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a touch of 1887 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Hades, 1; J. Frisby, 2; T. Horton, 3; S. Reeves (conductor), 4; C. Timms, 5; R. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; J. Hall, 8. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson.

At the Cathedral, Manchester.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., ten members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 25 mins. T. Thorpe, 1; S. West, 2; J. Eachus, 3; T. G. Downs,* 4; A. E. Wreaks, 5; A. Cross, 6; T. Rogers,* 7; T. Thorpe, 8; G. Longden, 9; T. Moulton (conductor, twenty-fourth birthday), 10. [* First peal of TREBLE TEN.] This peal was composed by Mr. T. S. Wilde, and has the 6th its extent each way in 5-6. Messrs. Cross and Moulton came from Chester; Mr. Longden, Ashton-under-Lyne; the rest are local men.

At the Parish Church, Warnham, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Hubbard's Ten-part peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. T. Hogsflesh, 1; H. Cook, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Wood, 5; H. Burstow, 6; H. Chandler (conductor, twenty-third birthday), 7; G. Woodman, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At the Parish Church, Bradford, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., ten members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 21 mins. A. Moulson, 1; I. H. Fisher, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; R. Take, Esq., 4; B. Dodson, 5; T. Pollitt (composer), 6; J. Angus, 7; T. H. Harcastle (conductor) 8; T. B. Jennings, 9; W. Darbey, 10. Tenor, 27 cwt. Mr. Dodson came from Birstall, the rest are members of the local company. This peal, which has the 6th four courses each way in 5-6, was rung to commemorate the birthdays of Messrs. J. H. Fisher and W. Darbey. Subsequent to the peal, R. Take, Esq., was unanimously elected Hon. Captain of the Parish Church Company in place of the late Mr. John Wilkinson.

At St. Mary's, Harlow, Essex.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5152 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 21 mins. C. Price, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; J. Luckey (first peal in any method), 3; F. Sworder, 4; H. Prior, jun., 5; N. Tarling, 6; H. Baker, 7; H. T. Tucker (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Mr. J. Luckey was elected a member of this Association previous to starting for the peal. Messrs. C. and H. Prior, jun., and Mr. J. Luckey, come from Stanstead, Essex; Messrs. H. Baker and M. Ellsmore, Hertford; Mr. H. J. Tucker, Bishops Stortford; Mr. F. Sworder, Hallingbury; and Mr. N. Tarling, Sawbridgeworth.

At St. Andrew's, Enfield, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the St. James' Society rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original Reversed) in 2 hrs. 43 mins. H. Scarlett, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6; W. H. Freeman, 7; W. Pye-English, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Sussex Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; J. Searle, 3; G. Biggerstaff (first peal), 4; C. E. Golds, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; J. Jay, sen., 7; W. F. Vernon, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Coddensham, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. W. Lines, 1; C. Webster, 2; T. Steward, 3; C. Mee (conductor), 4; J. Motts, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Ward, 7; P. Meadows, 8. Composed by Mr. H. Haley. Tenor, 16 cwt. Messrs. Ward and Meadows come from Meldon; C. Webster, Diss; the others are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. C. J. Sallaway,* 1; S. Oddy,* 2; R. Thornton,* 3; W. Bolland, 4; H. Oddy, 5; G. Bolland, 6; L. Snowdon,* 7; H. Smith, 8. Composed by Mr. Sottanstell and conducted by Mr. Smith. Tenor, 15½ cwt. [* First peal.]

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association (Brighton Branch) rang the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; H. Boniface, 3; J. Fox, 4; J. Reilly, 5; W. Palmer, 6; James Neves, 7; G. Murray (first peal), 8. Messrs. Reilly and Murray belong to the St. Paul's band, the remainder to the St. Nicholas branch.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., a peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 19 mins. by the Loughborough Branch of the Midland Counties' Association. A. Cresser, 1; W. T. Billinghamurst, 2; J. W. Taylor, sen., 3; J. Hardy, 4; S. Smith, 5; E. D. Taylor, 6; R. Lane, 7; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt., in D. Composed by Mr. H. Dains. This peal has not been previously rung.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society, London, rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (the original Bob-and-Single) in 2 hrs. 50 mins. G. Hogg (first peal), 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 4; W. Watchorn, 5; E. E. Richards, 6; E. Wells, 7; W. Jarman, 8.

At All Saints', West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 20th inst., the following members of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. E. Woodhall, 1; W. Cooper, 2; J. Siddons (first peal), 3; E. Cashmore, 4; S. Reeves (conductor), 5; W. R. Small, 6; S. Slater (first peal with a bob bell), 7; G. Griffiths, 8. J. Siddons was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, FRISKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 19th ult., by the kind invitation of the President of the East Lincolnshire Association, the Rev. H. J. Cheales, several members visited this place, and rang 720 BOB MINOR (14 bobs and 2 singles) in 23 mins. G. Clark, 1; Rev. H. J. Cheales, 2; J. M. Rylatt, 3; J. Mawer, 4; G. F. Smith, 5; E. Mason, 6. And 360 BOB MINOR by the same company. Owing to a funeral having to take place, there was no more time for ringing. Tea was provided by the President at the Vicarage.

AT WOBURN, BEDS.—On Saturday afternoon, the 19th ult., eight members of the Bedfordshire Association attempted a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR, but after ringing 2 hrs. 37 mins. it came to an end. E. Norman, 1; W. Mynard, 2; E. Lewin, 3; C. Herbert, 4; A. Morrison, 5; M. Lane, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 7; W. Chibnall (conductor), 8.

AT ST. ALBANS, HERTS, HANDBELL-RINGING.—On Saturday, the 19th ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 18 mins. A. Barnes, 1-2 (first 720 double-handed); G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also on Saturday, the 5th inst., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, in 15 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; E. P. Debenham, 3-4; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. And at the St. James's Meeting-house, Strand, on the 23rd ult., 720 BOB MINOR. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, the 6th inst., for Divine service at St. Stephen's, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was chimed by J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6.

AT WHITTLE, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, the 1st inst., for practice, 714 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Everard, 1; H. Edwards, 2; A. Tarbun, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Piper, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. This touch, composed by Mr. A. Perkins of Romford, contains six 7-5-6's and six 5-6-7's. On Sunday, the 13th inst., for Divine service in the morning, 586 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original). A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; A. Bonnington, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

AT ST. JAMES'S, BRISTOL.—On Wednesday, the 9th inst., for practice, eight members of the St. James's Society rang two plain courses of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. G. Pearce, 1; W. Paddock, 2; G. Pym, 3; W. Porch, 4; A. Howell, 5; H. Tucker, 6; J. Hinton, 7; H. Porch, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On Sunday evening, the 13th inst., for Divine service, 720 PLAIN BOB. L. Digweed, 1; W. Harper, 2; F. Ring, 3; J. Broom, 4; G. Hayes, 5; G. Martin (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MILDRED'S, TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, the 13th inst., for Divine service, a quarter-peal of BOB TRIPLES (1260 changes, 24 bobs) in 50 mins. G. Cramp, 1; A. Bartlett, 2; C. Burton, 3; R. Edwards, 4; J. Sharpe, 5; H. G. Rummery, 6; G. Neve (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D flat. This is the first quarter-peal by the local band.

AT ST. DUNSTON'S, STEPNEY, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 13th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, for evening service, 820 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. H. E. Hammond (first touch on ten bells), 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; E. E. Clark, 3; W. Cecil, 4; W. Tanner, 5; H. Springhall, 6; S. E. Joyce, 7; E. Carter, 8; A. R. Aldham, 9; W. Greenleaf, 10. And after service, 322 STEDMAN CATERS. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; W. Cecil, 4; W. Tanner, 5; H. Springhall, 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; E. Carter, 8; A. R. Aldham, 9; J. H. Barratt, 10. Messrs. Aldham and Hammond came from Ipswich and Baintree respectively.

AT ST. MARY'S, THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 13th inst., the local members rang several touches of 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Davis, 1; C. Eddington, 2; G. Iles, 3; F. Symes, 4; W. Sevier, 5; T. Alsop, 6; F. Howell, 7; H. Harvey, 8. Also 336. F. Symes, 1; C. Eddington, 2; G. Iles, 3; J. Hinton, 4; W. Sevier (conductor), 5; G. Dultry, 6; — O'Meara, 7; F. Howell, 8. In the afternoon the following assembled at the tower, assisted by Messrs. J. Hinton and Dultry, and rang the first half (2520) of Holt's peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 33 mins. W. Davis, 1; W. Sevier (conductor), 2; G. Iles, 3; J. Hinton, 4; G. Dultry, 5; T. Alsop, 6; F. Howell, 7; — O'Meara, 8. Longest length by any member or local men of Thornbury, who have only been under instructions the last seven weeks. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat. Messrs. Hinton, Dultry, and O'Meara came from Bristol.

* * We much regret that pressure on our space has prevented an earlier insertion of many of the foregoing contributions.—[Ed. C. B.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Continuity of the Church.

SIR,—In your kindly notice of my Cambridge Sermons you point out a defect, which I will ask leave to rectify by the following quotation from my Hulsean Lectures:—

'The movement begun at Oxford, some fifty years ago, has rested the case of Church order too much upon the Apostolic succession of the ministry. There seems to me to be a more excellent way. The Apostolic succession of the ministry is, I believe, a fact. But it is a fact that involves some obscure questions of antiquity in its proof, and is complicated by many considerations of modern history in its application. I do not forget that the city is built upon Apostolic foundations, but I think it is conceivable that the city might be built upon the foundation of the Apostles without that personal contact of ministers which we understand by ordination. Far be it from me to suggest that such buildings ought to be, I only think it conceivable. And I think that Church order, except on the method by which the Apostles secured Church order, is inconceivable. That method was the method of local Churches; wherever the Apostles went they founded ONE CHURCH FOR ONE PLACE. . . . The Churches were strictly territorial, in no manner nor degree optional or congregational.'

You will see that the continuity of the Churches is essential to my only conceivable notion of Christian unity. The continuity of the ministry is, to my mind, only one element in that continuity, and one whose absence need not be fatal. The Tractarian system seems to me to reverse this.

Carlton, Worksop, 18th March, 1887.

J. FOXLEY.

Lenten Customs.

SIR,—May I correct an error in the note on 'Mid-Lent Sunday' in your last number of *Church Bells*, page 392? As a North-countrywoman I am well acquainted with the custom of eating fried peas, not on Mid-Lent Sunday, but on the next after it, two Sundays before Easter. And the peas are not made into a pudding or pancake. Your correspondent must have confounded this custom with that of eating fried pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Both these customs are most religiously kept in the North of England. The peas are steeped overnight, and fried in butter with pepper and salt, and served as such, hot and crisp; and a very excellent dish it is. I think, if you care to spend the time over it, that you will find this custom dates from a very early time, when the Pope used to bless peas and distribute them amongst the pilgrims on this day, which is called 'Carl Sunday,' and thus *Carlens*, not *Carlings*. The late Dr. Dykes was my informant on this point.

8 South Bailey, Durham.

ELIZABETH HAYS.

Rating of Tithes.

SIR,—Your readers have doubtless perused with interest the letters signed 'H. W. H.' There is, however, one important point which I should like to be quite sure about. Is it absolutely certain that lay-impropriators pay rates on their tithes in the same way as the clergy do? Very likely 'H. W. H.' is right in saying so; yet I find amongst my letters one from a gentleman (who is also a Norfolk clergyman and an authority on the Tithe question), in which he says: 'Lay-impropriators, as I am informed, do not so pay upon that portion of their income.' I should be glad to be informed by some competent person what is the real state of the case.

S. G. B.

Canon Body's Lenten Addresses.

SIR,—I have read with great interest in your last issue the sermon which Mr. Body preached at All Saints' Church on the 3rd March. While I think all he says excellent, it does strike me that one thing is wanting to make such an address of lasting usefulness. He omits one most special point in his teaching. He, and so many other preachers, seem to forget that our Lord and His Apostles, while teaching the absolute need of mortification of the natural inclinations (those noxious weeds described by our Lord in St. Matt. xv., where He says, 'Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, &c.') neglect to add the equally absolute requirement of the production in their stead of the *fruits of the Spirit*; and it is this which causes a feeling of revolt, especially in the young, against what appears to them a life of negation. They feel the springs of action strong within them. 'Why have we these impulses,' say they, 'if only that we may repress them?' Now it seems to me that if we said to a gardener, 'Keep this garden for me,' and found he had scrupulously eradicated every weed, shortened every twig, nipped every flower in the bud, we might praise him for the clean state of his garden, but at the same time tell him he had only done one part of his duty. Where is the fruit? we might ask.

It is thus that the clergy and other religious teachers fail to influence their hearers. They do not teach the *whole* duty of man. 'Ye are the branches,' said our Lord. The branch that *beareth not fruit* is to be cut off—not only that which beareth *evil*, but *no* fruit. Having received the gift of the Spirit, spiritual fruit is expected of Christ's members. It is impossible for a plant to bear and ripen and bring to perfection 'good fruit,' unless it be strong, healthy, and vigorous. Sufficient stress is not laid on the absolute necessity of heroic effort, hard, persevering determination, steadfast industry in labouring in the garden of the Lord. Perpetual mortification of the evil weeds—yes, but it must be side by side with the putting forth of all the strength, all the noblest efforts, of man or woman to produce those manifold fruits St. Paul enumerates in his Epistle to his Galatian converts (Gal. v.) What are those fruits? How many girls and boys who have been confirmed can tell you?

A TEACHER.

Society Papers and Loyalty.

SIR,—I have often wondered that some powerful pen, such as 'G. V.'s' for instance, has not been wielded in your columns against the mischief done by the so-called Society papers. I believe that they are doing incalculable harm

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE fifth Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Derby, on Easter Monday, April 11th, 1887, and the usual towers will be open for ringing between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided, 'free of charge,' to all visiting members (except those belonging to the Derby district) who have previously paid their subscriptions, by giving seven clear days' notice of their intention to be present to the local honorary secretary of the district to which they belong. Committee Meeting in St. Andrew's Sunday School at 3 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4 p.m., tickets 1s. 2d. each. General Meeting and election of officers immediately after tea, to which all ringers and friends are earnestly invited. The Easter 'Handbell Competition' will take place after the General Meeting.
5 St. Paul's Street, E., Burton-on-Trent. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 11th. Luncheon will be provided at the 'Swan Hotel,' at 2s. 6d. each, at 1.30. A short service will be given at St. Paul's Metropolitan Church at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Paul's (eight bells), and St. Mary's (six bells), will be available for ringing during the day. Ringing visitors will be cordially welcomed.
Woburn, March 22nd, 1887. CHARLES HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—It is proposed to hold two meetings of this Guild during the month of May next—one at Poole on Tuesday, May 10th; and one at Trowbridge on Thursday, May 12th.

Bells in the North-West.

'THE Rev. J. B. Seaman, who, during his residence in Winnipeg, assisted in the services, has sent a small bell, cast by Mears & Stainbank, for Christ Church weighing about 150 lbs.; the note is C. This will form the treble of a ring of three, which the Rector's Bible Class are considering the ways and means to procure. We hope the time is not far distant when all these bells will be ringing.'—*Christ Church, Winnipeg, Parish Magazine.*

The Rev. J. B. Seaman will be glad to see any of his old friends of the Essex Association, or fellow-members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at South Myms, on Easter Monday. The station is Potters' Bar, two miles from the church. There are six bells, but neither bells nor ropes are in first-rate order. A post-card by the 6th will oblige.

A New Ring of Bells at St. Saviour's, Bacup, Lancashire.

A RING of bells will be placed in the tower of this church, and they will be rung for the first time on the Queen's Jubilee Day, June 21st. Four bells have already been promised, the donors being James Maden Holt, Esq., J.P., Stubbylee (whose father gave the ground and the money for building the church); E. Hoyle, Esq., J.P., Moorlands (Wesleyan); Henry Maden, Esq., J.P., Rockliffe House (Wesleyan); and Councillor Miles Ashworth, Acre Mill (Churchman). Tenders for the necessary work have been already accepted.

Dedication of New Bells at Silverdale, Lancashire.

AN interesting event in the annals of the picturesque village of Silverdale was recently enacted, namely, the dedication of a fine ring of six bells for the beautiful parish church of St. John's, which was consecrated by the Bishop of Manchester on the 14th of July last. The inauguration of the new bells has been looked forward to with more than ordinary pleasure, although that pleasure would have been enhanced if the worthy donor had been spared to hear the melodious strains resulting from his noble gift to the church in which during his lifetime he had taken such a warm and practical interest. We are, of course, alluding to the late Mr. Henry Boddington, of Silverdale, whose death some months ago was a matter of much regret, and who was greatly esteemed by those who knew him. The ringers, who have been practising with the bells during the last few weeks, say they are in every respect worthy of the donor, and reflect the highest credit upon the founders—Messrs. John Warner and Sons—who have succeeded in producing a most perfect and harmonious set of bells, of which the residents may justly feel proud. Subjoined is a detailed account of the size, weight, &c., of the different bells:—

Bells.	Notes.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Treble, 1.—29½ diam.	E	6	1	18
2.—31 "	D	6	2	20
3.—33 "	C	7	1	17
4.—35 "	B	8	1	14
5.—37 "	A	9	0	7
Tenor, 6.—41 "	G	12	0	16
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The bells are hung in a massive oak frame, well braced and bolted together, with iron T-plates, &c., wood head-stocks, gun-metal bearings, wheels, stays, sliders, pulleys, rope stay-irons, grease and slider boards, complete for ringing. The cost has been about 420l. The inscription on the tenor bell is as follows: 'For the honour of God, and the use of this church, these bells were raised by Henry Boddington of Silverdale, A.D. 1886.'

A Muffled Peal at St. Helen's, Cliffe-at-Hoo, Kent.

ON Sunday, Feb. 27th, a muffled peal was rung in this tower as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Elford, who died at the age of thirty-one years, having been formerly a member of the Company of Ringers of this parish, and much respected in the neighbourhood.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Foxearth, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins. S. Slater, 1; J. Lea, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; F. Wells, 4; G. Maxim, 5; R. Mingay, 6; P. C. S. Scott, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. Composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow and conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe. The peal is in three parts, has the 6th two course-ends at home in each part, and is now rung for the first time. Mr. Scott is from Long Melford; Mr. Sillitoe, Sudbury; Messrs. Slater and Wells, Glemsford; the rest are Foxearth ringers.

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

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. C. Beech, 1; H. Langdon (first peal in the method), 2; J. Bonney, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; E. P. Debenham (first peal in the method, from St. Albans), 5; R. French (conductor), 6; A. Hayward, 7; J. West, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5007 STEPMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 28 mins. J. Wilson, 1; T. Wilson, 2; S. Cooper, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. P. Cooper, 5; J. Marlow, 6; J. Cooper, 7; A. Millis, 8; J. Buttery, 9; W. Walker, 10. Composed by Mr. R. Williams of Liverpool and conducted by Mr. J. Buttery. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D. First peal of STEPMAN CATERS by all of the band and the first by the Midland Counties' Association.

At St. Edburgh's, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal (reversed) of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. C. Hounslow, 1; F. Field, 2; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 3; A. Browning (first peal in the method), 4; F. Castle, 5; T. Payne, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; T. Wakenell (first peal), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At All Saints', Alburgh, Norfolk.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., a peal of 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 45 mins. E. Smith, 1; H. W. Read, Esq., 2; G. Prince, 3; F. Smith, 4; G. Mobbs, 5; W. Fairhead (first peal), 6; T. Souter (first peal), 7; Captain Moore, 8. Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and conducted by Mr. E. Smith. Tenor, 10 cwt.

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

ON Monday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. W. D. Smith, 1; W. Cecil, 2; York Green, 3; S. E. Joyce (19th birthday), 4; J. Pettit (conductor), 5; H. Springall, 6; R. Turner, 7; T. Baker, 8.

At St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorkshire.

ON Monday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. Clarke, 1; J. Wake, 2; J. W. Bull, 3; W. Whittaker, 4; W. Wray, 5; J. McKell, 6; C. Langstroth, 7; J. McGonn, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Reeves and conducted by Mr. J. McGonn. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At All Saints', Poplar, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 21st ult., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 12 min. C. Hopkins, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; T. Maynard, 3; E. Barnett, 4; H. A. Barnett,* 5; A. G. Freeman,* 6; W. H. Freeman,* 7; H. Scarlett, 8; W. Doran, 9; W. Crookford, 10. Composed by Mr. Cox and conducted by Mr. Newman. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. [* First peal of CATERS.] Messrs. Hopkins, Newman, Maynard, Scarlett, and Crookford, came from Walthamstow; E. Barnett, Leytonstone; H. A. Barnett, Tottenham; A. G. Freeman, Southgate; and Doran, Stratford.

At St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, Yorkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5184 ROSE OF ENGLAND MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. R. Page, 1; W. Child, 2; E. Keighley, 3; W. Hollings, 4; Jos. Page, 5; J. Ross, 6; T. Cordingley, 7; W. Davison, 8. Composed by Mr. W. Sottanstell and conducted by Mr. T. Cordingley. Tenor, 11 cwt. The peal has the 6th nine times wrong and nine times right in 5-6, is the first peal in the method by the Yorkshire Association, and has never been previously performed.

At the Parish Church, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

ON Wednesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. T. 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; W. W. Bust, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first peal by any of the Company, or by the North Lincolnshire Association, of which they are all members. It is also the first peal on the bells by Gainsborough ringers, and it is nearly 119 years since a peal of Grandsire was rung on them, when one was rung by the Sherwood Youths from Nottingham.

AT ST. MARY'S, BANHAM, NORFOLK.—On Tuesday, the 15th ult., 120 Bon DOUBLES was rung. R. Hutton, 1; W. Nudds, 2; C. Tite, 3; C. Chapman, 4; W. Nudds, 5. Also on handbells, two 120's of Bob MINOR. R. Hutton (conductor), 1-2; W. Nudds, 3; C. Tite, 4; R. Chapman, 5; W. Nudds, 6.

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—On Wednesday, the 16th ult., 1330 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (taken from Holt's Original) were rung in 44 mins. by the Waterloo Society. W. Tyack, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; W. Coppage, 3; C. E. Malim, 4; F. L. Davies, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; H. J. Davies, 7; G. Wild, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F.

AT DINTON, WILTS.—On Saturday, the 19th ult., a party of six of the City ringers of Salisbury paid a visit to Dinton, and rang three 720's of Bon MINOR on the six bells there. Tenor, 16 cwt. In the first two the ringers were:—J. Judd, 1; C. A. Clement, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5; J. R. Jerram, 6. And in the last one (42 singles) J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6. A six-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was also rung, in which Mr. T. Wright, of Dinton, rang the fourth.

AT ST. ANNE'S, BAGSHOT, SURREY.—On Saturday, February 19th, 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung by H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; F. Frances (conductor), 3; T. Gould, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner, 6. Also over 300 PLAIN BOB MINOR, standing as before, E. Spooner conductor, which is part of a 720 with sixteen bobs and two singles. On Saturday, the 19th ult., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES in 43 mins., called six different ways. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Frances (conductor), 3; E. Spooner, 4; E. Lee, 5; W. Varndell, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt. Longest touch on the bells.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire and United Counties' Association attempted a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, but after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins. it unfortunately ended in the last course but one, owing to the third rope breaking. J. J. Brierley, 1; Jos. Radcliffe, 2; J. Holden, 3; F. Brierley, 4; Jos. L. Buckley, 5; J. Radcliffe, 6; E. Wood, 7; Jos. Wood (conductor), 8.

AT ST. JAMES'S, ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 20th ult., for Divine service, 720 OXFORD, 360 DUKE OF YORK, 360 KENT, 120 each of NEW LONDON PLEASURE and VIOLET MINOR, were rung by G. Lister, 1; R. S. Fox, 2; J. Bland, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; T. Silvester (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, ALDINGTON, HYTHE, KENT.—On Monday, the 21st ult., a muffled peal (720 BOB MINOR) was rung as a token of respect to Joseph Stoakes, who died in his seventy-first year. He was a ringer at the above church for forty-nine years, and rang at thirty churches. He was also a member of the Kent County Association. There still live three members of a band which rung a peal of 3440, whose united ages are 223 years.

AT ST. JAMES'S, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Saturday, the 26th ult., a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes, taken from the *Clavis*) was rung in 45 minutes. W. Alley, 1; A. Anderson (Bristol), 2; A. Prescott, 3; A. Palmer, 4; J. Hayward, 5; W. McCaffrey, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; G. Houlton, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. [* First 1260.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, the 28th ult., the Halesowen Society of Change-ringers accomplished their first half-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 33 mins. (first half of Holt's Original Ten-part). J. Clarke, 1; — Raybould (conductor), 2; J. P. Heckingbottom, 3; G. Cochlin, 4; E. White, 5; R. A. Eaton, 6; E. Hackett, 7; M. Hackett, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. W. Gifford, Salisbury (thanks for letter); G. Newson; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

What is Repentance?

SIR,—I regret very much that so distinguished a preacher as Canon Body should have lent the sanction of his name to the vulgar error that New Testament repentance means sorrow for sin. That the *English* word has that meaning no one can deny; but Canon Body is supposed, in his sermons, to be interpreting Scripture. And to imagine that the word *μετάνοια* has any sort of reference to sorrow is an entire misapprehension. It signifies a *change of mind or opinion*. The repentance which involves sorrow for sin is sometimes mentioned in the New Testament; but the only person of whom it is predicated is Judas Iscariot. The difference may seem a trifling one, but, in truth, it is more important than it seems, especially when dealing with men. Women, who are more emotional than men, may be moved to tears and other strong expressions of feeling in regard to their sins; but there are many men who cannot be thus moved, and they are apt to think that, as they do not feel the emotions the preacher inculcates, they must abandon all hope of better things. Whereas, if Scripture repentance be taught, no such difficulty occurs. All men can mend their ways if they will, or, at least, they can try to mend them; and this none but the really hardened offender will deny. It is a real hindrance to the Church's work of dealing with sinners that her leading preachers persist in addressing themselves to the emotional rather than to the practical side of religion. Sorrow for sin is likely rather to follow than to precede conversion, at least in the natures of the stronger and more stable sort. And so Jeremiah represents Ephraim as saying, 'Surely *after* I was turned, I repented' (the Hebrew word, unlike the Greek, has the sense of sorrow); 'and *after* I was instructed,

I smote upon my thigh. I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.'

J. J. L.

P.S.—Will you allow me to correct a sentence in my letter of the 11th, on the training of Clergymen's Wives, which has somehow been so transformed as to be quite unintelligible? What I wrote was, 'I do not think, therefore, that I should have mended matters had I assured my "fault-finding good woman" that she was very far out of her reckoning; that all clergymen's wives were beyond the reach of criticism; and that every one who ventured to find fault with them was exceedingly to be blamed.'

J. J. L.

The Queen's Jubilee and Society Papers.

SIR,—I quite agree with 'A Clergyman's Wife' about its being 'right that the offerings of thankfulness should not be all on one side;' and therefore, as every town in the kingdom is going to do some good to itself, and as we are all to feast one another merrily in honour of the Jubilee, I am glad that *one* great public offering, the Women's Jubilee Fund, is to be given to that virtuous woman who, as Queen, Wife, and Mother, has for so many years set so noble an example of pure family life, amid the exceeding difficulties of her exalted position.

I am also most thankful that 'C. E. M.' has called attention to the poisonous literature, now, alas! so widely circulated under the name of 'Society Journals.' The mischief done by these publications is simply incalculable. The most trivial events in the lives of those who have the misfortune to be well known are dragged forth, made up into a story and duly spiced with plenty of falsehood, or insinuation, to suit the depraved taste of the age. The wit is of the poorest, and just suited to amuse the vulgar class of mind which can take delight in such scurrilities. Does it never occur to the readers of these miserable productions to think how *they* would like their own private affairs, their own numerous faults and mistakes, to be published week by week for the delectation and ridicule of the public? It is high time that every Churchman and Churchwoman should make a stand against this insidious evil, which is spreading disloyalty in every direction, and with all their might protest against these papers whenever they come across them.

M. L. W.

A Jubilee Thought.

SIR,—We have heard much of late years of the magnitude and greatness of the British Empire, on which the sun never sets. The Indian and Colonial Exhibition last year, and the Queen's Jubilee this year, have brought this thought very prominently before the whole world. But by whom was this mighty Empire won and organized, and by whom is it administered at the present time? By men—soldiers, administrators, civilians, trained almost to a man in our great public, grammar, and private schools, as well as in the various colleges and halls of our Universities. And who have given them the tone they possess, and who have trained, disciplined, and developed their moral and mental fibre, as well as developing their physical nature? There can be but one answer—The clergy of the Church of England, who have always been, and still are, the heads of all these establishments, with but few exceptions. Here is a thought for Englishmen to ponder, and for Church defenders, which should not be forgotten. It is a fact that the makers of our modern British Empire have been so trained and disciplined. Would it be well, if it could be done, to replace such teachers as the Anglican Clergy by any other class whatever? Surely they have earned well of their country in so training and teaching such a noble body of men.

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

Canadian Emigration.

SIR,—Now that the Canadian Emigration Season is again opening, can you spare room for a few words on the care of the Church of England for her emigrants? Ever since the year 1878, the Rev. J. Bridger, the Senior Emigrants' Chaplain, appointed by the S. P. C. K. at Liverpool, has accompanied large parties across the Atlantic, and travelled along the inland rail with many of them to their destination. During the last five years, monthly parties have also been started under the charge of appointed Chaplains, and the large attendances at the daily services held on board ship show how much these are valued by the emigrants.

All emigrants passing through the Chaplain's hands at Liverpool are introduced through their Colonial correspondents to the clergy of the district in which they eventually settle, and there are now thirty-six clergy along the line of the Canadian Pacific who undertake to receive them and to pass on their papers. Single women who avail themselves of the organization of these parties have the advantage of being under the protection of a certificated Matron, they are required to furnish references as to character and capacity, and are taken safely either to the Emigrants' Homes at Sherbrooke or Montreal, or are placed in situations with persons of responsibility who have applied for them. Additional security for their safety at starting will also be provided this season, by the opening of the Emigrants' Rest, 27 Colquitt Street, Liverpool, a comfortable Home arranged for the exclusive use of women and children assembling for emigration.

Besides the ministrations on the voyage, much practical advice is given to the travellers, and each year brings with it more numerous applications to the Chaplains from persons who have already reaped the benefits of getting emigrants, with good introductions, to bring out men, women, and children. The careful superintendence, the great personal kindness, and the inexhaustible fund of information supplied to emigrants by the Rev. J. Bridger, who can be addressed at St. Nicholas Vestry, Liverpool, may well give confidence to those who are looking to the opening of the Canadian season to provide employment to capable and industrious persons who cannot find work here; and it is indeed well that those who leave our shores should feel that the arms of the mother Church of their mother country are still

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Great Delay.

SIR,—The tower and spire of St. Philip's, Chorley, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, having been built about twenty-one years, in 1883 a London firm sent an estimate for a ring of eight bells—tenor, 10 cwt. A magistrate having promised to give the tenor, the Vicar informed me that several subscriptions had been promised, but I regret to say that I have not yet heard of any further motion in the matter. I hope the London firm will receive the order to cast the bells.

THOMAS WOOD.

Chapel Lane, Fulshaw, near Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Surrey Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Tower open from 3 p.m. At six o'clock there will be a plain tea in the church-room, followed by the business meeting. All who wish to be present at the tea are requested to send their names to the Hon. Secretary by Friday, April 8th. The tea will be free to all ringing members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year and who have sent in their names as directed above; all others, 9d. a-head.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER,
Hon. Sec.

34 Dinglewell Road, Croydon.

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 11th, when the Dean, Dr. Gott, president, will preside. The towers of All Saints', ten; St. Helen's, eight; St. Swithin's, six; St. Martin's, six; St. Nicholas, six; and St. John's, six bells, will be open during the day for ringing. Nothing is decided about the Cathedral bells being rung, as a serious report has been received from the architect. General Meeting and Election of Officers at two o'clock, after which an address will be delivered by the Dean, to which all members and friends are earnestly invited. All members who have not yet paid their subscriptions are requested to do so, that their names may appear on the list. N.B.—Those members who have not received an invitation will please take this as such.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

20 Simm's Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

A Peal of Stedman Cinques.

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2, 4, 5, 8, 9: round at third change.

Composed by Mr. Johnson, and conducted by H. Bastable at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Saturday, the 19th February.

A Meeting at Writtle, Essex.

A VISIT from Mr. Joseph Field, of Oxford, was the occasion, on Saturday and Sunday, the 26th and 27th ult., of some satisfactory meetings in the Writtle belfry. The local Company received their first instruction from him in change-ringing eighteen months ago. On Saturday evening, the ringers from the neighbouring parish of Widford, with Mr. W. Hawkes from Springfield, came over, and the following touches were rung by mixed bands:—882 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Everard, 1; J. Dains, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; J. Field (conductor), 4; W. Hawkes, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Piper, 7; W. Harvey, 8. 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; J. Dains, 3; F. Radley, 4; J. Field, 5; A. Tarbun, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; W. Piper, 8. On Sunday, the 27th ult., for Divine service in the morning, the Writtle Company, with Mr. Field, rang the first two parts of Holt's Ten-part peal (1008 changes). A. Edwards, 1; J. Everard, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; J. Field (conductor), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; H. Bonnington, 8. After afternoon service, standing in the same order, a half-peal was attempted, but was stopped to avoid annoyance to an invalid when 2086 changes had been rung. This is the longest by any of the Writtle Company.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., Mr. Field visited the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, St. Saviour's, Southwark, London, where, under the guidance of Messrs. Haworth and McLaughlin, he inspected the ancient peal-books, noticing his own name in one of the modern ones. Afterwards, three courses of STEDMAN CINQUES were rung by Messrs. Pettit (conductor), Cooter, Joyce, Haworth, Field, Winny, Mash, Horrex, Woodley, Aldham (Ipswich), Dawe, and Newman. Tenor, 52 cwt.

On Easter Monday, twelve members of the College Youths' Society will attempt to ring a peal of 10,000 STEDMAN CINQUES, meeting at 9.30 at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, City of London.

A new Ring of Eight Bells at St. Mary's, Bridport, Dorset.

THE new ring of eight bells from the firm of Messrs. Warner & Sons will shortly be placed in the tower of the above church. It has been found necessary to insert all new beams in the tower; this work is nearly finished, and it is hoped that the bells will be completed during the present month. At a meeting recently held at the National Schools, Bridport, the Rector presiding, it was thought desirable to form a Guild of Ringers. The Rev. M. Hankey, Maiden Newton, attended as Secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and explained the object of the Society; after which, on the proposition of W. B. Northover, seconded by Mr. J. A. Collins, a Society was formed, to be called 'The Bridport (St. Mary's) Honorary Ringing Guild. The officers to consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Captain, Vice-Captain, and Secretary, who also acts as Treasurer.' After the completion of the bells the Secretary, W. B. Northover, London House, Bridport, will be pleased to hear from any one favouring Bridport with a visit, who would kindly assist by giving the Guild a few lessons on change-ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

ON Thursday, the 17th ult., ten members of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5022 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 10 mins. W. Cooper (first peal of CATERS), 1; S. Reeves, 2; J. Horton, 3; A. Thomas (Birmingham), 4; R. Hall, 5; J. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; W. R. Small, 8; C. Timmes, 9; T. Atkins, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen., and conducted by Mr. S. Reeves. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Albans, Herts.

ON Monday, the 21st ult., four members of the Cathedral Society rang, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel (first peal double-handed), 3-4; N. N. Hills (conductor), 5-6; W. Battle (first peal on handbells), 7-8. Mr. H. Lewis is an honorary member of the Cathedral Society, and the above are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Herts and Essex Associations, &c. The same band broke down in the last course a fortnight previously, an attempt the following evening also resulting in a failure about half-way, the peal being successful at the third attempt. It is the first double-handed peal in the county by residents in the county, and was witnessed by Messrs. A. Barnes and T. Grant of the Cathedral Society, who marked off every lead as rung, and J. S. Robertson, Esq.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

ON Wednesday, the 23rd ult., twelve members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 9020 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 6 hrs. 17 mins. A. J. Jones, 1; J. Joynes, 2; W. Kent, 3; S. Reeves, 4; W. Rock-Small, 5; B. Witchell, 6; J. Buffery, 7; C. Standbridge, 8; J. Sanders, 9; H. Johnson, jun., 10; T. Reynolds, 11; A. Thomas, 12. Composed by Mr. Johnson, sen., and conducted by Mr. Buffery. Tenor, 36 cwt. The peal contains the sixty course-ends in the Tittum position, with bobs only.

At Ipswich, Suffolk.

ON Monday, the 28th ult., five members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Norwich Diocesan Association rang, on hand-bells retained in hand, a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. W. Motts, 1-2; C. Mee, 3-4; J. Motts, 5-6; T. Steward, 7-8; F. Mee, 9-10. Composed by Mr. J. Reeves and conducted by Mr. C. Mee. Messrs. J. W. Lines and Alfred Durrant acted as referees, who had a copy of the peal before them, and marked off the lead-ends as they were rung. The above is a one-part peal (see Hubbard's first edition, p. 142).

At the Parish Church, Leatherhead, Surrey.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Three-part peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. C. Want, 1; W. Messam, 2; H. Wood, 3; H. Newnham, 4; W. Marks, 5; E. Hull, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; J. Lisney, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. First peal in the method by all the band; also of the Guild.

At the Parish Church, Appleton, Berks.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. W. Finch, 1; H. D. Betteridge, 2; B. Barrett, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; W. Bennett, 5; J. W. Washbrook, 6; G. Holfield, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. N. J. Pistow. Tenor, 14½ cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells, and the conductor's one hundredth peal.

CORRECTION.—In our account last week of the peal rung at St. Martin's, Aldington, Kent, for 3440 read 13,440. This was the longest peal, we are informed, ever rung by eight men in Kent.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., a Committee Meeting was held at headquarters, Bradford, Mr. W. Snowdon, president, in the chair. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, a drawing of the dedication brass for the Snowdon Memorial window was submitted, and, with a few alterations, approved of. It was agreed that the unveiling of the window should take place on Saturday, June 11th, instead of June 4th, so as not to clash with the Whitsuntide holidays, and that the ordinary meeting of the Association should take place on the same day at Ilkley. Mr. W. Snowdon (president), Mr. R. Tuke (treasurer), and Mr. W. Whitaker (Secretary), were appointed a sub-committee to carry out the necessary arrangements.

Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

This Society will hold its Spring Quarterly Meeting at Penkridge on Saturday, April 23. Members to assemble at the church at 2.30 p.m. Captains of various bands should send the number intending to be present without delay to the Hon. Sec., Mr. S. Reeves, 10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The late Rev. J. H. Fish.—Muffled Peals.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., ten members of the St. Peter's, Sheffield, Parish Church Society, also members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, rang a deeply muffled peal of 5030 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 54 mins. The peal was a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. J. H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and a member of the above-named Association. W. Midgley, 1; W. Burgar, 2; F. Willey, 3; C. Bower, 4; J. Dixon, 5; C. H. Hattersley, 6; W. Smithson, 7; G. Holmes, 8; T. Hattersley, 9; J. Lloyd, 10. Tenor 41 cwt. This was the first deeply muffled peal rung in Sheffield. It was composed by the late Mr. W. Hudson of Sheffield and conducted by Mr. T. Hattersley.

On Monday, the 11th inst., the ringers of York Minster assembled to pay the last tribute of respect (by permission of the Very Rev. the Dean) to the memory of the late Rev. J. H. Fish, vicar of Burton-on-Trent, and rang 41 leads of GRANDSIRE CATERS, his age in inverted Tittums. J. W. Cundall, 1; J. Thompson, 2; E. Dawson, 3; R. Thompson, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; J. Underwood, 6; T. Haigh, 7; T. Hodgson, 8; W. H. Howard (conductor), 9; H. Brown and E. Morrod, 10.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE *Fifth Annual Report of the Midland Counties' Association* (Bemrose & Sons) is quite a thick volume, consisting as it does of 64 pages of printed matter. This Association and its achievements are so well known, and in such deservedly high reputation, that no words of commendation are necessary. The Report, which is got up in excellent style, shows the Association to be in a flourishing condition as regards number of members and also as to funds, there being a balance in hand of 25*l*. The total number of peals achieved in the tower and on hand-bells is 177, of which no less than 55 have been rung during the past year. The red letters on page 51 leave no doubt as to the performance of which the Association is justly most proud.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

WE have received, also, a copy of the *Fourth Annual Report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers* (Roe & Co., Salisbury). Though the peal record is but very scant, being of only three peals of Grandsire Triples, we doubt not that the Guild is doing real good work in the diocese, and that more peals in other methods will soon be forthcoming. There is a good muster-roll of members and the funds are in a flourishing condition.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. T. 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; W. W. Bust, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first peal by any of the above, and is the first on the bells by Gainsborough members. It is nearly 120 years since a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the bells, the last being rung on May 24th, 1768, by the Sherwood Youths of Nottingham.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Norfolk Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 15 mins. E. Smith, 1; H. W. Read, Esq., 2; C. Clarke (first peal on eight bells), 3; G. Prime, 4; F. Smith, 5; H. Fairhead, 6; J. Souter, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed by Mr. Dains, and conducted by Mr. E. Smith.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Wilde, 1; R. Pritchard, 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; R. Woolley, 5; S. Bradley, 6; P. Brickell (Northenden, first peal of TREBLE BOB), 7; J. S. Wilde, 8. Composed by Mr. C. Price of Eccleston and conducted by Mr. J. S. Wilde. Tenor, 15½ cwt. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th its extent in all positions.

At the Parish Church, Hagbourne, Berks.

On Thursday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. C. Trinder, 1; F. Field, 2; E. Napper, 3; T. Payne, 4; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 5; W. Napper, 6; J. W. Washbrooke, 7; D. Napper, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and is the Messrs. Napper's first attempt at STEDMAN TRIPLES, they never having rung a touch before, which reflects great credit upon them.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Foxearth, Essex.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., a peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. S. Slater, 1; W. P. Gridley, 2; O. Garwood, 3; F. Wells, 4; P. Scott, 5; R. Mingay, 6; G. Maxim, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. Composed by Mr. Dains and conducted by Mr. Sillitoe. The above is a one-part peal, and contains all the 8-6's, all the 8-6-7's, and all the 6-7-8's, with the 2nd bell never in 6th's place at a course-end. It was first rung at Netley Abbey, and is now rung for the second time. Messrs. Wells, Slater, and Garwood are from Glemford; Scott, Melford; Sillitoe, Sudbury; the rest are local men. The conductor is a College Youth, the others are Cumberland Youths.

At St Mary's, Prestbury, Gloucestershire.

On Easter Monday, by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 52 mins. by J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; W. T. Pates, 2; H. Karn, 3; F. E. Ward, 4; H. Roberts, 5; T. C. Reynolds, 6; J. Buffery, 7; G. H. Phillott, 8. No. 1 of Oxford, Nos. 6 and 7 of Birmingham, the others of Cheltenham.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Sunday, February 27th, for Divine service, 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tyde-man, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. M. Lush, 8. Also on Sunday, the 13th ult., another 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by the same company.

AT UPTON PYNE, NEAR EXETER.—On Saturday, the 5th ult., by kind invitation of the Rector, the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, the Crediton, St. Sidwell's, and St. David's bands met for joint practice, and some very good six-scores were rung. J. Moss, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; S. Binfield, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; J. Lake, 6. And J. Perkins, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, 3; F. Shepherd, 4; J. Moss, 5; J. Pope, 6. The following also took part in the ringing:—C. Carter, W. Davey, J. Burridge (2), and J. Dyer. Tenor, 11 cwt. A pleasant evening was spent at the club, and the walk (four miles) both out and back was thoroughly enjoyed.

AT YORK MINSTER: DATE TOUCH.—On Saturday, the 26th ult., 1887 changes of GRANDSIRE CATERS were rung in 1 hr. 23 mins., it being the closing night of the practice season. G. Worth (his first long touch), 1; J. W. Cundall, 2; E. Dawson, 3; R. Thompson, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; W. H. Howard (composer), 6; T. Haigh, 7; T. Hodgson, 8; J. Thompson (conductor, his first date touch), 9; J. Underwood, assisted by E. Morrod, 10. Tenor, 54 cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Wednesday, the 30th ult., on the occasion of the funeral of the Rev. J. Jenkins, late vicar of Hazlewood, the following rang a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstan's) in 48 mins., with the bells half muffled. G. Dawson, 1; S. Johnson, 2; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 3; W. Hickling, 4; E. Moreton, 5; A. Robinson, 6; B. Sugden, 7; G. Hingley, 8. On Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., for Divine service, a date touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1887 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Dawson, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 4; E. Moreton, 5; A. Robinson, 6; B. Sugden, 7; G. Hingley, 8. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson.

AT ST. JAMES'S, WATERFOOT, ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.—On Friday, the 1st inst., the local Company, with H. H. Nutter of Ramsbottom rang 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR in 27½ minutes. J. Bolton, 1; W. Maden, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; H. H. Nutter, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; W. Whittaker, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

AT ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, LONDON.—On Saturday, the 2nd inst., after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, the following members of the Waterloo Society rang four courses of GRANDSIRE CINQUES.—G. Wild, 1; H. J. Davies, 2; H. Dains, 3; P. A. Hopkins, 4; C. E. Malim, 5; W. Fussell, 6; W. Baron (conductor), 7; G. T. McLaughlin, 8; A. E. Church, 9; G. F. Attree, 10; J. Barry, 11; F. G. Newiman, 12. Mr. Attree hails from Brighton.

AT ST. OWEN'S, BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 3rd inst., for Divine service, 720 OXFORD BOB MINOR (forty bobs and two singles) was rung by W. King, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. Biggs, 5; H. Chapman, 6. And a six-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.—Tysoe* (Bromham), 1; T. Tysoe, 2; W. Biggs (conductor), 3; H. Chapman, 4; W. King, 5; A. Andrews* (Bedford), 6. [* Non-members, but hope to be elected.]

AT ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 3rd inst., before Divine service in the morning, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung in 46 mins. H. J. Davies (conductor), 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; A. E. Church, 4; H. Langdon, 5; B. F. Battum, 6; W. Jones, 7; H. Alford, jun., 8.

AT ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 3rd inst., for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 48 mins. J. N. Oxborrow, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; J. Willshire (first quarter-peal), 4; R. T. Woodley, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; C. F. Winny, 7. W. Cropley, 8.

guidance of their teacher, William Quasvar, had built the most substantial church we have anywhere in the Mission. The walls are of thick lime concrete, and all the seats, the rail, and even the holy table; and the inside is plastered in a way that would do credit to any workman.'

AUSTRALIA.

ALREADY the island continent is crossed from north to south by the over-land telegraph. It is now to be united from west to east by the completion of a railway system. The Church's work in West Australia is hereby again enhanced in importance. The new line is to extend from York (100 miles east of Perth) to Eucla, at the head of the Great Bight, a distance of 700 miles. The western part of this route was until lately believed to be barren, but that has been ascertained to be an error. On each side of the railway the English syndicate making it will be the landlord of the new colonists. At Eucla it will join another line leading across South Australia to Port Augusta, from whence Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney, are all accessible. Pastoral settlement is also being commenced by a Company on twenty million acres hitherto untouched, near Eucla. The Bishop of Perth appeals to the Home Church for aid towards providing itinerant clergy for these fresh regions.

MELBOURNE seems the place now for religious novelties—in worship among Churchmen, and in doctrine among Dissenters. A visitor to St. Paul's pro-Cathedral noted at Christmas how in 'the choir the damsels in surplices and trenchers gave portions of the *Messiah* with commendable proficiency.' The Presbyterian Mr. Strong, whose new church is to cost 13,000*l.*, announces 'that joining in the social feast of the Lord's Supper will not be made a test of membership, as there are diversities of opinion upon it even among pious persons, and some do not regard such symbolic rites as necessary to the Christian life.' The same 'advancing' pastor opines, in a sermon on Prayer, that 'even the prayers now offered up will, in time, be disused.'

THE colony of New South Wales has now a population exceeding one million, half of whom belong to the Anglican Church, one quarter are Romanists, the Presbyterians and Methodists are about 100,000 each, while the remainder is made up of Independents, Baptists, Salvationists, &c.

MADAGASCAR.

NEXT to the furtherance of Christianity the suppression of the Slave Trade must engage our best sympathies. It is painful, therefore, to note how France follows Portugal in upholding the wickedness under flimsy disguise. She offered the Sultan of Johanna (one of the Comoro Islands) to 'obtain an amendment' of his Anti-Slavery treaty with England if he would receive her 'Protectorate' and 'Resident,' and on his refusing has reduced him to submission by a bombardment.

M. LOYSON'S WORK IN FRANCE.

THE New York *Churchman* says:—'The Père Hyacinthe deserves to be had in grateful remembrance, if for no other reason than for this, that he, alone, keeps before France the fact that there is a Gallican Church. It is indeed in its embers, smouldering on the hearthstone of an almost subverted national sentiment. But if France is ever to live again as a power for Christianity, it is in the elements of regeneration of which M. Loyson is the representative. The State establishment is chiefly responsible for the State atheism. The Vatican sect in France is the exponent of a religion which has the infallibility of the Pope and the *culte* of the fabulous "Mary" for its practical creed. M. Loyson alone stands up for the Nicene Creed and the constitutions of Christendom as maintained by the undisputed Councils Œcumenical. Nothing less than a return to these Scriptural and Catholic standards can save France from the irreligion bred of dogmas which have no root in truth, nor in the testimony of Catholic antiquity.'

We subjoin from *Galignani* the following sketch of a Gallican evening service:—'Last Sunday was, perhaps, the most inclement day of the season, and it was not surprising that the churches, native and foreign, were nearly empty, yet the humble but commodious Gallican Church was filled by attentive congregations, mostly men, and of a superior order. We observed some of our foremost senators and deputies, professors, Polytechnique students, &c., and some distinguished strangers, besides the usual group of the faithful who compose the body of the Church, when we attended Vespers. The sonorous old Gregorian chanting of the Psalms, joined in by the assistants with such heartiness, showed that the transformation from Latin into French only augmented their value. A magnificent solo from Gounod's *Jerusalem* was a most fitting close of the service. Père Hyacinthe recapitulated the work of Catholic reform begun by him in Paris eight years ago, showing that, in spite of the absence of the two great human factors, State protection and money, and in spite of trials, mistakes, calumny, treason, and imminent peril, the work had progressed steadily. One of the most encouraging indications of this change in public opinion was the steady infusion of liberal ideas in the Roman communion. He not only had the sympathy of a great number of devout and true men among the Roman Catholic clergy, but there were bishops—saintly men and truly Catholic bishops of the Roman Church—who, although they were forced to do it privately, did not hesitate to pray for his work of Catholic and Evangelic reform. He read an episcopal letter from the Right Rev. Dr. Holly, bishop of the

Catholic Reformed Church of Hayti, brought by its chancellor, who, with an ex-president of the Haytian Parliament, occupied places in the chancel. One of these gentlemen, of pure African race, is Dr. Janvier, Lauréat of the Medical Faculty of Paris, and twice *diplôme* of Political Science. Then the preacher read a letter just received from Bishop Reinkens, the head of the Old Catholics in Germany, who assured the *père* of a sincere feeling of fraternity, not only between the Gallican Church and the Old Catholics of Germany, but said that from the throne to the peasant's cottage there was an ardent desire for peace between these two great neighbouring people, who each had need of the other. The recent war, as well as the disastrous dogma of Papal Infallibility, were stigmatised by the German prelate as the nefarious work of the Jesuits. Père Hyacinthe explained how the humble chapel in the Rue d'Arras was a Catholic centre for the entire world, having had within its chancel Catholic bishops and representatives of the Holy Synod of the Greek Church, the Anglicans, the Old Catholics of Germany, Switzerland, America, Italy, and Sweden; and members of all Christian denominations were wont to come there to worship. Yet there was no vagueness of belief, no latitudinarianism in doctrine preached there, nor any deviation from true and valid episcopal root; for he and his followers remained true to the orthodoxy of the primitive Catholic Church, of the Bible, of the great and valid Councils of the undivided Church. Real Christian unity, not uniformity, must be based upon that orthodoxy, which was at the same time positive, comprehensive, and progressive.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Sunday Peal-ringing.

SIR,—Will you favour me (as a member of the Kent County Association of Change-ringers) by inserting the following remarks on the above subject? Since the formation of our Association the science of campanology has been largely developed, as is evidenced by—(1), The number of bands now belonging to the Association; (2), the restoring of belfries; (3), the addition of bells to incomplete rings; (4), the hanging of whole rings; (5), the number of reports of our achievements all over the country, appearing in *Church Bells* and *Bell News*; and, (6), by the great interest manifested in it even by non-ringers. Every band has its fixed evenings for ringing, and, of course, this regularity of practice is the only way of attaining excellence in the art; but I regret to have read, occasionally, that even the Sabbath has been appropriated as a peal-day; and this not by the home bands only, but by some making excursions to other places for the purpose. Now I, as the mouth-piece of our band, respectfully submit that this practice is, to say the least, an act of irreverence, and will be pleaded by outsiders in justification of their desecration of the Sabbath by secular recreation. Moreover, will not the very fact of these exploits being reported in the papers lead others to make light of such texts as Isa. lviii, 13, &c., and show that *our own* view of our work as Church officials is certainly much lower than the above and similar texts would sanction?

A MEMBER OF THE K. C. A. C. R.

Mr. Thompson's Pamphlet.

SIR,—I have just read Mr. Thompson's pamphlet on *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* with much pleasure. I consider that he has conferred on change-ringers a boon for which we ought to be very grateful. Would it be too much to ask Mr. Thompson (I feel like *Oliver Twist*) to investigate the possible extent of *TREBLE BOB MAJOR*: (1), with the tenors together; (2), with the tenors parted?

F. W. J. REES, *Bengal Civil Service*.

Tipperah, Bengal.

A Correction.

SIR,—The figures of the *STEDMAN* peal in your issue of the 7th inst. should read *CATERS* instead of *CINQUES*. It was rung at the residence of W. Kent, Fentham Road, Birchfields, on handbells retained in hand, on Monday, 7th of February.

HY. BASTABLE.

62 Lozells Street, Lozells.

Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY Meeting was held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Easter Monday, the 11th inst., by the kind permission of the Rev. J. White. The ringing began about half-past three o'clock, when touches of *STEDMAN*, *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, and *TREBLE BOB MAJOR*, were rung. At six o'clock some forty members sat down to tea in the Church-room, and after tea was despatched the usual business meeting was held, under the presidency of the Vicar. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and passed, the Hon. Sec. reported that the Association had received the current Reports of the United Counties' Association, the Yorkshire Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Midland Counties' Association, and the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association. A rule was passed enabling honorary members residing out of Surrey to become life members on payment of a donation of not less than two guineas. Ten new members, including the Rev. J. White, were elected. Finally, it was decided to hold the next District Meeting at Reigate on Whit Monday, and the Annual Meeting at Kingston in about three months' time. Subsequently more ringing was done, both at St. Peter's and at the parish church, until about nine p.m. This meeting was attended by ringers from Beddington, Benhilton, Bletchingley, Croydon, Dorking, Leatherhead, Mitcham, Reigate, Streatham, and Wimbledon.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, the 30th inst., when and where the Committee will be glad to see all members, and others interested in the welfare of the Association. Arrangements are being made to provide tea, and several towers will be open for ringing on that day. Societies and members of kindred Associations intending to be present will please communicate at once with the Hon. Secretary,

W. LUNN, Market Rasen.

The Lancashire Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Southport on Saturday, April 23rd. The bells of Christ Church will be at the disposal of the members. Meeting in the schools at 6 p.m. Ringers from the adjoining districts will be welcomed. Also a meeting of the Rossendale Branch of the above Association will be held at St. Paul's Church, Rambsbottom, on the above date.

A. E. HOLME, JOEL REDFORD, Hon. Secs.

The Birmingham and District Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at Harborne on Saturday, April 23rd, when members and friends alike will receive a hearty welcome. Through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Roberts, the tower will be open during the afternoon. The Business Meeting of the Association, which will be conducted in the Infants' School connected with the parish church, will take place at 6 p.m., the Vicar attending the same. The Secretary will be obliged to the Local Secretaries who will receive all monies due and pay them over to him on or before the above date.

Crump's Cottage, Silver Street, King's Heath. JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

A Peal of Stedman Caters.

By GEO. NEWSON, Royal Cumberland Youths.

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Rounds in
six changes.

This peal has the 5th and 6th exclusively behind the 9th, contains all the 8-9's and 9-7-8's with those bells in that position, and is the first peal published on this plan. By omitting bob at 16 in 46th course, and calling last course as given, the number will be 5010.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

ON Easter Monday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. E. Carter, 1; R. E. Gibbs (Eye, Suffolk, first peal in the method), 2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3; H. Langdon, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; J. W. Driver, 6; A. Aldham, 7; S. How, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford.

ON Easter Monday, the 11th inst., a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins. W. Bennett (first peal), 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; H. Hollifield, 3; Rev. Canon Wigram,* 4; M. Ellsmore, 5; Jos. Pomfret,* 6; H. A. Barnett,* 7; H. Baker, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Thorpe and conducted by Mr. Baker. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F. [* First peal in the method.]

At All Saints', Worcester.

ON Easter Monday, the 11th inst., ten members of the Worcester and adjoining Districts Association and the St. John's Society, Bromsgrove, rang a peal of 5112 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 18 mins. A. Hobday, 1; G. Bourney, 2; W. James, 3; G. Hughes, 4; T. Allbutt, 5; O. James, 6; G. Morris, 7; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 8; W. Rea, 9; J. Parry, 10. Tenor, 26 cwt.

At St. Albans, Herts.

ON Easter Monday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Cathedral Society rang Hubbard's Ten-part peal of BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 12 mins. T. Grant, 1; A. Barnes (first peal), 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in E flat. First peal in the method by all the band, who are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Herts and Essex Associations. First peal of BOB TRIPLES by the Herts Association.

HANDBELL RINGING.—On Thursday, the 7th inst., 360 OXFORD BOB MINOR J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. At the Cathedral, on Easter Sunday, for Divine Service at 6 a.m., 504 BOB TRIPLES. T. Kent, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And for Divine service at 10 a.m. 604 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. Barnett, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; G. W. Cartmel, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Also some GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR for other services.

At the Parish Church, Bradford, Yorkshire.

ON Easter Tuesday, the 12th inst., ten members of the Yorkshire Association rang a muffled peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 21 mins. A. Moulson, 1; J. H. Fisher, 2; H. Rastrick, 3; R. Tuke, Esq., 4; F. Broadley, 5; J. Angus, 6; J. H. Hardcastle (conductor), 7; J. Scott, 8; W. Gill, 9; W. Darbey, 10. Composed by Mr. C. H. Hattersley. Tenor, 27 cwt. This peal, which was rung for the first time, has the second nine courses at home, and was rung as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. J. H. Fish. J. Scott came from Keighley, W. Gill from Hull; the rest are members of the local company.

At All Saints', West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

ON Easter Tuesday, the 12th inst., the following members of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. T. Danks (first peal), 1; W. Cooper, 2; J. Siddons, 3; R. Jones (first peal), 4; W. R. Small, 5; S. Smith, 6; S. Reeves (conductor), 7; G. Griffiths, 8. R. Jones, who is shortly to leave for America, was elected a member of this Association previous to starting for the peal.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Friday, the 15th inst. (election of churchwardens), ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 20 mins. W. W. Thorne, 1; J. Barry, 2; A. R. Aldham, 3; R. T. Woodley, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; R. French, 6; J. Woods, 7; G. R. Banks, 8; W. H. George, 9; A. Hayward, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed by Mr. H. Hubbard and conducted by Mr. R. French. Messrs. Woods, Woodley, and Aldham's first peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS. Mr. Woods came from Kenninghall, and Aldham from Ipswich.

At Waltham Abbey, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. T. Powell, 1; J. Bonny, 2; W. Cecil, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; C. Beech, 5; R. French (conductor), 6; A. J. Hayward, 7; J. West, 8.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 18th inst., a peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. to commemorate the birthday of the conductor. J. Branch, 1; E. Bennett, 2; J. Harris, 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter,* 4; W. Burkin, 5; A. B. Carpenter, M.B., 6; C. Bance, 7; J. Plovman, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Barker and conducted by Mr. A. B. Carpenter. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp. [First peal. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter is vicar of Bobbing, Sittingbourne, and the rest belong to the Beddington Society.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BAGSHOT.—On Monday, the 4th inst., two 120's of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. F. Francis, 1; R. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; E. Lee, 4; W. Houlton (conductor), 5; E. Spooner, 6. Also 300 PLAIN BOB MINOR. R. Houlton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Houlton, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. On Thursday, the 8th inst., 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (16 bobs and 2 singles) in 28 mins. H. Stapleton, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; W. Houlton, 4; E. Lee, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. W. Houlton came from Wokingham. This is the first 720 of BOB MINOR by all except Francis, and is the first 720 of MINOR on the bells, which have not been rung for three years. Great credit is due to Mr. Spooner for ringing the tenor, as the bell goes heavily. On Sunday evening, the 10th inst., for service, four 120's of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. H. Stapleton, 1; H. Houlton, 2; T. Gould, 3; E. Spooner, 4; E. Lee (conductor), 5; R. Weeks, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt. The bells are by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, and were given by Mrs M. Waterer in memory of her husband, whom she only survived 12 months.

AT COLCHESTER: HANDBELL RINGING.—On Tuesday, the 5th inst., 720 BOB MINOR (26 singles) was rung in 28 mins. D. W. Scott, 1; J. Ascott (first 720), 2; J. Kettle (totally blind), 3-4; G. Dent, 5-6.

AT ST. MARY'S, MONMOUTH.—On Saturday, the 9th inst., being the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the new Town Hall by J. A. Rolls, Esq., attended by the Mayor and Corporation, of which body the manager of St. Mary's Society is a member, the local members rang some touches of MINOR on the back seven. T. Jones, 1; W. Preece, 2; J. Ward, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. Preece, 5; T. H. Jones, 6; H. Brown, 7. Also several

touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Shipway. W. Jones, 1; W. Preece, 2; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 3; J. Ward, 4; J. Brown, 5; T. Preece, 6; T. H. Jones (conductor), 7; H. Brown, 8. The new Hall is being built as a Jubilee Memorial, at a cost of from 4000*l.* to 5000*l.*, the whole of which is being defrayed by John Allen Rolls, Esq., of the Hendre, near Monmouth.

At SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, the 10th inst., the following members of the local Company rang before the Early Celebration, 720 BOB MINOR (9 bobs and 6 singles) in 28 mins. H. Hurr, 1; T. Hacken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; F. Lambert, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. And before the 10.30 service, 720 BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 26 mins. T. King, 1; F. Haken, 2; H. Thompson, 3; C. Goddard, 4; E. Upercraft, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Another 720 was attempted before Evensong, but failed. On Easter Monday, the 11th inst., the Halesworth Company were invited over to Southwold for some ringing; but four failed to fulfil their engagement, and nothing could be attempted beyond BOB MINOR with the help of the young local Company. The following rang 720 (6 bobs and 30 singles), in 28 mins. F. Lambert, 1; F. Haken, 2; J. Howard, 3; C. Goddard, 4; C. Kerrison, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. The 1st, 3rd, and 5th ringers belong to Halesworth; the others are members of the local Company.

At ST. MATTHEW'S, BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, the 10th inst., 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung. G. Cozens,* 1; A. Finch,* 2; H. Prior,* 3; J. Cozens,* 4; F. Bicknell (conductor), 5; W. Norris, 6. [* First touch.]

At NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Easter Day, the 10th inst., 720 changes of GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung before early service 720 PLAIN BOB before the usual morning service; and 720 KENT TREBLE BOB for evening service. E. Hampton, 1; T. Hotchkiss, 2; W. Prestidge, 3; J. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6; J. Townsend, 7; M. J. Robinson, 8. The time occupied was 26 mins. each for the GRANDSIRE and PLAIN BOB, and 25 mins. for the TREBLE BOB.

At ST. PAUL'S, WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Easter Monday the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, rang a select touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, containing fifty leads, in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Munday, 2; J. Hands, 3; W. Houlton, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 7; H. Smith, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. This musical touch, which begins and ends with the 'Queen's' change, and contains all the 2-4-6's, was composed by Miss E. Cruwys, Sharland, Rose Bank, Tiverton.

At HOLY TRINITY, BENGEU, HERTFORD.—On Easter Monday, the 11th inst., 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung by W. Bennett, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; J. Channer, 3; G. W. Cartmell, 4; W. Odell, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. H. Brown, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; G. W. Cartmell, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6. Messrs. Lucas and Barnett came from Tottenham; Messrs. Buckingham, Mitchell, and Cartmell, St. Albans; the others belonging to the local company at Bengou.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Wellingborough; A Bell-ringer; Cullip; C. Herbert; John Smith; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Public Morals: 'Faust,' and 'Society Papers.'

SIR,—I am indeed rejoiced to see two subjects brought up for discussion in your valuable *Church Bells* which have shocked me for long, namely, if the play of *Faust* is one to which a careful mother would like to take her daughter? and also the 'scurrilous and disgraceful papers,' as 'L. Y.' so aptly terms them, introduced into 'Society.' With regard to *Faust* I would say, how any one can take a daughter to it is amazing to me. Surely the tendency must in every way be harmful. To say the least of it, it familiarises the mind with vice, and makes immorality very fascinating to those who are pure-minded and simple, while it panders to the taste of those with whom vice is only too familiar. Its playing at religion is surely a mockery in God's sight. I feel so strongly on the subject of those hateful Society papers, that I can only say it is wonderful how men are allowed to go on so long publishing unvarnished falsehoods. Because it is attractive to ignorant minds, as providing what they take as truth at a low rate, and also attractive to those who would wish hatred for the Queen and Royalty to be fostered, is it to go on?

G. M. S.

What is Repentance?

SIR,—I can hardly conceive that 'J. J. L.' would eliminate from Holy Scripture all teaching of repentance in the accepted sense of the word. I turn up 'Repentance' in the first English Dictionary that comes to hand; and there I find that 'In Theology, repentance is distinguished into Evangelical and Legal. The former, usually called *Repentance*, simply is real sorrow or grief of heart for sin, as an offence and dishonour to God, a violation of His holy law, and the basest ingratitude toward a Being of infinite benevolence. The latter is sorrow, caused merely by the fear of punishment, which does not necessarily end in amendment of life.' This is a good and sufficient statement of what is generally, and rightly, understood by repentance. Theologically, whilst this is the primary idea of evangelical repentance, a secondary intention is latent under it, viz., consequent amendment of life: as we have it in the Church Catechism: 'To examine ourselves whether we repent us truly of our former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life.' So, on the other hand, the Scripture word

μετάνοια, though it has the primary sense, if we look at the derivation, of a change of opinion or conviction, yet contains, potentially, the undermeaning of a change of life, and of sorrow for past sin. The only other Greek word employed, and that verbally only, in connexion with repentance, is *μεταμελομαι*, used but five times in the New Testament; whereas the word in question is employed more than thirty times, and in some cases it is demonstrably employed as the word which expresses evangelical repentance; e.g., in St. Luke, x. 13: 'They had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.' In short, the Church from the beginning has so interpreted the word used in the original; and Canon Body is only following the unbroken teaching of the Church in 'lending his sanction' to the belief that 'New Testament repentance means sorrow for sin.' It is a lamentable fact that some of the clergy of our Church, and among them some of those preachers who are most run after, entirely omit from their doctrine the need of heart-felt sorrow for sin. Wherever this is the case, wherever the heart-humbling doctrines of the Gospel are avoided, we may be sure that there is something radically amiss. Every sincere heart responds at once and intensely to the language of the Confession in the Office for Holy Communion: 'We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.'

EDMUND GRAY.

Rounton Rectory, Northallerton.

Kneeling and Kneelings.

SIR,—Lately some reference was made in *Church Bells* to a plan for providing 'kneelings' which I sought fully to describe some months ago. Let me try, in deference to what seemed a request to do so, to repeat the description. But let me begin at the right place, i.e. at the beginning.

We (the Church) have compelled people to be irreverent, and now we are happily trying to make them reverent. It is still too true that the sittings of churches are frequently of such a character as never to encourage kneeling, often to render it difficult, and sometimes impossible. Within the last six weeks I have been at a parish church in whose handsome oak sittings it was impossible to kneel. I did kneel, because being at the end of a row of sittings I could kneel westwards *outside* of the sittings. But I purposely gazed on two occasions during the service over the entire church, and my impression is that the rector and I were the only kneelers. I am not certain it was so, but every person whom I could see was sitting during the prayers. In many churches the sittings are sufficiently wide for kneeling along the eastern front rows of sittings. Why are they three to six inches nearer together towards the western part? Now we may take it as a truth, that if we would induce the people in general to kneel in prayer we must make it quite easy for them to do so without pain or discomfort, and it must also be easy for them to rise from kneeling. If the matter is of no consequence let us say so, and have done with it, but if we really desire the people to kneel in prayer as the Blessed Saviour kneeled, or as the Apostle St. Paul and others with him kneeled, or as Solomon kneeled, we must render the act easily possible, and not a proceeding likely to be accompanied with pain, and it must be also under conditions from which it is not difficult to arise. Kneeling pads of two or three inches in thickness laid on the floor of the church are therefore generally of small avail. The devout, unless young and active, will pile three or four of these upon one another in order to bring them to the comfortable height for kneeling and for getting up from kneeling. Hassocks of seven to eight or nine inches in height possess the serious objections: (1) that they are often sadly tumbled about, (2) that they are soon worn through, and (3) cause much trouble in sweeping or cleaning the church. (4) Many people put their shoes upon them and leave them unfit to kneel upon. Kneeling boards alone will not be used. It is needless to argue about a stubborn fact. Men and women are not so reverent that they will kneel on a board, or lay a handkerchief upon the board and then kneel. A few may do it. We are dealing with the million. The Dissenter got out of the difficulty of diminished space as well as these other troubles, and stood up when he prayed. This is better than sham reverence, better than sitting and pretending to kneel. But the people have seldom had the means of kneeling provided, and it was useless to try to teach them to do what was impossible or painful.

By making the seat incline backwards, i.e. making the front of the seat some two inches higher than the back of it (this is done in many railway carriages) sitting is rendered much more agreeable and sham kneeling almost impossible. The backs of the sittings ought also to incline considerably. Sittings ought to be not less than thirty-two inches apart. I prefer thirty-four inches, but if they incline considerably thirty-two inches may suffice. But it is far better to have one whole bench of sittings less, with ample space for kneeling, than, for the sake of getting an extra bench, to render decent worship difficult to all the congregation. All that is then wanted is as follows. A kneeling board about six inches wide, about six inches off the ground in front, and 7 or 7½ inches off the ground at the back, i.e. inclining towards the persons who use it from an inch to an inch and a half. Upon this board, resting on three legs (whereof the one in the middle is rather shorter than the two on either side of it), the people will undoubtedly often place their feet when they are sitting during the lessons, sermon, &c. But at proper intervals carefully fasten a kneeling pad. Place it on the board so that it may overlap the front of the board fully one inch. When one kneels upon this pad the edge of the board (which, however, is better to be well rounded) will not hurt in the least, but kneeling is quite easy.

Now comes the one little 'trifle,' as many would call it, the want of which (suggested to me by a carpenter in Great Yarmouth last summer) hindered me for over thirty years from perfecting my scheme. In fastening the kneeling pad to the board let three or four big-headed screws or nails

emphasising those marks of goodwill and those expressions of affection which he has on so many previous occasions displayed toward the clergy of the Anglican Church. This letter effectually disposes of the intrusive element which Newman and those of his day discovered in the appointment of the first Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, and takes the sting out of the reproach that the Church of England was a favourer of schism. Other objections sink into insignificance with that now so happily laid on the shelf—though even such as might be urged have been completely done away with by the manifesto which the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London have recently issued.

EAST AFRICA.

From India the native Christians of Tinnevely have sent an epistle of sympathy to the Uganda confessors, and a donation of 80l. for their mission.

It is said that an Abyssinian bishop, who had been sent as envoy from King John to Greece, was on his return arrested at Massowah by the Italians, who have lately seized that port.

In an address at Oxford, in behalf of the University Mission, the Bishop of Carlisle said it might not be altogether a vain and foolish thing if the relics of Bishop Mackenzie, like those of mediæval saints, were translated from their present resting-place to the church at Zanzibar; the ceremony might prove a powerful means of preaching the Gospel.

EASTER IN A RURAL PARISH IN IRELAND.

(From a Correspondent in one of the Eastern Counties of Ireland.)

I BEGIN by saying that I have nothing whatever of the sensational kind to relate. I have spent Eastertide in a quiet part of the country where there have been no outrages, nor, in fact, any of the horrors which we hear of as having taken place elsewhere. I have heard assigned as the reasons for this state of things (1), the fact that the parish priest (this, in Ireland, always means the Roman Catholic clergyman) is no agitator; (2), that the landlords have uniformly allowed large reductions in the rents, and that there is no extreme distress.

There has been no reinforcement of the constabulary in the village, which is peopled by some five hundred souls; indeed, it is not an uncommon thing for the barracks to contain two policemen only. Of one of the adjoining counties, also quiet, I hear it said that its resident gentry have saved it from disturbance by remaining on their estates instead of leaving them to the management of agents. The Church population of this parish—all the Protestants are Church of Ireland folk—is only about sixty. From various causes it has greatly diminished within the last ten years. Some of these folk are very poor. One woman, who has a small weekly sum for looking after a shut-up mill, told me the other day how she had lost one of her pigs. 'He only lived three weeks, an' thin he perished. An' I meant to dhrass myself wid him in the summer. An' I gave a pound for him.' Others tell of poverty too, not in any sour or discontented way, but simply as a fact. One woman, telling me of her inability to buy 'decent clothes to go to church wid,' said, 'I don't care about money, I only want to have enough to live on. Sure every one is complainin' o' the want o' money, an' I'd rather not be like everybody else, but I can't help myself.' This woman is a widow, farming about six acres, for which she pays 28s. an acre, her house costing her about a guinea a-year 'for roofin' an' so on.' She has two daughters, one of whom married lately, and of whom the mother said, 'Ah, I put too much hardship on her; she had to keep workin', workin', an' so, when she got the chance of a husband, she went off.' Six acres and a house almost rent-free! Does not that sound as if one ought to do more than feed oneself and one daughter? But we must remember that the very poor cannot farm their land profitably; they cannot as much as afford to buy anything like a sufficiency of manure.

The parish church is an oblong building with a tower standing in the little churchyard, beneath which are the grounds belonging to a convent. After the Disestablishment this parish and a neighbouring one, P., were united, and the church at P. was unroofed. The old P. font, which must date a long while back, was brought over here, and the altar, a marble slab on a wooden stand, was put in what I suppose I must call the porch. An inscription on its edge tells of its giver, who, according to the inscription on a tablet which stands close by, died in 1727. The said tablet was taken away from P. when the church was unroofed. There it is, with its armorial bearings, very near the gift given by the man it commemorates.

The country about here is exquisitely beautiful: a neighbourhood to drive an artist crazy with delight; glorious with mountains and river and wood, and everywhere softly, delicately undulating. An artist, too, would enjoy the sight of the small Paddies I was talking to yesterday afternoon in my stroll along the road. One was sitting on a wall in an attitude of careless grace, as I might say were I writing a novel. His costume consisted of a billycock hat, a very loose brown jacket, and a pair of trousers letting in much daylight at the right knee. His feet were clad in those brown buskins of 'matter in the wrong place,' which never cause corns. Such a jolly-looking, red-faced, freckled little laddie he was. But I fear I am writing too long a letter, so wind up.

K. C.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Easter Monday in the Chapter House of the Cathedral at Worcester. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the Rev. Dr. Gott, dean of Worcester, the Rev. Canon Creighton presided, supported by the Revs. Canon Cattley, W. R. Carr (St. John's, Worcester), W. C. Gibbs (Hagley); S. Spittle, Master; J. Smith, secretary; E. Crump, treasurer; and upwards of eighty members from all parts of the country.

Prayers having been said by the Rev. W. R. Carr, the Chairman, in welcoming the Association to Worcester, said the Dean and Chapter were pleased to accede to the request made by his friend Mr. Carr on behalf of the Association to hold their meeting in the Chapter House. 'He wished to say that it was only within the last hour or so that he was asked to preside at that meeting, which office he undertook with much pleasure. He thought it was the duty of the clergy, and especially those connected with the Cathedral, to take an active part in all Church work.'

The Secretary having read the Annual Report, the Rev. W. R. Carr, in proposing its adoption, said that he was able to do so with pleasure. Much good had been done already through the Association, but much now remained to be done. Canon Cattley, in seconding the proposition, endorsed the remarks of the proposer, and trusted the kindly advice given by him and the Chairman would be received and acted upon by the members of the Association.

The Rev. Dr. Gott was re-elected President, as were also Canon Cattley and W. R. Carr, Vice-Presidents. Mr. T. Brown (Worcester) was re-elected and Mr. J. Naylor (Dudley) elected lay Vice-Presidents. The following gentlemen were elected (with the above) to serve on committees:—The Revs. Canon Claughton, W. C. Gibbs, E. J. Hall, S. J. Marriott, and C. W. Tibbets, with one representative from each company in union, the Worcester branch to send two. Several new members, honorary and performing, were added to the roll, some slight alterations made in the rules, and the usual votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, were unanimously passed. The rev. gentleman thanked them most heartily for the same, and pronounced the Benediction. After this the members dispersed to the various church towers in the city, where some good touches of GRANDSIRE CATERS, TRIPLES, MINOR, BOB MAJOR and MINOR, were rung; as was also a peal of 5112 GRANDSIRE CATERS (before the meeting took place) by the St. John's Society, Bromsgrove, at All Saints' Church, Worcester, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. A. Hobday, 1; G. Bourne, 2; W. James, 3; G. Hughes, 4; T. Albert, 5; O. James, 6; G. Morris, 7; G. Heywood, 8; W. Rea, 9; J. Parry, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed and conducted by George Heywood. G. Hughes came from Tipton, the rest from Bromsgrove. This is the second peal of CATERS by him, who has only one arm. The peal was rung in honour of the fifth Annual Meeting of this Association. This peal has the 6th eighteen courses behind the 9th, and 5th twenty-four courses behind the 9th.

We cull the following facts from the Second Annual Report:—Improved arrangements have been made in several Belfries connected with the Association, tending to fit them better for their position with regard to the House of God. During the past year 37 performing and 3 honorary members have been added to the roll, thus bringing the number up to 132. The financial position of the Association is most satisfactory. Instructors have been appointed for several companies during the year, with, we hope, very good results. In accordance with a resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting, a Peal Book has been provided, but we cannot as yet report many entries. Your Committee congratulate the Association upon having secured the Rev. Dr. Gott, Dean of Worcester, as President, in place of Lord Alwyne Compton, who has been appointed to the Bishopric of Ely.

Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual luncheon and meeting of the members of this Association took place at the 'Swan Hotel,' on Easter Monday, about fifty members attending. The Mayor (Mr. G. Hurst) occupied the chair, supported by Archdeacon Bathurst, Rev. Lambert Woodard (St. Paul's), Rev. A. C. Downer (St. Cuthbert's), Rev. J. Copner (Elstow), Mr. T. Bull (hon. auditor), Mr. T. G. E. Elger, F.R.A.S. (hon. treasurer), took the vice-chair, having for his supporters the Rev. W. C. Baker (Milton Bryant), Mr. E. Ransom, and Mr. C. Herbert (hon. secretary).

The luncheon having been disposed of, the Secretary read the Annual Report. Mr. Bull, in proposing the adoption of the Report, suggested that it should be printed and circulated immediately after the meeting; if it was not printed until the following Easter much of the interest in it was lost. The Secretary explained that the Report would have been printed much earlier last year but for the fact that he and the Treasurer living so far apart, he was unable to get the accounts in time. The Rev. W. W. C. Barker seconded, and the Report was adopted and ordered to be circulated as suggested by Mr. Bull. A considerable number of new members were then elected.

Some discussion ensued as to the formation of the Committee, and ultimately it was decided to increase the number, the following gentlemen being appointed: Rev. E. J. Hillier, Cardington; Rev. A. C. Downer, Bedford; Rev. W. C. Baker, Milton Bryant; Mr. W. Biggs, Bromham; Mr. W. C. Chibnall, Aspley Guise; Mr. E. Ransom, Mr. I. Hills, Mr. C. W. Clarke, and Mr. S. J. Cullip, Bedford; Mr. W. E. Turney, Woburn; Mr. C. R. Howard, Biddenham; Mr. J. Dickens, Sharnbrook. On the motion of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by the Secretary, the Rev. Lambert Woodard was appointed a Vice-President in the place of the Rev. R. E. R. Watts, the services rendered by the latter to the Association being referred to by the proposer. The Rev. L. Woodard said he took a great interest in bell-

ringing, for he considered bells were a great help to worship, and he should do his best to promote change-ringing. The Vice-Chairman gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that the number of Vice-Presidents be increased from three to six. In answer to Archdeacon Bathurst, the Treasurer said there was a balance in hand of nearly 17l.

The question of a paid instructor then came up, the Secretary observing that in many places there were young men who wished to ring on their newly restored bells. There were men belonging to the Association who were willing to teach them, but could not afford to lose their time and pay their own railway fares. It was such a small matter, however, that it could be well disposed of by the Committee.

This being the whole of the business, the Mayor said he was very pleased to have met the members of the Association. Of all people he considered bell-ringers the most loyal, and there was proof of that in the fact that when anything occurred to honour the Queen, as in the case of the Jubilee, all the bells in England were set ringing. In all other Societies, there were generally some members who were not quite loyal; but from their conduct, bell-ringers were clearly the most loyal people in England. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Mayor, on the proposition of the Rev. A. C. Downer, seconded by Archdeacon Bathurst.

During the day the members rang several touches on the bells of St. Paul's and St. Mary's; and at a special service held at St. Paul's at 5 p.m., a brief address was given by the Rev. J. Copner, vicar of Elstow. In the early morning some members rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Mr. W. G. Biggs, Bromham, conductor (first time).

The new Vicar of St. Paul's, the Rev. Lambert Woodard, having expressed a desire to become personally acquainted with the members of the local Company of Change-ringers at St. Paul's, they attended the service at the Church on Wednesday evening in Easter week, and by his kind invitation were afterwards entertained at supper at the Vicarage. The Rev. Mr. Brierley (curate) was also present. Changes and tunes were rung upon the handbells, entertaining music and singing being introduced. The Vicar expressed his appreciation of what he had already seen of the ringers and their work and felt inclined to take a rope in hand himself. He was in favour of Sunday ringing for services, more especially on the days of the Church's great festivals. The gathering was in all respects a pleasing and sociable one, and good impressions have already been created by the kindly and Christian touch of recognition initiated by the Vicar. All the members of the Bedford Company are members of the Beds Association.

Hulme Holy Trinity Society of Voluntary Bell-ringers.

ON Tuesday next, May 3rd, the occasion of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Manchester, the belfry will be open from 11 a.m. for any ringers who may be in the neighbourhood. The church is in Stretford Road, along which the Royal party will pass to the Jubilee Exhibition.

Norwich Diocesan Association.

ON Monday, the 2nd inst., a District Meeting will be held at Woodbridge, on the occasion of opening the bells after rehanging. Dinner at the 'Crown Hotel' at one o'clock. Service in the church at three o'clock, with sermon by Ven. Archdeacon Perowne, Rector of Redenhall. Members intending to dine are requested to inform the Secretary as soon as possible, with name of station.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, the 23rd inst., at Penkridge, when the following places were represented by members and friends:—West Bromwich, Perry Barr, Wombourn, Tettenhall, Willenhall, and Stafford. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. with a 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, after which a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. A Committee Meeting was held in the vestry, when two honorary and two ringing members were elected, and it was also decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Lichfield on the 18th of June. At 6 p.m. the whole of the party, by the invitation of the Vicar, adjourned to the Vicarage, where tea was in readiness, and after doing justice to the good things provided a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Penkridge, and the proceedings were brought to a close with a short service in the church.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Thursday, the 7th inst. eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang a muffled peal of 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 36 mins. W. Wakley, 1; J. Griffin, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Austin, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; A. P. Heywood, Esq., 6; H. Wakley, 7; T. Holmes, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Carter and conducted by Mr. J. Griffin. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times each way, and is now rung for the first time, with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Henry Allsopp, first Baron Hindlip, who was interred at Hindlip, Worcestershire, on the above date.

ON Wednesday, the 20th inst., eight members of the last-named Society rang a muffled peal of 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Burton Variation) in 3 hrs. 25 mins. J. Austin, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; Jos. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggard, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by Mr. W. Wakley. This peal, which is in three parts, and now rung for the first time, contains the 4th twelve times and the 6th nine times in 6th's place. It is the first peal of CAMBRIDGE in the Burton Variation, and was rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar of St. Paul's, the Rev. J. H. Fish.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. Day, Edgbaston; W. W. Gifford, Salisbury (thanks); and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Church House and Centralisation.

SIR,—‘W. R. C.’ states, in a letter to *Church Bells*, that, ‘according to “G. V.” the main object of the Church House is to be centralisation.’ I have not made any such statement. I should regret such a result. There is no fear of any such misfortune. If oil is brought from the cupboard and poured into the lamp reservoir, some may term this proceeding an act of centralisation. But the intention and the result are the diffusion of light into the most distant parts of the room, and, possibly, to the very cupboard in which the oil is stored.

It is just the same with the Church House. When once in full operation it will diffuse warmth and light in all directions. The Church will feel its good influences from Land's End to Holy Isle. The most distant parts of the Church, at home and in the Colonies, will profit greatly by their connexion with it. The Church House people have a hard task before them, but success is certain.

‘The money will not come out of the charity purse,’ if by this it is hinted that other charities will suffer in consequence of this effort, although it is probable that the charitable givers will be also the givers to the Church House. Of a host of grumblers who wrote refusing to aid the Church House, asserting that the needy clergy should be attended to, not one appears as aiding the Clergy Distress Fund; while, on the contrary, it will be found that the donors to the Church House are large and generous givers to the fund for the clergy. The Committee of the Church House would undoubtedly be glad of much more money, but it is a question whether they would desire to deprive poor school children of ‘feeds,’ and a few other people of ‘fireworks and illuminations.’ But I have a strong notion that they mean to build the Church House, and rightly so, and as a thank-offering to God. G. V.

New Testament Repentance.

SIR,—I think any one who reads my former letter will see that I have answered Mr. Gray by anticipation. I never meant to deny that sorrow should accompany or follow repentance. I only meant to protest against the elevation of the emotional above the practical side of religion involved in teaching that it was repentance. I have no more to say, except to recommend my brethren of the clergy to consult a Greek Lexicon rather than a Theological Dictionary when they wish to interpret the New Testament. There is hardly a New Testament term in common use which has not changed its meaning since the Apostles' days. Some well-known words have changed their meaning three or four times. Therefore it is well to follow Bishop Pearson's advice, ‘*accedimus ad fontes*.’ Let us endeavour, as far as possible, to ascertain the meaning the words had in the minds of the writers themselves. J. J. L.

The Official Year-book of the Church of England.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will permit me to draw attention to one or two errors which have been pointed out to me in the *Church Year-book* recently issued.

I. In the ‘Summary of Church Extension in Large Towns,’ p. xiii, the figures for the following towns should stand thus:—Sheffield, 303,957l.; Northampton, 191,017l.; Preston, 307,780l.; Nottingham, 233,466l. It will then be found that they correspond with the statements regarding Church extension in these towns as they are given in the body of the book at pages 36–50.

II. ‘Elementary Education,’ p. xv.—Here I find that I have omitted to correct the print, as the years 1882–1884 should have been 1883–1885; and further, whilst casting up the Voluntary Contributions for the Maintenance of Schools for the given three years which was intended, I have unintentionally dealt in the same way with the *accommodation* and *average attendance*, which was clearly a mistake, and involves considerable misrepresentation. The figures should only have been taken for the year (1885), and they will stand then (see pages 181, 182):—

1. Accommodation provided by (a) Church Schools, 2,505,477; (b) Other Schools, 2,493,241.

2. Average attendance in (a) Church Schools, 1,631,763; (b) Other Schools, 1,739,562.

I have communicated these corrections for the convenience of the readers of the *Year-book*, and in doing so beg to apologise for the mistakes I have made.

FREDERICK BURNSIDE, Hon. Editor.

‘Faust.’

SIR,—With your correspondent ‘G. M. S.’ I am glad to see that some protest has been started in your columns exposing the pernicious effect the introduction of young people, especially girls, to such a play as *Faust* may have. Some mothers, who are ignorant of the story, may take their children to see the splendidly mounted piece, and such should not be too harshly judged, but rather pitied; it would, however, be very different where a parent who knew the story and had seen the play then to take her children; no words of reprobation would be too strong to apply; but it is difficult to suppose such a case. It is not easy to determine which in the play is the more objectionable, the immorality and indecency or the blasphemous appeal to Heaven, for such a mock appeal as is represented is blasphemous. None but a prurient mind could make excuses for the former quality; none but one careless of religious feeling could countenance or excuse the latter.

H. N.

SIR,—Your correspondent ‘G. M. S.’ appears to be exceedingly despondent at the circulation of some weekly periodicals called ‘Society papers.’

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Village Bells.

SIR,—Having recently been appointed Rector of a country parish, I find some slight want of spirit and interest among the bell-ringers, and I write to you, Sir, in hope that some of your readers of greater experience than mine in the art and mystery of bell-ringing may be induced kindly to communicate to me, through the medium of your columns, if you will allow me to make this request, some hints and suggestions for imparting life and vigour to my bell-ringers. Amongst other things, I want to ascertain how ringers are paid, how often and how long they ought to practise in each week, and what general rules have been found useful for the belfry. J. G. C.

[We doubt not but that Rev. Dolben Paul, Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham (Hon. Secretary of the Oxon Diocesan Guild), would willingly supply a copy of the hints issued by the Guild.—ED. C. B.]

Ringling at Roman Catholic Cathedrals.

SIR,—I understand that some members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers have lately been ringing at a Roman Catholic Cathedral. It seems strange to me, if they are true members of the Church of England, why they should do so. What would be thought if our clergy were to preach, or our choirs were to sing, in a Roman Catholic Chapel?

A BELL-RINGER AND MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

A False Peal.

In your April number of *Church Bells*, p. 505, you published a peal of STEDMAN CATERERS composed by Mr. G. Newson, which Mr. H. Johnson, sen., requests me to say is false. I would also observe that the plan on which it is arranged is not new, as a peal composed by the late Mr. Lates, on similar lines, was rung at St. Philip's Church, Birmingham, in Dec. 1844; and Mr. Johnson has a peal of 5256, composed by him in 1860, which contains the properties claimed by Mr. Newson for his peal. This peal has not yet been rung, and in consequence has not been published, which I venture to think is unfortunate, as, had it been, it might have saved Mr. Newson and others a great deal of trouble and some disappointment.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Lates' peal, which, if you will kindly insert in *Church Bells*, I think may be of use to rising composers by showing them what has been done in the past.

4 Chad Valley, Edgbaston.

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The whole repeated, except the first bob, gives 2 3 1 4 5 6 9 7 8

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2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 completes the peal of 5160 STEDMAN CATERERS by the late Mr. I. J. B. Lates. First rung at St. Philip's, Birmingham, Dec. 4th, 1844, conducted by Wm. Chattell; and at St. Margaret's, Leicester, Dec. 27th, 1853, conducted by J. Day. JOHN DAY.

A Query.

SIR,—Can you inform me what is the law relative to rings of bells? Can any church of the Establishment have them, or is it a privilege allowed only to 'parish' churches? B. R. S.

Rochdale and District Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at Manchester Cathedral. Meeting-place, 'Crown Hotel,' Blackfriars Street, Salford. Business to commence at 4, after which the bells will be at the disposal of the members.

The Herts County Association.

MEMBERS are requested to take notice that the next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Braughing on May 10, and that the following resolutions will then be proposed:—

1. That the Association be divided into Four Districts, after the model of the Oxford Guild: viz., the Northern, the Western, the Central, and the Eastern.

2. That this resolution be reconsidered at the next Annual General Meeting in October at St. Albans.

Each band will make its own arrangements as to May 10.

W. WIGRAM, General Secretary.

New Chimes at Wellborough, Northants.

MESSRS. GILLET & Co, of Croydon have now practically completed all arrangements for the working of the new carillon machine presented to the parish church by Mr. W. Woolston. On the 7th instant there was a preliminary trial of the tunes (fourteen in all) in the presence of the vicar (Archdeacon Lightfoot), the churchwardens, and Mr. Woolston (the donor). The trial was regarded as satisfactory. It is understood that the chimes will not be started until the 20th of June. Wellborough has possessed chimes

for over 300 years. The old ones were done away with in 1884. According to custom the bells were rung early on Easter morning, commencing at 6.15. It is worthy of note that not a single mishap occurred during the ringing, for notwithstanding the multitude of wires, levers, cranks, and hammers, that have been fixed in connexion with the new carillon machine, everything worked smoothly and well, none of the fittings being in any way disturbed. This is highly creditable to Mr. Oliver (Messrs. Gillett's representative), and shows the care with which the work has been carried out.

Middleton Parish Church, Lancashire.

THE reopening of the ring of six bells at this church is fixed for the first Saturday in May, to celebrate the birthday of one of the oldest ringers, John Heywood, who has rung at the above church ever since 1836. The bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, the work being superintended by Mr. George Vincent, of the above-named firm. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.

The Bells at St. Thomas', Salisbury.

THE work of rehanging this heavy peal is progressing. They were rung on Easter Sunday for the first time since February last. Three more bells remain to be rehung. On Wednesday, the 20th inst., the back six were rung, and 6 six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES performed in 32 mins. J. Short, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Caisford, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. The bells which have already been rehung go well, and the striking was good throughout.

Death of Mr. Alfred Taylor at Hull.

ON Tuesday, the 5th ult., at the Spring Bank General Cemetery, were interred the remains of Algernon Alfred Taylor, aged twenty-seven years. The deceased, who was a member of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, had been a ringer at the churches of Holy Trinity and St. James for a period of thirteen years. He had won the hearts of all by his kindly disposition. His remains were followed to the grave by a large number of ringers from the various churches of the town.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Hagbourne, Berks.

ON Friday, the 15th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Pether, 1; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 2; F. Napper, 3; J. Napper, 4; E. E. Napper, 5; D. Napper, 6; W. Napper, 7; C. Allen, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

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

ON Tuesday, the 19th ult., twelve members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE MAXIMUS in 3 hrs. 56 mins. W. Motts, 1; R. H. Brundle, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett (first peal on twelve bells), 4; A. R. Aldham, 5; F. Tillett, 6; C. Saul, 7; J. Motts, 8; R. Hawes, 9; B. Battrum (London), 10; S. Tillett, 11; W. L. Catchpole, 12. Composed by Mr. W. Harrison and conducted by Mr. Catchpole. Tenor, 32 cwt.

ON Sunday, the 24th ult., for evening service, a course of DUFFIELD MAJOR was rung by W. Meadows, 1; J. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; C. Saul, 4; W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 5; W. Motts, 6; E. Reeve, 7; S. Tillett, 8. And three courses of the same method. W. Meadows, 1; W. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; R. Hawes, 4; W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 5; J. Motts, 6; E. Reeve, 7; S. Tillett, 8.

At the Parish Church, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

ON Tuesday, the 19th ult., J. R. Pritchard's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Prescott, 1; W. B. Lloyd, 2; W. Ellis, 3; H. Winrow, 4; J. Sholicar (conductor), 5; C. Sharples, 6; W. Bentham, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. Rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Beaconsfield.

[Where is the calling of this peal to be found?—ED. C. B.]

ON Tuesday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Ormskirk Society rang Reeves' Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56½ mins. H. Ellis, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; W. B. Lloyd, 3; W. Bentham (conductor), 4; W. Ellis, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt. John Aspinwall came from Liverpool.

AT ST. NICHOLAS', GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday, the 10th ult., the following persons rang touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES for morning and afternoon services. R. Tooley, 1; W. Lee (conductor), 2; W. T. Blyth, 3; W. Secret, 4; T. Tooley, 5; G. Crow, 6; W. H. George (London and Pinner), 7; J. W. Matthews, 8. Tenor 30½ cwt. J. Fleming rang the treble for the afternoon service, which was conducted by T. Tooley.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Easter Monday, the 11th ult., a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by G. Rochester (conductor), 1; G. Taylor, 2; J. Freeman, 3; W. Wallage, 4; G. Martin, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; F. Pitstow, 7; J. Taylor, 8.

AT HOLY TRINITY, HULL.—On Saturday, the 16th ult., the following members of the Yorkshire Association attempted a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; but after ringing 1844 changes the fourth rope broke. F. Merrison, 1; C. Bennett, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; W. Gill, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8. Several communications unavoidably postponed.

It is now the fashion, and a very good one, to stain the floors of sitting-rooms and bed-rooms for about 18 inches all round, thus saving a considerable amount of carpet, besides rendering 'cleaning' far more easy. Judson's Wood Stains are the best, because they require neither size nor varnish.—[Advertisement.]

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE third Annual Meeting of the Members and friends of this Association took place at Lincoln on Saturday week, and was attended with great success. Through the kindness of the clergy and churchwardens all the towers containing rings of bells in the city were open for ringing. The Association was favoured with the presence of representatives of several kindred societies, including St. Peter's Amalgamated Society, Sheffield; the Eastern Counties' Guild; East and South Lincolnshire Associations; and the Newark Society. The branches of the North Lincolnshire Association represented were Lincoln (four societies), Gainsborough, Market Rasen, Noston, and Grimsby. At four o'clock tea was provided in the Odd Fellows' Hall, to which a company numbering close upon fifty sat down, and after tea the meeting was held. In the absence of the President (the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Butler) the Rev. S. W. Andrews (Rector of Claxby and Vice-President for the Market Rasen local centre) presided.

In opening the meeting the Chairman said he was very sorry indeed that their President, the Dean, was unable to be present. He had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was in the name of the Dean to present to the Association what he ventured to think all would consider a very handsome present, and one which their President said he trusted would be of great use to the Association, and record many triumphs of Lincolnshire bell-ringers—it was a peal-book. He thought the Members would only be too glad that he should in their name tender to the Dean very hearty thanks for his kind, handsome, and useful present. The business of the meeting was then proceeded with. The Hon. Secretary read the Report for the past year; the accounts showed a balance in the Treasurer's hands of nearly 10*l.*, and the numerical statement was also very satisfactory. The report of ringing work done was highly encouraging, showing that since the last annual meeting there had been accomplished one complete peal of 5040 changes (the first recorded by the Association, and rung by the Gainsborough branch). The Very Rev. the Dean was unanimously re-elected the President for the ensuing year. S. F. Hood, Esq., of Nettleham Hall, having kindly acceded to the request of the City of Lincoln local centre, was elected Vice-President for that centre, *vice* the Rev. A. G. Musson, who resigned through leaving the district; F. F. Linley, Esq., was re-elected Vice-President for the Gainsborough centre; and the Rev. S. W. Andrews Vice-President for the Market Rasen centre. Mr. H. Gadd of Market Rasen was re-appointed Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. W. Lunn of the same place Hon. Secretary. Mr. F. F. Linley of Gainsborough, and Mr. J. W. Watson of Lincoln, were elected as Auditors. It was decided to hold the next General Quarterly Meeting at Grimsby in July. The ringers afterwards repaired to the various towers, where they exercised their skill in *GRANDSIRE* and *PLAIN BOB TRIPLES*, *KENT TREBLE BOB* and *PLAIN BOB MINOR*, *GRANDSIRE* and *BOB DOUBLES*, and other methods.

The Kent County Association.

THE Annual General Meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Monday, June 13th. There will be a Committee Meeting at eleven o'clock, service at the Parish Church at twelve, and dinner at one. Allowance of one shilling and dinner to all practising members. Secretaries of bands that intend being present, and other members, must communicate with the Secretary, the Rev. R. K. Hugessen, by the end of this month. Members are requested to observe his change of address, viz. Wrinstead Court, Lenham.

Death of Mr. James Harrison of Folkestone.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. James Harrison, at his residence, Lower Sandgate Road, Folkestone, on Easter Monday, the 11th ult., after a brief illness, in his eightieth year. Mr. Harrison was a ringer of Folkestone for nearly sixty years, and had rung in nearly all the towers in Kent. His name is recorded in several peals in the Hythe and Folkestone towers. He conducted a peal of 5040 *BOB TRIPLES* at Folkestone, on November 21st, 1836, and on May 6th, 1846, he assisted in a peal of 13,444 *BOB MAJOR* at Hythe. He took part in the first peal on the new bells at St. Mary's, Folkestone, 5040 of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, at the age of seventy-four. He was the principal when the bells were worn out to get them cast and rehung at a cost of 1000*l.* He rang his last touch on Sunday, the 3rd ult., a 504 of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, in the Kent County Association. He will be very much missed. His funeral took place on Thursday, the 14th ult., at Folkestone Cemetery. The Vicar, the Rev. Matthew Woodward, M.A., officiated at the service, which was attended by a great many of the principal tradesmen and the friends and relatives of the deceased. A subscription has been opened for the erection of a tombstone over his grave, and a tablet to his memory in the belfry. These are being heartily supported, and will soon be carried into effect.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. James' Society Meeting-house, St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Wednesday, the 20th ult., four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 24½ mins. J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (St. Albans), 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7-8. Tenor, size 15, in C. This is the first time the peal has been rung non-conducted on handbells. It was performed very ably by the same band who achieved the Original non-conducted peal. No intimation of the calls were given. Mr. W. H. Fussell, of the Society of Royal Cumber-

land Youths, acted as umpire; and Mr. W. George was present during the greater part of the peal.

ON Wednesday, the 27th ult., four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Sussex, Essex, and Hertfordshire Associations, rang at St. Albans, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Original peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 35 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; G. W. Cartmel, 5-6; W. Battle, 7-8. Umpire: Mr. Alfred Sibley. First peal by the Sussex Association on handbells.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., 827 *GRANDSIRE CATERERS*. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; J. C. Mitchell, 7-8; W. Battle, 9-10.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

ON Thursday, the 21st ult., a peal of 5024 *BON MAJOR* was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; A. E. Thompson, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; C. E. Hart, 5; J. W. Thompson, 6; H. C. Woodward, 7; G. Mottashaw, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield, and conducted by H. C. Woodward. The above was rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. James H. Fish, late vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (Duffield Society) rang a peal of 7008 *DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR* in 4 hrs. 17 mins. G. Dawson, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; G. Hinsley, 5; A. Robinson, 6; J. Howe, 7; A. Percival Heywood (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. This peal, which is the twelfth in the method by this branch of the Association, and the longest length yet achieved, supersedes the 6000 rung at Gravesend in 1920. It has the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place. The above is H. C. Woodward's fiftieth peal, the number being made up as follows:—*UNION TRIPLES*, 1; *STEDMAN TRIPLES*, 1; *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, 13; *GRANDSIRE MAJOR*, 1; *GRANDSIRE CATERERS*, 1; *BOB TRIPLES*, 2; *BON MAJOR*, 12; *KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR*, 9; *TREBLE BOB ROYAL*, 1; *DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR*, 5; *DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR*, 4. This list includes one peal of 6000, one of 7000, and one of 10,000 changes.

At St. Mary's, Thornbury, Gloucestershire.

ON Sunday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang for evening service Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 3 hrs. 6 mins. W. Davis,* 1; W. Sevier (conductor), 2; G. Daultry,* 3; G. Iles,* 4; J. Hinton, 5; H. Mitchell, 6; F. K. Howell,* 7; J. Phillips,* 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. in E flat. [* First peal, and the second on the bells. First peal for over thirty years. Messrs. G. Daultry, G. Iles, W. Davis, J. Phillips, were nominated for membership prior to starting for the peal.]

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

ON Monday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 52 mins. S. Reeves (conductor), 1; J. Frisby (first peal), 2; R. Hall, 3; G. Smith (first peal), 4; W. R. Small, 5; W. Long, 6; T. Reynolds, 7; W. Cooper, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. This peal was rung with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. H. Fish, late vicar of Burton-on-Trent.

At the Cathedral, Manchester.

ON Monday, the 25th ult., ten members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5040 *BOB ROYAL* in 3 hrs. 20 mins. T. Thorpe, 1; J. Gratrix,* 2; T. G. Downes, 3; J. E. Pollitt, 4; E. Cash, 5; J. Barrett, 6; A. E. Wreaks, 7; J. Thorpe, 8; P. Bricknell,* 9; J. Eachus,* 10. Composed by Mr. John Thorpe of Ashton-under-Lyne and conducted by Mr. A. E. Wreaks. Messrs. Cash and Barrett came from Eccles; Bricknell from Northenden, Cheshire; the rest belong to Manchester. This peal was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. George E. Turner, a member of the Cathedral Company, but who could not make it convenient to be present in the peal. His brother ringers wished him many happy returns of the day. [* First peal in the method.]

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

ON Friday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5040 *STEDMAN TRIPLES* (Brooke's Variation) was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. W. Wakley, 1; H. Wakley, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Austin, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; T. Holmes, 6; J. Jagger (conductor), 7; J. Griffin, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt., in F. Rung with the bells half muffled, on the third anniversary of the death of Mr. M. J. Bass, founder of St. Paul's Church.

At Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey.

ON Friday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang a peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 43 mins. W. Coppage (100th peal), 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; J. Barry, 3; W. W. Thorne, 4; F. G. Newman (conductor), 5; H. Barnett, 6; G. Lucas, 7; G. Wilds, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the quickest on the bells. The above was Holt's Original reversed.

At St. Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall, City of London.—Jubilee Peal.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the St. James' Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; R. Jameson, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; J. Barry, 5; G. R. Banks, 6; R. French (conductor), 7; E. Albone, 8. Tenor, 36 cwt. The above was ordered by the churchwardens, and is the first Jubilee Peal rung in the City of London. It is 125 years since a peal of 5000 changes was rung on the bells.

It will appear curious to change-ringers when we record the fact that, although the church has been built two hundred and seven years, when the bells were placed in the tower, only four peals, including the above, have

been rung; the three first by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, as follows:—5040 UNION TRIPLES, 1727; 5040 COURT BOB MAJOR, 1735; 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1762. Mr. Haworth, the caretaker of the bells and head ringer, deserves some credit for their excellent condition, as the men rang a well-struck peal with comparatively little fatigue, considering the great weight of the bells. Mr. G. Banks lately rehung several of the bells.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, City of London.—Jubilee Peal.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., eight members of the St. James' Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 3 hrs. 4 mins., to celebrate Queen Victoria's reign of fifty years. J. R. Haworth, 1; W. Cecil, 2; H. Langdon, 3; J. Barry, 4; M. A. Wood (conductor), 5; C. Beech, 6; W. H. George, 7; W. W. Williams, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The above is the second Jubilee Peal in the City of London.

At St. Mary's, Bridport, Dorset.

On Thursday, the 5th inst. (being the day of the dedication of the new ring of eight bells), was rung Hollis' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Rev. A. D. Hill, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Judd, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first peal ever rung in Dorsetshire.

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

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original) was rung in 2 hrs. 52 mins. S. Greenwood, 1; C. E. Malim, 2; A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 3; G. Pell, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; H. S. Thomas, 6; A. E. Church, 7; H. Pates, 8.

At ST. MARY'S, STAINDROP, DURHAM.—On Sunday, the 17th ult., members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang 360 OXFORD BOB MINOR (9 bobs and 6 singles).—On Tuesday, the 19th ult., being the Duke of Cleveland's eighty-fourth birthday, who is the oldest Duke living, 720 OXFORD BOB MINOR (20 bobs and 10 singles) and 720 BOB MINOR (4 bobs and 26 singles). Also 720 BOB MINOR (9 bobs and 6 singles); 720 COLLEGE SINGLE (18 bobs and 10 singles), and touches of COLLEGE SINGLE. On Sunday, the 24th ult., 360 OXFORD BOB MINOR (9 bobs). W. McLean, 1; J. W. Shipp, 2; W. E. Johnson, 3; T. Lenard, 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; J. Brown, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At ST. LAWRENCE, BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, the 17th ult., 720 BOB MINOR was rung in 26 mins. H. Barnes, 1; S. Romans, 2; J. Yates, 3; R. Brunson, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; W. Sevier (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. On Tuesday, the 19th, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in 27 mins. H. Barnes, 1; W. Sevier, 2; J. Yates, 3; G. Miles, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. This being the conductor's birthday, his brother-ringers wish him 'many happy returns of the day.'

At THE PARISH CHURCH, ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, PETERBOROUGH.—On Tuesday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Ashby Parish Church Society of Change-ringers (organized October 1886) rang a muffled peal for 2 hrs., consisting of PLAIN COURSE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, several times repeated. J. H. Dunmore, 1; H. Canner, 2; T. Jacques, 3; J. Hopkins, 4; W. Canner (conductor), 5; J. Canner, 6; W. Preston, 7; J. Curtis, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. This peal was rung as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Duchess of Norfolk, daughter of the Right Hon. Lord Donnington, patron of the living, and Lord of the Manor of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

At HEMPESTEAD, GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, the 21st ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung, being the first in the method on the bells. W. Pegler,* 1; F. Hart,* 2; R. J. Wilkins,* 3; G. Brunson,* 4; R. Brunson, 5; W. Brunson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. The peal was all calls [*First 720. †First in the method. First 720 as conductor.] Afterwards several six-scores of STEDMAN DOUBLES were rung. W. Sevier (conductor), 1; W. Brunson, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; G. Brunson, 4; R. Brunson, 5; W. Pegler, 6.

At ST. SEPULCHRE'S, HOLBORN VIADUCT, LONDON.—On Friday, the 22nd ult., a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole-pull and stand, after which about 300 changes in the GRANDSIRE method, were rung by J. Nelms (conductor), 1; J. Barry, 2; A. Moggeridge; W. Moore, 4; H. Davies, 5; D. Lovett, 6; H. Alford, junr., 7; G. Wilds, 8; J. Rumsey, 9; A. Church, 10. Tenor, 31 cwt. It was rung as a mark of respect for the late Mr. H. Wyber, a member of the vestry.

At ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Saturday, the 23rd ult., a touch of 1512 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, being the first three parts of Holt's Ten-part peal, was rung in 55 mins. by J. Judd, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. This is the longest touch ever rung in Salisbury. [How was it brought round at 1512?—Ed. C. B.]

At ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., 720 BOB MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs) was rung for practice in 24½ mins. J. Brookes, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. Worthington (conductor), 3; J. Williamson, 4; S. Oakes, 5; A. Potter, 6. On Sunday, the 1st inst., being the occasion of the anniversary sermons, 720 BOB MINOR (21 bobs and 12 singles) was rung before Divine service in the morning in 24 mins. J. Brookes (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Wellsby (Worsley), 5; W. Denner, 6. Also, before evening service, 720 BOB MINOR (14 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 24½ mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Wellsby, 2; J. Worthington (conductor), 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. On Monday evening, the 2nd inst., 720 BOB MINOR (40 singles) was rung in 25 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter (conductor), 4; J. Williamson, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At SS. MARY AND ETHELBURGH, LYMINGE, KENT.—On Saturday, the 30th ult., 2520 PLAIN BOB MINOR (54 singles and 17 bobs) was rung in 1 hr. 45 mins. J. Preble, 1; J. Andrews, 2; R. Ansbeny (Waltham), 3; A. Tantan, 4; C. Laker, 5; T. Hooker (Hastingleigh, conductor), 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in F.

At ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On Saturday, the 30th ult., 1512 STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung in 55 mins. W. Mundy, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; E. Truman, 8. This was rung to celebrate the twenty-ninth birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him 'many happy returns of the day.' On Sunday, the 1st inst., for Divine service in the morning, 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd (conductor), 3; S. Binfield, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also 210 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Davey, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; S. Binfield, 4; W. Mundy (conductor), 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. Also 252 STEDMAN TRIPLES. E. Pitt (conductor), 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Richardson, 4; W. Goss, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; B. Mundy, 8. On Sunday, the 8th inst., being the first Sunday that the new Rector, the Rev. S. W. Bird, attended and preached, the following members rang a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; S. Binfield (first quarter-peal), 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

At ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—On Sunday evening, the 8th inst., before Divine service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung in 41 mins. W. Baron, jun., 1; W. Broadbent, 2; W. Partington, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; C. Choplin, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. R. Jerram; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

How to complete the Church House and the Imperial Institute, and give a good Sum for the Clergy Relief Fund.

SIR,—If all who are directly benefited by the Chancellor of the Exchequer's proposal of taking off one penny in the pound of Income Tax will give on half of this amount to the two great Jubilee Memorials, and to the Clergy Relief Fund, the three enterprises would be speedily and easily completed. Thus: Imperial Institute, 330,000l.; Church House, 250,000l.; Clergy Relief 200,000l.: total, 780,000l.

Now, a few days ago there seemed little hope that the Income Tax could be reduced. We must have paid the tax willingly or unwillingly if it had remained unchanged. But the relief is assured to us. Can we not give half of it in the way suggested, and thus secure a great national memorial, and a great religious thanksgiving memorial, and also relieve many a poor clergyman now in the depths of anxiety and poverty, for which he is not blame-worthy? If this is too much, let me remark that one fourth of the amount of our Income Tax relief would give 130,000l. to each of these three efforts.

Let all who are affected by the Budget determine to give one half, or at least one fourth of the amount saved to them, so that Jubilee year may be truly a year without precedent for munificence, grateful thankfulness, and benevolence.

GEORGE VENABLES, *Honorary Canon of Norwich.*

Martinholme, Red Hill, April, 1887.

Tithe Rent Charges.

SIR,—When the present holders of such benefices as derive their incomes from tithes undertook their cure, they did so in the faith that they would receive a certain fixed stipend, subject to certain deductions known to them at the time. When, therefore, those deductions are made, they are entitled to receive the remainder in full during their tenure of their livings, and that they have continued to do up to the present time. But by the new Tithe Bill, which has now passed the second reading, it is proposed to make the landlord the tithe-payer instead of the tenant, and to allow him three months in which to pay the tithes, or if he should pay them within that time he should be entitled to a deduction of five per cent. This arrangement, involving an additional and novel deduction, was not contemplated by those now holding their benefices, and therefore ought not to be imposed upon them. If it should become law, which it is hoped it never will, it ought only to take effect upon those who will enter into the possession of livings after it has been legalised. It would be unreasonable and unfair to saddle the present incumbents with it, as it would be equivalent to compelling them to employ and pay a tithe-collector whether they wish to do so or not. It would be quite as fair for the Legislature to pass a law that all tenants paying their rents within three months after they fall due should be entitled to a deduction of five per cent. There are many incumbents who collect their own tithes because they cannot afford to pay for having them collected by others, and if they are willing to continue to do so, I do not think they ought to be obliged to pay for a compulsory surrender of their economic labour. If the tithes belong to the benefices, and therefore to the clergy who have the charge of them, they are entitled to receive them in full. But if they do not, then those who are their owners, or claim power over them, may possibly do with them as they please. This is the only principle upon which the five per cent deduction seems capable of vindication.

JUSTITIA.

The Tithe Rent-Charge Bill.

SIR,—Permit me to make a few comments on the Tithe Rent-Charge Bill and your treatment thereof in recent leading articles. I am so thoroughly in the midst of agriculture that of necessity I am able to form a fairly correct

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Mr. Newson's Reply to Mr. Day.

SIR,—In your issue of May 6th I find a letter from Mr. J. Day, stating, on behalf of Mr. Johnson, that my peal of STEPMAN CATERS is false. I can only say that I examined it very carefully before sending it to you, but failed to find any false changes; still we are not all infallible, and, knowing Mr. Johnson's abilities in these matters, I assume the statement to be correct. If so I am only too pleased that it should be found out before being rung. Your correspondent takes exception to its being the first published on the plan, but, by his own showing, if the composition were true these remarks were quite right. Mr. Day then goes on to express regret as to the loss of time to myself and others; but I think, if Mr. Day had been sincere in his regrets, he would have stated where the false changes are to be found, and thus have saved further time and trouble.

GEO. NEWSON.

26 Flask Walk, Hampstead.

Ringing at Roman Catholic Cathedrals.

SIR,—Being one of those who rang in the 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES at St. Chad's, Roman Catholic Cathedral, Birmingham, on August 2nd last, allow me to say that I can see no possible connexion between clergy or choir taking part in Roman Catholic (or any other services, not of the Church of England), and ringers going for a peal at a Roman Catholic Church. In the former case we should naturally suppose that a clergyman or chorister taking part in the services of any other church or sect, to some extent held the doctrines of it; whereas in ringing a peal on the bells of any church not belonging to the Church of England nothing of this kind is involved. Ringers generally go for a peal wherever they can get permission, and wherever the bells go the best. Peal-ringing cannot in any shape or sense whatever be looked upon as a church work. It is simply and solely for man's gratification and glorification, and nothing else, and I defy any one to contradict this.

J. R. JERRAM, Salisbury.

SIR,—I was much surprised to read the remarks of your correspondent about the Salisbury Guild ringing at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Birmingham. As a Churchman, I fail to see what they have done wrong. As a ringer, if I had been at Birmingham I should have been pleased to ring in any place and with any ringers, no matter what their creed, provided they were respectable men. I wonder what would have been said if the authorities at the Cathedral had refused the Salisbury Guild the privilege of ringing? I fancy there would have been a cry of 'Priestly intolerance!' Let us away with such narrow-mindedness, and pull together, and do all in our power to elevate ringers and improve ringing.

H. PLOWMAN.

8 Reform Street, Peterborough.

The Change-ringers' Memorial to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon.

Unveiling Ceremony, Ilkley Church, Yorkshire, Saturday, June 11th.

THE President of the Yorkshire Association writes as follows:—Will you kindly call the attention of all subscribers to the above, who are considering the question of being present, that arrangements are being made at Ilkley to give a hearty welcome to all who come? In order to ensure a good day's ringing, the Yorkshire Association's June Meeting is to be held concurrently. The gathering, therefore, will certainly be large, and, it is hoped, influential and representative. The eight bells, by kind permission of the Vicar of Ilkley (Rev. Howard Kempson, M.A.) will be at the disposal of the visitors from an early hour, immediately following the removal of the muffles after an *in memoriam* touch by our officers. Divine service will be held at 4.30, at which, at the invitation of the Vicar of Ilkley, a sermon will be preached by a Change-ringer in Holy Orders; the window will be then unveiled.

As the subscriptions of a great number are massed together under the names of their Churches and Associations, it will probably be impossible to communicate with each one direct. Those organizing the Ilkley arrangements will, therefore, be much obliged if every subscriber will take this letter as a direct invitation to be present. In order that the final arrangements may be satisfactorily carried out, it will be necessary, later on, for every subscriber intending to be present to forward his name to some one of the organizers, whose name will be duly announced in these columns. It is hoped that this letter, written one month before the date of the meeting, will enable each one to so arrange his plans that those at Ilkley, when time draws near, may learn exactly what numbers are to be expected. WM. SNOWDON.

The Bell-ringing Festival at Braughing, Herts.

ONE of the most noted country campanological anniversaries is that which for upwards of a century has been held with uninterrupted succession at Braughing. On the 10th of May, 1778, 12,240 BOB MAJOR was rung by the local party, and the anniversary has been kept from that time. Ringing-day at Braughing is invariably on May 10th—Sundays excepted. The local band were up betimes, commencing by five a.m. Among those who attended and took part in the proceedings were Mr. L. Proctor, who has brought his band here for nearly half a century; the Rev. P. G. Ward, vicar of Braughing; Mr. W. Kirby, churchwarden; the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton and master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; and Messrs. Smith, Haworth, Long, and Combs. Mr. Proctor's company opened the 'programme' with a touch of 504 STEPMAN TRIPLES, followed by one of 672 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR, and another of 672 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, the Rev. F. E. Robinson conducting. An adjournment was then made to the 'Old Bell Inn,' where a capital repast was partaken of by about sixty.

The quarterly meeting of the Herts Association of Change-ringers was also fixed to be held at Braughing the same day, and, after the repast, the Rev. F. E. Robinson said he had been asked by his friend, Canon Wigram (who was unavoidably absent), to take the chair, and lay

before them the business intended to be discussed. He then read the following from the agenda paper:—'That this Association be divided into districts, after the model of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, as follows:—The Northern to comprise Bennington, Hitchin, Baldock, and the parishes adjoining; the Western to comprise St. Albans, and, generally, the county to the west of that city; the Central to comprise Hertford and its neighbourhood; the Eastern to comprise Sawbridgeworth, Bishop Stortford, &c. That this resolution be re-considered at the next general meeting of the Association at St. Albans in October of this year. If these resolutions are carried it will be unnecessary to arrange a quarterly meeting for August next, because each district will in that case arrange for itself. It will be one feature of the division that there be one general meeting only of the Association in each year; each district will settle its own meetings and will let the others know, so that their members may attend if so disposed. Some portion of the subscriptions, to be settled in October, to be paid to the general fund, the balance to be retained by the district secretary.'

Mr. Robinson said allusion had been made to the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The present proposal was not quite their plan; it was only here and there that branches were formed. He was not in favour of branches himself, because he thought a struggling branch did more harm than good; and the Oxford Guild (whose operations extended over three counties) only formed branches where the principle had taken deep root. They (at the Oxford Guild) had one meeting a-year, with a service, preacher, &c. It transpired, however, that there were very few members of the Herts Association present, and, as no discussion ensued, the resolutions were passed *pro forma*. Ringing was again proceeded with and kept up with scarcely an interval until evening. Some touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were followed by a quarter-peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, principally by the Bennington Band, &c.

The Ware Handbell Ringers (Messrs. Goodchild, Lambert, and Miles) played selections on handbells in the large room at the Old Bell Inn in the course of the afternoon and evening. Altogether the festival was a successful and thoroughly enjoyable one.

Dedication of the Bells of St. Mary, Bridport, Dorset.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., the new ring of eight bells by Messrs. Warner, Cripplegate, London, was dedicated to the service of Almighty God by the Ven. Archdeacon of Dorset. The weather being everything that could be desired, the choir and neighbouring clergy assembled on the Rectory lawn shortly before 3.30 p.m., from whence a procession was formed, headed by the standard-bearer carrying the choir banner, the Rector and Archdeacon bringing up the rear, the processional hymn being 'Soldiers of Christ, arise;' the Dedication Service being that which is used in the diocese of Sarum. After the hymn, 'Now at length our bells are mounted,' the Rev. A. D. Hill, vicar of Downton, Salisbury, delivered a short but practical address on the event of the day. The service concluded with the Hymn 303, *A. & M.*, after which the ringers ascended the belfry and rang Hollis' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (an account of which appeared in our last edition) in 3 hrs. 2 mins. The admirable manner in which Messrs. Warner & Sons have, through their foreman, Mr. G. Dunn, and the staff of men under his charge, carried out the work entrusted to them, reflects great credit on the firm. The tone and 'go' of the bells leave nothing to be desired, and the bells are fitted with Warner's patent chiming apparatus.

A brass plate is to be fixed in the belfry of this church to record the peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES rung on the 8th inst. on the occasion of the dedication of the new bells, which appeared in *Church Bells* last week, this being the first peal rung in Dorsetshire.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

THE Annual Meeting was held at Poole, on Tuesday the 10th inst. The proceedings commenced with Divine service in St. James' Church, at which Rev. J. L. Williams (Rural Dean) was the preacher. The meeting for election of officers and other business was held in the vestry immediately after service. The Rev. A. D. Hill was re-elected Master, and W. Pinckney, Esq., Treasurer. J. R. Jerram, Esq., was the elected General Secretary in place of Rev. F. Wright-Anderson, who had gone to a living in another diocese. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Anderson for his past services, and regret was expressed at his removal from the Salisbury diocese. The Rev. M. Hankey and Rev. C. W. Hony were re-elected District Secretaries for Dorset and Wilts respectively. The Special Committee for the year elected were—Rev. C. N. Wyld, W. W. Gifford, Esq., and C. A. Clements, Esq., Salisbury; Rev. E. G. Wyld, Mere; and H. A. Garrett, Esq., Bournemouth. The dinner took place at the 'Crown' Hotel, Earl Nelson (President of the Guild) presiding. About eighty sat down. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. During the afternoon there was ringing at St. James', Poole, and at Wareham.

A Meeting was also held at Trowbridge on Thursday, the 12th inst., when A. Mackay, Esq., liberally entertained all the Members present, amounting to about one hundred, to dinner in the St. James' Hall.

J. R. JERRAM, Hon. Sec. S.D.R.G.

North Nottinghamshire Association.

A RINGING Meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, the 28th inst. Two first-rate peals, one of eight, the other of six, will be at the disposal of the visitors who are cordially invited to attend. FRED. MACKIE, Hon. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.

THE Secretary gives notice that the General Meeting of this Association will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans); H. D. Davis (Gravesend); W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), next week—thanks for letter; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above will be held at Reigate, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Whit Monday, May 30th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

A GENERAL Meeting of the above Association will be held at Alnwick on Whit-Monday, the 30th inst. Bells at the disposal of the ringers—ring of eight, tenor 18 cwt., at St. Paul's. Dinner at 1.30, at the 'Star Hotel.'

Stockton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, the 30th inst. Divine service at St. Mary's Church at 12.30 p.m., with an address by the Bishop of Colchester. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Charity Schools, to be followed by the usual business meeting. The towers of Chelmsford (ten bells), Galleywood (eight bells), Broomfield (six bells), Springfield (six bells), Widford (six bells), will be open for the use of the members during the day. Writtle tower (eight bells) is at present closed to ringers, owing to a case of serious illness near the church. Members intending to be present are requested to inform the Secretary on or before Wednesday, May 25th, whether they wish for dinner tickets (price 1s.), and if arriving by train, from what station they propose to start. Return tickets at 1½ fare will be issued to those who produce their receipt for the current year's subscription. Subscriptions for the ensuing year (1887-8) fall due on Whit-Monday. Any subscriptions still unpaid for the present year (1886-7) should be forwarded to me at once, that the accounts for the year may be closed.

T. L. PAILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, June 4th, in St. John-the-Baptist's Schoolroom, Hagley, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, Rector, will preside. Each Company is respectfully requested to be represented at this meeting, as Rules, Report, Balance-sheet, &c., will be ready for distribution at same.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

25 Simms' Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Notice.—On Whit-Monday, May 30th, a Cricket Match will be played between the members of the Bromsgrove branch and the members of the Chaddesley Corbett branch of the above Association at Chaddesley Corbett. Dinner will be provided at the 'Fox Inn' for 1s. 6d. each. Any member of the Association wishing to attend will receive a hearty welcome, and any member wishing to dine can do so by sending his name not later than Thursday, May 26th, to Walter Rea, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove.

The Yorkshire Association.

THE June meeting will be held at Ilkley on Saturday, June 11th, concurrently with the meeting at which the Change-ringers' Memorial Window to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon is to be unveiled. All members intending to be present at the service, and afterwards at the tea, should signify the same to Mr. Joe Beanlands, junr., the Amateur Society of Change-ringers, Ilkley, on or before the last day of this month.

W. WHITTAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

TWELVE members of the above Company will attempt to ring 10,000 STEDMAN CINQUES, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, on Whit-Monday, May 30th; meeting time, 9.30 a.m.

Restoration of the Bells of St. Thomas's, Salisbury.

THE heavy ring of eight bells in St. Thomas's tower were rung for the first time since their restoration on Ascension Day. The 'go' of the bells is most satisfactory, and great credit is due to Mr. Blackburn, who has carried out the work so successfully. Not only have all the bells been rebung with new fittings, but the frame has been strengthened and braced together with iron bolts. The old chiming barrel which is used for the Sunday services has also been repaired, and will now be heard again, after a silence of over three months. A separate hammer has also been fixed for tolling for deaths. This will obviate the troublesome and dangerous practice of tying the clapper hitherto resorted to for that purpose. Similar tolling-hammers are in use at St. Edmund's, St. Martin's, and St. Paul's, Fisherton. Several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung in the evening on Ascension Day by the town ringers. A long length would have been attempted, but there was not time enough. The ringers being engaged at other churches (being Ascension Day), it was not until evening that a full change-ringing party assembled at St. Thomas's, although rounds and set changes had been rung there during the day, and then, as these bells were rung for the Cathedral service at 8 p.m., as is usual on great festivals (the Cathedral not having any bells), they had to be felled by that hour.

A Pleasant Meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, City of London.

LATELY the parochial ringers of St. Giles, Cripplegate, who are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, with the Master of the Society (Mr. McLaughlin), were kindly invited to supper by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Barff, late Master of St. Paul's School Choir). The ringers met in the tower, and the following members—Messrs. Cooter, French, Cecil, Mash, Jameson, Haworth, Dorrington, Springfield, Joyce, Horrocks, Hayes, and Belton—rang three courses of REEDMAN CINQUES. After this they repaired to the Vicarage, and were received by the Vicar. The Company's plate

having been placed on the table, grace was said by the Vicar. Mr. J. R. Haworth, who is the oldest member of the Society living, gave the history of the silver bell (which was on the table), also of the two silver cups. After supper followed a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS on hand-bells by Messrs. Horrocks, Haworth, French, Hayes, and Pettit, as an illustration of the art of change-ringing. The Master of the Society, in proposing 'The health of the Vicar,' thanked him on behalf of his brother-ringers for the pleasant time they had spent together that evening. The Vicar thanked the Master for the kind words he had said, and thought the thanks of the clergy and laity were due to the ringers for the part they took in the joys and sorrows of the community, ringing merrily on all festive occasions, and in times of sorrow ringing muffled peals.

Re 1512 of Grandsire Triples at St. Martin's, Salisbury.

SIR,—In answer to your footnote I beg to say that this touch was not brought round at 1512—the third part-end of Holt's Ten-part peal being 275,634—the second lead end of the plain course. We merely completed the plain course in order to bring the bells round.

W. W. GIFFORD.

New Bell at St. Paul's, Salisbury.

A NEW tenor bell, cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, has been hung in this tower by Mr. Blackburn, in place of an old one which was cracked. Mr. Blackburn has also repaired and strengthened the frame and executed several minor repairs. The ring consists of six bells (tenor, 12½ cwt.). The new bell is inscribed with the names of the Rector and churchwardens, the founders, and 'Jubilee, V.R., 1887.'

Death of a Celebrated Ringer.

WE regret to record the death, at the advanced age of seventy-two years, of a person whose name for more than half a century has been celebrated in the annals of change-ringing in Lancashire, viz., James Wood, sen., of Ashton-under-Lyne. He died on May 3rd, his death being followed by that of his wife (who was a member of another ringing family in Ashton) on the 6th of May. They were both interred at St. Peter's church, Ashton, on Monday, May 9th, in the presence of a large congregation, including many ringers from Ashton and the surrounding towns. Representatives were present from Manchester, Hyde, Stockport, Saddleworth, Stalybridge, Southport, and Sheffield. Immediately after the burial the following rang a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS at the grave. G. Longden, 1-2; T. Hattersley, 3-4; J. Thorpe, 5-6; J. S. Wilde, 7-8; B. Broadbent, 9-10. Muffled touches were rung in the tower afterwards by various bands in GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, TREBLE BOB, and DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB.

The late Mr. Wood was not only celebrated as a ringer, but also as a composer and conductor. He rang his first peal (GRANDSIRE CATERS) at St. Michael's church, Ashton, on the 17th of October, 1836, since which time he has taken part in 114 peals of 5000 changes and upwards, and rang his last peal (TREBLE BOB MAJOR) at St. Peter's, Ashton, on December 1st, 1877. Of the peals he has taken part in he conducted 69. They were in the following methods:—13 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; 2 GRANDSIRE MAJOR; 36 GRANDSIRE CATERS; 1 GRANDSIRE ROYAL; 2 GRANDSIRE CINQUES; 4 BOB MAJOR; 1 BOB ROYAL; 41 TREBLE BOB MAJOR; 13 TREBLE BOB ROYAL; 1 TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

The longest peal he rang was one of GRANDSIRE CATERS at St. Michael's, Ashton, containing 10,259 changes, which he also composed and conducted. He also composed and conducted a 3240 of TREBLE BOB ROYAL on the same bells. He was the father of the well-known Samuel and James Wood who took part in the long peal at Mottram, and worthily proved their descent from such a celebrated ringer. The first peal they rang was the 100th peal their father had taken part in, which he composed and conducted at St. Peter's Church, Ashton, in May 1874.

JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Peter's Society of Ringers.

[Our correspondent sends us the record of a remarkable instance of the late Mr. Wood's ability as a composer. This we hope to insert when space will permit.—Ed. C.B.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Slough, Bucks.

ON Wednesday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a birthday peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original) in 2 hrs. 55 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; A. Andrews, 3; E. Chapman, 4; A. C. Fussell, 5; W. Wilder, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; J. Perryman, 8. Tenor, 9 cwt. Permission was kindly given by the Rector, the Rev. H. Saville Young. Messrs. Newson and Chapman came from Hampstead; the rest are local ringers. The peal was rung on the eightieth birthday of John R. Fussell, Esq., an old resident of the town of Slough. At the conclusion of the peal the members of the band, with the steeple-keeper, Mr. W. Leader, and Messrs. Pursey and Hale, were entertained to supper at the house of Mr. A. C. Fussell.

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

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 6240 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 45 mins. I. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; R. Jameson, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; J. Bonny, 5; S. E. Joyce, 6; C. Beech (first peal in the method), 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At All Saints', Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Yorkshire Association rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. F. Willey, 1; J. Rowley, 2; J. Mulligan, 3; C. H. Hattersley (conductor), 4; C. Bower, 5; T. Hattersley, 6; W. Smithson, 7; J. Lloyd, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Liverpool Youths' Society rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. R. Williams, 1; W. James, 2; W. Booth, 3; C. Williams, 4; H. Coley, 5; W. Davies, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; W. Brooks, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., ten members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a peal of 5076 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 30 mins. R. H. Brundle, 1; I. S. Alexander, 2; W. P. Garrett (first peal in the method), 3; W. Motts, 4; F. Mee, 5; W. L. Catchpole, 6; R. Haves, 7; J. Motts (composer and conductor), 8; Q. R. Aldham, 9; J. W. Lines, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (John Aspinwall's Six-part) was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. J. Prescott, 1; W. Ellis, 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; W. B. Lloyd, 4; W. J. Taylor, 5; J. Sholicar (conductor), 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8. John Aspinwall came from Liverpool.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 51 mins. W. Bentham, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Sholicar (conductor), 3; W. Ellis, 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; J. Aspinwall, 7; G. Prescott, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey.

On Friday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 43 mins. W. Coppage, 1; J. Wag-horn, jun., 2; J. Barry, 3; D. Stackwood, 4; H. Boast (late of Brighton), 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6; G. Lucas, 7; G. Wilds, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The above was Holt's Original reversed.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.—Jubilee Peal.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Annable's Three-part peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. W. Nash, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; B. Keeble, 3; J. Nunn, 4; W. Hawkes, 5; A. Jacobs, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; G. Newson, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. This is the first Jubilee peal in the county, and the first in the method by the Association. Messrs. Fussell, Jacobs, and Newson, came from London; Hawkes, Springfield; Nun, Walthamstow. The peal was the first in the method by those residing in the county.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, London.

On Monday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooke's Variation) in 2 hrs. 53 mins. A. Langdon, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; G. Mash, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; R. Newton, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; W. Cropley, 8. Mr. J. C. Mitchell came from St. Albans, Herts; this is his first peal in the method.

At Eccles, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. The peal is the composition of Mr. Samuel Wood of Ashton-under-Lyne, and it was conducted by Mr. Edward Cash. C. Cash, 1; J. Ridyard,* 2; T. Yates, 3; J. Barratt, 4; R. Ridyard,* 5; J. Welsby,* 6; P. Brickell, 7; E. Cash, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. Messrs. R. and J. Ridyard and Welsby come from Worsley, Brickell from Northenden, and the rest are Eccles Company. [*First peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR.]

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins. G. Turner, 1; A. Shaw,* 2; W. Bentham, 3; J. Prescott (conductor), 4; J. Hall,* 5; J. E. Gummerson,* 6; R. Fisher, 7; E. Bentham, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. J. Prescott comes from Hindley, W. Bentham from Aughton—he is also a member of the Ormskirk Society. The rest belong to Wigan. [*First peal.]

At SS. PETER AND PAUL, MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Wednesday, the 4th inst., a muffled peal was rung as a token of respect to the Rev. W. D. Johnston, M.A., aged eighty-three, who for forty-seven years had been associated with the above parish, as curate and rector. On Sunday, morning and evening, the bells were also rung muffled, and in the morning 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung by A. Cornford, 1; F. Ring, 2; F. Hayes, (conductor), 3; B. Spinner, 4; H. D. Davies, 5; G. Hayes, 6.

At St. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, the 4th inst., ten members of the Liverpool Youths' Society started for a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, but a change-course occurred in the last course after ringing 3 hrs. 26 mins. Rich. Williams, 1; Rob. Williams, 2; E. Booth, 3; C. Williams, 4; J. R. Pritchard, 5; H. Coley, 6; W. Booth (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8; T. Hammond, 9; W. Brooks, 10.

At St. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Saturday, the 7th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was attempted, and after ringing close to the end of the ninth part the ringing was stopped by the Rector of the church, on account of illness close by. H. Garrett (Bournemouth), 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. McCaffrey (Trowbridge), 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Judd, 8. And on Wednesday, the 4th inst., 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. C. Flower (Codford), 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. On Sunday, the 8th inst., for Divine service in the morning, 518 in the same method. J. Judd, 1; W. McCaffrey, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4;

J. R. Jerram, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; H. D. Adams, 8. In the evening, for Divine service, 700 in the same method. J. Judd, 1; W. McCaffrey, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; H. D. Adams, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, the 6th inst., 518 in the same method, on handbells. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8.

At St. JAMES', BRISTOL.—On Sunday, the 8th inst., for Divine service in the afternoon, ten members of the St. James' Society rang 315 STEDMAN CATERS. G. Pymm, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pearse, 3; W. Paddock, 4; H. Tucker, 5; J. York, 6; W. W. Porch, 7; J. Hinton, 8; H. Porch (conductor), 9; W. R. Clarke-Short, Esq., 10. This is the first touch of STEDMAN CATERS in Bristol by a local company for twenty years. And for Divine service in the evening 216 STEDMAN CATERS. W. Paddock, 1; A. Howell, 2; G. Pearse, 3; G. Pymm, 4; H. Tucker, 5; W. W. Porch, 6; J. York, 7; J. Hinton, 8; H. Porch (conductor), 9; F. Jewell, 10.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, HUNTSHAM, DEVON.—On Sunday, the 8th inst., four members of the Devonshire Guild, with four of the St. Peter's Society, Tiverton, rang after service Miss E. Cruwys Sharland's Jubilee touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, consisting of fifty leads, and beginning and ending with Queens. The touch was conducted by Mr. Munday of Tiverton.

At St. MARY'S, PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—On Sunday morning, the 8th inst., on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 47 mins. H. Mitchell, 1; J. Hodder, 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Symonds, 4; J. Hichens, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Boase, 7; M. Hicks, 8. This touch was the musical composition of Mr. J. Carter of Birmingham, and was conducted by Mr. J. Symonds.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 8th inst., for Divine service, the following persons rang a quarter-peal (1296 of DUFFIELD MAJOR), as a parting touch on the bells, which are about to be increased to ten. G. Dawson, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; E. Moreton, 4; G. Hingley, 5; J. Howe, 6; B. Sugden, 7; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (conductor), 8.

At St. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On Sunday, the 8th inst., being the first Sunday on which the new Rector, the Rev. S. W. Bird, attended and preached, the following members of the St. Sidwell's Society met and rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 43 mins. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; S. Binfield (first quarter-peal), 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

At St. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Monday, the 9th inst., for practice, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with QUEENS and TITMUS, in 41 mins. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At St. MARY'S, DISS, NORFOLK.—On Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., a 720 of BOB MINOR in 32 mins. E. Broom, 3; F. Clarke (first 720), 4; A. Jolly, 5; E. Hayward, 6; W. Ireland (conductor), 7; J. Souter, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

At BEENHAM PARISH CHURCH, READING.—On Saturday, the 14th inst., a 720 of GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 27 mins by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. G. Webb, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson, 5; J. Hatto (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, the 15th inst., for evening service, a 360 of PLAIN BOB MINOR in 13 mins., the ringers standing as before, with J. Richardson conductor. Also, after evening service, a 720 of PLAIN BOB MINOR in 26 mins. G. Webb, 1; H. Hatto, 2; A. Richardson, 3; T. Bidmead, 4; J. Richardson (conductor), 5; J. Hatto, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. GEORGE'S, GRAVESEND.—On Saturday evening, the 14th inst., some of the members of the KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION met to attempt a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; but being one man short, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung, the tenor covering. C. Waterman, 1; H. D. Davies, 3; W. Harper, 4; G. Hayes, 5; F. Hayes, 6; G. MARTIN (conductor), 7; J. Allen, 8.

At St. MARY'S, GISLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, the 15th inst., for Divine service in the afternoon, a 720 of BOB MINOR in 26 mins. W. Warner, 1; H. Ireland (Yarmouth), 2; T. Davey, 3; G. Bird, 4; C. Elmer, 5; W. Ireland (conductor, Diss), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, the 15th inst., before service, a 720 of KENT TREBLE BOB in 26 mins. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. I. Robinson, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith, (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON.—On Holy Thursday, the 19th inst., before evening service, two touches of STEDMAN CINQUES (three courses and two courses) were rung by M. A. Wood, H. Haley, W. Cooter (conductor), J. R. Haworth, G. Mash, G. Musket, G. Dorrington, E. Horrex, P. Heywood, Esq. (Duffield), J. Smith, M. Hayes, E. Beach, and Jos. Barry. Tenor, 62 cwt., in B flat.

At St. PETER'S, BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Tuesday, the 17th inst., the undermentioned members of the Benington (Herts) Change-ringing Society rang, upon their musical peal, two excellent compositions in the methods of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR and CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, containing 1792 changes, which were duly brought round in excellent time by good striking. J. Kitchener, 1; Jos. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Chapman, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; J. Warner, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; S. Page (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. JOHN'S, PRINNE, MIDDLESEX.—On Saturday, the 21st inst., 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung in 44 mins. W. H. Manning, 1; S. G. Davies, 2; W. Broadbent, 3; W. Partington, 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

that Hindu gentlemen are present here to-day. For myself, I feel as all Christians must feel, that in the journey which he (Keshub) had undertaken he stopped half-way.'

SOUTH AFRICA.

BISHOP CALLAWAY has retired from the see of St. John's, Kaffraria, his Coadjutor, Dr. Bransby Key, becoming his successor. He was consecrated in 1873, but has been a missionary for more than thirty years, combining also the duties of physician, farmer, schoolmaster, and printer.

At Bloemfontein the Diocesan Synod met in March. The Bishop, in his opening address, spoke of the good work done in the diamond fields of Kimberley, the extension of missions in Bechuanaland and Basutoland, the usefulness of the Sisterhood, and the loud calls for aid from natives hitherto unevangelised. One resolution adopted by the Synod was in favour of 'a Council of Reference constituted, under the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the purpose of advising the Provincial Court in such matters as may be referred.'

EGYPT.

THE Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem and the Levant arrived at Cairo from Alexandria at the end of April. He ministered Confirmation in the English church at Alexandria, and also visited Boulak, where he admitted Mr. John Sidney, B.A., to the office of subdeacon, with license to preach. He had audiences of the Khedive and his Premier and Minister of Education. Visits were exchanged with the Greek and Coptic Patriarchs, of a very cordial character. His Lordship visited the more ancient churches at Old Cairo, and went to see the 'Virgin's Tree,' under which the local legend says that the Holy Family rested during the Flight. One important object of the Bishop's was to see Gordon College, founded by the 'Association for Furtherance of Christianity in Egypt.' Of the twenty youths in this institution, one half are Copt, the remainder including Greeks, Syrians, and Armenians, as well as several Mohammedans.

PALESTINE.

In an article on 'Material Progress in Syria,' the *Spectator* speaks of re-awakening prosperity. The two seaports of Beyrut and Jaffa are now hardly recognised by travellers who witnessed their former desolation. Cæsarea is again becoming a centre of trade; Bethlehem has been improved out of all knowledge; manufacture is going on in Nablus, the ancient Shechem; Nazareth is becoming famous for its olive trade; people are investing their money in cattle-rearing in many places; while in Jerusalem whole quarters are being rebuilt, sanitation cared for, streets lighted—a new city slowly rising.

RUSSIA.

A COUNCIL of the Bishops of Siberia was recently held at Irkutsk, attended by the Bishops of Kamchatka, Yenisei, Tomsk, and Selenga. They discussed the means by which Christianity may be more efficiently propagated among the pagan natives. They agreed that a larger number of better-prepared missionaries is needed, that better care should be taken of the converts, and that the spread of the Raskolniks must be checked. (The sect thus named is separated from the Established Greek Church by only a few 'strifes about words.') The Council affirmed that the Government officials by taking bribes from the heathen leaders presented the greatest hindrance to the spread of the Gospel.

THE LEVANT.

THE official journal *Montenegro* announces that the Pope has sanctioned the adoption of the Slavonic Liturgy for the archbishopric of Antivari. 'This seemingly unimportant incident,' observes the Old Catholic *Abwehr*, 'contains the germ of extensive consequences. It will arouse a strong movement throughout the whole Slav world, not merely among Uniats, but among those of Latin rite, such as the Croats. The Croats, no doubt, will be the first to demand the like favour; the Czechs will follow, and then the Poles. How and where the movement will end no one can foresee, but the Pope has acted deliberately. Let the negotiations of the Croat Bishop Strossmaier with the Papal Curia be called to mind, and how he read Mass in the Old Slavonic even while staying at Rome; he has evidently won over Leo XIII. to his views. Shortly after Strossmaier's return home, the Pope decreed the brothers Cyril and Methodius to be the patron saints of all Slavs, in order to foster a sense of Slav solidarity—he is now willing that all Slavs should have a Slavonic Liturgy. The Slav political unification desired by the Croat Bishop may thus be made profitable to Rome, leading to the formation of a great Slavo-Roman Church, which may become a counterpoise to the Russian.'

SWITZERLAND.

THE number of Communicants at the Old Catholic Church at Zurich at Easter this year was 1400. This number is nearly as great as the highest reported from London and the neighbourhood. The highest number with which any London or suburban church is credited is Richmond, with over 1500. The next highest number reported from any one single church is under 1400. The hopes of the Old Catholics of Lucerne, that they would obtain the use of the Mariahilf Church, have been disappointed. The decision of the Ständerath has been against them. Thus they will be forced to build a church for themselves, or else to content themselves with occasional services at the Protestant Church.

GERMANY.

BISHOP WILKINSON, during his recent visit to Dresden, received a letter requesting him to extend his episcopal ministrations to the Old Catholics of Austria.

BOTH Protestants and Romanists are bestirring themselves to send missionaries to the new German 'Colonies' in Africa.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Church Bells of Hertfordshire.

SIR,—In reading your review of 'The Church Bells of Hertfordshire,' by the late Thomas North, F.S.A., I was surprised to see that your reviewer mentions ten places as containing, apparently, the best of the sixteen rings of eight bells which the county possesses, but makes no mention of the eight bells of Braughing. These eight bells are so justly celebrated for their beauty of tone and perfect tune that I think they certainly deserve to have a place, if not the first place, given to them in any mention of the rings of eight bells in Hertfordshire. Let me give you the opinion of 'the famous bell-ringing squire, Leonard Proctor,' contained in a letter addressed to me last year, and often repeated by word of mouth. He says: 'For now many years past I have always considered that your peal at Braughing is the best peal that I have ever heard of their weight.' (The weight of the tenor is 19 cwt.) And this opinion I have heard confirmed by many of the celebrated ringers that have handled them of late years. I may add that the 'go' of these bells is perfect since they were admirably rehung last year by a Hertfordshire man, John Gray of Little Munden.

P. G. WARD, *Vicar of Braughing, Herts.*

Proposed Gathering of Ringers at Lincoln.

ON Saturday, the 22nd ult., the Rev. H. J. Cheales, M.A., Vicar of Friskney, invited the Presidents and Secretaries of the Lincolnshire Societies to meet him in the Vestry of the Parish Church, Boston. Representatives attended from the North Lincolnshire, East Lincolnshire, and the Eastern Guild Societies. The chair was taken by the Rev. H. J. Cheales, President of the East Lincolnshire Association. The object of the meeting was to discuss the wishes of several members that they should meet at Lincoln and ring together, and also to have a special service in the Cathedral, in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, and as a preliminary step of the meeting once a-year letters were read from the Bishop of Lincoln, expressing his hearty approval of the scheme and his willingness to give an address, and the Dean of Lincoln, who is President of the North Lincolnshire Association, also promised his support. It is much to be regretted that the South intends taking no part in the scheme; its being the oldest Society in Lincolnshire should have been to the front in such an object, not only because it is the Jubilee, but for the interest of change-ringing. It was proposed that the meeting be held at Lincoln on Saturday, June 25th, and the Dean be asked to hold a special service in the Cathedral, and that a dinner be provided at which the Bishop and Dean will be asked to attend and speak. Particulars can be obtained from the three secretaries by their respective members, who will in due time issue notices, when it is hoped a good meeting will be held.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

THE Sixth Annual Meeting was held at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, at Ringstead, Northamptonshire, on Monday, the 16th ult., when there was a good muster of ringers from Raunds, Ringstead, Rushden, Kettering, and Wellingborough. Peals were rung both morning and afternoon, the bells being raised at 9 a.m. by the Ringstead team. Raunds, Rushden, and Wellingborough following in turn. At 1 p.m. a public service was held in church. The clergy present were the Rev. W. O. Leadbitter (the Vicar) who said the prayers, the Rev. J. P. Goodman (Keystone) who read the lessons, Rev. Hugh Bryan (Raunds), and the Rev. G. M. Edmonds (Rector of Stoke Doyle), who was the preacher on the occasion (who knows well how to handle bells), gave an able and powerful address. The dinner took place in the National Schoolroom after service, when the Rev. J. P. Goodman (treasurer), Rev. W. O. Leadbitter, Rev. H. Bryan (hon. sec.), Rev. J. Richards (Rushden), W. J. Henry, Esq. (hon. member), Wellingborough, presided. Forty-one sat down to dinner. The business meeting took place immediately after, when the Secretary read over the accounts and showed there was a balance of 17l. 17s. 7d. in the treasurer's hands. There are sixteen hon. members and about sixty-five ringing members. 10s. 6d. was voted to the Snowdon Memorial Fund. It was decided to hold an extra meeting this year, either at Kettering or Wellingborough, on Bank Holiday, the first Monday in August. A very enjoyable day was passed.

Raunds Vicarage.

The Waterloo Society, London.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Mr. W. Tyack has been appointed Secretary of this Society.—May 18th, 1887.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Upton St. Leonards, Gloucestershire.

ON Monday, the 16th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Middlecote, 1; W. Sevier (conductor), 2; G. Miles, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; S. Romans, 6; W. Hale, 7; A. Trigg, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Dorchester, Oxfordshire.

ON Friday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. F. Field, 1; A. Hawes, 2; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 3; W. Cousins (first peal), 4; J. Harris (first peal), 5; H. Cobb, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; F. Davis, 8.

At the Parish Church, Prestbury, Gloucestershire.

ON Friday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in

2 hrs. 57 mins. D. Davis, 1; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 2; H. Roberts, 3; H. Karn, 4; F. E. Ward, Esq., 5; F. Musty, 6; T. Davis, 7; W. T. Bates (conductor), 8.

On Monday, the 30th ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins. W. Cooper, 1; H. Brown (first peal), 2; H. Bastable (conductor), 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Johnson, 5; W. Long, 6; J. Sanders, 7; C. Fluck, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. Messrs. Cooper, Brown, Smith, and Long are members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and the rest belong to the Holt Society, Aston-justa-Birmingham. The ringers, through the medium of *Church Bells*, desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the tower-keeper, Mr. D. Davis, for a hearty welcome.

At the Parish Church, Tottenham, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Allhallows Society (Tottenham) and the St. James' Society rang a peal of 5088 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. Fox, 1; A. Hubbard, 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; J. Langram, junr., 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; Jos. Waghorn, senr., 6; Jos. Waghorn, junr., 7; W. P. English, 8. Composed by Mr. Pritchard of Liverpool, and conducted by Mr. Lucas. Tenor, 20 cwt. Mr. Fox is a member of the Oxford Guild, and was elected a member of the St. James' Society previous to starting for the peal, which is his first of MAJOR. It is also the first peal of BOB MAJOR by the Allhallows Society, and for Messrs. Hubbard and Langram; the first peal by the conductor in that capacity, and the first of BOB MAJOR on the bells.

At St. James', Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins. R. Gooch (first peal), 1; G. Tarrant, 2; R. Wilding, 3; G. Debenham (first peal), 4; B. E. Batrum (conductor, London), 5; A. H. Osborne, 6; E. Pemberton, 7; R. Moore, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt. The above was attempted on May 7th, but ended after ringing three hours. It is believed to be the first time the Original has been rung in West Suffolk.

At Longney, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. S. Romans, 1; W. Sevier (conductor), 2; T. Brown, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; G. Miles, 5; H. Mitchell, 6; W. Hale, 7; A. Trigg, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Monday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the St. James' Society rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original Reversed) in 2 hrs. 37 mins. H. Bright, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Bedwell, 3; E. Richards, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; T. Taylor, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; J. Laves, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. The above was rung on the occasion of the seventy-eighth birthday of Mr. H. Bright, which occurred on the Saturday previous, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult., twelve members of the St. Martin's Society rang a birthday peal of 5014 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 42 mins. J. James, 1; T. Reynolds, 2; W. Kent, 3; W. R. Small, 4; A. Thomas, 5; H. Bastable, 6; W. S. Cartwright, 7; B. Witchell, 8; S. Reeves, 9; F. H. James, 10; H. Johnson, 11; C. Stanbridge, 12. Composed by Mr. Johnson, senr., and conducted by Mr. Bastable. Tenor, 36 cwt. The above was rung to commemorate the sixty-eighth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. The peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and right, and is composed with bobs only.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. Cobb, 1; A. Hawes, 2; J. W. Washbrook, 3; H. D. Begeridge, Esq., 4; F. Field, 5; H. Cobb, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; F. Clinch, 8.

At the Parish Church, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 29th ult., for morning service, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloeman, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; G. Smith, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; E. Paul, 8. On Monday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang Shipway's Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloeman, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; S. Romans, 5; W. Hale, 6; W. Sevier (conductor), 7; F. Stephens, 8. Also 339, conducted by C. King, for service before the peal, and several 500 by Sevier. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Monday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Bedfordshire Association rang Snowdon's Variation of Hollis's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 14 mins. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Allen, 3; H. Chapman, 4; I. Hills, 5; M. Warwick, 6; W. Biggs, 7; C. Lines, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Torquay, Devon.

On Monday, the 30th ult., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Hollis's Five-part) was rung by the Devonshire Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths in 3 hrs. J. Moss, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. H. B. Mundy (first peal on a bob bell), 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; F. W. Batchelor (first peal, Plymouth), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in E. This is the first peal on the bells. W. W. Gifford came from Salisbury, and was elected a member of the Devonshire Guild previous to starting for the peal.

At St. Paul's, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, the 15th ult., 720 BOB MINOR (16 bobs, 2 singles) was rung before Divine service in 24 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; W. Aldred (Tyldesley), 2; R. Aldred (Tyldesley), 3; J. Williamson, 4; C. Oakes (Tyldesley), 5; J. Brookes, 6.

Also on Thursday evening, the 19th ult., being Ascension Day, 720 BOB MINOR (21 bobs, 12 singles) was rung before Divine service in 24½ mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, the 22nd ult., 720 BOB MINOR (18 bobs, 2 singles) was rung in 24½ mins. J. Brookes, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter (conductor), 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., the Walkden company paid a visit to Tyldesley, and rang 720 BOB MINOR (22 singles) in 24 mins., the occasion being the reopening service of the parish church, after having been closed a considerable length of time while undergoing restoration. The following took part in the ringing:—W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Williamson, 6.

At St. Sidwell's, EXETER, DEVON.—On Tuesday, the 17th ult., 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. Rev. H. P. Jackson, 1; W. Mundy, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; S. Binfield, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also some GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, with the Rev. H. P. Jackson (Beaminster) ringing treble. On Sunday, the 22nd ult., 420 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Carter, 1; F. Davey, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. On the 24th ult., 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Sampson, 1; F. Davey, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; J. Lake, 8. (This is W. Sampson's first touch of Triples, and he comes from Whitstone.) Also 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Mundy, 1; F. Davey, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; C. Carter, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; R. Sleeman, 8. On the 28th ult., 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Carter, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; E. Shepherd (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. (Mr. W. W. Gifford belongs to Salisbury.) *Handbell ringing at the Meeting-house.*—280 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. Shepherd, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; W. Mundy, 7-8. 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Shepherd, 1-2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8; and two plain courses of GRANDSIRE CATERS. W. W. Gifford, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd, 5-6; E. Shepherd, 7-8; W. Mundy, 9-10. On the 29th, for Divine service in the morning, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. F. Davey (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; W. Mundy, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; J. Moss, 7; C. Carter, 8. Also a few plain courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. L. Steer, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; B. Mundy, 8. (Mr. Steer comes from Clyst St. George and this is his first touch of Triples.) For Divine service in the evening a Quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins. W. Chudley, 1; F. Davey, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; B. Mundy, 8. (This is W. Chudley's first attempt at Triples, and he comes from Whitstone; also F. Davey's first quarter-peal with a bob bell.) Any brother-ringers visiting this country will be made heartily welcome at the St. Sidwell's belfry. *HANDBELLS:* On Friday, the 27th ult., plain course of GRANDSIRE CATERS. J. Moss, 1-2; A. Shepherd, 3-4; F. Shepherd, 5-6; E. Shepherd, 7-8; W. Mundy, 9-10.

At St. Peter's CATHEDRAL, LIVERPOOL.—On Wednesday, the 18th ult., a peal of STEDMAN CATERS was attempted, but after ringing 4862 changes in 3 hrs. 14 mins., 'Stand' was called through a change-course. R. Williams, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; T. Hammond, 3; C. Williams, 4; G. Fisher, 5; H. Coley, 6; W. Booth (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8; R. Williams, 9; W. Brooks, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. Mary's, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Monday, the 23rd ult., for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Randall, 1; G. Spicer, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; W. Allen, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. *Handbell Ringing.*—Also on the handbells 360 PLAIN BOB MINOR. G. Spicer, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; J. Hare, * 3-4; A. Squires* (conductor), 5-6. [* First half-peal double-handed.]

At the PARISH CHURCH, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, the 24th ult., for morning service, 762 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung. J. Parslow, 1; A. Challis, 2; H. Parslow, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8. Also, for evening service, 1554 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: G. Naish, 1; J. Parslow, 2; H. J. Parslow, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. W. Gifford, Salisbury (thanks for letter. Quite right; 7 hrs. 35 mins., only 4 or 5 minutes to ring. Some particulars next week); R. N.; A. Thomas, Birmingham; and others.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Ringing in Catholic Churches.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of May 29th appears a letter from a Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, ending as follows:—‘Peal-ringing cannot in any shape or sense whatever be looked upon as a Church work. It is simply and solely for man’s gratification and glorification, and nothing else, and I defy any one to contradict this.’ On the same page is an account of how the eight bells of St. Mary’s, Bridport, were solemnly ‘dedicated to the service of Almighty God.’ From all this it appears that there are some ringers who enter a consecrated house of prayer and ring peals on bells dedicated to the services of Almighty God for their own gratification and glorification. As one who has learnt much from the pages of *Church Bells*, may I ask whether (apart from the question of peal-ringing in sectarian places of worship) this is a right state of things that our churches should ever, even in the smallest matters, be made a place for purely selfish gratification? R. N.

The Change-ringers’ Memorial to Jasper Whitfield Snowden.—Unveiling Ceremony at Ilkley Parish Church, Yorkshire, on Saturday, June 11th.

DIVINE service will be held at 4 o’clock (i.e. half an hour earlier than previously announced), at which the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Wigram, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew’s, Hertford and Rural Dean, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James’s Society, and the Hertford County Association, &c. At this service the window will be unveiled. The first half of the visitors will sit down to tea at 5.30, and the second at 6.15. Those arriving by the train which reaches Ilkley a few minutes before four o’clock are requested to go straight to the church, where seats will be kept for them.

WM. WHITAKER,

Hon. Sec. Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

Reopening of the Bells of St. Giles’, Chidcock, Bridport, Dorset.

THURSDAY, the 26th ult., was another eventful day in the annals of this charming seaside village. On that day the bells were reopened with the special dedication service used in the diocese of Sarum. Formerly there were only four bells, one of which was cracked; a special effort was made to obtain the necessary funds to get it recast. This has now been done, and the ring augmented to five by the presentation of a treble, which bears the following inscription:—

‘The Queen Victoria Jubilee Bell, the gift of James Foss;
For the shepherd and his flock I ring,
That God’s praises all may sing.’

Beneath follow the names of the Vicar and Churchwardens.

At the conclusion of the service a band of the recently formed Bridport Guild entered the tower and rang some changes, to the delight of the villagers. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, Cripplegate, and it is needless to add has been carried out by them, through their foreman, Mr. Dunn, in a highly satisfactory manner. The population of the village is under 700, nearly half of whom are Roman Catholics, and yet during the last five years they have been able to raise and spend in their sanctuary and its fittings nearly 2400*l.*—a thing which speaks for itself.

Bridport Bells, Dorset.

THE following are the particulars of the new ring of eight at St. Mary’s, Bridport, where the first peal in Dorsetshire was rung on May 5th last:—*Treble*.—‘Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887. To the glory of God. Two bells were added, and the peal completed, in the Jubilee year of the reign of Queen Victoria, 1887. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, Rector; S. Whetham and J. W. Hartgill, churchwardens.’ Diameter, 30½ in.; weight, 6 cwt. 3 qrs. *Second*.—‘Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887. *Jubilate Deo*. From the women of Bridport. A.D. 1887.’ Diameter, 31½ in.; 7 cwt. 1 qrs. *Third*.—‘Thomas Mears, founder, London, 1843. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887. This bell was added A.D. 1843. Robt. Broadley, Rector; R. Tucker and E. S. Knight, C.W.’ Diameter, 33 in.; 8 cwt. *Fourth*.—‘*Anno Domini*, 1681. R.D.: N.D.: C.W.T.P. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887.’ Diameter, 35 in.; 8 cwt. 2 qrs. *Fifth*.—‘John Colfox, Elias Punfield, churchwardens. Cast by Thomas Bayley, Bridgwater, 1764. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887.’ Diameter, 38 in.; 10 cwt. 3 qrs. *Sixth*.—‘Thomas Mears, founder, London, A.D. 1727. Recast 1843 and 1887; R. Tucker and E. S. Knight, C.W.’ Diameter, 40 in.; 12 cwt. 1 qr. *Seventh*.—‘A.D. 1630. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887.’ Diameter, 44 in.; 14 cwt. 3 qrs. *Tenor*.—‘Thomas Mears, founder, London. The gift of J. Grancell and Joan, his wife. Sing praises to God. A.D. 1734. Recast 1843. R. Tucker and E. S. Knight, C.W., and by Warner & Sons, London, 1887.’ Diameter, 49 in.; 19 cwt. 3 qrs. Note E. The district church has two bells. The large one, weighing about 8 cwt., is inscribed ‘T. Mears of London fecit 1827,’ and a small bell has on it ‘S.P. 1631 W.’

The Jubilee Peal at St. Lawrence Jewry, City of London.

EIGHT members of the St. James’s Society of Change-ringers, who rang the Jubilee peal at St. Lawrence Jewry, were entertained at supper at the ‘Goose and Gridiron’ Hotel, St. Paul’s Churchyard, by Mr. Churchwarden Benningfield, who took the chair, and was supported by Mr. ex-Churchwarden Chretien, the Rev. R. A. England, and Mr. J. R. Haworth, &c. The loyal toasts having been drunk with musical honours, a course of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* was rung on the handbells by Mr. Haworth, Mr. Weatherstone, Mr. French, and Mr. Barry. The Chairman, in the course of an interesting speech, referred to the St. James’s Society, wishing it prosperity, and to the interest he had begun to take in the art of change-ringing, thanking Mr.

Haworth for the insight he had given him. He took greater interest in this performance as it was rung on the last day of his churchwardenship, and nothing could please him more than to be connected with anything that related to the church and the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry. He also referred to the great pleasure it gave him to see his old friend Mr. Chretien, and he asked the company to drink his health. Mr. Chretien responded, and said how pleased he always was to hear of anything going on concerning the parish of St. Lawrence, and happy to be in the midst of it. He also referred to the long connexion of his family, who were also deeply attached to St. Lawrence, his father’s name appearing in the parish books as far back as 1816. Mr. Chretien was warmly applauded when he announced that he intended to ask the sanction of the churchwardens to erect a tablet in the ringing-chamber to record the event of the Jubilee peal having been rung. Mr. Haworth made some remarks to a call from the Chairman, and thanked him for his kindness during his wardenship, and for the manner in which he had treated the ringers on the present occasion. After supper, the table and room being elegantly decorated, some pleasant tunes on the handbells were played by Mr. G. R. Banks and Miss Agnes Banks, and courses of *GRANDSIRE* and *STEADMAN TRIPLES* were rung by them, the latter being greatly applauded. Miss Alice Banks and Mr. F. Cockayne performed some fine duets and selections on the pianoforte with great taste, and songs were given by Mr. Making, Mr. Haworth, Mr. Barry, Mr. French, and Mr. Weatherstone, the Rev. R. A. England reciting Father Prout’s ‘Bells of Shandon.’ Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A Peal of Steadman Cinques.

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Rung at St. Martin’s, Birmingham, May 24th, 1887. Composed by Henry Johnson, sen., and conducted by Henry Bastable.

Death of a Ringer at St. James’s Church, Tong, near Bradford.

ON the 23rd ult., Mr. Edward Webster died at Tong, in his sixty-sixth year, and was interred in the churchyard on the 26th, the coffin being borne by ringers and old friends from surrounding places, the service concluding with a course of *GRANDSIRE MAJOR*, rung on hand-bells at the grave, followed by muffled touches on the tower bells.

The deceased was a quiet, unassuming, and most highly esteemed member of the Tong company, and had been a ringer here for forty-eight years, being the last resident member of the old five-bell company. So recently as the 1st May he assisted to ring a funeral peal in memory of Samuel Webster, a former member, who was interred on that date. His first 5040 was rung here in 1842, and at a later date he took part in a 6720 *OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR* at Pudsey, and on February 17th, 1883, formed one of a company at Tong, which rang a birthday (late G. Carter’s) peal of 6000 changes in twenty-five different methods. Since joining the Yorks Association in 1877 he has rung thirteen peals of 5000 and upwards with that Society.

On Saturday, the 28th, his brother ringers rang a muffled peal of 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 56 mins., as a tribute of respect to his memory, from *TULIP, PRIMROSE, COLLEGE TRIPLES, NEW LONDON PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK, and OXFORD*. C. J. Sallaway, 1; S. Oddy, 2; H. Oddy, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; J. Haley, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.

LATELY, a Ringing Meeting of the above took place at St. James’s church, Waterfoot (six bells), when upwards of thirty ringers from Bacup, Waterfoot, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Whitefield, and Strawfirth, were present. Several 720’s of *PLAIN BOB MINOR, COLLEGE SINGLE, and OXFORD TREBLE BOB* were rung. An excellent meat tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the Waterfoot company, at which the Rev. W. Wilson joined the ringers and visitors. A meeting was afterwards held, presided over by Mr. H. Nutter, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Helmshore on Saturday, July 9th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and school, to the chairman, and to the Waterfoot company for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the visiting ringers, were passed. The Vicar in reply said it gave him great pleasure to be amongst his own ringers and their friends on occasions like the present, and urged the members to persevere in the good work they had in hand. After giving them a short account of his early college life, as connected with bells and ringers, he compared the present condition of ringers to the past. He concluded by stating

that he should be very glad to become a member of the Association. A few touches on the hand-bells for the pleasure of the Vicar, Mrs. Wilson, and family, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ATTEMPTED LONG PEALS.

ON Whit-Monday, twelve members attempted to ring at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Mr. H. W. Haley's peal of 10,030 STEDMAN CINQUES, but unfortunately got out in the last course, after ringing upwards of 9900 changes in 7 hrs. 35 mins. J. Pettitt (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; E. F. Winny, 4; E. Gibbs, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; F. E. Dawe, 7; E. E. Clark, 8; W. Greenleaf, 9; F. G. Newman, 10; E. Horrex, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt. Afterwards A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, Derbyshire, who had journeyed to London on purpose to hear the ringing, very kindly invited them to the 'Bell' Tavern to partake of a substantial meat tea, for which they tender their best thanks. A similar mishap occurred on Easter Monday, April 5, 1858, when a peal of 8561 STEDMAN CINQUES was attempted at St. Saviour's, Southwark (tenor, 52 cwt.), to beat the longest peal—at Painswick, 8448—but after ringing 6 hrs. 10 mins., the person bringing the candles caused the party to stop, it being nearly dark, about 8000 changes having been rung. Haley (conductor), Jameson, Goozee, Dagworthy, M. Wood, Green, Hlaworth, Dwight, H. Wood, Bradley, Muskett, and Horton.

AT ST. MARY'S, CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Whit-Monday, the 30th ult., a start was made for a peal of 12,345 STEDMAN CATERS, but after ringing over 8000 in 5 hrs. 13 mins. an unfortunate breakdown occurred through a trip in the slow work. F. Musty, 1; G. H. Phillott, 2; T. Reynolds (Birmingham), 3; H. Roberts, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; H. Karn, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 7; W. T. Pates (conductor), 8; J. Buffery (Birmingham), 9; A. W. Humphris, 10. Composed by Mr. Henry Johnson of Birmingham. Mr. J. W. Rowbotham of London, and Mr. A. Thomas of Birmingham, were among the listeners, taking note of the correctness of the ringing. Tenor, 23 cwt.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

On Saturday last a quarterly meeting of this Association was held (by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, who presided) in St. John the Baptist Schoolroom, situate in the picturesque grounds of Hagley Park, Worcestershire, the seat of the Lytteltons. The meeting was attended by members from Bromsgrove, Chaddesley, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Hagley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton, &c. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, and several new members were added to the roll. Reports were received from the instructors as to the progress the societies they visited were making in the art of Change-ringing. Although the reports were not so favourable as could be wished, the Association hope to hear better results at the next meeting. The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman for presiding, for the use of the tower and schoolroom. The reverend gentleman, in responding, thanked the members most heartily, and said he should always feel it a pleasure to meet them and to allow the use of the bells at any time to a band of Change-ringers. During the afternoon several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, &c., were rung upon the tower bells, which are in a good ringing condition.

Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th, 1887. Members will assemble at 2 at the Cathedral. There will be a special service in the Ladye Chapel at 5, and tea in the coffee-house at 6, free of charge to those who have paid all subscriptions due. The meeting for the election of officers, &c., will be held immediately afterwards.

J. R. KEBLE, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berks.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 12 mins. H. Humfrey,* 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; T. Short,* 3; C. Trinder,* 4; F. Field,* 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; T. Hibbert, 7; H. D. Betteridge,* Esq., 8; W. Napper,* 9; J. Brown,* 10. Composed by Mr. J. Cox and conducted by Mr. Washbrook. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* First peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS. The first peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS on the bells, and the composition has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four courses behind the 9th.]

At All Saints', Writtle, Essex.

On Whit-Monday eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. A. J. Perkins, 1; E. Chapman, 2; R. Wood (first peal), 3; W. H. Nevard (first peal of TRIPLES), 4; G. Newson (conductor), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon (first peal), 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; A. Jacob, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. The Rev. T. L. Papillon and Mr. Wood were elected members of the Royal Cumberland Society previous to starting.

At St. Mary's, Torquay, Devonshire.

On Whit-Monday, eight members of the Devonshire Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Hollis' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. J. Moss, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. H. B. Munday (first peal with a bob-bell), 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; F. W. Batchelor (first peal), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. The first peal on the bells. Mr. Batchelor came from Plymouth; Mr. Gifford from Salisbury, who was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

ON Whit-Monday eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4½ mins. T. Hibbert, 1; G. Jones, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; C. Trinder, 4; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 5; F. Field, 6; T. Short (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. The peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each sixteen courses in 6th's place.

At the Parish Church, Herne Hill, Kent.

ON Whit-Monday eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. A. Foreman, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 2; H. G. Fairbrass (first peal as conductor), 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter (first peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES), 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; H. Fruin, 6; J. H. Small, 7; W. W. Boulden (first peal), 8. Mr. Fruin came from Abingdon; Boulden, Broughton; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Bobbing, Sittingbourne; the others from Canterbury. The first peal on the bells.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road.—Jubilee Peal.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., the following members of the Waterloo Society rung Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. Baron, 1; W. Coppage, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; Stephen G. Davies,* 4; A. E. Church, 5; H. L. Partington,* 6; F. L. Davies* (conductor), 7; G. Wild, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F. * First peal.

The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Jephson, M.A.) for the use of the bells and for his kind offer to present the Society with a tablet to record the peal.

At the Parish Church, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 53½ mins. G. B. Walker (Wigan), 1; E. Prescott (Leigh), 2; J. Aldred (Tyldesley), 3; G. Turner (Wigan), 4; P. Baxter (Leigh), 5; J. Prescott (conductor, Hindley), 6; E. Arrowsmith (Leigh), 7; S. Hayes (Leigh), 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.—Jubilee Peal.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5147 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 25 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), 3; W. W. Thorne, 4; H. Langdon, 5; R. French, 6; G. R. Banks, 7; A. Hayward, 8; W. H. George (Pinner and London), 9; E. Albone, 10. Composed by Mr. R. Williams of Liverpool and conducted by Mr. French. Tenor, 24 cwt. This Jubilee peal was rung at the request of Mr. Churchwarden Twining, who has been senior churchwarden for three successive years, to celebrate the fiftieth year of her Majesty's reign. The churchwarden kindly invited the ringers to a supper. Rector, the Rev. J. Lindsay.

AT ST. PETER'S, BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., the undermentioned members of the Benington (Herts) Change-ringing Society rang, upon their musical ring of eight bells (tenor, 14 cwt., key F sharp), a brilliant touch of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, consisting of 1844 changes, which was completed in good time and excellent striking. J. Kitchener, 1; Jos. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Chapman, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; Jabez Warner, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; S. Page (conductor), 8.

AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY, CITY OF LONDON.—On Sunday morning, the 29th ult., for Divine service, the following persons rang 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Alford, jun., 1; J. R. Haworth (conductor), 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; H. Langdon, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; R. Hopkins, 6; J. Waghorn, 7; G. R. Banks, 8. And after service 336 in the same method. J. Waghorn, jun., 1; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 2; J. Waghorn, 3; R. French, 4; G. R. Banks, 5; R. Hopkins, 6; J. Barry, 7; E. Albone, 8. Tenor, 36 cwt.

AT BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, the 30th ult., for evening service, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Sloeman, 1; R. J. Wilkins, 2; S. Romans, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; W. Sevier, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; A. Trigg, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F. Also 1008, conducted by W. Sevier, and 336 by W. Sloeman. It was intended to start for a peal, but as service-time was approaching the party were unable to start for it, so the above touches were rung instead. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and to state that a peal will be shortly attempted there.

AT ST. THOMAS'S, SALISBURY.—On Whit-Monday 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Alley (conductor), 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; A. Prescott, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; A. Palmer, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. At St. Martin's, on the same day, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. W. Alley, 1; J. Hayward, 2; A. Prescott, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. At St. Martin's, on the 4th inst., 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. S. Lawrence, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Saturday, the 4th inst., 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 34 mins. S. Lawrence (first touch), 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. F sharp. On Friday, the 3rd inst., 700 in the same method on handbells by W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8, in 20 mins.

RECEIVED ALSO:—A. E. Wrecks; W. H. L. Buckingham (St. Albans); and others.

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Creator, Aloa [a word identical with the 'Eloi' of the Passion], formed spirits and visible creatures, and, lastly, man. But man fell, and evil and error ensued. Wherefore the merciful Saviour took our nature—born of a pure Virgin in Judæa. A new star showed Him to the East. The Law and the Prophets were fulfilled. Of His works and words we possess twenty-seven books. Through Him is the way of salvation. Erected in memory of the spread of the glorious religion in the reign of Chien-Chung, of the Fang dynasty.' The *Anzeiger* next speaks of the recent discoveries in Siberia and Turkestan, where several Christian cemeteries have been found, with inscriptions of the so-called Nestorian type, extending from 855 to 1316. It recalls also the fact that in 1254 a French mission came on Christian settlements around Orgon in Mongolia, and heard that at Karakorum there dwelt Christians as well as Buddhists and Mohammedans, having three churches. The great Tatar outburst which for a while overwhelmed Russia and threatened Germany, seems to have been fatal to the widely-extended ramifications of the 'Church of the East,' whose head is now appealing for aid to the head of our Church of the West.

INDIA.

At St. John's College, Agra, a course of lectures has been given by the Catechist, Nauak Chand, in refutation of the anti-Christian tracts issued by the Arya-Samaj. The effort was very successful, hundreds of educated Hindus attending and taking part in the discussions.

THE C. M. S. reports from the Telugu Mission in the Deccan show an aggregate of 380 adult baptisms last year. There are now 5707 baptized Christians and 2816 under instruction. The numbers have doubled in seven years.

THE Report of the Chota Nagpur Mission states that during the twelve months 139 converts and 561 children of Christian parents have been baptized, while 271 have emigrated. The catechumens under instruction for baptism number now 703. The intrusion of the Jesuits exerts a disturbing influence, but they make but little way. Last November the Bishop of Calcutta came and ordained four native deacons, increasing their number to eight; he administered Confirmation to larger numbers than ever before. The missionaries represent the need of a distinct Bishop for Chota Nagpur as very pressing. Three Kôl students are now preparing for Orders at Bishop's College, Calcutta: two of these are destined to commence a new mission among the Gouds. But it is felt that there should be a training institution at Ranchi itself; it would be available for the conversion of the aboriginal tribes in other regions around Chota Nagpur, not yet touched by an evangelist.

THE Rev. A. Westcott, Fellow of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, has been appointed Principal of the Theological College at Madras in Sullivan's Gardens, the native students of which have achieved such remarkable success in the English Universities' Preliminary Examination of Candidates for Holy Orders.

EAST AFRICA.

AN appeal is made for funds to secure the construction of a boat built of steel, to be named the *James Hannington*, in memory of the martyred Bishop of Uganda. The boat is to be placed on the Victoria Nyanza, to be used as a means of communication between the C. M. S. stations.

THE latest letters from Uganda received at the C. M. S. House in Salisbury Square are dated January 2nd. Mr. Mackay wrote that there was 'a sort of respite' from persecution by the King, but 'those in prison for the Faith were not yet liberated, nor dared those in hiding venture to come to light.' At Christmas he had a little gathering of a hundred or more, viz. the most of our pupils who happened to be at the capital: others had little assemblies in their country homes.' The Gospel of St. Matthew has been published and is eagerly bought.

LIVINGSTONE's faithful servant Susi, who, with Chuma, brought the body of their leader half way across Africa, that it might rest in his native land, has recently been baptized by a member of the Universities Mission. Susi received the name of David in baptism, in memory of his old master.

THE LEVANT.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has received a letter from the Patriarch of Constantinople, thanking him for writing to the Patriarch of Antioch in explanation of the objects of the Lambeth Mission to the Assyrians. The prelate of 'New Rome' prays for the Divine blessing on that work, and assures us of his anxiety to promote good relations between the Greek Communion and the Anglican, on a basis of non-interference. The English Primate has recently said at a meeting of the S. P. G.: 'A few weeks ago I received from one of our missionaries to the Assyrian Christians an account of a movement in one of their schools. He had called a meeting together on its being reported that the English Church was going to take their Church over and make it a part of itself. The Native Christians were given plainly to understand that if their Bishops did not want the English clergy to remain they were ready to depart, but that under no circumstances and at no time would they ever receive the Assyrians as proselytes into our Church. This declaration was received with great satisfaction.'

SCANDINAVIA.

At Copenhagen the new English Church of St. Alban is advancing to completion. In Norway the S. P. G. has started four new summer chaplaincies at Odde, on the Hardanger Firth; Falside, on the North Firth; Naes, near Romsdal; and Laerdalsore, on the Sogne Firth.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Essex County Annual Meeting.

MESSRS. G. W. CARTMEL, W. Battle, and W. H. L. Buckingham, paid a visit to Chelmsford on Saturday, the 28th ult., and started for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES at the parish church; but after ringing 900 changes the seventh rope broke, so 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung on the front six of the ten bells. W. Hawkes, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; W. Lincoln, 3; W. Roland, 4; R. Keeble, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 6. On Sunday, for Divine service, at Galleywood, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Bloomfield, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 2; H. De Lisle, Esq., 3; H. Brazier, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; W. Battle, 6; E. Scotcher, 7; W. Hawkes, 8. Also at Widford, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. Dains, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; C. S. Howard, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 4; W. Battle, 5; A. Taberer, 6. At Writtle 700 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. S. Howard, 1; B. Keeble, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; W. Buckingham, 4; W. Battle, 5; Rev. Mr. Papillon, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; —, 8. At Chelmsford, after Divine service, 1316 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, from Holt's Original. M. Rolph, 1; W. Rowland, 2; B. Keeble, 3; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 4; W. Buckingham, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; W. Battle, 7; S. Parmenter, 8. On Monday morning an attempt was made at Galleywood for Holt's Original; but after ringing 3750 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins. an accident happened with the seventh rope. H. Brazier, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 2; F. De Lisle, Esq., 3; W. Battle, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; E. Scotcher, 6; W. Lincoln, 7; J. Bloomfield, 8.

At St. Helen's, Witton, Northwich, Cheshire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., Annable's peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Welsby, 1; J. Grimshaw, 2; G. E. Turner, 3; J. Barratt, 4; A. E. Wreaks, 5; P. Brickell, 6; E. Cash (conductor), 7; J. Eachus, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs., in F sharp. Messrs. Barratt, Cash, and Grimshaw belong to Eccles; Eachus, Turner, and Wreaks to Manchester, Brickell to Northenden, and Welsby to Worsley. This is the first peal in any method on the bells.

In response to an invitation sent some time ago, a party of ringers from Eccles and district visited the above place on Whit Saturday, June 4th, 1887, for the purpose of having a day's outing, an attempt for a peal on the bells of Witton Church being part of the programme. Entering the belfry the ringers ran through a plain course of BOB MAJOR for a preliminary. The bells, formerly a peal of six, are a very handy set. 'Go!' was called at 12.9 p.m., and all went merrily along till 3.11 p.m., when the peal was brought into rounds, the time thus being 3 hrs. 2 mins. During the day the handbells were brought into use several times, courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, MAJOR, CATERS, and ROYAL, and several tunes being rung on them. The last train left Northwich at the early hour of 8.25 p.m., and finally arrived at Manchester at 10.40 p.m., or an hour and a half late, thus bringing to a close one of the most enjoyable days ever spent by this party. The visitors wish to thank, through the columns of *Church Bells*, their Northwich friends, one and all, for the kind manner in which they were received, and for the hospitality offered to them on this their first, and probably not the last, visit to Northwich, Cheshire.

At the Parish Church, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., ten members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5079 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 52 mins. T. Hattersley, 1; T. Mulligan, 2; W. Lomas, 3; W. Burgur, 4; J. A. Dixon, 5; C. Bower, 6; S. Seed, 7; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 8; A. Brierly, 9; H. Madin, 10. Tenor, 14 cwt. Rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Sodor and Man, formerly Vicar of Sheffield.

At St. Clement Danes' Meeting-house.—Handbells.

FOUR members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 41 mins. W. H. Fussell (first peal on handbells), 1-2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3-4; H. A. Hopkins (first peal on handbells), 5-6; G. T. M'Laughlin, 7-8. Umpires: Messrs. J. W. Cattle and G. Wild.

HANDBELL RINGING AT ST. ALBANS.—On Saturday, the 21st ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR and 720 BOB MINOR were rung by E. Mitchell (first 720), 1; A. Sibley, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also on Thursday, the 26th ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR: G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; T. Grant, 5; A. Sibley, 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Whit Monday, the 30th ult., before service, a Quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 47½ mins. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Phillips, 4; A. Squires, 5; R. Jackson, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; J. Roslyn, 8. This quarter-peal was taken from the *Clavis*, also from Troyte, and contains the twelve 6-7's and twelve 7-4's. After service, 1008 in the same method, conducted by T. Webb; and in the afternoon shorter touches by the same band. The changes numbering close to 4000 during the day. Messrs. Hare and Squires came from Hitchin.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, HIGH HALSTOW, KENT.—On Sunday, the 5th inst., for evening service, several touches of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung by members of the St. Helen's Society (Cliffe-at-Hoo). E. Brenchley, 1; A. Duly, 2; A. A. Couchman, 3; J. H. Osenton, 4; F. W. Brenchley, 5; and after service, E. Brenchley, 1; A. Duly, 2; A. A. Couchman, 3; J. H. Osenton, 4; H. Wilden, 5. The above are also members of the Kent County Association. The last recorded peal on these bells is dated Nov. 19th, 1788, and we understand that they have not been rung since Oct. 1881.

* * Several important communications next week.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Ringling in Roman Catholic Churches.

SIR,—As one who rang in the 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* at the dedication of St. Mary's bells, Bridport, on May 5th, as well as in the peal at St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral last August (which peal seems to have agitated some of your correspondents so much), allow me to say a few words in answer to 'R. N.' He asks whether it is right 'that our churches should ever, even in the smallest matters, be made a place for purely selfish gratification.' Now it very much depends upon what 'R. N.' means by 'selfish gratification.' Does he mean it in any bad and positively wrong sense; or would such expressions as 'secular amusement' or 'trial of skill' have defined his meaning as well? I am aware that I was not quite explicit enough in my former letter; but what I wanted to show was that ringing for a Church service, or in honour of a great Church festival, might be considered as a part of Church work, and done specially to God's honour and glory; whereas ringing long peals for pleasure could not be looked upon in such a light. For my own part, I considered that the short touch we rang immediately after the dedication at Bridport on May 5th, might be looked upon as part of the service. But I considered that the ringing of the peal afterwards was more for a trial of our skill, and a test of the hanging of the bells, than anything else. Possibly, on such an occasion as the one in question, this, too, might be looked upon by some as a Church work; but in the majority of cases where long peals are rung the case is simply this:—A band of ringers choose some church where the bells go well to go for a peal in some given method, on any day which is most convenient for them all to meet; sometimes merely for the sake of doing the peal as a recreation; sometimes to get the first peal, or the first peal in some particular method, at such and such a place, or in such and such a county or district; sometimes to do the longest length on record; and sometimes to have the honour of having done a peal with a great weight of metal. How on earth any of these performances can be looked on as a Church work, done to God's honour and glory (in any higher sense than that all things which are not actually wrong, even our ordinary daily work, ought so to be done), I cannot imagine.

J. R. JERRAM.

St. Anne's, Salisbury.

The late Jubilee Peal at St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ACCORDING to promise, Herbert Hayes Twining, Esq. (who took the chair, and has been churchwarden for three successive years), invited the ringers to supper at the 'Shakespeare Hotel,' the meeting-house of the St. James' Society. Afterwards, the chairman proposed the health of Her Majesty and the Royal Family. A course of *GRANDSIRE CATERNS* was then rung on the handbells by Messrs. Weatherstone, Haworth, French, Mitchell, and George. The Rector, Rev. J. Lindsay, D.D., and other gentlemen, were present; one of them proposed the health of the chairman, remarking how pleased he and his friends were to be at such a meeting of the parochial ringers. The churchwarden, in response, said he was gratified to be present, and to be in company with men whom he was sure were above the average, both in intellect and in strength, when they could ring 5127 changes at the first attempt. There was more applause when the chairman announced that he intended to place in the ringing-chamber a tablet to record the fact that a Jubilee peal had been rung during his churchwardenship to commemorate the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign. Some more handbell ringing and a few songs finished a pleasant meeting.

Royal Cumberland Society.

ON Saturday afternoon, the 4th inst., Messrs. Newton, Rogers, Fussell, Jacob, Cuttall, and Dains, were engaged in opening a new ring of six bells, tenor 7½ cwt., in B flat, by Messrs. J. Warner & Sons, at the church of Holy Trinity, Barking Road. The ring is of cheerful tone, and goes well. 720 PLAIN BOB and 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, with 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES, were accomplished. Tea was served at the Vicarage, with the Vicar at the head of the table. Mr. Dains returned thanks for the Vicar's kindness. Mr. Churchwarden Warte, and Mr. Organist Love, with several other gentlemen, subsequently became members of the Royal Cumberlands. A tutor has been engaged, and ringing practice is now the order of the day at Holy Trinity. We wish the young Cumberlands every success.

Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.—Unveiling of a Memorial Window at Ilkley.

ON Saturday afternoon a memorial window to the late Mr. Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, formerly President of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, which has been placed in the parish church of Ilkley, was unveiled. In connexion with the event a memorial service was held, at which there were present, at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. Howard Kempson, M.A.) and the churchwardens, a considerable number of change-ringers connected with the Yorkshire Association, whose June meeting was held during the evening. The window has been subscribed for by bell-ringers, not only of Yorkshire, but of other parts of the country. The erection of the memorial window has been carried out by the committee of the Yorkshire Association, on behalf of the subscribers. The contract was eventually given to Messrs. Powell Brothers, of Leeds. The window is an excellent example. The design is Gothic, with a representation of bells swinging in every conceivable position, and their tongues, ropes, and wheels all carefully shown in their proper places. Three transverse views of bells are given in the base, showing them at rest and as 'set' at hand and back-stroke. Care has been taken to introduce everything now used in change-ringing, including 'stays' and 'sliders.' Across the three lights run Gothic

scrolls bearing the words, 'O praise God in His holiness; praise Him on the strings and pipe. Praise Him on the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him on the loud cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.' One leading feature of the window is a group of angels represented in the act of offering praise on strings and pipe. In the upper part of the middle light the heavens are shown opening, and permitting the sacrifice of praise to ascend, whilst hovering above is the emblem of the Holy Spirit sanctifying the offering. The window has the following inscription in brass:—'To the glory of God. In memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, historian and expositor of change-ringing. Died November 16th, 1885, aged forty-one. This window was inserted in 1887, at the sole cost of the change-ringers of this country.'

ON Saturday morning a half-muffled touch of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung on the bells of the parish church by the following:—A. Spurr (Ossett), 1; W. H. Howard (York), 2; W. Whitaker (Leeds), 3; J. Broadley (Bradford), 4; W. Stainforth (Birstall), 5; J. H. Hardcastle (conductor, Bradford), 6; J. T. Hollis (Wakefield), 7; J. McKell (Gargrave), 8. The muffles having been removed, visitors generally were allowed in companies to ring through the day, until the hour appointed for the service. The Leeds Parish Church bell-ringers rang for service. Ringers were present from Bradford, Leeds, Birstall, Tong, London, the Midland Counties, Durham and County, Liverpool, Wakefield, York, Benthams, Bingley, Batley, Keighley, Huddersfield, Holbeck, Ripon, Shipley, Sheffield, Pontefract, Masham, Newcastle, and other places. The ringers walked in procession from the National Schools to the church, and occupied the seats in the nave. There was also a large congregation of residents. The Vicar read the prayers, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Wigram, M.A., rector of St. Andrew, Hertford. The service was choral. Ps. ciii. and c. were sung, and the hymns were, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' 'O God, our help in ages past,' and 'Lord of heaven and earth and ocean,' the last chosen with special reference to the Queen's Jubilee.

At the close of the service tea was served in the National Schoolroom, and in the evening the business meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held in the same building. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. William Snowdon of Leeds. After some discussion as to rules, and other business of a routine character, votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Ilkley for his arrangement of the special service, and to the other clergy, the organist and the choir, for their assistance; to the Rev. Canon Wigram; to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells; to the Ilkley Branch of the Association and friends for their hospitality; and to Mr. Wm. Mitton of Ilkley (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. Tuke of Bradford and Mr. Wm. Whitaker of Leeds (hon. secs.), for their services in connexion with the memorial window. The meeting placed on record the valuable services rendered to change-ringing by the late Rev. J. H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul, Burton-on-Trent, late president of the Midland Counties Association, and expressed its deep sympathy with Mrs. Fish in her great and sudden loss.

Reopening of St. Edmund's Bells, Exeter.

THE pretty and sweet-toned ring of eight bells belonging to St. Edmund's Church, Exeter, was reopened on June 7th after having been rehung, and the occasion was one of general rejoicing among the parishioners. The bells, owing to the unsafe condition of the bearings, &c., have not been regularly rung for many years past. Recently, however, the churchwardens and leading parishioners took the matter up warmly, the result being that a few months since Mr. T. Hooper, of Woodbury, received instructions to put the bells in a thorough state of repair. The bells, with the exception of the fifth, were in sound condition. The bell mentioned, however, had become cracked; and the work of recasting it was entrusted to Messrs. J. Gillet & Co., of Croydon, who efficiently carried out the task entrusted to them. Mr. Hooper has rehung the bells in a way which leaves nothing to be desired, and the ringing-chamber has been entirely renovated. Immediately the work of rehanging was commenced steps were taken to form a Society, having for its object the promotion of change-ringing and belfry reform in connexion with the Devonshire Guild of Ringers. In this respect the promoters were most successful, and succeeded in quickly placing the Society on a firm footing. Members were speedily enrolled, many of them being old hands in the art of change-ringing. The officers of the Society are:—President, the Rector (the Rev. W. W. Secretan); Vice-President, the Rev. H. W. McGrath; Treasurer, Mr. H. Swift; Secretary, Mr. W. C. Marsh; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Sydney Herbert. The Dedication Service commenced at 12 o'clock, with the singing of hymn 242, 'We love the place, O God.' The Proper Psalms used were the 29th and 150th, and the Lesson was taken from Numb. x. 1-11. The prayers were read by the Rector, and the Lesson by the Rev. H. W. McGrath. After hymn 395 had been sung, a break was made in the service to allow the ringers to ring a plain course of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*. At the conclusion of the 'touch,' hymn 503 was sung; after which the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, rector of Upton Pyne, delivered an address, taking as his text Ps. xvi. 9, 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.' The singing of the hymn, 'Now at length our bells are mounted,' brought the service to a close. The collection was in aid of the expenses of the service. Immediately after the service, and during the day, short touches of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* were rung upon the bells. The ringers present included the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, Messrs. H. Swift, S. Herbert, Marsh, W. Goss, Townsend, A. W. Searle, W. H. Webber, E. Pitt, Richardson, Peardon, Halse, Trumen (Kenn), and others.

The Sussex County Association.

THE Report of the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers for the year ending December 31, 1886 (Brighton: C. Pell & Son), has reached us. The book is carefully and systematically arranged, affording information on

all points connected with the Association, and is well and clearly printed. We heartily congratulate the Association on its numerical strength, and also on the improvement effected in the ringing performances. At the same time, very much remains to be done in the last-named direction. On scrutinising the list of peals it will be found that they are nearly all of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, the only companies who have accomplished peals outside that method being those of Horsham, Warnham, and Crawley; while there is not a single peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* nor any peal of *MAJOR* whatsoever. In partial explanation of this, we must not omit to state that the Association is but two years old, and that it has already done a good work. We would merely suggest that some of the great energy displayed be diverted into more enterprising channels, and this we feel sure will quickly be done. On the whole, the Association is much to be congratulated, and gives promise of a long, vigorous, and useful life.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Foxearth, Essex.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., a peal of 5024 *BOB MAJOR* was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. G. Maxim, 1; S. Slater, 2; Z. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; O. Garwood, 5; R. Mingay, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. Tenor, 8½ cwt. Messrs. Slater, Garwood, and Wells, came from Glemsford; Hawkins, Belcham; Sillitoe, Sudbury; the others are local ringers.

At the Parish Church, Tottenham, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE MAJOR* in 2 hrs. 52½ mins. J. Davidson, 1; A. Fox (first peal of *MAJOR* inside), 2; E. F. Strange, 3; J. Waghorn, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; G. B. Lucas, 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; W. Pye-English, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Carter and conducted by Mr. Barnett. Tenor, 20 cwt. All the band, except Mr. Strange, are members of the All Hallows (Tottenham) Society.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 *STEDMAN TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 1; T. Short, 2; C. Trinder, 3; F. Field, 4; T. Fulker, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; W. Hyde, 8.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the same church, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a Jubilee peal of 5040 *STEDMAN TRIPLES* (Brooke's Variation) in 2 hrs. 56 mins. T. Fulker, 1; G. Jones, 2; C. Trinder, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; T. Short, 5; F. Field, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; F. Davis, 8. This is the first Jubilee peal rung in the diocese. The above peals were rung each time on account of meeting one short for *SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE*.

At the Parish Church, Halesowen, Worcestershire.

On Tuesday, the 21st inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* was rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins., in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, by the following members of the Halesowen Change-ringing Society. H. Lea, 1; — Raybould (conductor), 2; J. P. Heekingbottom, 3; G. Cockin, 4; E. White, 5; R. A. Eaton, 6; E. Hackett, 7; M. Hackett, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. This peal has not been rung, nor any other, since the 9th day of June, 1776, by Halesowen men.

At ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Monday, the 6th inst., 672 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; H. Buckingham, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; J. Foster, 8. Afterwards, 546 in the same method. W. Allen (conductor), 1; G. Spicer, 2; F. Furr, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; A. Squires, 5; S. Hare, 6; J. Hare, 7; G. Halsey, 8.

At SALISBURY.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Wednesday, the 8th inst., 720 *BOB MINOR* (18 bobs and 2 singles) was rung by W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; W. W. Gifford, 3-4; T. Blackburne (conductor), 5-6. On Saturday, the 11th inst., a quarter-peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* (1260 changes) in 37 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburne (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. On Monday, the 13th inst., the same quarter-peal (1260 changes) in 37 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburne (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. This 1260 is the composition of the late Mr. Uriah Woodman, of Trowbridge, Wilts; and is supposed to be the first quarter-peal ever rung in the county by local men with bells retained in hand.

At ST. ANDREW'S, NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 12th inst., before evening service, 360 *GRANDSIRE MINOR* in 14½ mins. E. Hampton, 1; B. Townsend, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; R. Round, 6. Also, after service, 720 *PLAIN BOB MINOR* in 30 mins. B. Townsend, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The above was rung with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. Byrne, formerly curate of this parish, late of Bournemouth.

At ST. NICHOLAS, WARWICK.—On Tuesday, the 14th inst., the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths of London attempted an opening peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* at the above church; but after about 2000 changes had been rung an accident brought matters to a close. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; Rev. W. S. Willett, 2; H. Bastable (conductor), 3; A. Percival Heywood, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 6; G. H. Phillott, 7; A. Thomas, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. This ring has just been augmented to eight by the addition of two excellent trebles from the foundry of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, who have rehung the whole ring. An engraving and description of the church appeared in No. 811 of *Church Bells*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Lancashire and the Bishopric of Sodor and Man.

SIR,—As one who for nearly ten years has been writing, in your columns and elsewhere, as to the need of a division of the diocese of Manchester with its population of some 2,500,000, I shall be glad if you will allow me to comment on a remark in your 'Notes on Passing Events' with reference to the vacant See of the Isle of Man. You say, 'For some reason or another it is thought that a Lancashire man should be appointed, and the names of Archdeacon Bardsley and Canon Stowell have been mentioned.' Well, as the Bishop of Sodor and Man has but a little diocese with some 50,000 inhabitants, it is not unnatural for Churchmen to hope that the next occupant of the See may be willing to give some help in the vast diocese of Manchester in the way of holding confirmations. It would facilitate this if the clergyman appointed Bishop of Sodor and Man were some one well known too, and trusted by, the people of Lancashire. Both Canon Stowell of Manchester, and the Archdeacon of Liverpool, fulfil this condition. Of Canon Stowell's whole ministerial career more than twenty years has been spent in Manchester, while Archdeacon Bardsley's clerical life has been almost wholly passed in Liverpool. Canon Stowell's, a man of Manx descent, has been a most successful parish priest in Manchester, the chief city of the great manufacturing diocese. Archdeacon Bardsley, of Lancashire descent, has a name respected all over Lancashire, and is Archdeacon of Liverpool, the great seaport which is so intimately connected with the Isle of Man.

H. C. R.

Christian Socialism.

SIR,—Your correspondent 'L. W.' gives a very strange account of 'Christian Socialism.' 'The Christian Socialist will tell us,' he says, 'that we are pilgrims journeying to a heavenly country, working on the way as to God and not as to man, keeping our pack as light and as small as may be.' Now the Christian Socialist would tell us nothing of the kind. He would rather strive to show us that we, as Christians, have duties to society. That the present competitive system under which men work for profit, seeking to 'lay up treasure upon earth,' utterly regardless of what becomes of their neighbours, is contrary to the spirit and teaching of Christ. He would strive to establish a system under which justice would be done to all, so that the doles (which 'L. W.' calls charity) would be unnecessary. He wishes to see the golden rule put into practice in our social system, and not merely preached from our pulpits. If the hope of 'future tangible benefit' is the only motive which will stimulate to action let us at once admit that Christ's command, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,' is effete and impossible to carry out, and let us substitute the maxim of the modern individualist, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of Mammon and his unrighteousness.'

PHILIP PEACH.

Pawlett Vicarage, Bridgewater.

Where are our Birds?

SIR,—As many lay people are readers of *Church Bells*, I may ask their attention to this very interesting subject, which is not without an important bearing upon the future of this land. It is almost certain that the very cold spring has delayed the arrival of birds, and has greatly again diminished their numbers. Martins of all kinds, swallows and swifts, are becoming far less numerous than they used to be. The remark as regards swifts hardly applies to this village, where they are abundant, and quite 'at home' under the house-eaves. But, generally, birds are scarce, and I think are becoming scarcer every year. It was an unfortunate circumstance that the Birds' Protection Act did not take all birds under its care, because, as now worded, bird-catchers professing to catch chaffinches, which they do not want, catch nightingales, and so are rapidly bringing about the diminution, if not extinction, of this favourite songster. Architects and builders deprive swifts, swallows, and martins, starlings, owls, jackdaws, and many other birds, of a 'chance' of living, dwelling, and making their nests, although no house is improved by the alterations, and life is needlessly deprived of some of its most beautiful charms. There are times when some birds are annoying. There is no bird without its use and its beauty. There are many ways of hindering them from doing much harm, and for many purposes of utility, as well as of pleasure, we cannot well afford to lose them. Londoners would be proud of a good rookery, and perhaps even an heronry, in Hyde Park; and probably the former might be secured, even if the latter were difficult to obtain. A little attention to the laws of nature might secure the presence of many birds in and about London, as well as in the country at large. As matters are now going on, we are in great danger of losing many species altogether, and of greatly diminishing the numbers of birds even where they still exist.

GEORGE VENABLES.

Bletchingly, Surrey, June 13, 1887.

The Clergy Seaside Rest.

SIR,—May I, as one who has repeatedly enjoyed the advantage of a pleasant and inexpensive holiday at the Clergy Seaside Rest at Margate, draw your readers' attention to the fact that a debt of 60l. now exists upon this excellent institution? If each beneficed clergyman who has experienced the advantages of the Rest would give an occasional offertory to it, or induce the wealthier laymen of his parish to subscribe to its funds, the annual deficiency would be readily met. The Rest is open to the clergy (and their wives) of all parties, and some sixty-six or seventy guests are annually received at the bare cost of their food—about 16s. each per week. Gifts of the Church papers and additions to the library would be thankfully received by the Lady Superintendent.

A LONDON INCUMBENT.

to educate the sons and daughters of the clergy. No doubt, once the foundation is laid, the fund will receive large accessions from time to time.

The Jubilee celebrations were very general throughout the country, but in every instance confined to the Protestant portions of the community. The Roman Catholic Church held aloof, and was distinctly antagonistic, and that notwithstanding the loyal example set them by their co-religionists at your side of the Channel. The Roman Catholic hierarchy assembled in Maynooth during the week, but it was to condemn the Government and to stir up fresh agitation. Not a word was said on the subject of the Queen's Jubilee. In some places the rejoicings took the shape of a parish tea. At Tullamore the Meath Choral Festival synchronised with the event, the Bishop of Meath preached, and there was a public luncheon afterwards in the Parochial Hall. In Bray the Earl of Meath gave a children's fête, irrespective of creed, to the children of the township, in Ravenswell grounds, a pretty place belonging to his lordship, but the Roman Catholic parish priest forbade his children appearing there.

Irish Churchmen were naturally considerably nettled by the original reply to the loyal address of the General Synod to the Sovereign on the occasion of her Jubilee. It was then intimated that the Queen was advised not to add to the number of bodies privileged to address the Throne, and that the representatives of the Church of Ireland could not, therefore, be received in person. A short time since it was publicly announced that the Moderator for the Irish Presbyterians was to present the address of that body to the Queen in person, and thus a slight seemed to be thrown on loyal Irish Churchmen. However, the slight has been condoned for, and the Lord Primate has received the following communication from the Home Secretary:— 'With reference to your letter of the 22nd April, the Queen has intimated to the Home Secretary that she will be prepared to receive the address of the Church of Ireland in person at Windsor on the 27th instant, not more than two representatives to attend.'

His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor will be installed as a Knight of the noble Order of St. Patrick on Wednesday. The Order is now (since Disestablishment) secularised. The ceremony will be entirely devoid of all religious symbolism. Of course it was different when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was installed in 1868 in St. Patrick's Cathedral with great pomp and ceremony by the Marquis of Abercorn. The present event will take place at the Castle, and of course will be a very stately pageant.

His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin preached in Castleknock Church on Sunday, and afterwards proceeded to Cabra to set apart a hall in the Auxiliary Union there, for the use of the Church inmates, as a place for Divine worship. The Rev. Canon Sadlier, rector of the parish, read the prayers.

The Bishop Blyth controversy has naturally attracted some attention over here in connexion with the C. M. S., our most popular Missionary organization in Ireland, but there has been no panic on the subject. The *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* says:—

'The Irish Committee of the C. M. S. have exhibited a most praiseworthy judgment in their quiet and moderate observations to be found in the Report of the Hibernian Auxiliary just published. It speaks volumes for the rising Churchmanship of the Irish Church that some of its leading evangelical clergy and laity could take this calm view of a crisis that was spreading dismay in England. . . . The only thing against Bishop Blyth was the charge originally propounded in the *English Churchman*, that he had taken part in the service of a church where an extreme ritual was observed; on this was founded a belief in the sympathy of the Bishop with such practices generally. Now, it is well to remark on this, that Dr. Blyth simply attended the church nearest to his own residence while in London, and assisted once or twice when invited to do so. The new Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem has won golden opinions for himself since he entered on his duties, and not least from the missionaries of the C. M. S.'

The *Cork Constitution* notices the erection of a new bell in Ballymoney parish church in the diocese of Cork, and which was rung for the first time on the 19th ult. The tone is remarkably sweet, yet powerfully resonant; and the Select Vestry are well pleased that they gave the order to Mr. Byrne, of Thomas Street, Dublin, though they had estimates from English firms offered for their consideration. It is more than twice as large as the old bell, which has been in use for more than a century, and which bears the inscription:— 'Recast anno 1771. Michl. Tisdal, curate.' Mr. Tisdal subsequently had charge of a parish in county Kerry, where he was murdered in the troublesome times that followed.

Some outrages are reported during the Jubilee week. The Rev. F. W. Ainley, incumbent of the 'Free Church,' Cork, had his windows broken. Mr. Ainley had hung up the Union Jack over his church. The windows of the Presbyterian Church in Birr were broken, and the grounds of the Bishop of Killaloe at Clarisford House were entered, and more than forty rose-trees torn up by their roots. The conservatory was also injured. On the whole, however, we have reason to be thankful that the celebrations passed off so quietly.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Dedication and Reopening of Bells at Easingwold, Yorkshire.

At the festivities held in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee reign, the chief local event was the dedication and reopening of the bells hung in the tower of the Easingwold parish church. To a ring of five bells, which have all been rehung, has been added a new treble in substantial frame, and new floor. A special dedication service was held, conducted by the Vicar, at eight o'clock in the morning, and immediately afterwards fifty strokes of the tongue of the new bell were tolled by way of christening the bell 'Jubilee.' The National Anthem was then sung on the top of the tower, and a call for three cheers for her Majesty met with a hearty response. Shortly before noon Messrs. Howard, Cundall, Hodgson, Thompson, and Messrs. Mallaby, ascended the tower and rang out several touches of GRAND-SIRE, PLAIN, OXFORD, and KENT TREBLE BOB. The tone of the bells was remarkably rich, and caused great satisfaction amongst the parishioners. The entire work was satisfactorily done by Messrs. Mallaby of Masham, and the swing of the bells was all that could be desired.

New Bells at Bickington, Devon.

THE three bells of this parish have just been rehung, and a new treble added, by Mr. Harry Stokes, church-bell hanger of Woodbury, Devon, who has put in new oak beams and floor, and hung the four bells in new oak frames and new fittings, and fixed the Ellacombe chiming apparatus.

Dedication of Bells at Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 16th ult., two new treble bells, which have been added by the Church Corporation and other friends to the original ring of six in the tower of the Ottery St. Mary parish church, were dedicated. At 2 o'clock a luncheon was provided at the Town Hall, when about forty sat down, and at 3 p.m. a service of dedication was held in the church. The clergy present were the Rev. W. H. Metcalfe, Vicar; Rev. A. Scott, Curate; Archdeacon Sanders; the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote (Upton Pyne); the Rev. F. J. Coleridge (Cadbury); the Rev. A. Hunt (Tipton St. John); and the Rev. Lloyd Sanders (Whimple). The preacher was the Rev. F. J. Coleridge, who founded a most suitable address upon the words, 'I will accept you, saith the Lord God' (Ezek. xlii. 27). The two new bells were cast by John Warner & Sons, London; and the work of hanging them, repairing and bolting the old frame, and rehanging the original six with all new fittings, was carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, church-bell hanger of Woodbury. Of the required sum 50*l.* was voted by the Church Corporation, and the remainder has been obtained by parish subscriptions. Some members of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers kindly assisted in the reopening.

A New Bell at West Knoyle, Wilts.

THE third bell of this ring of five, which has been cracked for many years, has just been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and rehung by Mr. T. Blackburn of Salisbury. She is inscribed, 'A.D. 1630. Recast 1887, V.R. Jubilee. Mears and Stainbank, founders, London.'

Two new Bells at the Parish Church, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

TWO additional bells have recently been placed in the tower of this church as a memorial of the Jubilee year of Queen Victoria. With the six old bells these will complete a ring of eight. Most of the amount has been already raised by public subscription. It is estimated that the whole expenses will be under 80*l.*, and about 70*l.* has already been promised. The bells were first rung on Wednesday, June 23rd, on which day the Jubilee was celebrated in this town. At the Thanksgiving service the dedication took place. The service was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Temperley, Head Master of the De Aston School. The choir and clergy, accompanied by the churchwardens, proceeded to the tower, and having ranged themselves in due order the officiating minister said: 'I do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these two bells, given to this church and parish as a memorial of the year of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria; and I now declare them dedicated to the glory of God and for the benefit of His Church; and I, on behalf of the Committee, present them to this church and parish.' The churchwardens, receiving them, said: 'We, the vicar and churchwardens, receive these bells as a sacred trust committed to us as the appointed guardians of this church, and will take heed that they be used only in the service of God and for the benefit of His people.' After this, the form of service published by the *Church Bells* Office, with some additions, was used. A touch on the bells was then rung, and a special hymn sung, after which the clergy and choir returned to their places, and an address was delivered by the dedicatrix. It may be added that the casting of the bells, which weigh about 4½ cwt. each, was entrusted to Messrs. Warner & Son, London.

Jubilee Rejoicings at Malinslee, Shropshire.

SPECIAL thanksgiving services were held in the church on Sunday last in celebration of her Majesty's Jubilee. The six bells placed in St. Leonard's Church belfry as a grateful and permanent memorial of the event, were rung for the first time by the Coalbrookdale ringers, who kindly gave their services. Notwithstanding the efforts already made, it is still necessary that 100*l.* should be raised to clear off the contract for the bells and to put the belfry staircases and tower in thorough repair. The old bells were erected in 1839, and were the gift of Mr. W. Botfield of Decker Hill. The six bells now in the tower are a maiden ring from the foundry of Mr. Charles Carr, Woolland Works, Grove Lane, Smethwick, and are sweet and clear in tone. The work has been carried out most successfully, and Mr. Carr has promised to place a brass plate upon the tenor bell with a suitable inscription marking the event, the following names being attached:—Rev. Richard Woods, vicar; Mr. F. H. Davis and Mr. G. Robinson, churchwardens; Mr. O. W. Harris,

Chairman of the Bell Fund Committee. [We suppose he means on the stock. —Ed. C. B.] The services on Sunday were well attended. The morning preacher was the Rev. Edward Perry. In the afternoon the Rev. R. C. Wanstall, R.D., spoke to the children of the schools and their friends. A very large congregation assembled in the evening, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. R. C. Bradburne from 1 Sam. x. 24. The total obtained at the three collections, including the sums raised by collecting-cards and subscriptions by members of the congregation, was 90l. 16s. 9d. The total cost of the bells and fittings is 215l. 4s. 6d., but 30l. more will be required for repairs and alterations to the tower. After expenses are paid, there will be a net balance of 85l. Besides this there is a sum of 30l. in hand, and the old bells will realise about 25l. Total already raised, 140l.; total required, 245l. 4s. 6d.; amount still needed, 105l. 4s. 6d. The aged poor and the children were entertained on Monday and Tuesday. Before leaving, the Rev. R. Woods proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rural Dean for his kindness.

A new Ring of Bells at Oxhey, Watford, Herts.

The ring of eight bells set up in this church in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee was dedicated on June 18. A procession, led by the cornet-player of the Watford Town Band, was formed from the Vicarage to the north-west door of the church, the hymn being, 'Lifted safe within the steeple,' to the late Prince Consort's tune, 'Gotha.' The Vicar (Rev. Newton Price) said Shortened Evensong, beginning at the Lord's Prayer and ending with the Creed, the proper Psalms being cxiii. and cl., and the Lesson Luke, ii. 8-15, read by the Rev. F. H. Hodgson, rural dean. The sermon was preached by the Ven. W. J. Lawrence, archdeacon of St. Albans, after which another procession was formed from the chancel to the belfry tower, the hymn being 'Praise the Lord! ye heavens, adore Him,' to the tune of 'Austria,' led by the Watford Town Band. With the choir and clergy gathered round him, the Archdeacon said the latter part of the Dedication Service, according to Sarum Use; which ended, he tolled the tenor bell three times, and the bells forthwith struck up their first peal under the manipulation of the Langleybury ringers; Thring's hymn, 'Hark! hark! the bells do loudly peal' (slightly altered), being sung. After the service a large social gathering of subscribers, rich and poor, was held in the Vicarage and grounds, while the band of St. Alban's Cathedral brought out the full powers of the bells. The day ended with a supper in the Board School, at which the Vicar presided. The poor suburb of Watford, called New Bushey, which contains nearly all the population of Oxhey, was most unmistakably *en fete*, and was decorated extensively with flags. The bells are by Warner and Sons, and are much liked. Seven of them are given by landowners, in the following order: Mr. R. Russell Carew, Mrs. R. Russell Carew, Mr. T. F. Blackwell, Mr. S. J. Blackwell, Mrs. W. T. Eley, Mrs. Tooke, and the eighth or tenor bell by Mr. David Carnegie, 'the father of the church,' as he may be justly called. Oxhey is a 'new parish' formed into a Peel district in 1879, and becoming a parish by the consecration of the church in 1880. It is, perhaps, best known as the district in which Cookery was first introduced by the Rev. Newton Price into the curriculum of a public elementary school in 1872 at Watford Heath. The work still thrives, and has spread to other schools in the neighbourhood.

The Jubilee at North Cave, Yorks.

The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated here by a special service. The fine old church was filled with a mixed congregation of all denominations, and the venerable Vicar, Canon Jarratt, who is nearly ninety years old, preached the sermon. He also preached at the accession of her Majesty, having held the living over fifty years. William Hicks, the parish clerk, who is also one of the bellringers, rang his first peal on Accession Day, 1837, and now celebrated his own jubilee when ringing for her Majesty.

Kent County Association.

The Annual General Meeting took place at Tonbridge on the 13th ult., when upwards of 100 members attended. The service was held at the Parish Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. A. T. Scott of St. James's, Tonbridge Wells. Colonel Knatchbull presided at the dinner, where the guests numbered 122. The usual business was transacted, and the ringers afterwards visited the neighbouring churches of Hadlow, and St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells. The new Lists are now ready for delivery, and the Secretary will be glad to receive applications for them.

Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

The fifth Annual Meeting of the Society was held at Lichfield on the 18th ult. About fifty members were present from all parts of South Staffordshire. The steeples of the Cathedral St. Mary's, and St. Michael's, were open, and various touches were rung during the afternoon and evening. Subscriptions were paid, and the Committee Meeting was held in the Cathedral belfry at 4 p.m. A special service was held at 5 p.m. in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, at which an address was given by the Rev. Prebendary Scott, vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield. Tea was served to all in the Coffee House at six, after which the General Meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Keble taking the chair in the unavoidable absence of the President, Archdeacon Iles. The Report and Balance-sheet were read and approved; the Rev. C. H. Joberns was re-elected Hon. Treasurer, and the Rev. J. R. Keble and Mr. S. Reeves Hon. Secretaries, for the ensuing year. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tipton on October 1.

A Correction.

SIR,—In your notice of the peal of STEDMAN CATERS on the bells of Sheffield Parish Church, you give the weight of the tenor as 14 cwt. The figures are right, but wrongly placed; the weight of the tenor bell is 41 cwt., not 14. There are twelve bells in the ring, and the old Sanctus bell is still in the tower, though unused.

J. W. APPLEFORD.

Buckthorpe, York.

The Yorkshire Association.

I WOULD remind all members of the above Association who have not yet paid their subscriptions for this year to do so before the 31st of July next, or they will cease to be members, and their names will be consequently struck off the roll. I would ask those who have taken part in ringing peals since August 1st last, will kindly see they are sent in at once, in order that they may be entered in our next Report. W. WHITTAKER, Hon. Sec.

The United Counties' Association.

THE half-yearly meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Chapel-en-le-Frith. The draw for priority of ringing in the Cup competition will take place at the house of Mr. Joseph Thornhill, 'Bull's Head' Inn, at 10.30 a.m., where the committee will sit. The first company to enter the tower at 11.30 a.m. Dinner will be provided at the above house at 5.0 p.m., tickets 1s. 6d. each, when ringing will cease for an hour. Those intending being present at dinner must signify the same on or before Thursday, July 7th, to Mr. George Ford, Terrace Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith. Members are requested to note that the levy of 1s. per member is due, and the President and Secretary will attend in the committee-room to receive the same, also back subscriptions and entrance fees of new members.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

[We should like to know more about this 'Cup Competition.' It may be all right, but in connexion with holy things it has an ugly sound.—Ed. C. B.]

Rochdale and District Association.

THE above Society held an intermediate meeting on Saturday, the 18th ult., at Healey Church, when the Vicar was made an honorary member. After the business was transacted the bells were rung by several mixed bands. The ringers wish through *Church Bells* to thank the Vicar and the churchwardens for the use of the bells and school.

Two-part Peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

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5 2 3 6 4	-	-	-	-	2 5 4 6 3	to know that while this method, the									
6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-	-	6 4 3 5 2	most musical, we think, of all old									
6 3 2 5 4	x	-	-	-	6 4 5 2 3	methods, has been before the public									
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H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Society.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancashire.

ON Whit Sunday, the 29th May, the bells of the above church were pealing forth by six o'clock in the morning. A 720 BOB MINOR was rung in 25 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6.

Also on Tuesday, the 21st ult., being the celebration of our Queen's fifty years' reign, the bells of the parish church were rung, and a special thanksgiving service held at eleven o'clock. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. Heath, M.A., Vicar. Before service 720 BOB MINOR was rung in 25 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Brading, Isle of Wight.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, Holt's Ten-part, was rung in 8 hrs., by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild:—A. Roxall, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; J. Hewett, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; F. Hill, 5; J. Whiting, 6; S. Brooker, 7; J. Staples, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt., in G. The peal was rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new ring from the Whitechapel Foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Previous to the restoration being taken in hand there were four bells, —treble, date 1604; No. 2, date 1709; No. 3, date 1622; tenor, date 1594. It was thought advisable to recast the treble, and increase its weight by 1 cwt., and four smaller bells were added. The weight of the eight bells is now about 47 cwt. They are of a mellow tone, and do much credit both to the foundry and to the foreman who did the work in the tower, Mr. Oliver.

JUBILEE PEALS.

At Wellingborough, Northants.

IN addition to a thoroughly hearty celebration of the Royal Jubilee in the shape of dinner to old folk, tea to children, and general decoration, illumination, and enjoyment, Wellingborough has marked the event in a permanent fashion by starting the new chimes at the parish church. They have been erected by Messrs. Gillett & Co. of Croydon, and are the gift of Mr. W. Woolston. Their music delights the townfolk, and brings back to old inhabitants pleasant memories of the ancient chime-barrel, with its quaint

six-bell tunes. There was a special Thanksgiving Service in the parish church on Monday evening, June 20th. The bells were rung instead of chimed for this service, also rung again as the congregation left church. Punctually at 12 o'clock that night the ringers 'pulled off' for a 'midnight peal,' thus proclaiming the entry upon Jubilee Day. Commencing at 6 a.m. on Tuesday they 'fired' the bells fifty times in honour of the fifty years' reign of our gracious Queen. The ringing was continued at regular intervals during the day, being varied at times by the 'Queen's Change,' followed by twenty-one guns. The men were handsomely remunerated by the Jubilee Committee.

At Beetham, Westmoreland.

THIS distant village has, in two particulars, followed the example set by Malvern, towards which all eyes were turned on Jubilee Day; a tree was publicly planted in the Vicarage garden, and the ancient beacon was lighted on Farlon Knot. At Malvern a new ring of bells was dedicated. Some are asking, 'Will the example be followed here?' For a permanent memorial, a play-ground, a water-supply, and lich-gate have been suggested. If, however, two extra bells are adopted, the Vicar has offered to give one. Three school-boys under fifteen, whom Mr. Cole has lately instructed, rang with great precision (tenor 11 cwt.) on Jubilee Day.

At St. Nicholas, Brighton, Sussex.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang (commencing at 4 a.m.) Holt's Ten-part peal (reversed) of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Neves, 1; J. Searle (conductor), 2; J. Fox, 3; H. Boniface, 4; W. Palmer, 5; G. King, 6; C. Tyler, 7; W. Davey, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. James', Clerkenwell, London.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., between the hours of 5.32 and 8.30 in the morning, Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung to celebrate Queen Victoria's reign of fifty years by the following members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths. W. H. Moore, 1; H. J. Davies, 2; J. Nelms (conductor), 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. D. Matthews, 5; A. E. Church, 6; J. Barry, 7; D. Lovett, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. Stephen's, Hampstead, Middlesex.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., ten members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5129 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 35 mins. S. Clark, 1; N. Alderman, 2; B. Pain, 3; B. Foskett, 4; H. Tyler, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; W. Pryce, 7; G. Newson, 8; E. Chapman, 9; W. Arscott, 10. Composed by Mr. Hubbard and conducted by Mr. Newson. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D. All members of the local band, and the first peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS by all except Messrs. Newson and Alderman.

At the Parish Church, Lindfield, Sussex.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 7½ mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; G. F. Attree (conductor), 2; H. Weston, 3; J. Searle, 4; C. Blackman, 5; F. Wickens, 6; J. Jay, 7; C. Tyler, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. The above was rung as a Jubilee peal, and also on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells on their being augmented from a ring of five as a Jubilee Memorial.

At All Hallows, Tottenham, Middlesex.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., eight members of the All Hallows' and the St. James' Societies rang a peal of 5184 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Jos. Davidson, 1; A. Fox (first peal in the method with a bob-bell), 2; J. W. Barrs (first peal in the method), 3; Jos. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; Jos. Waghorn, 7; W. Pye-English, 8. Composed by Mr. J. S. Wilde, and conducted by Mr. Waghorn, jun. Tenor, 20 cwt. The longest peal on the bells.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, also of the Essex Association, rang Mr. J. Penning's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. W. Coakham, 1; T. Maynard, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; A. J. Keit, 4; R. Maynard, 5; J. H. Wilkins, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; W. Crookford, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., for Jubilee service, was rung the first half (2520) of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, called reverse-way, in 1 hr. 25 mins. R. Calland, 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; G. Harrison (Wigan), 4; E. Way, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Prescott (conductor), 7; G. Lang, 8. In the evening, assisted by Mr. A. Hodgkinson of Westhaughton, 1008 changes of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in honour of the opening of the Leyland Free Library and Park. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

AT COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 4th ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 25 mins. E. J. Beatley, 1; A. C. Buckle, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; J. Field, 5; J. T. Horton, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. Conducted by E. J. Beatley (his first as conductor).

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, LONDON.—*Hand-bell Ringing.*—On Thursday, the 16th ult., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. And on Monday, the 27th ult., 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. G. S. McLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6.

AT ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday, the 19th ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6. Also on Sunday, the 26th ult., 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. W. Cartmel, 1; E. Mitchell (first 504 inside), 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; A. Barnes, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (composer and conductor), 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; W. Battle, 7; N. N. Hills, 8.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Rev. W. Hazledine; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Solution of the Ritual Question.

SIR,—In my letter on the above subject, I suggested as a means of solving it the diffusion of knowledge on the 'Ornaments Rubric,' in order to have a public opinion formed on it. And I know of no means for doing that better than by publishing Prayer-books with a note or rubric, or a better name still for it—a *table* of the ornaments of the Church and ministers thereof, as were in use in the second year of the reign of Edward VI. I do not agree with your correspondent 'William White, F.S.A.,' that it is not possible to settle the 'ritual question even so long as it is in the power of any capricious individual to set it aside.' A table of the ornaments with a map of illustrations in the hands of every individual of a congregation would make any 'capricious' individual, or the Church Association, or even a mighty judge stand in awe before a book of that kind put forth with the power and authority of learning, piety, and zeal. The end of it would be that either the 'ornaments rubric' or the 'advertisements' would perish. Which of them would have to be decided by public opinion? My suggestion does not mean that I argue in favour of an attack on any one, but defence, and I should think such a work would well become the E. C. U. 'Walk about Sion, and go round about her: and tell the towers thereof. Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses: that ye may tell them that come after,' &c., Ps. xlviii., 11, 12. For I believe the real difficulty lies in the lack of knowledge of the extent of the ritual of the Church of England. But even where the limits were well known—as they would be with a table and map as suggested—some capricious clergyman might wish to overstep that limit, and get himself into the same kind of difficulty as those who have of late placed themselves. A published table and map would be a sure means of keeping all within bounds. As far as I myself am concerned, I should like full liberty for all parishes to use as many and as few as they liked out of the number in the table. Let every parish—to use a common phrase—'cut their coat according to their cloth.' After our fabrics—the cathedrals and churches—the 'Ornaments Rubric' is the next beautiful visible link which connects us with the past. If the above liberty were granted to-day, it would indeed be a Jubilee gift to the Church of England and the ministers thereof.

WILLIAM GRIFFITH.
Vicar of Llanddewi-fach.

The Bishop of Ripon's Sermon to the House of Commons.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of May 27th, you drew attention to the Jubilee hymn of the Bishop of Ripon, composed expressly by him for that rare occasion, and sung 'solemnly' before the sermon at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the previous Sunday. You well remarked, except that you might have used a very much stronger expression, that there was 'something almost humorous' in a congregation—and such a congregation!—standing up to thank God among all the list of blessings vouchsafed to them during Her Majesty's long and prosperous reign,—

'For the art that passes knowledge,
And exults o'er the defined.'

You very properly ask for the 'sense and meaning' of it. I am afraid it will be some time before you get an answer to the question; but it is of a piece with his sermon, in which he lauds and magnifies the doctrine of Evolution as one of the grand discoveries of the age! In other words, the Bishop says that he adopts the handbook of the Infidels in preference to the Book of Genesis of Moses. The Word of God says that all the creatures were made, at the first, each 'after his kind.' Darwin says that he knows better, and that all the hundreds of thousands of created beings come from one spawn of a seaweed, itself of no sex, or of both sexes in one, each and every creature evolving itself thenceforth into some higher grade from each previous one. Every such minute or infinitesimal change took, he says, millions upon millions of years to be effected, with millions upon millions of failures before it was effected. Astronomers tell us, and they have facts and not fancies to go on, that all this was simply impossible, in the molten state the earth was then in, in all those imaginary ages and eons. This, however, is no difficulty to the wise men, and the Bishop of Ripon tells us that he has swallowed it all. It has, nevertheless, been too much all along for even Virchow, the great German *savant*, himself an infidel of infidels. He declares it to be 'not proven,' and I saw it stated the other day that it has been in like manner pronounced inconclusive, and has been given up as such by St. George Mivart, Wallace, Lubbock, Geikie, Goudrey, Herbert Spencer, and even Huxley himself; as well as by most of the French men of science. Agassiz, Hall, Dana, and, head of all, Barraude have rejected it, as proving nothing of what it falsely pretends to prove. The Bishop of Ripon, however, seems to have taken it all in, and to have been taken in by it all.

The *Times*, in a notice of Darwin's book, after a most well-merited castigation of the whole thing, said, and said most truly, that to give one single instance of any one creature evolving itself, or being evolved, into another, is what he 'has not done'—and that for the best of all possible reasons.

As to the sermon itself, it is stated to have been delivered without note or writing of any kind, and, if so, was, no doubt, a very wonderful effort of memory; for it is not to be supposed that the Bishop either would or could preach it off-hand, or *extempore*. Otherwise, it seems to me, from the long extracts I have seen from it in the papers, to have been a very ordinary affair, neither better nor worse than ninety-nine out of every hundred sermons that are published by our upper-class of preachers.

F. O. MORRIS.

[We may point out to our correspondent that the only reports of the Bishop's sermon which have yet appeared were avowedly only abstracts, and that no authorised edition has been issued.—Ed. *Church Bells*.]

Mr. C. J. Blagg (Lichfield) moved, 'That in the opinion of this House the best interests of the Church require that the reform of the Ecclesiastical Courts should no longer be delayed, and that the Report of the Royal Commission issued in 1883 supplies a reasonable basis for such reform.'

This was seconded by Mr. J. G. Hubbard, M.P.

Eventually the resolution was carried with the elimination of the words insisting on immediate legislation.

The House then adjourned.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Birmingham and District Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at Birmingham. The tower of St. Philip's (ten bells) will be open during the afternoon. Business meeting to be held at the 'White Swan Hotel,' Edmund Street, at six o'clock. Members are particularly requested to attend this meeting, as important business will be transacted.

King's Heath.

JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Leaning Tower and Bells of the Temple Church, Bristol.

In January last it was determined to undertake the important work of recasting half and tuning all the bells; and Mr. Arthur E. White, churchwarden, especially identified himself with the undertaking with an energy worthy of the object. The work of recasting and rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor & Sons of Loughborough. The whole of the bells were taken to Loughborough, where the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th were recast, and the whole ring harmonised. Meanwhile, in removing the bells, it was found that the framework, from centuries of exposure, was decayed and insecure. Messrs. Brook & Bruce of Bristol have accordingly replaced the old work with an iron girder and a massive framing of oak beams in a satisfactory manner. The bells were all ready in position on Jubilee day, and, after a short and appropriate dedicatory service by the Vicar at 6 a.m., they rang out a joyous peal, sending a thrill of delight through the streets and courts around. The inscription on the four new bells is as follows:—'In the Jubilee year of our gracious Queen Victoria, 1887.—W. Hazeldine, vicar; Robert H. Symes and Arthur E. White, churchwardens.'

[An interesting account of the old bells has also been forwarded to us. This we hope to publish as soon as our space will permit.—ED. C. B.]

Reopening of Colebrooke Church Bells, Devon.

On Wednesday, the 15th ult., there was much rejoicing in Colebrooke, near Crediton, consequent upon the reopening of the bells of St. Andrew's Church, after having been entirely rehung and a new treble added to the ring of five bells. A little over twelve months ago the tenor became cracked, and remained so until last December, when A. O. Silifant, Esq., of Coombe, offered to restore the whole of the bells, have a new frame made, and add a treble to the ring of five already in the tower. The work was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes of Woodbury, who has carried out the work in a most satisfactory manner. The new treble was cast by John Warner & Sons of London, and the old tenor, note F, was recast by the same firm. In the ringing-chamber is a brass plate, fixed by the ringers of the parish as a slight recognition of the munificence of Mr. Silifant, bearing the following inscription:—'These bells were restored, and the tenor recast, and a new treble given, forming a peal of six, by A. O. Silifant, Esq., of Coombe, and Gertrude his wife. June 15th, 1887.' The dedication service, which was full choral, commenced at eleven o'clock. Previous to the singing of the hymn—'Now, at length our bells are mounted'—the ringers rang a short touch on the bells. The sermon was preached by the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, rector of Upton Pyne, from 1 Cor. xii. 4, 5.

In connexion with the reopening of the bells the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, of which Mr. Northcote is Hon. Secretary, had a district meeting, and during the day bands from St. Sidwell and St. David's (Exeter), Crediton, Kenn, Lapford, Cheriton, and Whitstone, arrived and rang the bells. The scientific bands went through some six-scores of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN DOUBLES, while the other bands did some rounds and call changes. During the evening the whole of the bands sat down to a tea laid in the Board School and provided by the Guild. Altogether the day was a most enjoyable one, and passed off without a hitch.

New Ring of Bells for Malvern Priory Church.

THE work of restoring and rehanging the bells in the Priory Church of Malvern is now completed, and the bells were heard for the first time on the day of Jubilee, the 21st ult. Some particulars of the new bells will be of interest. There are three new bells, which, added to five of the former bells, make a ring of eight. The new tenor weighs about 21 cwt., and bears the following inscription from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Gregory Smith:—'In Dei Gloriam. Vox Malvernæ Jubilantis Dilectissimam propter Regnam. MDCCCLXXXVII.' Translation: 'To the Glory of God. The voice of Malvern keeping Jubilee, in honour of our very beloved Queen.' The new fifth bell bears this inscription, written by the Rev. C. L. Bathurst:—'Jubilat Anglia! Lustra Victoria Peragit Aurea! Sit Deo gloria! MDCCCLXXXVII.' The author gives the translation as follows:—'Tis England's Jubilee, Victoria's reign, a golden sum of lustre doth contain, each golden. Glory unto God be given.' The new treble bell, the gift of Mr. Edward Archer, bears the inscription—'The gift of Edward Archer in the Jubilee year of good Queen Victoria, 1887.' The oldest bell in the old ring, supposed by some to have been cast early in the fourteenth century, and by others to be a twelfth-century bell, will in future be used for week-day services and for the clock.

It bears the following inscription:—'Virginis S Egregiæ S Vocor S Campana S Mariæ.' Which may be translated thus:—'I am called the bell of the illustrious Virgin Mary.' The intention was to have this bell recast, but through the efforts of a local antiquarian, Mr. James Nott, it was fortunately saved from the melting-pot. Mr. Nott collected 35l. to effect his object. The whole cost of restoration, including extensive additions and repairs inside the tower, has been about 850l., and nearly this sum has been raised. Two of the bells were given by Mrs. H. E. Dixey in memory of her father, the late Mr. J. D. Perrins, and Mr. E. Archer gave the new treble bell. The chimes are being rearranged at considerable expense, and the Committee appeal for aid to meet this extra outlay.

Change-ringing on the 10th Day of March, 1863.

THE following notable peal of GRANDSIRE CATER was rung in the tower of St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Mr. Mayall of Oldham having called the bells into a crossed position, Mr. James Wood afterwards composed and conducted the peal during its progress, a feat not before equalled in the annals of ringing; which consisted of 5273 changes, and rung in 3 hrs. 25 mins. T. Moss (Ashton), 1; J. Barnes (Ashton), 2; J. Wood (Ashton), 3; S. Farron (Ashton), 4; T. Wroe (Ashton), 5; W. Barber (Ashton), 6; J. Gillot (Ashton), 7; L. Broadbent (Ashton), 8; P. Johnson (Wigan) and J. Mayall (Oldham), 9; S. Hunt (Ashton), 10.

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St. Peter's Bells, Sudbury, Suffolk.

For some years past fears have been expressed by the ringers and others that the bell-frame at this church was unsafe. It appeared on examination that the ends of the main beams had partly rotted away, and that other pieces were decayed, and that a complete overhauling was absolutely necessary. There was also great difficulty in ringing, and the vibration of the steeple was above that which was usual and indeed safe. At the Easter vestry of last year Mr. G. L. Andrewes brought the subject before the meeting, and it was agreed that something should at once be done, and Mr. Andrewes very spiritedly took the responsibility of collecting the necessary funds. A special careful inspection was then made by an experienced person, and it was found that the frame was in a worse condition than was feared and that a complete new frame was absolutely necessary. A tender was drawn out and the contract of Mr. Barton, of the Stour Valley Engineering and Foundry Works, was accepted. No time has been lost, and all was completed and the bells rung on the morning of Ascension Day. The following are the weights, dates, inscriptions, &c., of the ring:—

Bell.	Weight.	Foundry, &c.	Date or Inscription.
	cwt. qr. lb.		
1	5 3 25	Warner & Sons	1874.
2	6 2 14	Warner & Sons	1874.
3	7 1 0	John Darbie	1662.
4	8 0 0	James Edburie	1605.
5	10 2 0	'Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum.'	
6	14 3 0	'In Multis Annis Resonat Campana, Johannis' (probably about 1480).	
7	18 2 0	Miles Graye	1641.
8	26 0 0	Intonat C Celis Vox Campani Michaelis.'	

It will be seen that the seventh bell was cast by the celebrated Colchester founder, Miles Graye, in 1641. We now possess in Sudbury three perfect rings of bells, the tones of which are as sweet and resonant as can be found anywhere. On Wednesday morning the clock bell in the balcony of St. Peter's spire was taken down, as it has been unused since the new clock was erected, the tenor being used for striking the hours. It is contemplated increasing the ring from eight to ten by adding two new trebles, in which case the clock-bell will probably be brought into use as it is, or by being recast. It bears the inscription, 'Myers London fecit 1831,' and weighs about 3 cwt.

The following touches were rung on the bells during the day, the first one being conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe and rung by G. L. Andrewes, Esq., 1; F. Tolliday, 2; I. Campin, 3; W. Griggs, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; A. Scott, 8. The next was a touch of 504 GRANDSIRE

TRIPLES, also a touch of 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, which were rung by F. Tolliday, 1; A. Scott, 2; I. Campin, 3; W. Griggs, 4; W. Howell, 5; H. Harper, 6; H. Howell, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. Both these were conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe. On the whole, some very good ringing was got through during the day, and the ringers are quite satisfied with the manner in which the work has been executed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Andrew's, Cambridge.

On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; F. Field, 2; B. Barrett, 3; T. Short, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; H. D. Betteridge, 6; G. Holifield, 7; J. Avery, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The first peal of STEDMAN rung in Cambridge, although the birthplace of the author of the STEDMAN method.

At St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. T. Cockerill (first peal), 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. E. Garrard (first peal with a bob bell), 3; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 4; H. R. Newton (first peal in the method), 5; R. T. Woodley, 6; J. W. Driver, 7; S. How, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Bartholomew's, Quorndon, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, composed by T. Lockwood, was rung by the Loughborough Branch of the Midland Counties Association in 3 hrs. 15 mins. E. D. Taylor, 1; C. Smith, 2; G. Draycott (first peal), 3; J. Hardy, 4; S. Smith, 5; W. T. Billinghamurst, 6; W. Birkinshaw, 7; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At the Parish Church, Heywood, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. Kay, 1; A. Schofield, 2; J. Millett, 3; G. J. Butterworth, 4; J. Harrison, 5; F. Birtwistle (conductor), 6; G. Hoyle, 7; W. R. Barratt, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E flat. Messrs. Hoyle and Birtwistle came from Rochdale; G. J. Butterworth from Durham, who is a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and was elected a member of the above previous to starting for the peal. The rest of the company belong to Heywood.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Monday, the 27th ult., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association (the Duffield Society) rang a peal of 5001 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 10 mins. G. Dawson, 1; E. Moreton, 2; S. Johnson, 3; J. Howe, 4; W. Hickling, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; G. Hingley, 7; A. Robinson, 8; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 9; J. Sealy, 10. Composed by Mr. J. Cox. Tenor, 17 cwt. The first peal on the bells since the addition of the two trebles, and the first in the method by all but the conductor.

At the Parish Church, Lindfield, Sussex.

On Wednesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Hollis's peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. J. Jay, 1; C. Tyler, 2; A. A. Fuller (first peal with a bob bell), 3; J. Reilly, 4; G. F. Attree (conductor), 5; G. A. King, 6; H. Weston, 7; H. Cornwall, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. The above peal was rung in honour of the fiftieth birthday of C. E. Kemp, Esq., through whose instrumentality the ring of five bells was augmented to a ring of eight as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee.

At CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Wednesday, the 15th ult., an attempt was made to ring Taylor's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which finished after ringing 2506 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins. A. Weston, 1; H. Shern, 2; W. Arnold, 3; E. Davies, 4; L. Stafford, 5; W. Rees, 6; F. Green (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8.

At the PARISH CHURCH, FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Tuesday, the 21st ult., Jubilee Day, the local company met at 6 a.m., and rang a quarter peal (1260) of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46½ mins. T. G. Gillett, 1; A. Biggs, 2; J. Barnard, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; W. Arnold, 7; H. Hogben, 8.

At ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 26th ult., being Feast Sunday, the above village was visited by ringers from Staveley, Killomash, and Beighton, and 720 VIOLET for morning service was rung. H. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Shaw, 4; G. Norman (conductor), 5; G. Marsden, 6. Also for evening service 720 VIOLET. A. Worthington, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; G. Norman, 4; W. Worthington, 5; H. Maiden (conductor), 6. 120 Oxford was rung to accommodate T. Watson, who is eighty-three years of age, and took the second bell. 720 DUKE OF YORK. A. Worthington, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Shaw, 4; H. Maiden, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. And 360 KENT. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; W. Worthington, 4; H. Maiden, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6.

A SUBSCRIBER to *Church Bells* from the commencement, and a lover of bell-ringing (although no ringer), suggests that we should publish, whenever possible, the date and place where ringing is expected.

[If our correspondent will explain more fully what he means every attention shall be paid to it. At the same time, so far as we understand him, he seems to be thinking of something altogether impracticable. Notice of *long peals* is usually given.—Ed.]

THE REV. CANON JACOB, Rector of Portsea, writes: 'I am very glad to hear of the continued success of "Vino Sacro." It is BY FAR THE BEST SACRAMENTAL WINE I KNOW.—To Messrs. Hicks, Sole Proprietors of Vino Sacro, the Unique Church Wine, 27 George Street, Plymouth. Established 1806. [See Advt. at end.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Money Lenders.

SIR,—I, too, 'scarcely expected' that any one should come forward in practical defence of the above-named harpies. Their cruel practices towards the unwary in distress have been shown up in the public press over and over again before now. They profess to have enormous sums of money which they cannot find profitable investments for, and out of the abundance, therewith, of their generosity, advertise for poor persons in want of help in money matters. Why do they do so anonymously? Why do they not advertise in their own names, or in the names of any respectable solicitors? For only too good reason. When once they have got the 'poor and needy' into their clutches, it has been found that they have extortionately charged them some 50 per cent, more or less, and to be paid to the day, or days due, under the penalty of the 'utmost rigour of the law.' *Quis defendit?*

F. O. MORRIS.

The Three Orders in the Ministry.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to criticise some correspondence which has recently taken place in *Church Bells* upon the above subject? We should be careful to put it upon a firm foundation, or at least as strong as the New Testament will permit. The strongest ground for the three orders in the ministry is that of *convenience*.

Mosheim says: 'The rulers of the Church were called either Presbyters or Bishops, which two titles in the New Testament are undoubtedly applied to the same order of men' (*Ecclesiastical History*, vol. i., page 101). Alford and Lightfoot are of the same opinion; the latter of whom says, in his *Essay of the Christian Ministry*, that 'as late as 70 A.D. no distinct signs have hitherto appeared in Gentile Christendom.' Hallam says that Laud was rebuked in 1604 by the University of Oxford for saying that there could be no Church without Bishops (*Constitutional History*, chap. vii., Note 'm'). The 19th Article of the Church of England acknowledges all Evangelical Churches, but not the Greek and Romish Churches, on account of their fatal apostasy. See also the homily on the *Church* for Whitsuntide, second part. *The learned Stillingfleet* says, upon the strictest inquiry, 'Medina's judgment will prove true, that Jerome, Augustine, Ambrose, Sedulius, Primasius, Chrysostom, Theodoret, Theophylact, were all of Arius' judgment as to the *identity* of both name and order of Bishops and Presbyters in the Primitive Church' (*Trenicum*, p. 276, Second Edition, 1662). The 55th Canon acknowledges the Scotch Church, which was Presbyterian. *The learned Grotius* says, 'ἐπισκοπή, or the office of a Bishop, signifies inspection or oversight of any kind. The inspectors, or those who preside over the Church, are Presbyters. The chief of those Presbyters afterwards, by way of excellence, began to be called Bishop, as is evident from those Canons, which are termed Apostolical Canons, in the Epistles of Ignatius, Tertullian, and others' (*Annot. in 1 Tim. iii. 1*). *St. Chrysostom* says that the Apostle in 1 Tim. iii. 'omits the order of presbyters and passes on to deacons, because the difference between Bishop and Presbyter is almost nothing' (*Commentary on 1 Timothy*, iii.). *Gregory I.*, or *The Great*, as that good Bishop is sometimes called, said that the title, 'Universal Bishop,' would be one of the appellations of 'The Antichrist,' referred to in 2 Thess. ii. 4, which, curiously enough, was assumed by the Papal Church fifteen years after his prediction (see Dr. Isaac Milner's *Church History*). *Archbishop Usher* was asked by King Charles I. in the Isle of Wight where-ever in antiquity he found that Presbyters alone ordained any; and he replied, 'I can show your Majesty more, even where Presbyters alone successively ordained Bishops,' and instanced, in Hierome's words, '*Epist. ad Evagrium*,' of the Presbyters of Alexandria choosing and making their own Bishops from the days of Mark till Heraclas and Dionysius.—*Recorded in the Life of Baxter by Silvester*, lib. I., Part II., sec. 63, p. 206.

In 1 Tim. iv. 14, we read as follows:—'Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.' So we must not unduly press necessity of the three orders more than is warranted unless we wish it to collapse altogether, which would be the result of building it up with arguments which were not used by the Early Church.

M. A. (Cantab).

Additions to the Church Catechism.

SIR,—A very few articles like your excellent one, 'Leave It Alone,' would deter the Committee from their attempt to add to the Catechism. The discussion is postponed to the next group of sessions, meanwhile there is time to study the method and devices of the Committee.

In carrying on a religious controversy or in stating controverted points there is one method very much used and approved by Latins on the one hand and by sectarians on the other, than which nothing can be more simple, viz., to beg the whole question to start with. The method is so easy, and saves so much trouble and the time that would be taken up by condescending to particulars. But would that be a proper plan for us to adopt? and if so, shall we try it on the young people of the parish? Would not a more intelligent handling of the matter become us better? I ask because one of the would-be additions is this:—'Q. Why is it our duty to belong to the Church of England?—A. Because it has inherited and retained the doctrine and ministry of the Catholic and Apostolic Church.' Which is all clear enough, but it simply begs the whole question. Besides, what does 'belong to' mean? Children baptized in church belong, and continue to belong, until they take some overtly schismatical course.

The second question is a large one, being this:—'What is the office and work of the Church on earth?' But what is one to understand by the answer set forth? 'To maintain and teach everywhere the true faith of

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE General Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Grimsby, under very favourable circumstances, on Saturday last. Every possible preparation had been made by Mr. D. Seamer, the conductor of the St. James's company of ringers, and there being a good attendance of visitors the gathering could not be regarded otherwise than as a great success. Ringing commenced on the splendid ring of eight in St. James's church tower about one o'clock, and was continued at intervals throughout the afternoon. Subsequently four of the Hull members of the Yorkshire Association, including Mr. C. Jackson, came upon the scene. At five o'clock an adjournment was made to the 'Ship' hotel, where tea was provided. The Rev. S. W. Andrews, rector of Claxby, and Vice-President of the Market Rasen local centre, presided, being supported by the Rev. Canon J. P. Young, the Rev. J. Spawforth, C. S. Barton, Esq., and upwards of thirty ringing members, representing the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's (Lincoln) Societies; the Gainsborough Society; the Market Rasen Society; the St. James's Society (Grimsby), &c. &c. After tea the Chairman opened the business proceedings. A quantity of correspondence was read, amongst which were letters from the President (the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln), the Rev. Precentor Venables, S. F. Hood, Esq., and Mr. F. F. Linley. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Lunn) reported that he had, in accordance with the resolution passed at the annual meeting at Lincoln, attended a conference of the officers of the various Lincolnshire Ringers' Associations, held at Boston, with a view to having a united Jubilee Ringers' meeting at Lincoln, and forming an amalgamated Association for the diocese. The proposed Jubilee meeting had unfortunately fallen through, but there was a decided feeling in favour of amalgamation, especially between the East and North Lincolnshire Associations, and he had good reasons for believing this happy idea would ere long be consummated. Thanks were given to the Secretary for attending the Conference. It was unanimously resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held during the month of October jointly at Market Rasen and Claxby. Six new probationary members were enrolled, the Rev. J. Spawforth stating that he had no doubt the ringers at his (St. Andrew's) church would join the Association at the next meeting. The Rev. J. Spawforth and C. S. Barton, Esq., both expressed their willingness to become honorary members of the Association. A desire having been expressed that a new rule should be made enabling non-residents to become life members of this Association on payment of the sum of 5s., it was decided to recommend the adoption of such a rule. Messrs. C. Jackson and W. Southwick (of Hull) were elected non-resident members. On the proposition of Mr. T. Gibbons, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the clergy and churchwardens of Grimsby for their kindness in granting the use of their bells to the members of the Association for the day. The Rev. Canon Young and the Rev. J. Spawforth acknowledged the vote. The latter had deferred the opening of the new ring of bells in St. Andrew's church tower until this day, and hoped that after tea the ringers would give them a good peal. A vote of thanks was tendered to the visitors, a similar compliment being paid to the honorary members. A vote of thanks to the Rev. S. W. Andrews for coming at considerable personal inconvenience to preside on this occasion brought the meeting to a close. The members then proceeded to St. Andrew's Church, where the new and musical ring of eight bells was raised in peal, after which several touches were rung, the principal method being GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A very enjoyable day's programme closed about nine o'clock. The Committee desire to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by Mr. D. Seamer, and also sincerely thank the clergy of Grimsby, together with their churchwardens, for so kindly contributing towards the success of the meeting by granting the use of their respective church bells.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

PROGRAMME of Seventh Annual Festival to be held at High Wycombe, on Monday, the 18th inst. 11 a.m. Service at Parish Church, with sermon by Rev. T. L. Papillon, vicar of Writtle, Essex. 1 p.m. The Annual General Meeting will be held in a room at the 'White Hart' hotel, for the election of officers for the year and for other business connected with the Guild. Notice of motions should be forwarded to the Secretary. 2 p.m. Dinner in a tent in the Abbey grounds, when the chair will be taken by O. P. Wethered, Esq. Tickets must be given up at the entrance. 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, and two brakes will be provided to convey members (free of charge) to the following towers:—Beaconsfield, Great Marlow, Hughenden, and Wooburn, with eight bells; and West Wycombe and Lane End with six bells. Dinner tickets must be shown at railway station for reduced fares. DOLBEN PAUL, Secretary.

Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham.

Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

THERE will be a Committee Meeting of the above Association in the Church Room, Stoke, on Saturday, July 16th, at 4.30. All members are invited. E. GLOVER, Hon. Secretary.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Christleton, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. Astley, 1; R. Lunt, 2; J. Mayers, 3; S. Mayers, 4; R. Wright, 5; W. Mayers (conductor), 6; T. Weaver, 7; H. Hewitt, 8.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Hanbury, Worcestershire.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., a Bob-and-Single variation of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 3 mins. to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. A. Hobday, 1; O. James, 2; W. James, 3; T. Albutt, 4; G. Hughes (first peal as conductor), 5; A. Moore (first peal with a bob-bell), 6; G. Hayward, 7; G. Morris, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. The conductor has only one arm.

At St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., Holt's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. Ticehurst (first peal, from St. Saviour's), 1; H. Bennett, 2; C. Harfey, 3; T. Willoughby, 4; E. Willoughby, 5; T. Lewis, 6; T. Hart (conductor), 7; G. Ades (first peal, from St. Saviour's), 8.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with two doubles in the last four leads, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; W. R. Small, 2; W. Cooper, 3; J. Hall, 4; C. Timms, 5; W. Smith, 6; R. Hall, 7; S. Reeves (conductor), 8. This is the eighth time S. Reeves has conducted the above peal, ringing a different bell on each occasion; and it is also the first peal since Mr. Small's appointment as steeplekeeper, to whom great praise is due for the way in which the bells go, and likewise the satisfactory manner in which the belfry is to be found.

AT LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday, the 23rd ult., being the day fixed for the return of H. C. Martyn, Esq., the beloved son of the Rector of this parish, the local company rang 560 BOB MAJOR and a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR as a welcome to the above gentleman to this parish. J. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; S. Slater, 5; F. Wells, 6; O. Garwood (conductor), 7; H. Dews, 8. Messrs. Bird and Scott also rang.

AT DALTON-IN-FURNESS PARISH CHURCH.—On Sunday, the 26th ult., being the Volunteers' Jubilee Thanksgiving service, the Association of Change-ringers rang a touch of 360 GRANDSIRE MINOR with a call each lead end. J. Spencer, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; Corp. J. Burrows, 4; Corp. T. K. Jackson, 5; M. Caddy, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

AT ST. JOHN'S, HIGHAM, ROCHESTER, KENT.—On Sunday, the 26th ult., six 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung in 24 mins. H. Humphrey, 1; G. Cogger, 2; C. Waterman, 3; P. Doust, 4; G. Doust (conductor), 5.

AT ALL SAINTS', HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 28th ult., by the local company, 720 CORONATION EXERCISE was rung in 27 mins. G. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Horwood, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. Eccles, 5; J. Mather, 6. Also on Tuesday, the 5th inst., 720 LANCASHIRE DELIGHT in 27 mins., it being the first 720 in the method on the bells. G. Thornley (conductor), 1; J. Heywood, 2; H. Hunt, 3; H. Brewer, 4; J. Eccles, 5; J. Mather, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 28th ult., a peal of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in commemoration of the Queen's Coronation in 26½ mins. by the following members of the Halesowen Change-ringing Society. H. Lea, 1; G. Cockin, 2; J. P. Heckingbottom, 3; R. A. Eaton, 4; E. Hackett, 5; H. Raybould (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

AT ST. ALBAN'S, ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.—On Tuesday evening, the 28th ult., the local company rang a Jubilee touch, containing 2009 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins., being the number of weeks in the fifty years of Her Majesty's reign up to June 21st. T. Adshead, 1; J. Tempest, 2; J. E. Howarth, 3; W. Nixon, 4; J. Adshead (composer and conductor), 5; J. Crossley, 6; J. Waugh, 7; W. Phillips, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. in F.

AT EAST WITTON, YORKSHIRE.—On Wednesday, the 29th ult., for the celebration of the Jubilee Festival, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung at six o'clock in the morning. J. Croft, jun., 1; J. Jacques, 2; J. Shields, 3; W. Craggs, 4; W. Peacock, 5; C. Buckton (conductor), 6. During the forenoon 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB was rung, and the bells fired fifty times for the number of years the Queen has reigned. In the afternoon 720 was attempted, when on reaching the last bob the ringers were called to join the procession round the village. In the evening two old members visited the ringing-chamber, the one, aged eighty-five years, raised a bell, and the other, aged eighty years, rang in 360 BOB MINOR in good style. They both rang in a peal of 5040 changes on six bells on March 25th, 1825. On Sunday, the 3rd inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. T. Croft, jun., 1; J. Jacques, 2; J. Shields, 3; W. Craggs, 4; W. Peacock, 5; C. Buckton (conductor), 6. Also 360 COLLEGE SINGLE, standing as before.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Saturday, the 2nd inst., 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by S. Lawrence, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; A. W. Barkus (first touch), 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburne, 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gainsford, 8. Afterwards on handbells retained in hand, 518 in the same method. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburne (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8. On Sunday morning, the 3rd inst., for Divine service, 518 in the same method and 518 for evening service.

AT ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On Saturday, the 2nd inst., seven members of the local company met Dr. A. B. Carpenter of Croydon, who is on a visit to Devon, at the parish church, and attempted a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; but after ringing for 1 hr. 8 mins. it had to be abandoned owing to the excessive heat, which made the back bells go heavily. F. Davey, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 4; W. H. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. J. Lake, 8.


. Several communications are unavoidably postponed till next week.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Temple Church Bells, Bristol.

THE Temple or Holy Cross Church, with its leaning tower, calling to mind the 'leaning tower of Pisa' so familiar to our view in the lesson-books of early childhood, contains a ring of eight bells, and a very ancient 'Sanctus' bell. The details are as annexed:—

Sanctus, note D flat, diameter 16 inches; has lost all its canons—

 SACTAM<RIAORAPRONOBIS; i.e. 'Saint Mary, Pray for us,' a pre-Reformation bell. The letters are very early Gothic capitals, and with the crown are all equidistant. The first A in 'Maria' is sideways.

Treble, note F, diameter 33½ inches, quartered—* MR. JOHN STANTON: MR. EDWARD WHITCHVRCH: CHVRCH WARDENS 1726 * * MY SOYND IS GOOD WHICH THAT YOV HEAR YOVNG BILBIE MADE ME SOYND SO CLEAR * GOD BE PRAISED (8 roses).

Second, note E, diameter 33½ inches. A border of little *fleur-de-lis*—* MR. JOHN STANTON: MR. EDWARD WHITCHVRCH * CHVRCH WARDENS: 1726 * * COME LET VS ALL SOYND OVT IL^E KEEP MY PLACE NO DOVBT: SING PRAISE TO GOD THO BILBIE CASTED ME (8 roses).

Third, note D, diameter 34½ inches; two canons off, quartered—a high-topped bell as St. John's second—VENTITE EXVLTEMVS DOINO (sic) 16458 IOHN HAYKINS IOHN GRAY CHVRCH WARDENS W (1 bell) P (1 bell) P. The K in Haykins is inverted.

Fourth, note C, diameter 36½ inches, quartered; canon off—MR. WILLIAM COLLOTT AND MR. JOHN BEVEN CHVRCH WARDENS 1740 BILBIE FECIT.

Fifth, note B flat, diameter 37½ inches; has lost all its canons, and is quartered—grape border—CANTAE (sic) DOMINO CANTICVM NOWN (sic) AC MR CW (1 bell) W (1 bell) P (1 bell) R (1 bell) P (1 bell) 16457. ('Oh Sing unto the Lord a New Song.')

Sixth, note A, diameter 40½ inches; has lost all its canons, and is quartered—grape border—IMMEDIO ECCLESIAE TIBIHYMNOS PSALLAM AC MR CW (1 bell) W (1 bell) P (1 bell) R (1 bell) P (1 bell) 16457. ('In the midst of the church to Thee we sing Hymns.')

Seventh, note G, diameter 43½ inches—* MR. ROBERT * CAM * MR. JOHN * STANTON * CH² WARDENS * BILBIE * CAST * ME 1721 * * A * SEVENTH * : BELL * I : HOPE * SHALL * BE * AND * WITH * YOV * ALL * SING * MERYLIE (6 roses).

Tenor, note F, diameter 49½ inches, weight about 22 cwt.—1721 * BILBIE * * CAST * ME * (16 roses). WHEN I * DO * CALE * COM * SERVE * GOD * ALL MR. RO² * CAM * * MR. JOHN * STANTON * CH * W * The key of the peal, although F, is a very flat one.

The Sanctus bell is the oldest, and is very ancient. It appears that in 1657 there were but four bells, of which William and Richard Purdue, of Clossworth, cast the smaller two, if they did not cast all four; in 1658 they added two more, making a ring of 6. In 1721 Thos. Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, recast the largest two (the present 7th and tenor), and evidently intended to increase the ring to eight, according to the wish expressed upon the 7th bell in its motto—five years later; viz., in 1726, he carried out this object by adding the treble and second, thus completing the ring. In 1740, the 4th being cracked, Bilbie recast it. The 7th and tenor have since, unfortunately, been cracked. Some one has attempted to restore the tone of the tenor by cutting out the crack, but has failed. The chimes played 'Haste to My Temple.'

St. Margaret's Church Bells, King's Lynn.

Two new bells, presented by the Mayor and Mayoress* of Lynn, which complete the ring of ten bells, were hung on Monday, the 13th ult. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, cast the bells, which bear the following inscriptions:—Treble, 'Albert. This bell was given by me, Emma Rodwell Burkitt, Mayoress, in honour of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, June 20, 1887. B. Dale, vicar; William Burkitt, Charles Ayre, churchwardens.' Second bell, 'Victoria. This bell was given by me, William Burkitt, Mayor, &c. &c. The treble weighs 6 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs., and is 2½ inches thick at the sound bow; its height from shoulder to lip is 1 ft. 10½ in., and its diameter 2 ft. 6½ in. The second bell: Weight, 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.; thickness, 2½ in.; height, 1 ft. 11½ in.; diameter, 2 ft. 8½ in. The peal being in C major, the new bells are of the pitch of upper D and E. One of these bells is interesting as being a maiden bell. They were consecrated and dedicated at the Sunday afternoon service, at 3.30, on June 19th. The service was arranged by, and practically owing to, the energy of the Rev. W. B. Drawbridge, being mainly compiled from the *Priest's Prayer-book*. L'Estrange, in his *Bells of Norfolk*, tells us that there was a flourishing bell-foundry in Lynn as far back as the thirteenth century. Of the old eight bells, which were most of them inscribed 'Lester and Pack of London, fecit 1766,' together with mottoes, the tenor is 30 cwt., in C; diameter, 55½ inches.

Re-opening of Bells at St. Helen's Parish Church, Waddington, Yorkshire.

Through the exertions of Mr. James Walmsley of Waddington, and Messrs. Garnett and Sons of Low Moor, Clitheroe, and the local gentlemen and parishioners of the above parish, and to commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee, the bells of this church have all been rebung with new fittings and new oak beams and floor, being now in thorough ringing order. On the 21st June a short service was held in the church, after which the bells pealed forth. A substantial tea was provided at the school, which was partaken of by people of all denominations. A band being in attendance made the pro-

ceedings very enjoyable. Several touches were rung on the bells during the day, and much satisfaction was expressed at the way in which the alterations had been made. We understand the work was executed by Messrs. Altham of Bashall Hall, who are to be congratulated on their success.

A new Bell at Wishford, Wiltshire.

THE bells of Wishford Church have recently been repaired and the frames strengthened. The old fourth bell, which was cracked, has also been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London. The hanging of the new bell and other repairs have been successfully carried out by Mr. T. Blackburne, of Salisbury. On Friday last the bells were rung and tested by five members of the Salisbury City Company, Messrs. Blackburne, Gifford, Clements, Jerram, and Lawrence, also by the local ringers, and everything was found to be most satisfactory. The visitors from Salisbury were kindly entertained to tea and supper at the Rectory by the Rev. E. Hill, rector. The new bell is inscribed, 'The Jubilee year of the Queen's reign, V.R., 1887: Mears and Stainbank, founders, London.' The other bells are inscribed, 'Mr. John Masey and Mr. Wm. Eve, Churchwardens; James Burroughs, bell-founder in Devizes, 1751.' The tenor has on her in addition, '*Pinis coronat opus*.'

Sudbury, Suffolk.—The Bell-Ringers' Anniversary.

THIS Anniversary is customarily held here on the 29th of June, but this year, in consequence of the Jubilee celebration, it was postponed, and from various causes was not held till Tuesday, 12th of July. The company met at 7 a.m. at St. Peter's tower, and rang a few touches on the newly rehung bells. At 10 they repaired to St. Gregory's and rang there, proceeding afterwards to All Saints' tower, but the bells went so badly that they could be rung only once during the day. It appears that at the restoration of the ring some years since the frame was wedged up, and fixed too tight, as it was said that if built low on the floor the trebles would not be sufficiently heard 'up town,' through the louver windows. The consequence is that the whole frame oscillates and sways considerably, and ten men instead of eight are required to ring the bells. We trust the friends of campanology who have already done so much in the three Sudbury steeples will come forward once more, so that the finest ring of bells in the district, said to be nearly equal to the far-famed 'silver' Lavenham ring, may not be dumb in our midst. At one o'clock the ringers assembled for dinner at the 'Oak Inn.' In the absence from home of the Rector, Mr. Churchwarden Westoby occupied the chair, and Mr. Bayley Ransom the vice chair. Dr. Mason, a liberal patron, was also present, together with friends from London, Melford, Bures, Cornard, &c., Messrs. J. Humm, Newman Taylor, W. Cross, J. Morley, J. Tolliday, Davies, W. Campin, and others. The chairman gave the toast of 'The Queen,' and the Rector, and Dr. Mason proposed the health of the Chairman. At 2.30 the Chairman was obliged to leave for the special children's service at St. Peter's. Dr. Mason took his place, and the healths of the Chairman and vice-Chairman were given and well received. In the afternoon a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on St. Peter's bells, the company standing, F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; A. Scott, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; W. Howell, 5; W. Griggs, 6; H. Harper, 7; and W. Campin, 8. After further touches the evening was spent at the 'Oak Inn,' in company with Dr. Mason and Mr. W. B. Ransom, where there was some capital hand-bell ringing.

Salisbury Diocesan Ringers' Guild.

A COMMITTEE Meeting of the above Guild was held at St. Edmund's Church House on Monday, when there were present Rev. A. D. Hill, chairman, Mr. J. R. Jerram, secretary, Rev. C. N. Wyld, Messrs. W. W. Gifford, C. A. Clements, G. Parham, A. Grist, J. Parsons, and W. Lanham. After passing the half-year's accounts, various propositions were made as to the best way to extend the Guild. It was at length decided to have circulars printed setting forth the aim and work of the Guild, and various clergy and laity in different parts of the diocese were named, and the Secretary was requested to write to them, asking them to distribute circulars in their respective districts, and to do all in their power to increase the number of members.

The Waterloo Society, London.—Muffled Peal.

ON Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, a muffled peal, consisting of the usual whole pull and stand, in memory of the late R. Beaumont, a native of Wakefield, who died on the 3rd inst., and was one of the earliest members of this Society, was rung by the following persons: W. Coppage, 1; E. H. Tripp, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; W. Tyack, 4; A. E. Church, 5; W. T. Cockerill, 6; F. L. Davies, 7; G. Wild, 8. After which several touches of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and GRANDSIRE MAJOR.

The Surrey Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Kingston on Monday, the 25th inst. Tower opens at 8 p.m. Tea at the 'Leopold Coffee Tavern' at 6. Business Meeting at 6.30, and ringing again afterwards.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. James' Society.

MEMBERS are requested to attend the Meeting at St. Clement Danes on Monday, the 25th inst., and those members who have not paid their sixpences due for peals are requested to do so by this date, as there are twenty-seven peals to book up. J. BARRY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Royal Society of Cumberlands.—Jubilee Banquet.

ON Saturday evening, the 25th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, the Royal Society of Cumberlands held a banquet in honour of Her Majesty's Jubilee, at which there was a large attendance, most of the principal officers and members of the Society being present. Punctually at 5 p.m. the Master, Mr. H. S. Thomas, took the chair, being supported right and left by the Rev. F. W. Pawson and Dr. Dulcken respectively. The first toast, that of 'The Queen,' was given by Dr. Dulcken. The toast, which was

received with great applause, was succeeded by 'God save the Queen,' and by some good ballads by Messrs. Orchard and Serjeant, when 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. E. F. Cole and responded to by the Rev. F. W. Pawson. Mr. C. C. Durrant proposed 'The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces.' Mr. Daniell, in proposing the toast, 'The Royal Society of Cumberlands,' proceeded to relate the history and object of the Society, of which so little is known. The Society originated in the old company of 'London Scholars,' an association of bell-ringers in London churches. There is nothing to indicate the date of the foundation of this company, but there are evidences of its existence at the very beginning of the eighteenth century, for in 1702 its members published a treatise on the subject of Bell-ringing. In 1716 they rang their first peal of which there is any record, which was of 5000 changes upon ten bells. There were further records of their ringing at St. Martin's, and St. Michael's, Cornhill. In 1746 they rang at Shore-ditch Church, in honour of the return of the Duke of Cumberland from his victories in Scotland. Approaching London by the old North road, this was the first peal he heard, and so pleased was he at the sound that he struck a medal, which he presented to the Society, and which is still worn by the Master on official occasions. From this event the London Scholars changed their name to the Royal Society of Cumberlands, which they now bear. Since 1748 there are complete records of the Society, among which may be found an account of the celebrated peal of 12,000 changes rung in 1784. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Daniell drew attention to the flourishing state of the Society at the present time, which he trusted would long continue. Mr. Dains replied for the Society. 'The Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Martin's' was proposed by Mr. A. H. Gardom. The toast, which was most heartily received, was replied to by the Senior Churchwarden, Mr. W. Laing. The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. A. G. Thomas, and replied to by Dr. Dulcken. The toast of the Chairman and Master by Mr. R. A. Daniell was briefly given. The toast, which was received with loud applause and musical honours, was replied to by the Chairman. The toast list, which was interspersed with some good songs and hand-bell ringing, now came to an end, and with it the most enjoyable evening the Cumberlands have ever spent, the members present far exceeding in magnitude any gathering ever held before. During the evening a telegram of congratulation was despatched to Her Majesty at Windsor, and a gracious reply was received.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., to celebrate the eighty-seventh birthday of William Sottanstill, 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. W. Lang, 1; T. Knott, 2; J. Illingworth, 3; S. Goodhall, 4; H. Brooke, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; L. Illingworth (conductor), 7; W. Collins, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. Sottanstill on March 5th, 1897.

AT LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday, the 27th ult., 720 VICTORIA was rung. It was attempted on Jubilee Day, but it failed after ringing about half. The peal was composed by the late William Marsden, a native of Leyland, and was first rung on the Queen's Coronation, 1838, by the old parish-church ringers, none of whom survive except Mr. William Bowling, and it is nearly half a century since it was last rung. The ringers on the present occasion were as follows:—O. Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; J. Brotherton, 3; R. Bowling, 4; T. Baron, 5; J. Banister, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday the ringers of St. Gregory's met at their tower, and, in company with Mr. J. Hume, of Bures, rang a well-struck touch of 720 BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; A. Scott, 2; W. Howell, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; J. Hume, 5; W. Griggs, 6; W. Cross, 7; H. Harper, 8. The same ringers also rang a course of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, standing as before. The company then adjourned to All Saints' Church, where arrangements had been made to meet Mr. N. J. Pitstow of Saffron Walden, who had expressed a wish to ring on these fine-toned bells. A touch of 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 20 mins. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; J. Campin, 3; N. J. Pitstow, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Sunday morning the ringers met at St. Gregory's and rang for service a touch of 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Howell, 1; J. Campin, 2; G. Brown, 3; M. Silvester, 4; N. J. Pitstow, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Harper, 8.

AT SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND'S, ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 9th inst., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 26 mins. D. Ivers, 1; F. Hales, 2; W. Stringer, 3; J. Murphy, 4; M. Murphy, 5; J. Plant, 6. On Sunday, for morning service, 265 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Fellows, 1; D. Ivers, 2; J. Plant (conductor), 3; W. Stringer, 4; P. Comlon, 5; J. Murphy, 6; M. Murphy, 7; F. Hales, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, the 10th inst., after evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 27 mins. W. Dixon, 1; H. Hubbard, 2; H. Barnett (conductor), 3; A. Jacob, 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; G. Griffin, 6. Also 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. H. Hubbard, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; H. Barnett, 3; A. Jacob (conductor), 4; G. Griffin, 5; W. Dixon, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

A Correction.

SIR,—Hollis's peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, rung at Lindfield, Sussex, on the 29th ult., was conducted by me (C. Tyler), not by Mr. G. F. Attree, as stated in your number of the 8th inst.

CHARLES TYLER.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. Gifford (Salisbury); and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

New Departures.

SIR,—I will venture only to add to what I have already stated upon this subject, that I wish I could admire the remarks of Mr. W. White, F.S.A., upon the omission by choirs and congregations, as much as I often admire some of the beautiful and *work-able* churches of which he is, I believe, the architect. But they are, as I anticipated, the repetition of an apology which I had seen before, but which seems to me to be no apology, and certainly no justification of the new departures by which the congregations cease to say 'Our Father' in the Lord's Prayer, or 'I believe' in the Creeds.

I was aware that these new departures are the revivals of an ancient practice, and I very much regret their revival. I do not allow that the omission is musically necessary. In some churches one hears five hundred, or a thousand, or even two or three thousand voices sing every word of a hymn with great accuracy and precision. There is no more difficulty in the whole of a congregation beginning with 'I believe,' than in their commencing at 'in God the Father.' There is no more difficulty in the whole of a congregation beginning with 'Our Father,' than in their beginning with 'which art in heaven.' There is no more difficulty in their beginning together in the first words of the Creeds and of the Lord's Prayer, than in their beginning the first words of every verse of a chanted psalm or of any hymn.

Were it otherwise, the difficulty is not sufficient to justify teaching the myriads of Christian worshippers to treat the Lord's Prayer in the manner mentioned. Can it be reverent, or right, for the children of God thus to mutilate the Prayer of all prayers, and commence their use of it by beginning with 'Which art in heaven?' I write not for victory, but for truth and for reverence. So, too, when we stand up to assert our Creed, it is not a declaration of the faith for the congregations to commence with, 'In God the Father Almighty.' It is no declaration, it is no assertion of the Creed, at all. I love old customs, and new customs, also, where they are good, and wise, and practicable. But I am sure that we are not teaching reverence or a worship of the understanding when we encourage any thing that detracts from plain and simple worship, 'in spirit and in truth.'

The 'Rector's Daughter' acknowledges that the General Thanksgiving is 'intended to be said by the minister only,' so that the essential point is conceded. It is useless to discuss whether she or I is in error as to the rhythmical arrangement of the words for repetition. I think they are particularly unfitted for repetition by a congregation, and they were not arranged for that purpose.

But a 'Rector's Daughter' seems to me to make a serious error in supposing that we cannot join in our praises or prayers unless we say them aloud. This ought not to be suffered for one moment in our minds. They must be a very indeavour people who cannot keep up their attention from the time of the Anthem until the time of this Thanksgiving. The most affecting portion of the service, I recollect, is when a congregation, *all kneeling and all silent*, quietly and in heart follow the words of the Thanksgiving, reverently and properly said by the minister.

H. G. O.

SIR,—Would not a most hearty and 'harmonious' commencement of the Lord's Prayer be the result of the clergyman first saying the two words, 'Our Father,' alone, and then for the choir and congregation to repeat these words again and finish the sentence? By this means a lead would be given for the two most important and beautiful words of the prayer to be uttered with one accord by the family assembled on earth.

A. T.

Common Sense about Unity.

SIR,—'G. V.' in his article under the above title, says, 'On every side there seems to be a softening of asperities, and even amongst some Roman Catholics it is plain that, from whatever cause, the feeling entertained towards the Church of the Anglican Communion by some of them is very different from what was once exhibited by almost all of them.' We are all, I am sure, thankful for this, and rejoice that our 'common Christianity' is at least worth this much, that members of the Roman Communion and English Churchmen can now meet on many a platform without flying at each other's throats—aye, and can cordially work together on committees, and fight shoulder to shoulder against the crying social evils of our day. This is unity, in a sense, and it is not to be underrated, but do not let us make too much of it, and look upon it as a step towards unity of faith and doctrine; here the Romanist stands on another platform altogether from that of the Protestant Dissenter. With the latter, one feels oftentimes that the points of difference between him and the English Churchman are slight and unimportant, and might easily disappear, a judicious compromise—a levelling up on one side and a levelling down on the other in non-essentials—being all that is needed. But is not unity another thing entirely as regards the Romanist and the Anglican? With the former, compromise is a thing unknown, and the smallest detail is an essential. If unity is to come about, the Anglican must come on his knees with a rope round his neck and make an unconditional surrender to his Roman master. In a case of which I know, when a mother 'went over to Rome,' even her little children were rebaptized—the Church of Rome not even recognising our Sacraments as valid.

THE CHURCH HOUSE.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has received a communication from the Bishop of Tasmania in reference to the Church House. In the course of his letter his Lordship remarks:—Enclosed your Grace will find an extract from my Synodal Address in regard to it. My senior Archdeacon said to me afterwards: "If I had 10,000*l.* to give to the Church as a body, I would send it to the Church House: I think it is the most practical and important scheme that has been mooted in these latter days." Of course there are some, as at home, who see it in nothing but stone and lime and expense. To my mind it touches the life and work of the Church in their very heart and centre. I shall send my own small subscription to it as a high privilege.

The following is the extract referred to:—

‘FROM SYNODAL ADDRESS BY BISHOP OF TASMANIA,
‘May 1887.
‘Church House.

‘I have laid on the table a communication from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Westminster, and the Bishop of London, which has been made to me regarding the proposed Church House. It is not one to which we can properly be indifferent. The proposal bears on the position and work of the Mother Church with reference—I might say more especially—to her relations to the churches and dioceses which adhere to her communion throughout the world. It is unselfish and statesman-like, and if carried out would do more, I am convinced, than anything else to give unity and vitality to the internal economy of the Church of England, and the close fellowship she desires to maintain with all branches of the great Anglican Communion in every part of the earth. I know it is very easy to sneer and cavil as if this were a mere matter of stone and lime, and æsthetic and architectural taste. Those who indulge in this kind of surmise and talk can know or feel very little the blank occasioned by the absence of any centre of action and recognised home for the deliberations, the business, and the records, of the Church in her great metropolis. On a small scale we have felt it in Tasmania. It was painfully apparent to me when I first came here, and it is still very imperfectly supplied. No great department of State, no important institution, no commercial undertaking, could prosper without it. The only wonder is that it should have been allowed to be lacking so long. I have the most perfect confidence in the Primate of All England, and in his knowledge of what is needed and advisable. I believe his Grace and his brother Primate know their own business better than any number of those whose horizon is more limited, and who have not their personal intimate acquaintance with the subject. If I were an English country parson, or an English dignitary, I would welcome the idea as one that is likely to bear fruit in the general increase of energy and life in the Church, and of the support given to her for the maintenance of her clergy and services and for all her manifest and widespread spiritual and ecclesiastical organization. As a Colonial Bishop I can only venture to express my humble judgment and opinion that the scheme is fraught with untold advantages and blessings to the Church at home, and my confident assurance that the effect of its success will be felt in every fibre and sinew of that great body which looks to Canterbury as its head. Unify, concentrate, organize wisely and boldly, and when the quickening comes, which all pray God to grant, the throb and pulsations will be felt far and wide, and men will soon come to wonder that they ever doubted or hesitated for a moment to welcome and further such a wise, courageous venture of faith and love, and to discern in it the cheering and happy tokens of statesman-like and business-like capacity. I think we should feel honoured and thankful to be allowed to have even the smallest share in promoting by the expression of our sympathy, by our alms, by our prayers, what will be a glory and beauty to our beloved mother the Church of England, and cause her yet, by God's grace and blessing, to redouble her labours for God and humanity, and to achieve still further victories and conquests in the field her Lord has given her to occupy till He come.’

THE REV. CANON JACOB, Rector of Portsea, writes: ‘I am very glad to hear of the continued success of “Vino Sacro.” IT IS BY FAR THE BEST SACRAMENTAL WINE I KNOW.—To Messrs. Hicks, Sole Proprietors of Vino Sacro, the Unique Church Wine, 27 George Street, Plymouth. Established 1808. [See Advt. at end.]

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Ringing Week with the Midland Counties' Association.

A SHORT time ago Mr. Proctor of Benington, who was staying at Duffield, visited the following towers:—Duffield, tenor 17 cwt.; Tamworth, tenor 22 cwt.; St. Paul's, Burton, tenor 26 cwt.; Melbourne, tenor 15 cwt.; Bakewell, tenor 19 cwt.; Youlgreave, tenor 26 cwt.; Ashby, tenor 18 cwt.; Quorndon, tenor 14 cwt.; Loughborough, tenor 24 cwt.; St. Andrew's, Derby, tenor 20 cwt.; St. Luke's, Derby, tenor 32 cwt.; All Saints', Derby, tenor 25 cwt. The above are all rings of eight except the first and the last, which have ten bells. The local ringers were present in force at most of the churches, but the greater part of the ringing, with the exception of that at St. Paul's, Burton, at Quorndon, and at Loughborough, was done by the Duffield Society, who accompanied Mr. Proctor on five out of the six days of his visit. Touches were brought round in each of the following fifteen methods, with the exception of Cambridge Surprise, of which, owing to the limited time, a course only was rung:—TREBLE BOB ROYAL (handbells), STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE CATERS, DOUBLE OXFORD, DOUBLE NORWICH, DUFFIELD, TREBLE BOB, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB TRIPLES; also, by the Burton company, LONDON SURPRISE, CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE. In addition to the touch of TREBLE BOB MAJOR there were also rung on handbells during the week, touches of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, DUFFIELD, and TREBLE BOB MAJOR, and courses of GRANDSIRE CINQUES, STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE CATERS, and GRANDSIRE MAJOR. Mr. Proctor himself took part in Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Cambridge, and Superlative, astonishing every one by his activity and keen interest in the proceedings. He expressed himself especially delighted with the fine ring at Youlgreave—the grandest ring of eight, he asserted, he had ever heard. The ten at Duffield also greatly pleased him, from the wonderful clearness and tune of the new trebles. The Saturday was arranged as the annual outing of the Duffield Society, who visited on that day Bakewell and Youlgreave in company with friends from Burton and Derby, in all a party of over twenty. The weather, though hot, was everything that could be desired throughout the week, and, in spite of the somewhat closely packed programme, Mr. Proctor showed no signs of fatigue, and left for Hertfordshire on Tuesday evening in the best of health and spirits, carrying with him the good wishes of the Midland Counties' Association.

The first Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Nottingham, on Saturday, August 6th, when the following towers will be open for ringing from 2 p.m., viz. St. Mary's (ten bells), St. Peter's (eight bells), All Saints' (eight bells). Members on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Peter's Schools, Broad Marsh, where bands will be formed for ringing at the various towers. Committee Meeting at All Saints' Schoolroom at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Arboretum Refreshment-rooms at 6 p.m. General Meeting immediately afterwards.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5 St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., that section of the above Society who invariably officiate at various London steeples on state and other occasions dined together, with a few friends, at ‘The Bell’ Inn, Walthamstow. About three o'clock the members began to assemble in the grounds attached to the house. There was, however, one face missing which was hitherto ever present—Mr. James Dwight. It was remarked that his general health was hardly so good as was desired. Messrs. Cooter, Muskett, Haworth, were present, as also Messrs. Pettit, Jameson, Dorrington, Mash, Horrex, and J. M. Hayes. By the wish of the Master, Mr. G. McLaughlin, who was present, the chair was taken by Mr. Mash, and the vice-chair by Mr. George Muskett. The arrangements for the dinner were most satisfactorily effected. After the repast a stroll in the grounds, until the arrival of more friends, filled up a brief interval, when a visit was made to the church of St. Mary, Walthamstow, where a few touches of STEDMAN and TREBLE BOB were rung. In the evening, agreeably to the dictum of the Chairman, the company met again in the dining-room. A very pleasant hour was employed, the senior members remaining (not always the case on such occasions) to the end. Of the local ringers, members of the St. Saviour's Society only appeared, and of them a fair number were present. The Master gave, as the toast of the evening, ‘Her Majesty the Queen,’ which was received in a very hearty manner. Among the many other toasts the chief was that of ‘The College Youths,’ with which the name of Mr. G. Muskett, Honorary Secretary, was coupled. Mr. Muskett in reply thanked the proposer and also the company for the manner in which they had responded to the toast. He would continue to do his best for the welfare of the Society under every conceivable circumstance, and hoped it would go on and prosper more and more. A few more toasts and songs, and the company dispersed in order to catch the eleven o'clock train.

An ‘Opening’ at Wishford Magna, Wilts.

ON Friday, the 8th inst., five members of the Salisbury Guild met at this village for the purpose of opening the ring of five bells, the frame of which has lately been strengthened, and a new fourth put in by Mr. Thomas Blackburn of Salisbury. Having arrived, they were most kindly pressed by the Rector, the Rev. E. Hill, to partake of tea, after which they proceeded to the tower, which was found to be very small, besides having a very bad circle of ropes, for as money was not forthcoming the bells could not be entirely rehung with a new frame, and the draught of the ropes could not be altered. It was now found almost impossible to do any change-ringing on the bells, although the ‘go’ was everything that could be desired, and great praise

is due to Mr. Blackburn for the able manner in which he has performed the work. After ringing a few singles and call-changes, standing as follows:—J. R. Jerram, C. A. Clements, T. Blackburn, W. W. Gifford, S. Lawrence—the ringers were once more invited by the Rector to partake of supper in the Rectory, from the open windows of which could be heard the melodious tone of the bells, now rung by the local band, who, after breaking sundry ropes, rung the visitors out of the village. It may be interesting to know that these bells have never before been rung with stays and sliders, the ringers falling the bells when they wished to stop.

A Meeting at St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Bridges the tower of St. Mary's, Beddington, will be open on Bank Holiday, August 1st. All ringers invited. Tower open at two o'clock.

The Sussex County Association.

NOTICE is hereby given that a District Meeting for business and ringing purposes will be held at Leves on Monday, August 1st. Two rings of eight bells will be open during the day. G. F. ATTREE, *Hon. Secretary*.

North Notts Association.

THE Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held on Monday, the 1st of August, at the Rectory Infant School, Cheapside, Worksop. Members and intending members are cordially invited to attend. The bells (eight) of the Priory Church will be at the disposal of ringing members after eleven o'clock in the morning. FRED. MACKIE, *Hon. Sec.*

Accident to a Ringer in Lincolnshire.

AN extraordinary fatality occurred on Sunday evening at the village of Shendleby, near Spilsby, Lincolnshire. The service commences at half-past six, and just as the ringers were preparing the church clock commenced to strike six. At the first stroke the rope suspending the striking weight broke, and the weight, about eighteen stone, fell a distance of forty feet, striking one of the ringers, named Frederick Hutchinson, upon the head, breaking his neck, death being instantaneous.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, London.

ON Saturday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 SPEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 16 mins. H. R. Newton, 1; G. W. Cartmel* (St. Albans), 2; J. N. Oxborough,* 3; W. H. L. Buckingham* (St. Albans), 4; G. T. M'Laughlin, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; C. F. Winny, 7; W. Crossley, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. * First peal in the method. This is the first peal rung in the parish in which Her Majesty Queen Victoria was born during the Jubilee year of her reign.

At Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 23rd inst., the Yorkshire Association rang 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. G. Briggs, 1; H. Mottershall, 2; T. Hattersley, 3; C. Bowen, 4; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 5; W. Worthington, 6; W. Coates, 7; H. Madin, 8.

AT ST. PETER'S-IN-THE-EAST, OXFORD.—On Thursday, the 2nd ult., 720 COLLEGE SINGLE were rung by J. Hind, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; P. A. Hind, 3; C. Talley, 4; W. Baston (conductor), 5; A. E. Hind, 6. On Sunday, June 26th, 720 PLAIN BOB. J. West, 1; C. Talley, 2; P. A. Hind, 3; W. Baston (conductor), 4; A. E. Hind, 5; W. Finch, 6. On Tuesday, June 28th, at St. Thomas's Church, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. C. Quelch, 1; W. Baston, 2; C. Talley, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; H. Castle, 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, KINGSTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, the 10th inst., for morning service, a touch of 812 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by J. Parslow, 1; H. Parslow, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Wright, 4; T. Hart (Eastbourne), 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8.

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S, LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday evening, the 11th inst., a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung in 43 mins. T. Wragg, 1; A. Widdowson, 2; G. Bradley, 3; J. Ward, 4; W. Gilson, 5; J. Barrow, 6; J. C. Dickens (conductor), 7; T. Cope, Esq., 8. Tenor, 11 cwt.

AT REIGATE, SURREY.—On Monday evening, the 11th inst., touches of GRANDSIRE and 588 of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung. G. Croucher, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; T. Fuller, 4; W. Argent, 5; E. Kenward, 6; E. Moses, 7; F. Saunders, 8. This is the longest length by all except E. Moses. T. Fuller is now 70½ years old, and only commenced to ring the method a few months ago, and had never seen a bob in the method till within a month of this date; and we may say that he never failed, after trial, to ring any method on six or eight bells. His brother-ringers hope he will yet ring a peal in the above method.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Saturday, the 16th inst., 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 44 mins. Composed by the late U. Woodman of Trowbridge. S. Lawrence (first 1260), 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tryhorn (first 1260), 8. On Sunday, the 17th inst., 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES for the morning service, and 700 for the evening service, was rung by S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; T. Blackburn (conductor), 4; H. D. Adams, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tryhorn, 8.

RECEIVED ALSO:—The Report of the Oxford Guild next week: and other paragraphs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Common-sense about Unity.

SIR,—The remarks by 'E. A. B. B.' may be very excellent in themselves, and I differ very little from them, but there was nothing in my Comment upon the above subject to call for them or to justify them, however true they may be. My own opinion concerning Popery is not only that it is a very great error, but also that since the Declaration of Infallibility of the Pope the Church of Rome has become apostate, and is the Apostasy described in the New Testament, and I believe that in due time Rev. xvi. and xvii. will be fully accomplished upon the apostate Church of Rome—only I hardly think we have reached beyond chap. xvi. v. 15, at present. But what of all this? Chap. xviii. v. 4, plainly shows that God has a people in her. And I believe that some of the most pious, holy, and excellent of God's people are members of the Church of Rome, and that many will so continue pious members of that (as I believe, apostate) Church for some years to come, until the period in the kalendar, described in Rev. xviii. 4–6, shall be reached. Who that reads the life of Bishop Dupanloup (and I wish that many may read it) can doubt this statement of the piety, amidst many errors, of many present members of the Church of Rome? Unity with the Roman Church as such is no more to be expected or desired than unity with Anti-Pædo-Baptists as such. The unity will probably come about by individuals renouncing their errors and seeking communion in the Church. The Church might also render herself more acceptable and truly Catholic in some of her actions with great advantage. I never expected, and never desired, any other kind of unity, and cannot see how any other unity worthy of the name can be possible. I would not give way (no, not for an hour) to Romanism upon any one point concerning which she severed herself from the Church. But this shall not make me blind to the delightful truth that, 'somehow or other,' there is amongst some individual Romanists a softening of asperities and an exhibition of feeling towards the Church of the Anglican Communion which did not exist at one time. Whatever be the cause or the motive, the fact is singular and encouraging. I expect no organic change in the Papal Church, but a slowly increasing change for the better amongst many of its most pious members. And though I have no idea for a moment of any union with a branch of the Church which must, as I believe, end as an apostate Church is doomed to end, I hail with satisfaction any indications that some at least amongst her pious and devoted members are beginning to hear, however faintly, a call which, I feel persuaded, many of their successors will hear so distinctly and clearly that they will obey it. Because I feel little doubt that the time will come (though it may be very many years distant from us at present) when the Church of Rome will be forsaken by all those who are at that time entitled to the term used of them (Rev. xviii. 4) by God, viz., 'My People.' G. V.

Crown Documents in Convocation.

SIR,—The question of Royal License and Letters of Business was reported on in 1873 by a Committee of the Canterbury Convocation, and, I believe, the true constitutional form was then ascertained. Notwithstanding, the Crown officials have adhered to a vitiated form, now, I believe, outside their own office, condemned wherever the rights of the case are known, perilous to the Church's immemorial liberties, and individually to any members of either Convocation who should presume to 'frame a canon' under them. Yet such was the form which the President of the York Convocation read out in full Synod last February. I rose at once to protest, and was informed that I was out of order. Next morning at 'question time' I repeated my protest, coupled with the inquiry whether a Joint Committee might be appointed to consider the matter, as one closely touching our rights and liberties. The President informed me that it was no part of his duty to revise the language of a Crown office, but I might, if I pleased, 'memorialise the Crown.' It was not easy to accept such a suggestion as seriously meant. The President is the official link between the Crown and Convocation, since all documents from the former are addressed officially to him. He did not attempt to invalidate or controvert my allegation, but thus in effect declined all cognizance of the matter. But meanwhile what had happened? I knew nothing of it till some months afterwards, when the *Journal of Convocation* reached me. I then found that as soon as the Houses parted to their respective chambers my own Diocesan in the Upper House, sitting then, I believe, without reporters—at any rate, your contemporary the *Guardian*, whose reports are fairly full, had no trace of the debate—drew the President's attention to one leading count in what would have been my indictment against the documents (had I been allowed to frame it), and pointed out the menace involved to our deliberative freedom, the Bishop of Chester supporting him. Of all this I was allowed to know nothing, of all this the President appeared as if unconscious, when next morning he received my request for a Joint Committee in the way above described. His Grace's remarks were met with a slightly mirthful reception by the full Synod. To put it briefly, their impression evidently was that I was 'snubbed.' No one of the Bishops opened their lips then, nor at any time before or since made me aware that any of them had urged in their House one important aspect of the same question, for pressing which I was held up by the President to the amusement of both Houses. I submit that the one thing herein worthy of ridicule is that a constitutional deliberative Body should be thus told by its official chief—its *decus et tutamen*—that its own liberties are not its own concern nor his, but may be left to the isolated action of an individual member for defence.

To say nothing of common justice, which this *suppressio veri* seems to infringe, is it not the most rudimentary rule of policy that men who, in the same general body, are urging the same object, in spite of official differences of rank, should have some inkling of one another's purpose? The Bishops

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

FESTIVAL AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

The Seventh Annual Festival of this prosperous Guild of Bell-ringers was held on Monday at High Wycombe. The proceedings began with service. The Rev. T. L. Papillon, vicar of Writtle, Essex, was the preacher, and took as his text Ps. exxii. 1, 3, 8. At 1 p.m. the Annual General Meeting was held in the large room of the 'White Hart' hotel, and was attended by between sixty and seventy members. The first business was the election of officers. The Rev. D. Paul said he was sure they would all wish their respected Master to continue his office in the Guild. The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he should be very glad to continue as Master if God gave him strength and ability to do so. He proposed the re-election of the Rev. Dolben Paul as Secretary, which was carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were then reappointed on the Committee:—The Revs. A. Drummond, Boyne Hill; A. Majendie, Woodstock; S. F. Marshall, Farnham Royal; H. C. Sturges, Filkins; and R. Hart Davis, Dunsden; and Mr. A. Cocks, Thames Bank, Great Marlow; Messrs. W. Newell, Reading; J. Field, New College, Oxford; C. Hounslow, Oxford; and J. W. Washbrook, Oxford. Captain Acland Troyte, a member of the Committee, having left England, Mr. Betteridge's name was substituted on the list of Committee men, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Williams of Reading.

The Rev. D. Paul said that although the Secretary's Report was circulated annually he might say a few words as to the progress of the Guild. That was their seventh annual meeting, and they had gone on increasing from the first day until now. He was hoping that the members would have numbered one thousand this year, but that number had not been reached owing to the constant resignations—including a whole tower in that immediate neighbourhood, though he would not name the parish. He did not think the clergy were altogether blameless in the matter. He feared that a great many did not take sufficient personal interest in the Guild and in the belfries. He was glad to say that the present membership numbered 987. He did not think that the instruction offered had been sufficiently made use of. They had now three excellent instructors, and he was sure it would be a great advantage to all belfries who could not ring well to employ their assistance, as so many never tried to advance in ringing; and he hoped that young belfries would not be shy of asking for tuition. Owing to the exertions of their Master and Mr. Washbrook their peal-book was rapidly filling, and last year they had more peals rung than usual. As to funds, he was afraid some disappointment had been caused this year, as, for the first time, they had been obliged to limit the free-dinner tickets to 'Change-ringing' members. Last year over 300 attended the festival at Abingdon; and that made a very great inroad into their finances, bringing down the balance from 40l. or 50l. to about 15l.; and, thinking that prevention was better than cure, they resolved at once on the present limitation of free tickets to ringing members. He believed that the balance at the end of this year would be better than it was last year.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said it was well known to most of them that one of their most distinguished members—Mr. Martin Routh—had met with a very serious accident. Unfortunately, about three weeks ago, while playing cricket, a ball struck him in his eye, utterly destroying the sight, and causing the surgeon to entirely remove the ball. He begged to propose that a very hearty vote of condolence be presented by that Guild, through the Master, with Mr. Routh in his affliction.

Mr. Haworth, in seconding the resolution, said he had acted with Mr. Routh as a ringer ever since the unfortunate gentleman had been in London, and could corroborate all that had been said by Mr. Coleridge.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. C. Sturges suggested that a select band be arranged for in future, in order to ring in any festival which might be held.

Mr. W. Gurney proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President and Secretary for the work they had done.

The resolution, having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said that so long as it was their pleasure, and he had strength and ability to hold that office, he should be most happy to do so.

The Rev. Dolben Paul said he was extremely thankful and grateful to them for their kind mark of approbation. He had, indeed, plenty of work connected with the Guild, but it pleased him, as it showed the Guild was doing the work it was intended to do.

Afterwards the members of the Guild, to the number of over a hundred, assembled in the Abbey Grounds (kindly lent by Mr. Charles Waring) for dinner. The chair was taken by Mr. O. P. Wethered, who was supported by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master). The Chairman, after grace, which was said by the Rev. the Master, briefly submitted the toast of 'Church and Queen.'

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved a vote of thanks to the clergy of the Church of High Wycombe for their kindness in arranging the service, and also to the Rev. Mr. Papillon for coming so great a distance to preach, and for the excellent sermon he had favoured them with that morning. He also wished to thank the very efficiently organized choir for their beautiful service.

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, in reply, said it had given him great pleasure to come there that day, because he took a very great interest in the science of change-ringing, although he was only a recent 'convert' to it.

The Chairman proposed 'Prosperity and Perpetuity to the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.'

The Rev. the Master, in reply, said that, as the Secretary had stated, the membership of the Guild was a very good test of its prosperity. He wished his brother-clergy to know of the ways in which he could help them. First was the question of bells that were out of order. The Guild had attained to such a point that they could without affectation ask that some of them should be called in to give an unbiassed opinion before they applied to anybody in the profession. He had often been called in to see bells, and when he had given his opinion he had found his calculation for repairing bells to be within a very few pounds of the actual cost. That was a very useful branch of the work; and another matter to which he would call attention was that when bells had been hung, and before the bills were paid, the Society should be called in, in order that a band of change-ringers should test them thoroughly, so as to prove whether the work was done properly or not. He was also prepared to advise any incumbent as to the treatment of the ringers. In the course of the present year he had had to interfere between an incumbent and one of his ringers, the incumbent having ejected the man from his belfry without sufficient reason; and he was happy to say that the incumbent was manly and sensible enough to take the advice of the Committee and to reinstate the man in his office.

The Rev. D. Paul also replied, and proposed the health of Colonel Wethered.

The Chairman, in reply, said he had accepted the very kind request of their Secretary with the greatest pleasure. He cordially agreed with Mr. Paul that a great deal of the success which had attended the working of the Church of late had been owing to the cordial feeling which had been engendered between the clergy and the laity. In no diocese in the kingdom was that better exemplified than in the diocese of Oxford.

The company then broke up, and proceeded to ring in the towers of the Parish Church, and (in brakes) at Hughenden, Beaconsfield, Great Marlow, Wooburn, West Wycombe, and Lane End.

On Sunday morning a touch of 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by J. Evans, 1; W. Hussey (conductor), 2; W. Goodchild, 3; H. Stratford, 4; H. Boreham, 5; F. Free, 6; G. Bunce, 7; B. Page, 8. In the evening 168 and 112 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by J. Evans, 1; W. Hussey (conductor), 2; J. R. Haworth, 3; H. Stratford, 4; H. Boreham, 5; W. Shrimpton, 6; G. Bunce, 7; F. Free, 8.

At High Wycombe Parish Church, among other touches, on Monday, 632 STEPDMAN TRIPLES was rung by J. R. Haworth, 1; E. Monday, 2; J. Rogers, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; J. W. Washbrook, 5; J. Field, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 7; F. Free (Hughenden), 8. After dinner, a waggone conveyed the following members to Beaconsfield (fourteen miles there and back), where, on the fine ring of eight bells, they rang a touch of 504 STEPDMAN TRIPLES. J. R. Haworth, 1; G. Jones, 2; A. Thomas, 3; C. Trinder, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; H. D. Betteridge, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. And 336 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. J. R. Haworth, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; F. Field, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 6; A. Thomas, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

The Lancashire Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, the 6th inst. Ringing from twelve o'clock. Meeting in the schoolroom at six p.m.

A. E. HOLME, JOEL REDFORD, Hon. Secs.

The Rochdale and District Association.

THE above Society will hold a Quarterly Meeting at Milnrow parish church on Saturday, the 6th inst. The bells will be at the disposal of ringers about two o'clock. Meeting at four o'clock in the schoolroom, when all members are requested to attend.

A Peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters.

By JOHN ROGERS, of the Royal Cumberland Society.

5th in 3 and home	3	2	6	5	4	
9th " "	2	5	6	3	4	
7th " "	6	2	5	3	4	
9th " "	2	3	5	6	4	
7th in and out at	2	3	5	6	4	8-9
3 double.	3	6	5	2	4	8th 3
	6	2	5	3	4	8th 3
	5	6	2	3	4	9th 3
	2	5	6	3	4	9th 3
	5	3	6	2	4	8th 3
	3	2	6	5	4	8th 3
	6	3	2	5	4	9th 3
	2	6	3	5	4	9th 3
GRANDSIRE HUNT.	6	5	3	2	4	8th 3
Part ends.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
	2	4	5	3	6	
	3	6	4	5	2	
	5	2	6	4	3	
	4	3	2	6	5	

2 3 4 5 6 at 4

By the 9th in and out at 2 with double.

The New Bells of St. Michael, Gloucester.

THIS ring has recently been rehung by Messrs. Warner & Sons, of London, and two new trebles added to complete the octave, as a parochial Jubilee memorial. The inscriptions are as follows:—1. 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887. S. Michael. A Jubilee Bell, 1887. G. James, Rector. T. Commeline, J. Ward, Churchwardens.' 2. 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887. God save Queen Victoria. A Jubilee Bell,

Four times repeated.

1887. R. V. Vassar Smith, Mayor. J. Talbot, Sheriff.' 3, 'William Woodward, 1667.' 4, 'N. 1667.' 5, 'God save Queen Anne, Abr. Rud-hall. 1703.' 6, 'Prosperity to Gloucester and all our benefactors, A.D. 1703.' 7, 'Rowland Pytt and John Heming, Churchwardens, 1703. A. R.' 8, 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1872. From Met. Bell cast 1667.' The peal is in E, and the weight of the tenor 20 cwt. 48 lb. Rudhall's firm was in this parish, and the 5th, 6th, and 7th are the oldest of his bells in Gloucester city.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Drayton, Berks.

On Thursday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. T. Fulker, 1; C. Tolley, 2; C. Trinder, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; F. Field, 5; Jos. Field, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; W. Cobb, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt. The peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of H. D. Betteridge, Esq., who was married the day previous.

At All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5001 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 17 mins. J. Pettit, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; G. Mash, 3; H. Springall,* 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; R. T. Woodley,* 6; G. T. McLaughlin,* 7; W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), 8; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 9; S. How, 10. Composed by Mr. Haley and conducted by Mr. Pettit. Tenor, 21 cwt. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

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

On Saturday, the 30th ult., an attempt was made by the Waterloo Society to ring Holt's Original One-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but after ringing 4990 changes in 2 hrs. 58 mins., it suddenly came to grief through the 4th rope breaking below the sally. W. Baron, jun. (first attempt), 1; W. Baron, sen. (conductor), 2; H. Langdon, 3; J. W. Mansfield, 4; W. Jones, 5; F. L. Davies, 6; G. Wild (first attempt inside), 7; H. A. Hopkins, 8.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Ringwood, Hants.

On Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and of the Salisbury City Ringers' Company rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. H. A. Garrett,* 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams,* 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford,* 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. This is Mr. Blackburn's first peal as conductor. Those marked * rang their first peal. Also the first peal on the bells, which were cast in 1763.

At SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Saturday, the 11th ult., the Diss local company paid a visit to this parish and rang 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 30 mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; C. Webster, 2; E. Hayward, 3; E. Bartrum, 4; B. Francis, 5; J. Soutar, 6. Tenor about 20 cwt. Afterwards a few short touches in the same method with some ringers from Kenninghall. It is some years since 720 Treble Bob was rung here, as the bells go heavily. A regrettable incident occurred previous to the ringing, the parish clerk, Mr. Seakins, being taken in a fit after going up the belfry steps in too much hurry, bringing on syncope, from which he succumbed at half-past eleven o'clock, being seventy-nine years old.

At ST. PETER'S, HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.—MUFFLED PEAL.—On Saturday, the 16th ult., the ringers of the above church, assisted by friends from Leigh, rang, in 1 hr. 32 mins., with the bells muffled at the hand-stroke, the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (2520 changes) as a tribute of respect to the memory of R. Pennington, Esq., J.P., of Hindley Lodge, and Muncaster Hall, Rainford, Lancashire. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; S. Hayes, 4; E. Kay, 5; T. Tickle, 6; E. Arrowsmith, 7; G. Lang, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

At FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 17th ult., a mixed company of change-ringers met at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, and rang a touch of 1680 BOB MAJOR in 1 hr. 2 mins. S. Slater (Glensford), 1; J. Loe (Foxearth), 2; R. Mingay (Foxearth), 3; F. Wells (Glensford), 4; H. Smith (Lavenham), 5; H. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; O. Garwood (Glensford, conductor), 8. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—On the occasion of the meeting of the Guild at Winchester on the 19th ult., among other touches, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by J. R. Haworth (London), 1; J. Hewett, 2; Rev. C. W. Child, 3; G. Williams, 4; S. Brooker, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; A. Thomas (Birmingham), 8. Also, two courses of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR (the first in the method on the bells) by T. Newnham, 1; J. Hewett, 2; G. Williams, 3; E. Jordan, 4; S. Brooker, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; A. Thomas, 8.

At ST. GREGORY'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 23rd ult., for practice, a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR (760 changes) was rung by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; J. Campin, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; — Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. in F.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Sunday, the 24th ult., for morning service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 21 mins. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; W. Morris, 3; W. J. Pleasance, 4; J. Tarling, 5; N. W. Tarling, 6; P. Springham, 7; F. W. Tarling, 8. For evening service, 546 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 21 mins. G. Rochester (conductor), 1; G. Camp, 2; A. Brown, 3; J. Tarling, 4; F. W. Tarling, 5; W. J. Pleasance, 6; W. Morris, 7; P. Springham, 8.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. W. Gifford. We are always pleased to have a line from Mr. Jerram.

CORRESPONDENCE.

New Departures.

SIR,—I trust to be allowed to make one remark, after which I will not again advert to the subject. While I most heartily trust and feel assured that 'we make a serious error in supposing that we cannot join in our praises or prayers unless we say them aloud,' this must not be taken to mean that we may be silent in one part of the same sentence and repeat the other portion aloud: e.g., the Creed is an outspoken utterance of our Belief, and to commence aloud with the third word of that Belief upon the presumption that the *very declaration itself* has been silently made in the heart is *no declaration at all*. Would any judge accept it? Would any people accept it as a declaration of any man's belief? Will Jehovah accept it? Is it not a solemn omission, and, though not so intended, is it not mockery? Similarly, can it be right, when Jesus commanded, 'When ye pray say, Our Father,' to begin aloud with the words which follow upon the theory that the first two words have been uttered mentally? I am sure that some who omit these words do not mean to be irreverent. But I notice the habit creeping into schools, where the boys begin the first words correctly enough of all other utterances, be they hymns, chants, or psalms, and I am persuaded the habit tends to formalism and irreverence. But I will not again trouble you, though much lamenting this, as well as some other 'departures.'

H. G. O.

SIR,—Among the 'new departures' criticised by your correspondents, no one has mentioned the unpleasant practice (which, perhaps, is hardly new) of accompanying the Lord's Prayer on the organ. Of all musical inventions to keep a choir in tune and to torment a congregation that seems to me the worst. If the Lord's Prayer were set to music properly it might be bearable, but the accompaniment, as played by ordinary organists, is irreverent and distracting.

M. J.

SIR,—I quite agree with your correspondent, 'H. G. O.' in your issue of July 22nd, that the General Thanksgiving was never intended to be said by the congregation, and that it is a serious error to suppose that we cannot join in the prayers and praises of the Church unless we say them aloud. In 1879 I posted on the church door the following notice: 'Ought the General Thanksgiving to be said by the people? 1. It is a violation of the Rubric. 2. There is no authority for it. 3. It is called 'General' because it is a thanksgiving for general mercies. 4. It is not fitted by its construction for general recitation. 5. It introduces into our churches a new element of division.' Attempts were made at that time, and have been occasionally renewed since, to introduce the irregular practice here. These have only met with very partial success, but no attempt has been made to answer the five reasons given for the prayer *not* being said by the people. If the people take the law into their own hands and ignore the Rubrics of the Church, it appears to me that they can scarcely complain with consistency if the clergy follow their example.

C. B. BRISTOCKE, English Chaplain.

Homburg, Germany, July 28th, 1887.

The Pentecostal Gifts.

SIR,—I have read your review on Godet's Commentary on Corinthians i. with great interest, in *Church Bells*, July 29th, especially that portion which refers to the miracle of the Day of Pentecost, to which *alone* I refer: Acts ii.: here seventeen nationalities are named, and in the eighth verse we read they said, 'How hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born?'

I have a very small library, and no book on the 'Gifts' has an explanation to my mind of the wonderful miracle. I consider that confusion, worse than Babel, would follow the ordinary explanations; and that unless the sun had stood still again it could never have been accomplished in a day. Godet, as represented by your reviewer, approaches nearer to my view than any one I have yet seen: he says, 'I can only regard the gift of tongues as the expression, in a language spontaneously created by the Holy Ghost, of the new views, and of the profound and lively emotions, &c.' And further on, what does Godet mean by saying, 'Language is the spontaneous product of the entire human soul,' and in the next sentence, 'there is at the root of all existing languages an essential, *unique* language?' This seems to me wrapping up simplicity in a maze of words. I hold it to be a miracle of hearing, and *not* a miracle of speaking, in the ordinary sense. It would have been impossible for Peter to speak seventeen different languages, more or less, at once. Surely the miracle was (for the hour or so) a temporary suspension of all language known, and a restoration of the language of Paradise, of the speech *unconfounded*, so every man understood. The after practical result to the Apostles would be, a linguistic power, which, since they had known the 'unique' language, would enable them to dispense with the laborious study of grammar.

CHARLES J. WILDING.

Arley, August 1st.

The Three Orders in the Ministry.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the verbal correction of your correspondent 'S. O. A.:' but I think I have shown that in 1 Tim. iv. 14 and Church historians that ordinations *by or with* the presbytery to be more ancient by at least (according to Dr. Lightfoot) seventy years. His exact words are: 'As late as 70 A.D. no distinct signs of episcopal government have hitherto

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Muffled Peals.

SIR,—Some years ago I made an arrangement with our ringers that they were always to ask my permission before ringing any special peals or inviting any other ringers to do so. On three occasions (the last has just occurred) I refused them leave to ring a muffled peal, on the ground that those, out of respect for whom they wished to ring, were not members of our congregation. The ringers have been to me to say that they wish me to alter my rule and to allow them to ring muffled peals or other peals without consulting me at all, and they allege as their reason for asking me this that it is the prevailing custom in other belfries; and further, if I refuse either request they will resign their office. Knowing the interest you take in the art of bell-ringing, I should be obliged if you, or any of your readers, will inform me of the usual rule in these cases. We have a fine ring of six bells, and we (the members of the congregation) pay the ringers 18*l.* a-year for their services; for which sum they agree to ring twice on Sunday for an hour before morning and evening service and on one weekday evening. My own view is, that it would be inconsistent to ring a muffled peal for a person who during life had seldom or never paid attention to the summons of the bells to public worship. I may add that the ringers are respectable working men, but turn a deaf ear to my repeated invitations to them to attend the services of the church.

A. J. IRVIN.

Woodlesford, July 5.

The Six Bells at Sandal Magna, Wakefield, Yorks.

TUESDAY, the 19th ult., was a day of rejoicing to the ringers of the parish church, the bells having been entirely rehung with new fittings, and half turned, so that the clappers hit in new positions, making the bells sound like a new ring. The bells are one of the finest toned rings of six in Yorkshire, having been cast and hung in the year 1812 by Thomas Mears of London, and rehung by James Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford, to the entire satisfaction of the ringers, clergy, and churchwardens, the expense being borne by Jos. Shaw, Esq., of the Woodlands, Sandal, as a Jubilee gift to the parish. They were reopened on the above date by the ringers on the occasion of the marriage of Captain Darby, R.A., aide-de-camp to the commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, and Miss Charlesworth, of Chapelthorpe Hall, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Charlesworth. The ringing was done at intervals from the following methods: 720 OXFORD, 240 VIOLET, 240 NEW LONDON PLEASURE, 360 ARNOLD'S VICTORY, 360 DUKE OF YORK, 360 CITY DELIGHT, 360 COLLEGE PLEASURE. J. Brewin, 1; J. Moorhouse, 2; C. Robinson, 3; W. Reyner, 4; G. Moxon (conductor), 5; H. Robinson, 6. Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

The Surrey Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above took place on Monday, the 25th ult., at Kingston. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and was continued at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening, various methods being practised by mixed bands, including STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and TREBLE BOB ROYAL. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to the 'Leopold Coffee Tavern,' where a capital tea was provided, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. A. S. W. Young, vicar of Kingston, was in the chair, supported by A. B. Carpenter, Esq. (secretary), and representatives from Streatham, Mitcham, Croydon, Epsom, Ashstead, Kingston, London, Wimbledon, and Beddington. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said that he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Kingston once more, as it was something like two years since it held any meeting there. He hoped they would all enjoy themselves, and that the Association would still go on growing and prospering in the future as it had done in the past, especially since his friend Dr. Carpenter had taken up the secretaryship. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed, it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the six peals rung since the beginning of the year be entered in the peal-book, and that the peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, the first one in the method by the Association, rung by the Streatham band, be illuminated. The following were then elected officers and committee for this year: Rev. A. S. W. Young, treasurer; A. B. Carpenter, Esq., secretary; Rev. E. D. L. Harvey, Messrs. E. F. Cole, C. E. Malim, W. Gallagher, and one representative of each band in union, as committee. Beddington was then chosen for the next district meeting, and Mitcham for the next quarterly meeting. After the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman, Secretary, and others, an adjournment was again made to the belfry, where ringing was indulged in till rather late, several members having to leave before to catch their trains, thus bringing to a close the sixth annual meeting.

Visit of the Cirencester Society to London.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., the members of the above Society held their annual outing. Leaving Cirencester at 6 a.m., and arriving in London a little after nine o'clock, they proceeded thence to the meeting-house, St. Paul's Churchyard, where they partook of breakfast, and along with Mr. Haworth rang several touches on the handbells. They visited many places of interest; and in the evening, making their way by boat to Westminster, soon found themselves at St. Stephen's, where Mr. Lamb had made everything ready, and where they were joined by Mr. Swain of the Cumberlands, when several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by the following:—Panting, Jarvis, Hinton (conductor), Mason, Swain, Hughes, Davies, and Clutterbuck. After congratulating Mr. Lamb upon the going of the bells and their fine tone, they proceeded to the Cumberlands' headquarters, St. Martin's Lane, where they were joined by Messrs. Baron,

Hopkins, Mansfield, &c. After spending an enjoyable hour together the country visitors left for Paddington, expressing themselves much pleased with their visit. The party take the present opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Churchwardens for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and also Mr. Lamb for making preparations.

A New Tenor at Little Bedwyn, Wilts.

A NEW tenor bell to the ring of four in this steeple has been cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, London, in place of the old one by J. Wallis of Salisbury, 1581, which was cracked. The new bell weighs 9 cwt. 3 lbs., and is inscribed, 'Recast in the Jubilee year of H.M. Queen Victoria, 1887. Charles Henry Townsend, Vicar; Samuel William Farmer, Churchwarden—*Laus Deo.*' The old bell was inscribed, 'Be meeke and holy to heare the worde of God. I.W. 1581.'

A New Tenor at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire.

A NEW tenor bell in place of the old one, which was cracked Nov. 13th, 1886, has been hung in Long Sutton steeple. It was cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, London, and is inscribed, 'Te Deum laudamus.—George Spencer Leigh Bennett, Vicar; John William Swain, Joseph Cartwright, Churchwardens. Queen Victoria's Jubilee Year, 1886.' She weighs 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs. The old tenor weighed 10½ cwt., and was inscribed, 'Henricvs Penn, Peterbvrgensis Fvsvr 1716.' The ring is one of six bells, all cast by Henry Penn in 1716. An engraving of Long Sutton church appeared in *Church Bells* of July 1st, 1887.

A Visit to Holy Trinity, Dartford, Kent.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., the members of the Southwark Youths, London, and the ringers of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, paid a visit to Dartford, and rang several touches, assisted by members of the Dartford ringers, and then proceeded to Crayford, where they held their annual dinner and tea, at the 'British Workman' Coffee Tavern, kindly given by the Rev. Burman Cassin, rector of St. George's, Southwark; the railway fare was paid by the churchwardens and other gentlemen. After dinner they rang several touches on the bells. The ringers returned to London after spending a joyful day, and beg to thank the rector, churchwardens, and other gentlemen, for their kindness to them.

The St. Sidwell's Society of Exeter at Kingsbridge, Devon.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., this Society visited Kingsbridge. The members met at 7 a.m. and took train to Totnes, where a break was waiting to take them by road to Kingsbridge, a distance of ten miles, arriving about eleven o'clock. The church of St. Edmund was soon visited, where hangs a fine ring of eight, by Mears & Stainbank; tenor, 14 cwt., in F. A start was made to ring a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which finished after ringing about 1200 by C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Batchlor, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Time would not permit to start again for the peal. The following rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; T. J. Lake, 8. The rest of the day was pleasantly spent in hand-bell ringing and some tower ringing with the local men. Having spent a most enjoyable day, home was reached about 10.30. This Society wishes, through *Church Bells*, to thank the Rev. A. H. Simms for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for their courtesy.

Funeral of Mr. William Searle of Plymouth.

MR. WILLIAM SEARLE, for several years the foreman of the ringers at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, was buried at the Cemetery on Monday, July 25th. There was a good attendance of relatives and ringers. Mr. Searle was sixty-seven years of age, and had been for thirty years a member of St. Andrew's belfry. He died on the Thursday preceding. A knell was chimed at both churches on Thursday afternoon, and in the evening the ringers assembled at St. Andrew's to pay the usual tribute of respect to their departed friend by ringing several muffled peals, which were also rung at Charles Church. Mr. Searle was much respected by those who knew him.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Bartholomew's, Quorndon, Leicestershire.

ON Saturday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 9 mins. A. Cresser, 1; J. W. Wilson (Leicester), 2; G. Draycott, 3; J. Hardy, 4; C. Smith, 5; J. Buttery (Leicester), 6; W. Birkinshaw, 7; J. W. Taylor, jun., 8. Composed by Mr. J. Platt and conducted by J. W. Taylor, Esq. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Michael and All Saints, Galleywood, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 16 mins. F. Pistow, 1; F. De Lisle, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; A. Jacobs, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; J. Smith, 6. E. Pistow, 7; G. Newton (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. This is the first in this method by this Association and also by six members of the band. Also on Monday, the 1st inst., a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was attempted, but finished after two hours' ringing. F. De Lisle, 1; E. Chapman, 2; W. Rowland, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Griffin, 5; A. J. Perkins, 6; N. Pistow (composer and conductor), 7; A. Jacob, 8. A guide is required for the ropes, the long draught being very awkward for a strange band. Mr. J. Smith was made a member of the Essex Association previous to starting for the peal on Saturday.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 6049 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 52 mins. T. Fulker,* 1; T. Payne,* 2; C. Trinder,* 3; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; F. Field,* 6; T. Short,* 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. The peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th's place, without the 2nd or 3rd being there. * First peal of SUPERLATIVE.

At All Saints', West Bromwich, Staffs.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Society for the Arch-deaconry of Stafford rang Taylor's Six-part Bob-and-Single Variation of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. E. Woodhall, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Siddons, 3; E. Cashmore, 4; C. Timms, 5; S. Reeves (conductor), 6; W. Cooper, 7; G. Griffiths, 8.

At St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang Holt's peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. C. Ward, 1; A. S. Barrell, 2; T. Staunkley, 3; T. E. Shearing, 4; W. Button, 5; G. Lindoff, 6; A. Ward, 7; W. Ward (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

On Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. T. E. Shearing, 1; H. Button, 2; F. Wilson, 3; A. G. Rodwell, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; G. Lindoff, R.E. (conductor), 6; T. Staunkley, 7; J. Flegg, 8.

At St. Mary's, Chelmsford, Essex.

On Monday, the 1st inst., at 6.30 a.m., a band of the Essex Association, also members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and Norwich Diocesan Association, rang a peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE ROYAL in 3 hrs. 11 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; A. Jacobs, 3; N. J. Pitstow (composer), 4; W. H. Fussell,* 5; E. F. Cole,* 6; E. Pitstow, 7; E. Chapman, 8; J. Smith,* 9; F. Pitstow, 10. Tenor, 22 cwt. * First peal of Royal. This is the first peal rung on the ten bells—the trebles having been recently restored to their original quarters—and was pronounced by all that heard the ringing to be a very good ring. A touch of GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung on Sunday, with the assistance of Mr. W. Rowland, as a trial on the new ropes, which are just put on the bells.

At St. Thomas's, Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Monday, the 1st inst., ten members of the St. Martin's Company, Birmingham, rang a peal of 5111 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 20 mins. S. Reeves, 1; T. Hattersley, 2; C. H. Hattersley, 3; W. Kent, 4; H. Bastable, 5; J. Reynolds, 6; I. Buffery, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; H. Johnson, jun., 9; A. Thomas, 10. Composed by Mr. Johnson, sen., and conducted by Mr. Bastable. The peal, which contains the 5th and 6th each twenty-four course-ends behind the 9th, is now rung for the first time. This is also the fiftieth peal in the tower and the second peal of CATERS. The above ringers are also members of the Yorkshire Association.

At THE CATHEDRAL, ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Tuesday, the 26th ult., for practice, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. T. Grant, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; R. M. Pratt (first 504 inside), 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Also 336 in same method and 168 of STEDMAN.

At ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Saturday, the 30th ult., a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung in 39 mins. S. Lawrence, 1; A. W. Barkus (first 1260), 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. And on Sunday, the 24th ult., 700 for evening service, in the same method, with W. Tryhorn ringing the tenor.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., for Divine service in the evening, 700 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 21 mins. S. Lawrence, 1; W. McCaffrey, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Tryhorn, 8.

On Monday, the 8th inst., at W. W. Gifford's rooms, on handbells retained in hand, 2520 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, being the last half of Holt's Ten-part peal, was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8.

At ST. PAULINUS, CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, the 31st ult., six ringers of the above church, assisted by two members of the St. James's Society, London, rang, for evening service, a Quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes), from Mr. Banister's book, in 41 mins. F. French (conductor), 1; W. J. Cooke, 2; G. Conyard, 3; H. Langdon, 4 (St. James's Society); J. Sloper, 5; F. Jacob, 6; J. Garard, 7; G. Woodage, 8 (St. James's Society).

At ALL SAINTS', WHITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 31st ult., touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN TREBLES, and DOUBLE NORWICH, were rung here before and after the services by hands made up of the local company and the visitors. Three peals were started for, viz. the ORIGINAL, 45 mins.; DOUBLE NORWICH, 35 mins.; the ORIGINAL, 1 hr. 20 mins., the last named being lost by a slip-wheel.

At ST. MARY'S, WIDFORD, ESSEX.—A 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung on Monday, the 1st inst. A. Jacobs (conductor), 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; W. Rowland, 3; N. J. Pitstow, 4; E. Chapman, 5; J. Smith, 6. Called with 21 bobs (?). Afterwards on handbells a 391 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Chapman, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; N. J. Pitstow, 5-3; G. Newson, 7-8.

RECEIVED ALSO :—Dennis Bros. ; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Ornaments Rubric.

SIR,—The Rev. C. H. Davis, as I know from many proofs in past years, is a man of such accuracy and of so much pains, taking carefulness in all he writes touching Church matters, that I regret to differ from him on any subject ecclesiastical, and I feel that his criticisms and suggestions touching the Lectionary or Church Calendar deserve and demand the attention of Church rulers, for assuredly the Lectionary cannot remain as it is. But, in reply to his letter upon the Ornaments Rubric, I would say that I have not read the whole of the late excellent and learned Archdeacon Harrison's work referred to by him, nor have I now at hand the well-known *Enquiry* of the late Canon Robertson. But I am not altogether ignorant of their statements and arguments, unless my memory fails me. I will take Mr. Davis's view of the case, however, as he puts it. I hope he is wrong for once. I trust that he and his quoted authorities have arrived at an incorrect conclusion. Some years ago, in one of the Commandments of the Second Table, the word 'not' was accidentally omitted. The remedy was not to state that the meaning was unchanged, but to bring forth a correct edition which declared the truth. To my mind it is nothing less than *awful* (I use not the word in the ridiculously meaningless and familiar manner of the day) that at the forefront of the Prayer-book shall stand, printed in large letters, directions touching the Ornaments of the Church and of the Ministers thereof which are to be read as if the word 'not' had dropped out of the directions, or which (according to Mr. Davis) are so modified as to mean just what they do not say. Verily this is worse than to regard them as meaning what they say. The whole subject-matter is in my mind as 'wood, hay, and stubble,' in comparison with the reverent and faithful ministrations of the Word and Sacraments, which can be performed with equal propriety in the surplice or other vestments; and the subject, as such, is not in my view worthy of discussion or of offence either way, and ought not to be regarded as a thing worthy of contention at all. But I feel it to be untruthful, and dishonouring of Jehovah, that the directions touching Ornaments should be of such a character that some are cast into prison for obeying their plain injunctions, while other equally good, honest, and faithful men, tell us that these directions do not mean what they say, but signify nearly what they would signify if the word 'not' were introduced between 'shall' and 'be' in them. If this latter be the true interpretation, which I feel persuaded it is not, it is strange that such very involved and needlessly obscure directions should ever have been written. I am thankful to have the support of Mr. Davis in regard to the propriety of the use of the General Thanksgiving, and I do earnestly hope that a sense of propriety will prevail, so that the Thanksgiving may be offered to God like many other of our public prayers and praises, by the utterance of the minister and the concurrence, in perfectly silent earnestness, of the congregation. As to the Bidding Prayer, I have often used it, but it does not meet the needs of the day, which the older Biddings do meet very fairly, *mutatis mutandis*, for some occasions. In these days, when the user in no two churches seems to be similar in every particular, I am not very mindful about the supposed legality or illegality of a prayer before or after sermon, or both. They were evidently of great use in former times. They would sometimes be extremely appropriate and useful now, although very undesirable as a frequent part of every service. Missioners have no hesitation in using them, and there are a few occasions in the course of the year in which they might be used with very apt propriety in some churches.

G. V.

The New Canon.

SIR,—Is not the last sentence in the Canon recently passed by the Southern House of Convocation rather unfortunately expressed: 'It shall not be necessary . . . Divine service?' Are not all our Prayer-book services *Divine services*? And is not the Marriage Service especially so? Is it not the very argument which we use in speaking of the civil marriage at the Registrar's office: that we Christian Churchmen seek for the *Divine blessing* on the *Divine institution* of marriage by celebrating marriage with *Divine service*?

W. J. WEBB.

Alrewas Vicarage, Burton-on-Trent, August 3rd.

The Numbered Prayer-book.

SIR,—I have introduced, with good results, Canon Venables' paged and numbered Prayer-book into a poor settlement in my mission, and I have found it very useful in getting people who never tried to use a Prayer-book before to take their own share of the worship of the Church. At first it was necessary to give out the pages and numbers, but very soon there was no occasion for this. Some clergy who have difficulty in getting their people to take their own part in our Common Prayer may be glad to know how easily the plan can be worked.

SIMON GIBBONS,

Missionary at Locheport, Nova Scotia.

Men's Wrongs and Women's Rights.

SIR,—I beg to submit the following inquiries to you and your readers :—

1. On what principles of justice, equity, and honour, or by what ecclesiastical precedent, can it be shown that the patron of a chaplaincy in a public institution, professedly a Church of England Establishment, being himself a dignitary of the Church, is justified in refusing the requisite nomination of a chaplain, after pronounced and written approval and actual appointment, to enable the bishop to license the chaplain, the bishop himself requesting it and the chaplain repeatedly applying for it; no reason being alleged for such

the colours confined in the plain mouldings are chiefly a deep red and grayish-green, the whole rich but harmonious in effect. The painting and decoration were designed and executed entirely by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, & Bayne, under the superintendence of Mr. Blomfield. The work has been, we hear, a considerable time in hand, and is to be fixed in St. Barnabas' Church during the present week. We have called particular notice to this pulpit as showing the reactionary taste for Italian church-building and decoration, and as displaying work designed and executed by an eminent church architect, and an eminent firm of ecclesiastical artists.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Muffled Peals.

SIR,—Your complainant under this head, I fear, tells tales of himself, showing his systems imperfect and that he is not in touch with his men, and I doubt not, from the tenour of the letter, they are treated as a necessary evil instead of Church officers.

To deal with the question fully I had better start at the beginning. First. No person ought to be allowed to be a ringer unless he has been confirmed, or at least is willing to be so, and promises to comply with the rubric to communicate at least three times a-year. It may be a difficulty with old ringers, but you can gradually work in young hands who will comply with your requirements.

Secondly. The ringers ought to be a constituted body, of whom the parson is the president, and to whom all communications should be addressed, just as they would for a grave or a funeral, either directly or through a deputy. To carry this out more effectually, it is better to consider them as an adult class in connexion with the Sunday School, with an elderly teacher, meeting in the belfry in the summer and in the vestry in the winter. The school-master will willingly take this class as a pleasure, who would consider ordinary Sunday-school duties as a bore; or perhaps a warden, or sidesman.

Thirdly. They ought never to pull a bell for service without first having a short service in the belfry. It need not take more than two minutes, and this is better conducted by the parson, though it may be done by the Sunday-school teacher or the leader of the ringers; but it gives the clergyman his position as spiritual leader, which carries weight, and sympathy, and respect, only it necessitates being at church half-an-hour before service without fail. I shall be pleased to forward copy of our service. Our present band was formed in 1881, and has been satisfactory ever since.

R. J. F.

SIR,—I see in your last issue a letter on the above subject, the writer I presume being the vicar or rector of the parish, in which he states that the ringers have arranged to always ask permission of him before ringing any special peals, or inviting others to do so. Now, Sir, I venture to say that he is quite right in so doing, as ringers are in duty bound to get permission of the vicar before ringing for any special object, and especially muffled peals for those outside the Church. In reference to the ringers saying they will resign if not allowed to ring when they please, and for whom they choose, as is the custom in other belfries, this, Sir, is not a correct statement, as very few ringing companies (who are ringers for love, and not money) would ever think of such a thing, much more try to put their vicar at defiance. I should not wish to see this body of men follow out their intention of resigning, but rather (after receiving such an exorbitant price for their services) become good, sound Churchmen, and attend the services of the Church, and help to build her up in her good work, and be, as ringers should be, examples to others, and lead them to become united in the same bonds of fellowship and Christian brotherhood.

In conclusion allow me to say, that if these respectable working men are ringers in the true sense of the word they will not want inviting to attend the Church services, but as a matter of duty (after calling others to the worship of God) will attend, and not walk away from the sacred edifice, to ramble, smoke, or drink, as the case may be, after performing such a sacred duty every Sabbath day.

JOHN SMITH.

37 Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

P.S.—If the rev. gentleman will write to me, I shall feel it a pleasure to forward a copy of our own belfry rules.

The St. James' Society, London.

THE Annual Business Meeting of this Society was held on Monday, the 8th inst., after the usual fortnightly practice at St. Clement Danes, when important matters affecting the Society were discussed, and the following officers elected to serve for the forthcoming year:—Master, Mr. H. Langdon; Secretary, Mr. J. Barry; Treasurer, Mr. E. Albone; Senior Steward, Mr. R. T. Woodley; Junior Steward, Mr. H. R. Newton. Towards the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the officers for their services during the past year, especial reference being made to the retiring master, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, who, in responding, thanked the members for the support they had given to him and the other officers during that period.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE First Quarterly Meeting of the year was held at Nottingham on Saturday, the 6th inst., when members attended from Burton, Derby, Duffield, Long Eaton, and Leicester. The towers of St. Mary's, All Saints', and St. Peter's churches were open to the Association during the afternoon and evening; and various touches were rung, including STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE CATERS, KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, and STEDMAN TRIPLES. After

the General Meeting was concluded, the President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) announced his intention of inviting the members of the Association to a garden party at Duffield Bank, on Saturday, September 3rd, which announcement was received with great cheering. The following were unanimously elected as officers for the Nottingham District for the ensuing year, viz., Mr. H. W. Abbott, 44 Lamcote Grove, Arkwright Street, Nottingham, Local Hon. Secretary; Mr. S. Burton and Mr. S. Simkin, Committee.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Ringers' Outing and Presentation.

ON Bank Holiday, Monday, August 1st, by the invitation of the clergy and ringers of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, a party, comprising Messrs. R. S. Story, W. Reed, F. Lees, F. Harrison, Joel Hern, R. Oliver, John Moffatt, and W. Story, visited Benfieldside. Proceeding to Lanchester 720 was attempted on the sweet little ring of six, but could not be rung on account of the bad state of the hangings, the fifth rope persisting in sticking in the pulley. Returning to Consett 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB was rung at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, and the party were most hospitably entertained by the Rev. J. Foran and the Rev. David Power, after which a move was made for Christ Church, Consett, where a hearty welcome was received from the Vicar (the Rev. F. Steggall) and the local ringers. Having rung 720 each of PLAIN BOB and KENT TREBLE BOB a return was made to Blackhill, where 720 DOUBLE COURT was attempted, but failed midway. Here the party was very kindly and heartily refreshed by Mr. Sloane, and proceeded to Benfieldside, where 720 KENT was attempted. Having been entertained to tea handbells were exercised in the garden, Mr. F. Harrison, of Jarrow, picking up tunes on the grassplot. Having re-formed in the dining-room, on the motion of Mr. Whinney, the Rev. H. Ross Lewin (curate) took the chair, and after opening the proceedings announced the object of the meeting to be a presentation to Mr. R. S. Story in recognition of his services as instructor to the ringers, and called on the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Ross Lewin, to make the presentation. The Vicar, after expressing the thanks of the ringers and himself, presented Mr. Story with a very handsome gold pencil-case. Mr. Story, in reply, stated that he was entirely unprepared for the occasion, as he never expected any such acknowledgment of his services, which were given as a member of the Association and in furtherance of its objects. He thanked them most heartily for the kindness they had shown him, and remarked that never had he seen any band of ringers so attentive and so ready in applying the hints which were given them, and hoped that they might go on in the same good way in which they had begun and achieve great things. Mr. William Reed then thanked the local clergy and ringers on behalf of the invited ringers for their kind hospitality, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a most pleasant evening to a close. A 360 BOB MINOR was then rung and the party returned to Newcastle.

East Lincolnshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Spilsby.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association took place at Spilsby on Saturday, the 30th ult. Some members rang 720 BOB MINOR at West Keal *en route*. W. Vickers (West Keal), 1; J. A. Hand (West Keal), 2; G. Clark (Skirbeck), 3; J. Mawer (Sibsey), 4; A. Barber (Frieston), 5; E. Mason (conductor, Skirbeck), 6. The company then proceeded to Spilsby, and were met by ringers from Langton, East Keal, West Keal, Spilsby, Burgh, Halton, Friskney, and Frieston. At twelve o'clock Divine service was held in the parish church, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, who is staying in the neighbourhood. The reverend gentleman took his text from Exod. xxviii. 34, 35: 'A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and the sound shall be heard, when he goeth into the holy place before the Lord and when he cometh out.'

At 1.30 dinner was provided at the 'White Hart' Hotel, and was presided over by the Rev. H. J. Cheales, vicar of Friskney and president of the Association. He was supported by Canon Lonsdale and the Rev. S. Besant, vicar of Sibsey, and thirty-five ringers and friends. After dinner, the Chairman proposed 'The Queen.' Referring to what they had heard from the preacher that morning, he said they really took upon themselves great responsibility when they became bellringers. He concluded by urging upon them to always remember their responsibility. Mr. Mason (the secretary) being called upon for the yearly Report, said he was able again to congratulate the members on another fairly successful year; they were steadily increasing in numbers. The quarterly meetings had been very well attended, and the ringing much better and more of it done. He was able to carry a good balance forward, as would be seen by the balance-sheet. He hoped next year the Association would still go on increasing. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, for his kindness in giving them an address that day. Canon Lonsdale briefly responded. The Rev. F. Besant proposed that the officers be re-elected for the ensuing year. It was also proposed, in addition, that Mr. J. A. Hand, of West Keal, assist the Secretary in getting the subscriptions in. The President proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Mason for his services as hon. secretary, and complimented him on the way in which the business of the Association was conducted. The company then proceeded to the tower, and rang 720 of BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles). T. Cheetham (East Keal), 1; J. A. Hand (West Keal), 2; G. Clark (Skirbeck), 3; J. Mawer (Sibsey), 4; H. Daulton (West Keal), 5; E. Mason (conductor, Skirbeck), 6. Four 720's of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and one 720 of PLAIN BOB were rung by Messrs. Seymour, Smith, Vickers, Hand, Green, Daulton, Smith and Wright, S. Steeper (Frieston), W. F. Harwood, and J. Harwood. The company also paid a visit to Halton Church, which contains a fine ring of six bells. A 720 of MINOR was attempted, but, owing to the bells not going very well, was

brought home at the half-peal end by Messrs. Cheetham, Hand, Clark, Mawer, Barber, Mason (conductor). Several 720's of **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** were rung by F. Haw, J. Green, A. Barber, S. Steeper, J. Rogers Smith, F. Harwood, J. Harwood, Routen, and Meads. Fourteen new members were elected during the day, including the Rev. P. Kendall, vicar of Spilsby. The company started for home at 7.30, after having spent one of the most pleasant days on record since the Association has been formed.

On Saturday, July 22nd, a Committee Meeting was held at Sibsey, and the accounts were audited, after which two 720's of **BOB MINOR** (one with 18 bobs and 2 singles, and the other 14 bobs and 2 singles) were rung. A. Barber, 1; J. A. Hand, 2; G. Clark, 3; J. Mawer, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. The second 720 was rung with Mr. T. Rogers at the treble.

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Ringers' Society.

AN extra or Jubilee Meeting of this Society was held at Rushden on Monday, the 1st inst. Ringers from Raunds, Wellingborough, Ringstead, and Rushden, took turns at the ropes during the day. Twenty-three members, two hon. members (Rev. — Richards, Rushden, and Mr. B. Dennes, Wellingborough), and the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, sat down to dinner at the 'Coffee Tavern' at 1 p.m. It was decided that the next meeting take place at Kettering or Wellingborough on Easter Monday. In addition to the use of the church bells the Rev. Canon Barker, rector of Rushden, very kindly opened his garden for the amusement of the ringers. They spent most of the afternoon there, whiling away the time with hand-bell music and an improvised game of cricket. There are six bells in the tower, cast by Taylor and Son of St. Neots, 1794. The tenor (diameter, 48 inches) seems to have been recast in the year 1818. Bell-chamber, fittings, bells, and ropes, are all in excellent trim. There is a modern clock, which chimes the Cambridge Quarters. The weights would be much better 'eased in.' They are dangerous as now.

Anniversary at Beddington, Surrey.

THE 17th Anniversary of the opening of the bells was held as usual on Bank Holiday, but owing to counter-attractions the company fell short of the number usually present. Touches in the following methods were rung: **GRANDSIRE**, **UNION**, and **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, **TREBLE BOB MAJOR** and **ROYAL**, **GRANDSIRE** and **STEDMAN CATERS**. Mr. Trappitt (although compelled by business to be absent) had arranged for tea, which was as usual served under the walnut-trees, and enjoyed by all. The Beddington ringers desire to thank all those gentlemen who honoured them by their presence, and hope to see them again on future occasions.

An Anniversary Meeting.

ON Monday the 1st inst., (Bank Holiday) some members of the Royal Cumberland Youths' Society (who meet at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, London, every Sunday morning throughout the year) celebrated their Tenth Anniversary by dining together at the 'Bush' Inn, near Dorking. The Chairman (Mr. Rumsey) gave the usual loyal toasts, which were heartily received, followed by a course of **GRANDSIRE CATERS** by Messrs. Nelms, Davis, Church, Matthews, and Lovett. The toast of 'The Vicar, Churchwardens, and Members of the Vestry of St. Sepulchre,' was received with musical honours, to which Mr. Hart responded. Everything passed pleasantly.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Cathedral, St. Albans, Herts.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. 9 mins. E. J. Mitchell (first peal), 1; A. Barnes (first peal in the method), 2; — Gibbard, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; W. Battle, 6; H. G. Fairbrass (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in E flat.

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

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. 15 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; H. Dains, 2; C. E. Malim, 3; H. Swain, 4; W. Jones, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; G. Wild (first peal with bob bell), 7; W. Lamb (first peal), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

AT STOKESLEY, DURHAM.—On Saturday, the 23rd ult., a party of ringers drove over from Stockton, and rang on this new ring 720 **YORK SURPRISE**. J. Clarkson, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. Burdon, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. And a 720 of **KENT TREBLE BOB**. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; T. Stephenson, 4; T. Burdon (conductor), 5; G. J. Clarkson, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

AT ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD.—On Sunday, the 24th ult., for evening service, 630 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, with the twelve 4-6's. J. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; M. Warwick, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; F. Keech, 5; I. Hills, 6; H. Chapman, 7; C. Pass, 8. On Sunday, the 7th inst., for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. C. Pass, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; M. Warwick, 3; F. Keech, 4; H. Chapman, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. And 240 **BOB MAJOR**. J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Keech, 3; M. Warwick, 4; W. Hall, 5; H. Chapman, 6; I. Hills, 7; J. N. Frossell, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, BEDFORD.—On the 28th ult., for practice, 720 **OXFORD BOB MINOR** (18 bobs and 2 singles). A. Barcock, 1; I. Hills, 2; H. Chap-

man, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; F. Keech, 6. On Thursday, the 4th inst., for practice, 360 **COLLEGE SINGLE** (9 bobs). A. Barcock, 1; M. Warwick, 2; I. Hills, 3; H. Chapman, 4; F. Keech, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 144 **OXFORD TREBLE BOB**. F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; M. Warwick, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6.

AT ST. THOMAS'S, DOUGLASS, ISLE OF MAN.—On Sunday, the 31st ult., for Divine service at 11 o'clock, 6-cores of **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** were rung by H. Sell (Douglass, conductor), 1; J. Quirk (Douglass), 2; R. Hill (Southport), 3; J. Taubmann (Douglass), 4; J. R. Pritchard (Liverpool), 5; J. Clucas (Douglass), 6. And on Monday morning, the 1st inst., for eight o'clock service, 360 **GRANDSIRE MINOR**. J. B. Davies, 1; W. Leyland, 2; T. Orrett, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 6. After service 720 **GRANDSIRE MINOR** in 27 mins. J. Mercer (first 720), 1; W. Leyland, 2; T. Orrett, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 5; J. B. Davies (first 720), 6. The ringers of the latter peal belong to the St. James's Society, West Derby, near Liverpool, excepting the conductor. The visitors herewith tender their hearty thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Savage, for his kindness in placing the bells at their disposal; and also to the steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Clucas, for having everything in good working order. The 'go' of these bells is all that can be desired, and any visitor intending to have a pull on the island will be welcomed both by the Vicar and the ringers.

AT HARLOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 31st ult., for morning service, 360 **PLAIN BOB MINOR**, with 7-8 covering. H. Perrin, junr., 1; R. Tabor, 2; H. Jermy, 3; C. French, 4; T. Ellis, 5; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 6; W. Morris, 7; P. Springham, 8. Also three plain courses in the same method, the band standing as before. Messrs. Morris and Springham came from Sawbridgeworth, the rest are of the local company.

AT WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Monday afternoon, the 1st inst., four members of the Essex Association, who had taken part that morning in the peal of **TREBLE BOB ROYAL** at Chelmsford, with the Rev. T. L. Papillon and A. Edwards of Writtle, and Messrs. E. Dains and Harvey of Widdford, started for Holt's Original peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, but lost it after nearly an hour and a half's ringing through the third rope slipping wheel. A. Edwards, 1; E. Dains, 2; E. F. Cole, Esq., 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; G. Newson, 6; F. Pistow (conductor), 7; W. Harvey, 8.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CONSETT, DURHAM.—On Monday, the 1st inst., 720 **BOB MINOR**. H. Morgan, 1; R. S. Story, 2; D. Davie, 3; W. Reed, 4; J. S. Taylor, 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th are local men, and this is their first 720. Also 720 **KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**. F. Barron (Benfieldside), 1; J. Moffatt, 2; F. Lees, 3; R. Oliver, 4; J. Hern, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, BLACKHILL, DURHAM.—On Monday, the 1st inst., 720 **OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR**. J. Moffatt (South Shields), 1; W. Reed (North Shields), 2; R. S. Story (Whitley: conductor), 3; R. Oliver (Jarrow), 4; F. Lees (Newcastle), 5; J. Hern (North Shields), 6. Tenor, 23 cwt.

AT ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE, DURHAM.—On Monday, the 1st inst., 360 **BOB MINOR**. F. Barron, 1; J. Moffatt, 2; W. Reed, 3; J. Spraggon, 4; R. Oliver, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

AT BEDALE, DURHAM.—On Saturday, the 6th inst., the Stockton Company proceeded by excursion train to Bedale, where they met Mr. Clark and a party of ringers who had driven over from Ripon for a pull, when 1024 **KENT TREBLE BOB** was rung. T. Clark, 1; W. Pick, 2; A. H. Clark, 3; T. Burdon, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; W. Newson, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 8.

AT ST. HILDA'S, SOUTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday afternoon, the 7th inst., for the Friendly Societies' Demonstration Service, a quarter-peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 44 mins. Robt. Hopper, 1; Jas. Moffitt, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. R. Wheldon, 4; John Moffitt, 5; Jos. Hopper, 6; J. T. Gibson (conductor), 7; Jos. Crawford, 8.

AT ST. STEPHEN'S, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, the 7th inst., for evening service, 630 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**. E. Watson, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; M. Tomlinson (Leeds), 3; W. Story, 4; T. Denton, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6; S. Power, 7; C. Wall, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, BOW ROAD, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 7th inst., for evening service, a quarter-peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, in 43 mins. J. Gobbett, 1; W. Cecil, 2; Y. Green, 3; S. Hayes, 4; S. Joyce, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; R. Turner, 7; T. Baker, 8. The above contains the twelve 4-6's, the twelve 7-4's, and the twelve 6-7's. Composed by J. H. Barrett of Stepney. After service 720 **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**. R. Turner, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; W. Cecil, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; S. Joyce, 5; H. Springall, 6; Y. Green (conductor), 7; S. Hayes, 8.

AT DATCHWORTH AND WATTON, HERTS.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., five of the Bennington (Herts) Society of Change-ringers, with the Rev. F. O. Helmore from Canterbury, visited the parish churches of Datchworth and Watton. Upon the good rings of these two steeples the undermentioned band rang two excellent peals of **KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**, together with four musical peals of **GRANDSIRE MINOR**; raising the bells in good order, and falling them to the great satisfaction of all hearers. J. Kitchener, 1; Jos. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; Rev. F. O. Helmore, 4; C. Shambrook, 5; S. Page (conductor), 6.

AT ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On Sunday morning, the 14th inst., for Divine service, a Jubilee touch of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** was rung by the following:—C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; W. Mundy (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. This touch begins and ends with the Queen's, and has 50 treble leads. Composed by Miss E. C. Sharland of Tiverton.

INDIA.

THE Salvation Army's efforts in India have been related by 'Colonel' Tucker in the *Pall Mall Gazette*. Mr. Tucker resigned his position in the Indian Civil Service five years ago in order to give himself to this work. His wife, who laboured with him, has died worn out. He has just revisited England, and returns with fifty 'recruits.' All of these go for life, with no hope of other livelihood than bare sustenance; they are to beg their food from the people they preach to, and the total cost of their maintenance will not exceed two shillings a-week. Mr. Tucker holds that the spread of Christianity has been impeded by its being presented in too English a form. He says, 'We have now 120 English and 80 native officers, and are making headway in Ceylon, in Southern India, and in Gujerat. We are bridging the chasm which has hitherto yawned between the English and natives.' At the village of Gampola, in Ceylon, the Buddhists, alarmed at the progress of the 'Army,' started a facsimile of their own. 'This, however, did not last long; at first they emptied our place, but after awhile our congregations came back; the Buddhist Salvation Army ceased to exist, and their barracks have been handed over to our people.'

EAST AFRICA.

THE Abyssinian Bishop, whom the Italian expeditionary force in the Red Sea seized while returning from Jerusalem, has been released in exchange for Count Savoiron, a prisoner of war made by the troops of the Negus.

It is affirmed that a legate from Russia, in Bishop's orders, accompanied by three priests, has set forth to negotiate intercommunion with the Abyssinian Church. If this effort proves successful, not only its religious but its political consequence will be widespread, and most important, inasmuch as the Copts and Greeks in Egypt will be reunited.

WEST AFRICA.

BISHOP CROWTHER was recently shipwrecked on the coast near Cape Palmas. All escaped safely to shore, but there the Kroomen, who proved to be wreckers, came down on them, and would have even stripped them naked had not some more orderly Kroomen from a neighbouring European factory become aware of the matter and come to their rescue. The Bishop lost over 200*l.* which he had with him for various Church purposes.

PALESTINE.

THE *Germania* announces that the 'Palestine Society' intends to found German Romanist stations in the Holy Land. For this purpose a tract of land has been bought at the north end of the Lake of Gennesareth, and also the 'Mount of the Apostles' has been acquired. The German subjects of the Pope are being appealed to for further contributions in order that much more land may be obtained.

BISHOP BLYTH left Damascus at the end of June for Baalbec, where he inspected the British Syrian schools of Madame Hiss. One of these is for Moslem girls, who come to the number of 800; some of the teachers belong to the Greek Orthodox Church. From Baalbec he proceeded to Zahleh, the largest place in the Lebanon, having a population of some 20,000—Greeks, Maronites, and Greek Uniate, with only two Moslem families. Here there are three schools of the British Syrian School Society, with 300 children, under Miss Bellamy and Miss Stocks; these the Bishop visited. Some of the teachers are of the Greek Church, and one is the grand-niece of the Greek Bishop; she holds in her father's house a Bible meeting for women, which is well attended. Bishop Blyth went on next to Shemlan. The school of the Female Education Society here is under Miss Adie, formerly of the Jewesses' Institution at Jerusalem. Besides inspecting the schools he confirmed two girls who are connected with the Church Missionary Society at Jaffa and Salt. On his way to Beyrout the Bishop stayed at Shwifat and inspected a school carried on by Miss Proctor, attached to no society. At Beyrout, where the Rev. J. H. Worsley is acting chaplain, on Sunday the Bishop preached and ministered Holy Communion. The Monday and Tuesday following were taken up in inspecting the British Syrian Schools, Miss Taylor's school, and the college and printing establishment of the American Mission. On Wednesday the Bishop visited the Jesuit College and the boys' school of the Scottish Mission to the Jews. After this the Bishop embarked on the *Khedivieh* steamer on his way to Alexandria and England, and so completed a tour of two months through Palestine. The *British Protestant* (edited by the Rev. James Ormiston!) states that 'Dr. Blyth attempted an alteration in the name of the Nazareth Orphanage from "Protestant" to Anglican, but was met with a refusal from the representative of the institution present.' Mr. Ormiston is perhaps unaware that in the Levant the term Protestant often means infidel, and is as little distinctive and clear as the older term Catholic.

GERMANY.

PROFESSOR STUCKENBERG of Berlin, in a letter to the *Homiletic Review*, laments that German Protestantism has been losing its power among the people, but accounts for it in part by declaring that Protestantism has abdicated the philosophical throne from which it long ruled thought and inspired life. The result, he says, is the impoverishment not only of philosophy but of theology. 'As Hegel closed the line of speculative philosophers, so Dörner closed that of the speculative theologians.' 'The population of Berlin increases,' he says, 'at the rate of 50,000 annually, but there is no corresponding increase in churches. Ten years ago there were 500,000 inhabitants outside of the centre of the city, with but twenty churches and twenty-four ministers. Now the number of inhabitants in these districts has nearly doubled, but not more than two new churches have been built.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE members of this Association are invited by the President to a Garden Party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, September 3rd, from two to six o'clock. The ten bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon. Members' friends who belong to the other Associations will also be welcome.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association will take place at Gloucester on Tuesday, the 30th inst. Divine service in the Cathedral at 10.30. Short sermon by the Rev. J. P. A. Bowers. Business meeting in Chapter-room immediately afterwards. Dinner at the 'Spread Eagle,' 1 p.m., at 1*s.* per head to all who have sent notice to the Hon. Secretary by August 25th; 2*s.* 6*d.* to others and to hon. members, who are also kindly asked to give notice. All members and friends are earnestly requested to attend Divine service. The following belfries will be open to the Association:—Cathedral of St. Peter, 8; St. Mary de Crypt, 8; St. Michael's, 8; St. Mary de Lode, 6; St. Nicholas, 6.

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will take place in the National Schoolroom, Brierley Hill, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 1887, at 5 o'clock prompt. The Rector, Rev. J. Stone, has kindly promised to preside. The towers of St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, six bells; St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, eight bells; and St. James's, Wollaston, six bells, will be open for ringing during the afternoon. The Secretary hopes that those members who have not yet paid their contributions will do so at this meeting, and to take this as a notice to attend should they receive no other.

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The St. George's Society, Camberwell, London.

ON Monday, the 15th inst., the members of the above Society had an afternoon's holiday at Bromley, Kent, where, by the kindness of the Vicar and Churchwardens, they rang several touches upon the bells in the tower of the parish church. After the first touch the party adjourned to the 'Coffee Palace,' where was provided an ample tea for the ringers, who again ascended the church tower and rang some touches of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, with 4th, 6th, and 8th behind. The following were present:—Messrs. R. C. and E. French, H. Flowers (Secretary), J. Hayward, T. Windley, H. H. Peters, T. Warwick, and J. E. Davis.

The Stanstead Ringers at Ickleton.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Stanstead branch of the Essex Association paid a visit to Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, and rang on the fine-toned ring of six bells 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And a short touch of COLLEGE SINGLE and BOB MINOR. I. Hammond, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 22 cwt. On their way homeward they called at Newport, Essex, and rang on the fine-toned ring of six bells 720 SINGLE MINOR in 26½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Prior, 4; H. Prior, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins. G. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

ON Wednesday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. H. Fruin,* 1; W. Wood, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; G. Williams,* 5; A. Hind (first peal in any method), 6; T. Payne, 7; J. West,* 8. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

ON Thursday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 9 mins. C. Tolley, 1; W. Jeffrey, 2; G. Williams (Fareham, Hants), 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; W. C. Barton, 5; T. Payne, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; A. Strange, 8. Tenor, 42 cwt., in C. The quickest peal rung at the Cathedral, and great credit is due to the men at the heavy bells for the fine striking.

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. L. Hammant,* 1; G. Conyard, 2; W. T. Cook,* 3; T. Durling (Chiselhurst), 4; F. Hayes (Gravesend), 5; F. French (conductor), 6; J. Garrard, 7; W. Saxby,* 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* First peal.]

AT ST. MARY'S, WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday morning, the 4th inst., for Divine service, 168 COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR (6 singles), 120 GRANDSIRE MINOR (4 bobs and 4 singles), and 120 OXFORD SINGLE BOB MINOR (2 singles). In the evening, 120 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR and a touch of LONDON SINGLE BOB MINOR. J. Nightingale, 1; C. J. Rodgers, 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; R. Stockley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And on Monday evening, the 15th inst., on handbells, two six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. R. Hurst, 1; H. Kelly, 2; J. Nightingale,

3; H. Spinks, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; J. Tweedley, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. These are the first 120's for the above except the conductor.

AT ST. MARY'S, GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the bells of the parish church were rung continually throughout the day. The first peal was 720 changes of Bob Minor, which was rung at 6.20 by J. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Two more touches were also rung by the same band, being 276 Bob Minor and 240 Oxford Treble Bob. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung during the morning by J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; Z. Slater, 5; G. Hammond (conductor), 6. After dinner a touch of Oxford Treble Bob and a touch of Kent Treble Bob were rung, both conducted by C. Sillitoe of Sudbury. Also in the evening a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob by Z. Slater, 1; C. Honeybell, 2; C. Adams, 3; G. Hammond, 4; S. Slater, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. The total day's ringing amounted to 3396 changes.

On Monday, the 15th inst., Mr. J. G. Shade of Greenwich, and Mr. C. Sillitoe of Sudbury, rang with four members of the Glemsford Society a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, 'S. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; J. G. Shade, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. Also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor by C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; J. G. Shade, 3; Z. Slater, 5; S. Slater, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, MONMOUTH.—On Tuesday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Herefordshire Diocesan Guild attempted to ring Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples; but it was lost after ringing 2744 changes in 1 hr. 45 mins., on account of the tenor. W. Preece, 1; J. G. Wall, 2; A. Bird, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. H. Jones, 5; T. M. Preece, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; H. Brown, 8. Afterwards a quarter-peal (1260 changes) in the same method was rung in 46 mins. T. Jones, 1; J. G. Wall, 2; W. Honeyfield, Esq., 3; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 4; T. H. Jones, 5; T. M. Preece, 6; A. Bird, 7; H. Brown, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. This quarter-peal has the 5th at home every three leads, and contains twelve 6-7's, and was rung in honour of the 500th anniversary of the birth of King Henry V. of Monmouth.

AT ST. PETER'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday evening, the 11th inst., the following members of the Sudbury company rang a touch of 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 43 mins. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Griggs, 7; H. Harper, 8. Also on Sunday, for the morning service, a touch of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Bob Major were rung with Mr. Shade and Mr. Coombs of Hampstead, who were on a visit to the ringers of this town. The following rang a touch of 464 Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; J. G. Shade (Greenwich), 4; W. Griggs, 5; W. Howell, 6; W. Cross, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. On Monday evening the ringers met at All Saints to oblige Mr. Shade, who had expressed a wish to hear these fine-toned bells. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. Tolliday, 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Howell, 3; J. G. Shade, 4; W. Griggs, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe and W. Cross, 7; H. Brackett and W. Bacon, 8. These bells are in very bad order, as will be seen when it took two men to ring the seventh and two the tenor.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Muffled Peal.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Eastern Counties' Guild rang 1008 Grandsire Triples (being the first two parts of Holt's Ten-part peal), with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. Lewis, for many years chaplain of Her Majesty's Prison, Spalding. J. S. Wright, 1; J. W. Jarvis, 2; G. Ladd, 3; C. Neaverson, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6; J. Brown, 7; G. Skeef, 8.

AT WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, the 14th inst., two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. M. Richardson, 1; W. Thorns, 2; J. Golds (conductor), 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart, 5. Also two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. M. Richardson, 1; W. Lillywhite, 2; H. Tidy, 3; E. Brackley, 4; G. Smart (conductor), 5. G. Smart and E. Brackley are members of the Sussex County Association.

AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 14th inst., for evening service, seven members of the St. James' Society, London, with Mr. George Sellars of Penzance, rang 560 Grandsire Triples. H. Alford, jun., 1; W. Chew, 2; G. Sellars, 3; H. Langdon, 4; G. Banks, 5; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 6; G. Wild, 7; E. Carter, 8. Afterwards a plain course of Grandsire Caters. H. Alford, jun., 1; R. T. Woodley, 2; G. Sellars, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; H. Langdon, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; E. Carter, 7; G. Wild, 8; R. French, 9; G. R. Banks, 10.

AT SPOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Monday evening, the 15th inst., for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung on the back six in 29 mins. C. Barrett, 1; J. Brookes, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; H. Harris, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Mason (conductor), 6. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Guest, 1; H. Mason, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Brookes, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; W. Hartshorn (conductor), 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; C. Barrett, 8. And a course of Bob Major. C. Barrett, 1; J. Guest, 2; H. Harris, 3; J. Brookes, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; W. Hartshorn, 6; G. H. Pagett, 7; H. Mason, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E. Messrs. Guest and Hartshorn came from Brierley Hill, Brookes from Lye, Mason from Old Hill, Lawrence from Wordsley; the rest are local men.

AT ST. MARY'S, REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.—Muffled Peal.—On Thursday, the 18th inst., a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 42 mins., with the bells muffled at hand-stroke, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. Donald M. Claxton of Merriott, who was formerly one of the clergy of this parish. G. Staddon, 1; G. Daltry, 2; H. Price, 3; E. Duckham, 4; E. Beake, 5; F. Price (conductor), 6; W. Parsons, 7; R. Watkins, 8. [*First quarter peal.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Concerning Bees.

SIR,—I fancy many bee-keepers will smile, as I did, on reading Canon Venables's letter in your issue of the 12th inst. under the above heading. I can hardly realise that any one, all eyes and ears like the observant Canon, should not have heard or seen anything of the system of modern bee-keeping, with its bar-frames, sectional supers, extraction, driving, transferring, uniting, queen raising, and all the interesting and ingenious contrivances by which 'the little busy bee' is brought into useful and profitable service. Moreover, there is a British Bee-keepers' Association, with Lady Burdett-Coutts as President, a *Bee Journal*, as well as other periodicals devoted to apiculture, and a bee literature which will repay any one who will read it. The new system produces results perfectly astonishing without destroying the bees or tainting the honey, and if Canon Venables would like to spend a really interesting day, I advise him to arrange with some modern bee-keeper at once to be present when he is clearing up for the year and making his apiary snug for the winter. In the meantime, the Canon may like to know there is an excellent little pamphlet published by the British Bee-keepers' Association for 6d.—*Modern Bee-keeping*, and, among others, a really valuable *Book about Bees* by Rev. F. C. Jenyns, published by Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co. Time and space will not allow me to do more than mention such names as Messrs. Abbott Bros., of Southall; Mr. Simmins, of Rottingdean; and Mr. Howard, of Holme, as leading authorities and manufacturers on bee-culture and of appliances. Among the clergy the Rev. Geo. Raynor, of Hazeleigh Rectory, Maldon, and the Rev. J. L. Seager, of Stevenage, are pre-eminent amateurs. There is an army of lecturers and experts always ready to give instruction in the new system, and I have never known any subject give so much interest and instruction to a village audience, nor one more likely to prove practically useful as a lecture on bees and modern bee-keeping. I may just mention as an illustration of what may be done, that last year one of my bar-frame hives produced 75 lbs. of super honey alone; and had I chosen to extract the bar-frames, as some bee-keepers do, I might have taken 30 lbs. of 'run' honey as well, and then left sufficient for the winter's feed.

I shall be very happy to communicate with Canon Venables on this subject, and send him a section of honey that he may taste and see what it is; and I may answer for my brother bee-keepers, who are a most enthusiastic and friendly fraternity, that he will always receive a hearty welcome to their apiaries, and find them ready to initiate him in the mystery and art of modern bee-keeping.

J. TRAVIS LOCKWOOD.

Widford Rectory, Ware.

'The Quiet Ruins of our Dismantled Monasteries.'—Tintern Abbey.

SIR,—Perhaps you will allow me to inform your readers who may not already know, and especially 'H. G. O.,' the writer of the article under the above heading in your last week's issue, that the service *did* take place among 'The quiet ruins of our dismantled' Tintern Abbey on June 23rd last, and a most joyous service it was. Full reports of it appeared in our local newspapers, e.g. *The Monmouthshire Beacon* (published at Monmouth, July 9th) and the *Chepstow paper*, &c., and surely for such an auspicious event at the old Abbey—for this year of Jubilee is the six hundredth anniversary of its consecration—the managers of towns' papers should not have been slow to give all the information they could to their readers concerning it.

The arrangements for the service were made and carried out very successfully by the present Rector of Tintern, the Rev. W. E. Rosedale, and his lay assistants. The day was beautifully fine and sunny, and the glorious old Abbey looked even more beautiful than ever in its dismantled ruins. A large and attentive congregation assembled, among whom were many Roman Catholics and other Dissenters, who, I have no doubt, also greatly appreciated the service as well as ourselves. The Tintern choir was augmented from a few neighbouring places and numbered seventy; there were eighteen clergy from both sides of the Wye—I think the majority was from the G. and B. diocese. The Bishop of Llandaff, attended by two chaplains, preached the sermon. The processional hymn, 'King of kings, Lord God Almighty,' was accompanied by cornets until the choir reached the stalls, and, says one of our local papers, 'Some have said they shall never forget the impressive solemnity of those first strains as they pealed through the echoing arches, growing momentarily louder as the white-robed procession of nearly ninety marched, recalling the memory of some great bygone festival when abbot and monk led the worship of countless pilgrims within the same grey walls "in times of old."' The Bishop and clergy occupied the presbytery, and the choir the space between it and the 'Monks' Choir,' the congregation filling the transepts and nave.

I was greatly moved myself with the worship and its accompanying circumstances—the place, its historical associations, the sympathy of numbers worshipping together, the solemn stillness during the reading of the lesson, and the sermon. And then there were the birds flying overhead—the swallows chasing each other on swift wing over and through the arches, loudly twittering as they skimmed through the air at this invasion of their domain. As they flew over the seven altars of the dismantled old Abbey I could but recall the words of the Psalmist (lxxxiv. 3), 'Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.' And hymn 240 A. & M. reminded me also of the same subject, being literally true:—

'Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy altars, O most High.'

No doubt they were happy, though they seemed extremely excited at the unusual sight presented to them below.

with them; whilst they can see points of advantage and strength in the kindly presence of a powerful sister Church. There are questions of intercommunion in the vista, which may centre the aspirations and prayers of earnest hearts on either side. But in every direction, and for every opening, I want the help of English money. The lapse of aid from Germany (freely sent for educational purposes in the former connexion of this Bishopric with that country) places us at a great disadvantage now. This surely entails responsibility upon English Churchmen. We are crippled for want of means. I ask each and all to give or collect what help they can; I ask the sympathy and prayers of all.' The Bishop's address, until the end of October, is 32 Priory Road, Bedford Park, Chiswick. His Commissaries are Canon Scarth, Bearsted, near Maidstone; and the Rev. E. H. Blyth, Margate.

Two Syrian Christians have offered their services to the C. M. S. for the Uganda Mission.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Clyst St. George, Devon.

SIR,—Last week I paid a visit to this church, of which the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe was for so many years rector. The ring was originally one of three, but through Mr. Ellacombe's exertions it was gradually augmented to six. The treble is inscribed, 'J. Hellier, T. Warren, *Wardens*. John Warner and Sons, London, 1862' (a medallion of the Prince Consort on the waist). 'In memoriam. Alberti. Consortis. Regii. Pii. Benevoli. Docti. Bonarvm. Artvm. Patroni. Omnibvs. Desideratissimi.' The second, 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1860.' The third has '✠ Dore mea bina depello omnia notitia.' The fourth, 'Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1862. Est michi collatum I.H.S. istud nomen amatum.' The fifth, 'Embrace tritu museck ✠,' and the tenor, 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1864 Recast and augmented in memory of Willmott Henry Wemuss Ellacombe, sole grandson of the Rector. He deceased Feb. 7, 1864, aged 10 years.' On the stock of the tenor the initials 'H. T. E.' are neatly carved, probably by the venerable Rector himself, who executed much of the carving and decoration in the church with his own hands. I was somewhat surprised to see that the fourth and second bells bore the royal arms and the great word 'Patent.' It may be all very well to place the royal arms on a bell as a loyal emblem, but to place it there in conjunction with the word 'patent' savours too much of advertising on church goods. I should imagine that this would be just the very thing that the late respected Rector would object to.

J. R. JERRAM.

The Sussex County Association.—District Meeting at Lewes.

THE members of this Association held their third meeting for the present year on Monday, the 1st ult., at the county town of Lewes, which from its central position attracted a considerable number of ringers, the following branches being represented:—Alfriston, Arundel, Brighton, Chailey, Crawley, Eastbourne, Henfield, Southover, Ringmer, Steyning, Warnham, Westham, and several other independent members and visitors were also present. The proceedings commenced at the tower of Southover Church (the only one out of the seven parish churches of Lewes which possesses a ring of bells) at ten o'clock, when touches of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, KENT TREBLE BOB and PLAIN BOB MAJOR, were brought round. During the morning and afternoon bands were formed to visit Ringmer and Seaford. A capital luncheon was served at the 'Bear Hotel' at 1.30, when about forty members were present. A larger number attended the business meeting which followed. One new branch, the nine ringers connected with the Lyminster Parish Church, was elected. A discussion then followed upon the question of scoring peals for the Challenge Bell, several members suggesting that a branch ringing several methods, but a smaller number of peals, should take precedence to another band scoring a larger number of peals, but all in one or two methods. It was decided, on being put to the vote, that for the present year the greatest number of peals should secure the bell, and the matter was referred to the sub-committee to prepare a scale for scoring peals in different methods for next year. It was then decided to hold the next District Meeting at Warnham, during October or November; and votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Southover, the Vicar of Ringmer and Seaford, and the churchwardens of the respective churches, for kindly allowing the members the use of the bells; and to the Rev. J. Buttick, vicar of Alfriston, for kindly presiding at the luncheon and meeting.

The Lancashire Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Newchurch, on Saturday, the 6th ult. Various companies were present, and rung at intervals during the afternoon and evening. A meeting was also held in the School at 6.30. Mr. J. T. Stott was elected chairman, and gave a cordial welcome to the visitors. Mr. Redford addressed the members, and returned thanks to the Rossendale company for joining the Lancashire Association in such large numbers. Mr. A. E. Wrecks and Mr. Nutter also addressed the meeting. On the motion of Mr. Curtis, a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar and Churchwardens, and to the local company, which was suitably acknowledged by the chairman.

The St. James' Society, London.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., a friendly meeting of some members of this Society took place at the church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, to celebrate the erection of a peal-board to commemorate a Jubilee Peal rung on May 5th, which was the second in the City of London. The board was presented by Mr. Churchwarden Webb, who was present in the tower. The ringing commenced with a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, the performers standing

as in the peal with the exception of Mr. West, who rang the sixth in place of Mr. Beech; the next was a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES by Messrs. Haworth, Bonny, Langdon, S. Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), Barry, M. A. Wood (conductor), Newman, D. Living; and afterwards a touch of TREBLE BOB MAJOR. Having adjourned to a neighbouring room, the ringers proposed the health of Mr. Churchwarden Webb, and spent a pleasant evening with the parochial ringers and Messrs. Monday, Tyack, Cecil, &c. Mr. D. Living having brought in the handbells, a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung by Messrs. Barry, 1-2; Haworth, 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; S. Wood (Ashton), 7-8; W. H. George, 9-10.

A Visit to Dovercourt and Harwich.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., Messrs. Barnett, Lucas, Waghorn, sen., Hubbard, and Hughes, members of the All Hallows Society, Tottenham, proceeded to Dovercourt, where they were met by two other ringers, Messrs. Hammond and Randall, and after a dip in the sea, a pleasant walk through the Spa and along the Esplanade brought them to St. Nicholas Church, Harwich, where, thanks to Mr. J. Brewster, captain of the Harwich ringers, all was found in good order for ringing. At the church tower they were met, as previously arranged, by Messrs. I. S. Alexander, A. R. Aldham, and W. Notts, from Ipswich, with whose assistance, and with that of Mr. G. Knock, one of the Harwich band, ringing was commenced with 312 STEDMAN TRIPLES, conducted by G. Lucas. Messrs. W. Easter, W. Green, and F. Goddard, members of the Harwich band of change-ringers having arrived, 252 BOB MAJOR, conducted by H. Barnett, 527 GRANDSIRE MAJOR, conducted by G. Lucas, and 408 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by F. Goddard, and a few shorter touches, were rung. During one of the intervals the Harwich band performed several tunes on the handbells in a masterly manner, affording very great pleasure to the visitors. Again ascending the tower after tea, the Tottenham and Ipswich party, with Mr. Hughes at the tenor, rang 420 STEDMAN TRIPLES, conducted by Mr. Aldham, after which 224 BOB MAJOR was conducted by Mr. H. Barnett. The visitors were accompanied to the station by the Harwich company, and tender their thanks to the Harwich ringers for the cordial reception they received; also to the Vicar and Churchwardens for allowing them the use of the tower.

A Jubilee Bell at Holy Trinity, Keighley, Yorkshire.

A JUBILEE Bell has been placed in this church at a cost of 40l. It has been cast by Messrs. James Shaw, Son, & Co., of Bradford (weight, 3½ cwt.), and placed in a small belfry on the south transept of the church. The bell was dedicated on Sunday morning, August 28th, by the Vicar, and first rung by Miss Nellie Haggas of Oakbank. It has been subscribed for by the parishioners and bears the inscription, 'Victoria. 1887. Fear God, honour the King.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John the Baptist's, Hagley, Worcestershire.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., a peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. C. Barrett,* 1; W. James,† 2; T. Lees,* 3; H. Harris,* 4; G. H. Pagett,* 5; W. F. Hartshorne,† 6; G. Hayward, 7; W. A. Pugh,* 8. Composed by the late Mr. C. Ravencroft of Bromsgrove, and conducted by Mr. Hayward. Tenor, 9½ cwt. The above is the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, for the use of the bells. Messrs. Barrett, Lees, Harris, Pagett, and Pugh, belong to St. Thomas's Society, Stourbridge; Messrs. Hayward and James to Bromsgrove; and Mr. Hartshorne to Brierley Hill. [*First in the method. †First peal.]

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., ten members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a Jubilee and birthday peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 14 mins. F. Musty, 1; H. Karn, 2; H. Hodges, 3; H. Roberts, 4; F. E. Ward, Esq., 5; T. E. Hooper, 6; W. T. Pates, 7; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 8; H. J. Tucker (twenty-ninth birthday), 9; A. W. Humphries, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. Composed by Mr. Johnson, sen., and conducted by Mr. Tucker.

At St. Paul's Cathedral Meeting-house, St. Paul's Churchyard, London.

ON Wednesday, the 24th ult., four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Yorkshire Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on handbells, retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3-4; S. Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne, first peal on handbells), 5-6; J. M. Hayes, 7-8. Size, 16. Umpire, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. Messrs. Woodley and Longden heard the latter part of the peal.

At Holy Trinity, Hull, Yorkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang Pritchard's Variation of Penning's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. G. M. Brownrigg, 1; C. Jackson (conductor), 2; T. Stockdale, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; C. Bennett, 5; H. Cutter, 6; F. Drabble, 7; F. Merrison, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Painswick, Gloucestershire.

ON Sunday, the 28th ult., the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, Shipway's Variation of Holt's Ten-part. A. Trigg, 1; S. Romans, 2; R. J. Wilkins, 3; W. Hale, 4; G. Daltry, 5; J. Hinton, 6; W. Sevier (conductor), 7; G. Smith, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. The above peal

supposed to be the first on the bells for upwards of twenty-eight years. Messrs. Hinton and G. Daltry come from Bristol; R. J. Wilkins and S. Romans, with the conductor, from Gloucester; the rest are of the local band. The company wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, the 14th ult., for Divine service in the morning, 720 BOB MINOR, in 26½ mins. P. Hamblett (conductor), 1; D. Melbourne, 2; A. De Prez, 3; C. Hartley, 4; E. De Prez, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Also for Divine service in the evening, 720 in the same method, in 23 mins. T. Johnson, 2, the rest standing as before. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G. The above was rung on the occasion of Mr. Thomas Houghton, sen., completing his fortieth year as clerk and sexton of the parish, which offices have now been held in the family 110 years.

AT LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, the 14th ult., four members of the Sudbury Society of Change-ringers, with Mr. Shade of Greenwich, and Mr. Coombs of Hampstead, paid a visit to this town, and rang upon the fine ring of SS. Peter and Paul's touches of BOB MAJOR and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. One of 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung for evening service. A. Symonds, 1; J. G. Slade (conductor), 2; J. Coombs, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Howell, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; H. Harper, 7; W. Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. in D flat.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 16th ult., the first half of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (2520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 34 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (conductor), 2; J. Higson, 3; W. Ellis, 4; H. Winrow, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Friday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang a date touch (1887 changes), composed by Mr. J. Carter of Birmingham, in 1 hr. 10 mins. E. Dains (Widford), 1; J. Everard (Writtle), 2; J. Dains (Widford), 3; A. Edwards (Writtle), 4; H. F. De Lisle, Esq. (Galleywood), 5; A. Tarbun (Widford), 6; W. Lincoln (conductor, Writtle), 7; W. J. Piper (Widford), 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. The above was rung in honour of the twenty-first birthday of the conductor, Mr. W. Lincoln, and also the seventeenth birthday of A. Edwards. At the same time a peal-board was unveiled, commemorating a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES rung here on Whit Monday by a band of the Essex Association and the Cumberland Society. It was kindly presented by the Vicar, the Rev. T. L. Papillon; who, however, was unavoidably absent on this occasion.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., 720 BOB MINOR, in 26 mins., on the middle six. G. Iles (first 720), 1; W. Sevier, 2; G. Porter, 3; G. Daltry, 4; F. K. Howell (first 720), 5; J. Hinton (conductor), 6.

AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., for Divine service in the evening, a quarter peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation (1248 changes), was rung in 52 mins. H. Niccols,* 1; H. R. Newton,* 2; A. Pittam,* 3; C. F. Winny, 4; A. Tennant,* 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; E. Carter, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8. [* First quarter peal in the method.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, TWERTON, NEAR BATH.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., the local company met to ring a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but after ringing about 700 it came to an end. J. Smith, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Chew (London), 3; J. Holman, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; H. Brown (Bath), 7; C. Bendell, 8.

AT ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., a quarter peal (1260) GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, was rung in 43 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Munday, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; B. Munday, 8. Also on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., the four parts of Reeves' peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (2080 changes) in 1 hr. 17 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; F. Davey, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; W. Mundy, 6; J. Moss, 7; T. J. Lake, 8. Also on Sunday morning, the 28th ult., 560 of the same method. C. Carter, 1; W. Mundy, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; E. Shepherd (conductor), 5; A. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

AT ST. PETER'S, LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, the 22nd ult., the following persons attempted a peal of STEPMAN CATER, which, unfortunately, came to an end through the slipping of a rope off the wheel, after ringing fourteen courses in 1 hr. 2 mins. Richard Williams, 1; T. Hammond, 2; J. Wood, 3; C. Williams, 4; W. Booth, 5; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 6; W. Davies, 7; G. Longden, 8; Robert Williams, 9; W. Brooks, 10. Afterwards 1120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL was rung. Richard Williams, 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; T. Hammond, 3; J. Wood, 4; Robert Williams, 5; C. Williams, 6; J. R. Pritchard, 7; W. Booth, 8; W. Davies, 9; G. Longden (conductor), 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. C. H. Hattersley came from Sheffield, Messrs. Longden and Wood from Ashton-under-Lyne.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, BARKING, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., for evening service, a 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Nash, 1; J. Gobbet, 2; W. Cecil, 3; G. Pearl, 4; H. Springall, 5; S. Hayes, 6; Y. Green (conductor), 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. Also after service, 1312 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 52 mins. R. Sewell, 1; J. Gobbet, 2; W. Cecil, 3; G. Pearl, 4; H. Springall, 5; S. Hayes, 6; Y. Green (conductor), 7; W. Greenleaf, 8.

MARKED with Judson's Indelible Marking Ink,

'And the wide sea hath drops too few to wash it clean again.'

Much Ado about Nothing, Act iv. Scene 1.—[Advt.]

THE REV. CANON JACOB, Rector of Portsea, writes: 'I am very glad to hear of the continued success of "Vino Sacro." IT IS BY FAR THE BEST SACRAMENTAL WINE I KNOW.—To Messrs. Hicks, Sole Proprietors of Vino Sacro, the Unique Church Wine, 27 George Street, Plymouth. Established 1808. [See Advt. at end.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Personal Remarks on 'Home Reunion Notes,' No. XXXIII., by the Earl Nelson.

SIR,—If I am in error on any point, I hope Lord Nelson, or any other person, will refute the statement which indicates the error. I must, however, ask the favour of your insertion of this letter, which justice to myself demands. At the same time, I will not be led into a controversy, because this might greatly injure the promotion of unity, which, I believe, I have as much at heart as any man, but which must be based upon the rock of truth if ever, being obtained, it is to continue and endure. The wisdom that descendeth from above must first be pure, then peaceable. To hold certain opinions touching the meaning of Holy Scripture, and to arrive at the conclusion, from the study of those Scriptures and of Church history, that the Church of Rome is therein described, is not 'to throw in my lot with the Puritans,' and the expression is, therefore, not appropriate when so used by the noble Earl of me. I retract not one word of what I wrote or intended, although it is just possible that if Earl Nelson had carefully observed what I wrote touching the piety of many Romanists, and of their finally quitting the Church of Rome, he would have not taken quite the view of my statements which his remarks lead me to suppose he has taken. I am by no means alone in most of the statements made. Many great, and thoughtful, and learned, and holy members of the Church of England have concluded that 'Rome is Babylon and that Babylon is Rome.' Bishops of the highest rank for learning, and who have been regarded as distinctly High Churchmen, have said as much. Learned and eloquent Bishops, known to myself, and personal friends of the noble Earl, felt no hesitation upon this point. The publications of the S. P. C. K. upon Rome afford copies of many writings by men of the highest authority in the Church of England, which can be had for a few pence. Dr. Bull's short and comprehensive work, which is surely not forgotten, and a new edition of Dr. R. Mant's work (Bishop of Down and Connor) on *The Disagreement of the Two Churches on many of the Fundamental Articles of Christianity*, appear to me to show that many Bishops and thorough Churchmen must be regarded as entitled to the accusation of 'throwing in their lot with the Puritans,' if it can be correctly applied to me. We may hope that these great prelates, almost Fathers of the Church, were innocent of all 'self-sufficiency and pride.'

The noble Earl, I am confident, knows well every part of that Bible which, I am certain, he loves very dearly, and therefore he will recollect that although he quotes (as many do) one text concerning Antichrist, there be other texts which declare that there be many Antichrists. But though this modifies any force of his observation considerably, I pass it by, and content myself with the following remarks. On the 18th July, 1870, 'The Dogma of the Infallibility,' greatly to the grief and sorrow of not a few Roman Catholic Bishops (who, however, when it was decreed, at once loyally yielded their opinion), was decreed and promulgated. This was barely sixteen years after the 'Immaculate Conception' had been proclaimed as a dogma (December 8th, 1854). Now, in my opinion, from the time of the promulgation of the dogma of Infallibility, Rome became Apostate, and fulfils henceforth the description given by St. Paul in his Second Epistle to the Thessalonians, c. ii. And if so, then I say that Earl Nelson's quoted mark of Antichrist does belong to the Pope of Rome. 'He who sits in the Temple of God, showing himself that he is God,' 'denies the Father and the Son.' For it appears to me (and Lord Nelson knows that men of learning, thought, research, and Church principles, have had this opinion) that when the Pope has been placed upon the altar, and sits upon it, and Cardinals kiss his feet and hands, and he is spoken of as him to whom the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven have been committed, whom the angels in Heaven revere, whom the gates of Hell fear, and all the world adores,—all this looks very like the Church of Rome recognising him as a Deity. But these things were done even before the dogma had been published. Now it is published, and in this way the Church of Rome is shut up to regard the Pope when uttering, under defined conditions, from his Cathedra, any new decree, as infallible. So acting, he shows himself that he is God, and so doing is Antichrist, for he practically puts himself in the place of the Father and the Son. And this is to deny the Father and the Son!

This is no new view. It has been held by many learned people; it is held by many learned people still. But the noble Earl will remember that, avoiding any reference to the Epistle to the Thessalonians or to the First Epistle of St. John, 'The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ' ought certainly to be read and listened to *sometimes* (c. i., v. 3). The Book refers to a city. That city is interpreted by some Roman Catholic notes to their translation as referring to the City of Rome in its Pagan state. (There appear many reasons why the interpretation should be regarded as correct, locally, but not until *after* paganism.) It seems also clear that the great and terrible trouble affecting the Church, and described in this Revelation, is *within* herself. It is *the Church*,

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE usual practice-night at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, London, will commence on Friday, the 16th inst., at 8 p.m., and will be resumed every alternate Friday evening from the above date.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

A DISTRICT meeting will be held at Longbridge Deverill, on Thursday, October 6th, when the bells will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided during the evening at 6d. each (free to members of the S.D.R.G.). Those purposing to attend should send in their names to Mr. G. Parham, the captain of the Longbridge Deverill ringers, before September 26th. J. R. JERRAM, *Secretary to S. D. R. G.*

The All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex, Church Bell-ringers at Brighton.

THE above Association held its annual outing on Saturday, the 27th ult., the place selected being Brighton. Owing to the well-known kindness and sociability of Messrs. Attree and Jay, touches were obtainable both at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'. In spite of the weather when leaving Victoria at 8.25 a.m., a lovely day presented itself at Brighton, enabling all to enjoy themselves in many pleasant ways. A start was made for home soon after 7 p.m. The members of the above Society take this opportunity of thanking their Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Fisher, M.A., for his usual kindness in connexion with the outing.

Some of the Bedfordshire Association at Southill.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd ult., Messrs. Allan, Cullip, Clarke, Chapman, Hills, Frossell (Bedford), and Mr. C. Craddock (Biggleswade), paid a visit to the parish of Southill, and rang at All Saints' Church 720 BOB MINOR (eight bobs and six singles). W. Allan, 1; C. Craddock, 2; H. Chapman, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. Hill, 6. This was followed by some OXFORD TREBLE BOB and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. Courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR were rung on the handbells, which brought the ringing to an end. The visitors wish to express their best thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion, which are a fine-toned ring of six, but go badly. The following are the diameters, height, and maker's name of each bell:—1st to 5th, John Briant, Hertford, 1814. 1st, diam., 29 ins.; height, 21 ins. 2nd, diam., 30 ins.; height, 22 ins. 3rd, diam., 32 ins.; height, 24 ins. 4th, diam., 35 ins.; height, 26 ins. 5th, diam., 37½ ins.; height, 29 ins. 6th, 'Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1867' (diam. 42½ ins; height, 29½ ins.)

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Slough, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins. G. Newson* (composer and conductor), 1; A. G. Fussell,* 2; H. White* (Basingstoke, first peal of MAJOR on tower bells), 3; T. Titchener, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; W. H. Fussell,* 6; G. Griffin, 7; A. Jacob, 8. Tenor, 9 cwt. The first peal of MAJOR on the bells. The remainder of the band are from London, except the Fussell brothers of Slough. [* Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.]

At St. John's Minster, Beverley, Yorkshire.

ON Wednesday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association (from Hull) rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 17½ mins. C. Bennett, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Pollard, 3; H. Cutter, 4; W. Southwick, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; F. Drabble, 7; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 29½ cwt. The composition, which has the 4th, 5th, and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6, without the 2nd in 6th's place at a course-end, is the first peal of MAJOR on the bells.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Foxearth, Essex.

ON Wednesday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. G. Maxim, 1; S. Slater (fiftieth peal), 2; F. Wells, 3; C. Herbert (first peal), 4; O. Garwood, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; N. Hawkins, 7; G. Hammond, 8. Composed by Mr. Barker and conducted by Mr. Hammond. Tenor, 8½ cwt. The above peal, in two parts, contains the 6th twenty-two times right and wrong. Messrs. Wells, Slater, and Garwood are from Glemsford; Hawkins, Belchamp; Maxim, Foxearth; Herbert, Woburn, Beds.; Sillitoe, Sudbury; and Hammond, Ringmer, Sussex. Mr. Herbert was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. S. Slater, 1; G. Maxim, 2; F. Wells, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; O. Garwood, 5; R. Mingay, 6; P. C. S. Scott, 7; G. Hammond (conductor), 8. The peal, composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, contains the 6th the extent in all positions.

At All Saints', Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. C. H. Hattersley, 1; S. Seed, 2; Jos. Mulligan, 3; John Mulligan, 4; E. E. Vinen (London), 5; J. Dixon, 6; T. Hattersley (conductor), 7; J. Rew, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 2 hrs. 40 mins. H. D. Adams, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; G. A. Clements, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore came from

Canterbury. This is the first peal ever rung in the city of Salisbury. It has been attempted several times before at St. Martin's, but has not been finished till now. On one or two occasions it broke down after ringing for nearly two hours and a half.

AT ST. MARY'S, PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—On Sunday, the 14th ult., on the occasion of a visit to St. Mary's by the President of the Devonshire Guild (Colonel Troyte), touches of 630 and 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung for Divine service in the evening, in which the Colonel rung the 4th. And on Monday, the 22nd ult., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, composed by J. Carter of Birmingham, containing the musical qualities of Queen's, Tittums, Whittingtons, the twelve 4-6's and twelve 6-7's, was rung in 45 mins. J. Boase, 1; J. Symonds (conductor, College Youth), 2; J. Richards, 3; J. Langran (Tottenham), 4; J. Hitchens, 5; A. G. Higdon, 6; C. Boase, 7; M. Hicks, 8. Mr. Langran was elected a member of the Devonshire Guild on the same evening.

AT ST. MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS', BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., for Divine service, 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB was rung in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; C. H. Howard (first 720), 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; F. L. Bumstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; S. Hammond (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., for morning service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 25 mins. B. Starkey, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; G. Hughes (conductor), 3; A. Hill, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; W. R. Small, 6. Also, on Sunday, the 28th ult., after evening service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Mills, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; J. Frisby, 3; W. R. Small (conductor), 4; C. Price, 5; A. Hill, 6; W. Pardoe, 7; B. Starkey, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., a quarter peal of BOB TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung in 42 mins. J. Bennett, 1; H. Williams, 2; T. Salters, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Adams, 5; J. Crane, 6; R. E. Grove (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. This is the first quarter peal in the method on the bells. On Thursday, the 25th ult., a quarter peal in the same method, in 40 mins. J. Bennett, 1; J. Crane, 2; T. Salters, 3; J. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Adams, 5; J. Crane, 6; R. E. Grove (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D.

AT ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.—On Thursday, the 25th ult., 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung by H. Ferguson, 1; R. S. Story, 2; E. Scott, 3; E. Wallis, 4; T. Denton, 5; T. Haigh (Huddersfield, conductor), 6; W. Story, 7; F. Lees, 8. On Saturday, the 27th ult., 420 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Reed, 1; R. S. Story, 2; A. Ingleby, 3; A. Clark, 4; W. Story, 5; W. Pick, 6; T. Clark (conductor), 7; F. W. Reed, 8. Messrs. Ingleby, A. Clark, Pick, and T. Clark, came from Ripon. Several plain courses of DUFFIELD MAJOR, with T. Haigh, 8; and 448 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Reed, 1; A. Clark, 2; A. Ingleby, 3; W. Story, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Pick, 6; T. Clark, 7; T. Haigh (conductor), 8. On Tuesday, the 30th ult., 720 BOB MINOR. H. Ferguson, 1; F. Lees, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Egglestone, 4; G. Forsyth (first 720), 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. On Sunday evening, the 28th ult., for Divine Service at St. Stephen's, 252 STEDMAN TRIPLES. H. Ferguson, 1; W. Story, 2; E. Scott, 3; R. S. Story, 4; F. Lees (conductor), 5; E. Wallis, 6; J. Hern, 7; E. Watson, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

AT ST. GREGORY'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., for practice, 1248 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; J. Lee (Foxearth), 2; W. Howell, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Cross, 5; W. Griggs, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., a mixed band rang on the back eight, before evening service, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. E. Dains (Widford), 1; J. Dains (Widford), 2; A. Edwards (Writtle), 3; W. Rowland (Chelmsford), 4; W. Hawkes (Springfield), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon (Writtle), 6; W. Lincoln (Writtle, conductor), 7; J. Parmenter (Chelmsford), 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt. The above quarter peal was composed by Mr. A. J. Perkins, of Romford, and contains Queen's, Tittums, Whittingtons, and the twelve 6-7's. A new set of ropes has lately been fitted to the bells in this tower, making the work of ringers easier and pleasanter than it was. Arrangements are also in progress for the erection of a peal-board in commemoration of the first peal (TREBLE BOB ROYAL) upon the ten bells, rung on the 1st ult.

AT OCKLEY, SURREY.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., for morning service, a 360 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. T. Stedman, 1; G. Baker, 2; R. Jordan, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. After morning service, 720 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE in 24 mins. G. Baker (first 720 in any MINOR method) 1; R. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; G. Williams, 4; A. Mills, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 220 BOB MINOR with some of the local band.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 30th ult., a date touch of 1887 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; J. Higson, 3; W. B. Lloyd, 4; W. Ellis, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; J. Aspinwall, 7; P. H. Harvey, 8.

AT DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On Wednesday evening, the 31st ult., the Parish Church Society of Change-ringers rang a full peal of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, containing 32 bobs and 28 singles, in 26 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; J. Burrows, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; M. Caddy, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. This is the first 720 ever rung by the above members, and also the first at the above church.

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—On Sunday evening, the 4th inst., before Divine service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by the St. John's Society in 41 minutes. W. Baron, jun., 1; S. G. Davies, 2; W. Broadbent, 3; W. Partington (conductor), 4; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies, 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

been driven to use biscuits.' As to wine, 'such as we use is even more objectionable; it is more thoroughly in the eyes of the Chinese a foreign production than bread. A weak claret is generally used for the communicants, mixed with much water to weaken the taste, but wine in no form has any association with the life of the people, and can convey no religious idea. As rice is here the staff of life, so tea is the universal drink; and I have often wished we might be able to adapt this blessed Feast to the circumstances of the Chinese, by substituting a cake made of rice for bread and tea for wine. Is it not our boast and glory that Christianity, in all its teachings and applications, can be adapted to meet the wants of every nation under heaven? If all China were to become Christian, how could a practically breadless and wineless nation provide for its millions bread and wine for the Lord's Supper? This difficulty is very serious and thoroughly practical; would it not be well for Missionary Committees and Bishops in England to give us some advice on the subject?' The *Indian Churchman* deems the difficulty exaggerated: 'What is the objection to imported wine? We have never seen more vineyards in England than are to be found in China. And when wine is hard to obtain, let it be remembered that the Paschal Cup which our Saviour used contained one part wine to two of water. Again, as to the other element, the Bishop assumes that the Sacramental bread must be such as is ordinarily eaten, or it will lose its significance. But our rubric only says of such that it shall "suffice." Our Lord did not think so, else He would hardly have used that special form of bread which was appropriated to religious uses—unleavened bread; for that he used the Paschal cakes of unleavened bread cannot be doubted.'

AUSTRALIA.

In addressing his synod at Brisbane in July, Bishop Webber stated that, while still wanting more clergy, their number in the diocese had risen from thirty-three in 1885—when he arrived in Australia—to 51. For the stipends of these additional clergy a sum of 4000*l.* is locally raised, and there is a general increase in the offerings of the faithful.

SOUTH AFRICA.

ARCHDEACON SHEARS sends from Durban, Natal, an account of some incidents in connexion with the Mission to the Coolies from India. Among these people was an old man of great influence among his neighbours, and doing a good trade in his village as an Indian storekeeper. 'My Indian schoolmaster told me that he was a Wesleyan; but everybody else asserted that he was a Mohammedan, and had erected a small mosque by the side of his store.' After interviewing him, and finding that he was neither [an idolater nor a Moslem, he was at last asked: 'What is your God?'] The questioner was thereupon conducted into the supposed mosque, and shown the central object there—a large *Ecce Homo* picture, to which the Indian salaamed. The man's account of himself was a strange one. For eight years he had been convinced that Christ was the true God, so he bought a picture of Him and put it up in his oratory, and prayed, and burned incense before it. It appeared 'that he was not making an idol of the picture, but using it simply as a representation of an unseen reality. He had, he said, worshipped Christ all these years, knowing hardly anything about Him, but supposing that some day He would send him more light. Here his Indian fatalism had kept him back; he had never said a word; he only waited.' He described his marriage: 'He and his wife went together into the oratory by themselves, and knelt before the picture, and called upon the God it represented to take notice that they took one another as man and wife. Then they came out and made a feast to the people.' The pair have since been instructed, baptized, and formally married. The so-called mosque has become a mission-chapel, with a more intelligent style of worship. Two other Indian families have since been baptized, and this storekeeper is now doing his best to win all round him to the truth.

WEST AFRICA.

ON Whitsun Day, at Onitsha on the Niger, Bishop Crowther ordained another native deacon in presence of a congregation of 436 persons, of whom 54 communicated. On Trinity Sunday Archdeacon Johnson, at the same place, baptized nine adults, and the Bishop confirmed 20 candidates.

GERMANY.

THE Deaconess Institute of Kaiserswerth has put forth its fiftieth yearly report. At Kaiserswerth itself are ten distinct institutions with ninety-four sisters, an asylum and Magdalen Home with twenty inmates, an infants' school with from eighty to ninety children, an infirmary with 100 to 110 patients, a female orphanage with thirty-four orphans, a teachers' seminary with seventy students, a preparatory seminary with nine, an hospital for women hypochondriacs with forty inmates, a deaconess school with eighteen, the Paul-Gerhart Stift for sick women with thirty-six to forty. In the Rhine Province there are 236 deaconesses at 110 spheres of labour—in hospitals, in *crèches*, in the congregational diaconate, in the teaching and training of girls, &c. In Westphalia there are ninety-eight sisters for thirty-six places; in the rest of Germany sixty-seven for sixteen. At Berlin the deaconesses are forty-four. There are in Germany thirteen daughter-houses of Kaiserswerth with fifty-three deaconesses. Outside of Germany there are at work sixty-six deaconesses. In their hospital at Alexandria they tend sixty-three inmates daily; they have several institutes in Syria—at Beyrut a boarding-school with 130 children, and a deaconess home with 117 children; at Acrea in Lebanon a school; at Cairo their hospital tends eighteen sick; at Jerusalem their hospital tends from thirty to forty, and here is also the *Talitha-cumi* with 113 children; at Smyrna there is an institute with 158 scholars, a female orphanage with twenty-one orphans; at Florence an institute with 100 children. The deaconesses also work at Bucharest, Constantinople, Pest, and Rome.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Stratford-on-Avon.

SIR,—We have had our old bells—six in number, two recast—all rehung, and two additional ones added, so that we now have a ring of eight. We now want better ringers; and as a means of getting them the clergy and churchwardens contemplate establishing a Guild of Bell-ringers for the town and neighbourhood. Will you kindly give us, through your columns, information how to proceed to attain our end, together with rules for our future guidance?

J. P. NASON, *Churchwarden*.

Church House, Stratford-on-Avon.

[We advise our correspondent to apply to Rev. Dolben Paul, Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham, Hon. Sec. of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who, we feel sure, will be glad to supply all needful information.—ED. C. B.]

The Lancashire Association of Six-bell Ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Andrews, Leyland, on Saturday, September 17th. The bells will be open for ringing from two o'clock; business meeting at five o'clock in the Schoolroom. 57 Chorley Road, Blackrod.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

The Anniversary at Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE Lavenham ringers, who were prevented by the Jubilee rejoicings from holding their anniversary on the usual day, propose to hold it on September 29th, on which day it is also intended to hold a Service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest.

The Essex Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Walthamstow on Saturday, October 8th. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells), and St. Saviour's (eight bells), will be open for ringing during the day. T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ten Bells at Chelmsford, Essex.

A MIXED band from Chelmsford, Galleywood, Widford, and Writtle, have begun to meet for practice on the ten bells, and have accomplished the plain course of GRANDSIRE CATERS. It is hoped that they may meet more regularly during the ensuing winter.

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., a Quarterly Meeting of the above Association took place at Brierley Hill. The meeting, which was well attended by members from Brierley Hill, Bromsgrove, Coseley, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton, and Arelly-Kings, was held, by the kind permission of the Rector, Rev. J. Stone, in the National Schoolroom, and was presided over in his absence by the Rev. C. W. Tibbetts (Coseley). The usual business being transacted, the Chairman offered some suggestions, which, if acted upon, cannot fail to be of good results to the Association. Votes of thanks having been passed to the Chairman for presiding, to the Rev. J. Stone for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and also to the Vicars of St. Thomas (Stourbridge), St. James (Wollaston), and St. Thomas (Dudley), for so kindly offering the use of their towers and bells for the occasion, brought the meeting to a close. Owing to the downpour of rain during the evening, the members could not visit the towers above mentioned for ringing, but each one enjoyed himself with listening to some good touches of GRANDSIRE CATERS and TRIPLES upon the hand-bells by various mixed bands. The bells of St. Michael, Brierley Hill, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.—Mr. James Hannington, *Master*; Mr. Albert E. Church, *Senior Steward*; Mr. Daniel Lovate, *Junior Steward*; Mr. William Baron, *Hon. Treasurer*.

The election of officers and reception of annual balance-sheet took place at head-quarters on the 9th inst., and, as will be noticed, the Treasurer and Secretary retain their offices. At the close of the business meeting the newly-elected Master gave the usual vote of thanks to officers of the past year, which was cordially received; as was his special mention of the outgoing Master, Mr. Henry S. Thomas, for the lively and deep interest taken by that gentleman in the Society's business during his tenure of office. The ex-Master responded, to the effect that his interest would long survive his vacating the chair; and mutual congratulations followed.

HENRY DAINS, *Hon. Secretary*.

Garden Party at Duffield-by-Derby.

ON the afternoon of the 3rd inst. Mr. A. P. Heywood entertained a large number of ringers from the different Societies in the Midland Counties' Association to a garden party at his residence, Duffield Bank. The afternoon, although inclined to be rather showery, was greatly enjoyed by all, the beautiful grounds and picturesque scenery being much admired. Hand-bell ringing was enjoyed at intervals; and games, including bowls, &c., were heartily entered into, whilst those inclined for travel made excursions on Mr. Heywood's miniature railway to an illusory Scarborough and Skegness. During the afternoon several touches were rung on the bells at the parish church, including one of LONDON SURPRISE by the Burton band, who have recently obtained a full peal in that method.

A New Ring of Six Bells at Barnby-on-Don, Yorkshire.

ON Wednesday, the 7th inst., the new ring of six bells was opened by the ringers of Tickhill. They were cast by Messrs. Warner of London, and hung in a new frame with new fittings complete by Messrs. Mallaby & Sons

of M'sham, Yorkshire, to the entire satisfaction of the Vicar and Churchwardens. In commemoration of the event a service was held, which was largely attended by parishioners and friends. The service was commenced with a Processional hymn. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. C. T. Duffin, curate of Tickhill, who was assisted by the Rev. W. P. Davies, curate of Firbeck. The first lesson was read by the Rev. F. S. Tireman, rector of Kirk Sandall, and the second by Mr. Wright. On the conclusion of the prayers the clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, where the vicar, the Rev. J. Duffin, read a short litany and prayers of dedication. Returning to the chancel stalls, a merry peal was rung on the new bells. Subsequently the Rev. F. W. Peel preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon, founding his discourse on Numb. v. 10.

These bells form the parishioners' Jubilee offering. During the incumbency of the present vicar the church has been restored, the Vicarage, with schools and master's house, erected, and now a new ring of bells hung, and the whole nearly paid for. The three old bells had been recast, being in a very dilapidated and dangerous condition. The date on these bells was 1336—about the time of the erection of the main portion of the church. On the second bell was 1647, 'Soli Deo Gloria,' and on the third bell 1623, 'Jesus be our speed.' On the tenor bell:—'To the Glory of God, Victoria Jubilee, 1887. Given by loving Parishioners and Friends. T. Duffin, B.A. vicar. G. F. Milnthorpe, W. Oliver, S. Parkin, churchwardens.' The following methods were rung:—720 DUKE OF YORK, 720 PRIMROSE, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 720 KENT, 720 WOODBINE, 720 VIOLET, 720 NEW LONDON PLEASURE, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE. A. Wright, 1; C. Ainsley, 2; F. Jenkinson, 3; T. Mansfield, 4; G. Gledall, 5; J. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt., in a flat.

The registers in the church commence in 1599. It may be stated that the rectory belonged to a college at Catherstoke, in Northamptonshire. It lost all its tithes at the Reformation, except about 10% a-year. The tithes were partly replaced by lands, which brought in a large sum annually to the impropricators. The Vicar's salary is reduced to 100% a-year, and is derived from lands. There are no tithes whatever, and the lands have been given by benevolent donors and the Commissioners under Queen Anne's Bounty. The impropricators have never given anything to the minister at any time, nor rendered any assistance in his ministrations to the poor and needy.

The Bells, &c., of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, City of London.

In the belfry of St. Sepulchre's are eleven bells. One, which is known as the 'Saint's bell,' occupies a distinct place in the tower. This has not been used for some years. The others constitute a fine ring of ten bells; tenor, 32 cwt. With regard to the tolling on the occasion of executions at Newgate, there is a Sole's gift in connexion with this parish. Sole was an old resident, and belonged to the Clothworkers' Company. He directed that out of his estate '1*l*. 16*s*. 8*d*. shall be paid yearly to the sexton of St. Sepulchre for hym to toll the big bell whenever an execution takes place at ye prison in the Old Bailey.' There is a note in the will to the effect that this is to be paid 'for ever.' This bequest has been carried out with a slight deviation. For years the bell was tolled for an hour. A short time since the inhabitants complained, and the bell has tolled for half-an-hour only on execution mornings.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Thursday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, rang a Jubilee peal of 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 30 mins. J. Austin, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggard, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Tenor, 26 cwt. [The conductor would be glad to know whether there are records of previous peals on this method other than those at Norwich in 1835, at Woolwich in 1849, and Bennington in 1870.]

On Saturday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a quarter peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, as a welcome touch to their new Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Beaven), who arrived in Burton on that day. G. Robinson, 1; J. Austin, 2; A. Wakley, 3; E. I. Stone, 4; W. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggard (conductor), 6; H. Wakley, 7; T. Holmes, 8. Also on Sunday, the 28th ult., for evening service, 960 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 42 mins.

At Holy Trinity, Staleybridge, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 5th inst., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 3 mins. S. Wood, 1; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor), 2; J. Wood, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. Mellor, 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; G. Longden, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6.

At the Parish Church, Appleton, Berks.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5079 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 24 mins. F. White, 1; E. Hollifield, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (first peal in the method), 3; J. W. Washbrook, 4; B. Barrett, 5; W. Bennett, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. Avery, 8; G. Hollifield, 9; T. Bennett, 10. Composed by Mr. Johnson, sen., and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At the Meeting-House, St. Paul's Churchyard, London.

On Wednesday, the 7th inst., the Ancient Society of College Youths rang on hand-bells retained in hand Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 38 mins. H. R. Newton (first peal on hand-bells), 1-2; W. H. L.

Buckingham, 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; J. M. Hayes, 7-8. Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham; umpire, Mr. G. Wild. Also on Monday, the 12th inst., at the same house, the above Society, in connexion with the Essex Association, rang on hand-bells retained in hand Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45½ mins. G. W. Cartmel (first peal as conductor), 1-2; E. P. Debenham (first peal on hand-bells), 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. Umpires, Messrs. J. M. Hayes and G. T. McLaughlin.

At the Parish Church, Dorchester, Oxfordshire.

On Wednesday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. C. Trinder, 1; G. Jones, 2; F. Field, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; H. Cobb (first peal in this method), 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; F. Giles, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Friday, the 26th ult., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in 25 mins. F. Sanders, 1; W. Hawkins (Nutfield), 2; F. Arnold, 3; W. Sadler, 4; R. Arnold, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., 360 OXFORD and 360 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. F. Sanders, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Bridge, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, the 21st ult., 360 KENT TREBLE BOB, standing as before. And 720 BOB MINOR (21 bobs and 12 singles), in 25 mins. J. Poplett, 1; E. Moses, 2; F. Arnold, 3; F. Sanders, 4; R. Arnold, 5; W. Sadler (conductor), 6.

AT SALWARPE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., the Hanbury Company visited the above place, and rang several 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. A. Buckingham, 1; T. Wyre, 2; F. C. Buckingham, 3; A. Moore, 4; G. Moore, 5; J. Gore (conductor), 6. After which the Rector, the Rev. Canon Douglas, entertained them to a substantial tea. On returning, a halt was made at Dodderhill, where, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. Nicholson, several more 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung, standing as before. The above company take this opportunity of thanking the Rectors of both churches for the use of the bells.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Tuesday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Smith, 1; G. Woodiss, 2; H. Parslow, 3; C. Slade, 4; J. Parslow, 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Wright (conductor), 7; G. Naish, 8.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., for morning service, 504 GRANDSIRE CATERS. G. Naish, 1; C. Slade, 2; H. Parslow, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; A. Challis, 5; J. Wright, 6; W. H. Judd, 7; G. Gray, 8; J. Strutt (conductor), 9; J. Smith, 10. Also 287 GRANDSIRE CATERS, with J. Stuart, 2; J. Smith, 9; C. Slade, 10; and J. Wright (conductor), the rest standing as before.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.—The Midland Counties' Association (St. Andrew's Society) of Change-ringers, on the 1st inst., rang a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the bells half muffled, as the last token of respect to Mr. Wm. Dawson, one of the above Association, who was interred the same day at the new cemetery. And on the 7th inst., after the marriage of Mr. Ormsby Taylor and Miss Carter Wigg, the bells rang out the wedding peal; also touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR during the afternoon, which was followed by a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; H. C. Woodward, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; W. H. Found, 5; J. Thompson, 6; G. Mottashaw (conductor), 7; T. Albott, 8.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, BARKING, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 3rd inst., a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung by W. Carter, 1; J. Willshire, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; T. H. Bell, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Cropley, 8.

AT ST. CUTHBERT'S, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, DURHAM.—On Sunday, the 4th inst., a 720 of OXFORD BOB MINOR in 32 mins. J. W. Forster, 1; W. Oliver, 2; T. H. Surtees, 3; T. Bell, 4; F. Barron, 5; J. Spraggon (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. H. H. Ross-Lewin, curate of the parish, whose sudden and greatly lamented death occurred in Ireland, while on his holidays, on the 24th August. The deceased, who was an honorary member of the above Association, took a great interest in bell-ringing.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, the 4th inst., 360 GRANDSIRE MINOR. H. Baker, 1; C. Burtenshaw, 2; W. Gallagher, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; D. Burtenshaw, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6. Also on Tuesday, the 6th inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, in 23½ mins. W. Gallagher, 1; C. Burtenshaw, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; J. Fayers, 4; G. Welling, 5; H. J. Schneider (conductor), 6.

AT ALL SAINTS', WORCESTER.—On Sunday, the 4th inst., Mr. J. Hinton (Bristol), F. E. Ward, Esq. (Cheltenham), and Mr. S. Cleal (Tewkesbury), were met by most of the local band at All Saints', and rang 500 GRANDSIRE CATERS, three courses of BOB MAJOR, and a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES. The ringers, beside those already mentioned, were G. Cleal, W. Blandford, S. Cotton, W. Powell, W. Jenkins, W. Pudge, J. Hale, and G. Hinton. Also at the house of Mr. G. Hinton, on handbells, a course of STEDMAN CINQUES by S. Cotton, W. Powell, G. Cleal, J. Hinton, S. Cleal, and W. Jenkins. A touch of about 700 GRANDSIRE CATERS, conducted by J. Hinton, G. Cleal standing out; and a course of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, with W. Jenkins and W. Powell standing out. On Monday, the 5th inst., for practice, at All Saints' Church, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung in 48 mins. N. Wale, 1; W. Jenkins, 2; S. Cotton, 3; H. Pheasant, 4; H. Wilks (conductor), 5; J. W. Reynolds, 6; G. Cleal, 7; H. Owen, 8.

AT ST. PETER'S-IN-THE-EAST, OXFORD.—On Sunday, the 4th inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung by J. West, 1; C. Tolley, 2; W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; H. Castle, 4; W. Jeffery, 5; A. E. Hind, 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Sunday, the 4th inst., twelve 6-Scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, called differently. J. Robinson, 1; Fredk. Sanders, 2; J. Poplett, 3; F. Sanders, 4; W. Sadler (conductor), 5. Tenor, 10 cwt.

AT ST. HILDA'S, MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday evening, the 4th inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in 28 mins., it being the first 720 in the method rung by a local company. J. Nicholson,* 1; R. Borrowes,* 2; J. M'Adam,* 3; C. Wilkinson,* 4; H. M'Adam, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [* First 720 in the method.]

AT NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Monday, the 5th inst., for practice, 720 OXFORD BOB MINOR (39 bobs and 18 singles) was rung in 25 mins. C. Tendall, 1; J. Skinner, 2; J. Burkin, 3; T. Boniface, 4; J. Tidy, 5; W. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Also 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. W. Hawkins, 1; J. Skinner, 2; J. Burkin, 3; T. Boniface, 4; J. Tidy, 5; H. Peters, 6.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Proposed Surrey Diocese.

SIR,—I see from your 'Notes on Passing Events' that the question of a Bishop for Southwark has been again brought forward. I have not seen Mr. J. G. Talbot's letter in the *Guardian* yet, but perhaps you can find space for what has occurred to me. I suppose all admit that the present diocese of Rochester is extremely ill-constructed. The natural remedy seems to be to make Rochester the cathedral city of West Kent, the capital of a diocese including the whole of the western half of that county, and to form the whole of Surrey into one diocese. This would greatly benefit the dioceses of Canterbury and Winchester, and large help might surely be expected from the Churchmen of Kent and Hampshire as well as of Surrey.

As to the raising of funds to provide 4000*l.* a-year for a Bishop of Surrey, the following has seemed the natural course to me. Rochester will, on the next vacancy in the see of St. Albans, receive 1000*l.* a-year, as ten years ago, when Bishop Claughton became Bishop of the new see, he retained his former income. As Canterbury would be relieved of nearly one half of its present diocese, the see might naturally contribute 500*l.*, or even 1000*l.* a-year; and as Winchester would be relieved of the care of the Surrey part of its diocese, it might well contribute, say, 300*l.* a-year. Again, the deanery of Rochester might, on the death of Dean Scott, contribute 400*l.* a-year out of its 2000*l.*, to enable West Kent to have a Bishop of its own; the Bishop of Rochester, as things are, belonging to East Surrey much more than to Kent and Rochester. This would be a contribution of 1200*l.* a-year from three sources, and depending on three lives, two of the three over seventy-five years of age, though it is more than possible that the Archbishop would be very glad to make the contribution of 500*l.* from his see immediately rather than prospective, as he would thereby relieve himself of the care of nearly half his diocese. The present Bishop of Rochester would have the choice of being Bishop of West Kent or of remaining in Surrey. Should he choose to be Bishop of West Kent, the see of Rochester should, during his lifetime, have 4000*l.* a-year, as arranged ten years ago, but after that should have only 3000*l.*, while the see of Southwark should be augmented to 4000*l.* a-year, as the Bishop of South London will have much more need of 4000*l.* a-year than his brother of Rochester. On the next vacancy at Canterbury, however, the income of that see might be reduced to 14,000*l.*, thus raising Rochester to 3500*l.* a-year. If these contributions were made from the three sources named, there would remain only 1800*l.* a-year for the Churchmen of Surrey, Kent, and Hampshire to raise, in order to provide, with the 1000*l.* a-year from St. Albans, an income of 4000*l.* a-year for a Bishop of Southwark, and 3000*l.* a-year for a Bishop of Rochester having superintendence of that part of Kent west of a line drawn, say, from Sittingbourne to Cranbrook. It is hard work to raise funds for new bishoprics, but surely the 1800*l.* a-year needed would quickly be raised by three such wealthy counties, each of which would be benefited. The see of Southwark could be founded as soon as this 1800*l.* a-year was raised. But if this scheme is adopted, it would be needful that the new Dean of Rochester should be appointed on the understanding that, on the death of Dean Scott, his income would be 1600*l.* a-year, and not 2000*l.* a-year. Or Dean Scott might be induced to delay his resignation for perhaps six or twelve months.

H. C. R.

The White Cross Society.

SIR,—I must take the first opportunity of apologising to 'L. W.' for anything in my letter in reply to his, which has led him to think I am angry with him. I did not include him among those who give advice that is not the least required, but invited him to give some practical help. His advice is, 'Let it become known that mothers will not give away their daughters to men of immoral antecedents.' But before this can become known, it must be a fact. There is, I believe, a Society of influential ladies who have taken this point up most strongly. When that Society has done its work the fact will become known. Again, he says, 'Let it become known that it is "the thing" to marry and begin life in a small cottage.' When it is 'the thing' to do so it will be known to be fashionable. Perhaps 'L. W.' is not aware that much has already been said on this point by those who are interested in the White Cross Society. I feel that I may take this opportunity of thanking one reader of *Church Bells* who has come forward with the practical help of a cheque for ten pounds; a second, who has sent an anonymous donation of 1*l.*; and a third, who has subscribed to the fund for distributing the White Cross literature. If there are any more readers who will inform themselves as to the work by sending for a Report, or circulate the papers, or subscribe

to the Endowment Fund, or give me the name of any, rich or poor, who are known to be in sympathy with such a work, I shall be most grateful to them. Museum Close, Oxford.

G. S. S. VIDAL.

'Thy Kingdom Come.'

SIR,—Have you noted this testimony in the *Spectator* of the 25th ulto. on p. 853? 'To us nothing seems more certain that the great theological problem of the next age will be the drawing of the frontier line between human and superhuman agency, and the ranging of the evidence which that great work, when it is possible, will give us, that superhuman agencies have been and are perpetually concerned in the weaving of human destiny, with the consequent restoration of public confidence in the Church of Christ as the greatest organ of that agency which has ever been known on earth.'

True Views of Life.

SPES.

SIR,—I venture to send the following account of a conversation: 'I know I ought to be thinking of another world.' So said the still young mother of a large family to me the other day. And great was her surprise when I said, 'I think you ought to be thinking of this world, and of the God who is "about our bed and about our path, and spies out all our ways," here below. The Bible says, "Whatsoever ye do, do it as unto the Lord." Here, then, is what you ought to be thinking about: Am I so acting as to be pleasing God? Is everything I do right in his sight? Am I God's servant now? Am I acting as though I feel He is my God, my Father, now, at this moment? That He is watching with a Father's love my daily tasks and duties? That He knows my difficulties, and will see how bravely I bear with them? That He sees how I am behaving towards my children, my husband, my employer? These are the questions and the thoughts which should be ever in your mind. Thinking of another world will avail you little; for remember, neglect of the thought of the nearness of God and of your duty to Him in this world may lose you all chance of entering (for Christ's sake) that better world. We who are Christians have a right to enter that world, but neglect of God and His commands to us on earth may cause us to lose the inheritance which Christ our Master has gained for us.' All this seemed to strike the woman as a very new idea. And when I added the duty of enjoying the lovely sunshine, the song of birds, the playfulness of children, the innocent pleasures which are as the flowers along on our road, she seemed yet more surprised at the, to her, new light thrown on her relation to her Creator. I mention all this, because it seems to me the clergy miss so much by not putting before the poor that their life of toil, of hardship, of difficulty, is all, if rightly lived, a part of the religious life, and may be ennobled and blessed by keeping this truth in view.

D. VISITOR.

Ritualism.

SIR,—Your correspondent 'Mr. Wm. Fisher,' in your issue of July 1st, pleads that neglect of a plain order, when supported by long custom, and sanctioned by the silence of the Bishops, is a light matter compared with obedience to an equally plain order, when custom and some Bishops have either openly or tacitly supported disobedience. I take it it would be a difficult argument to maintain, and, on the whole, could be used to defend most abuses. 2. He takes it for granted that at St. Margaret's, Liverpool, the doctrine taught is foreign to the Prayer Book, which remains to be proved, and I for one should be glad to see a word of proof advanced. 3. That the Court is informal the Commission on Church Courts abundantly proves, and that in obeying it we are, to say the least, making an unconstitutional precedent. 4. The word 'Protestant' is misleading; does Mr. Fisher use it in a doctrinal or historical sense? If in a doctrinal sense then I submit he uses it in the teeth of the most solemn declarations of the English Church, where the Catholicity of the Church in England is maintained. 5. It is to Mr. Bell-Cox and all who agree with him a vital principle which is at stake. Is the Church a creation of the State? If so, then there is no 'Church' in the New Testament sense of the word. If not, then the Church has in herself an inherent power of judicial and legislative action, which indeed the State has the power though never the right to crush.

R. M. NASON.

Greenside Vicarage, Ryton-on-Tyne.

Home Reunion and Romanism.

SIR,—I entirely agree with the remarks of 'Joseph Foxley,' but as Mr. Lowell once said, the only remedy against the east wind is to put on one's overcoat. If 'J. F.' will follow me for a moment I will show, by the logic of facts, that what he calls 'Roman nonsense' is a growing factor in the world's government, both civil and intellectual. As Macaulay said years ago, Protestantism has never extended its borders since the first burst of the Reformation, and now that civil government is becoming more difficult statesmen naturally seek the help of any system which holds some considerable section of population by its softer sentiments. Hence the fall of the Anglican Church in Ireland, and the present angling for Roman help in that island; hence, too, the yet greater fact that Bismarck seeks and obtains the help of Papal Rome, with the result that Papal adherents are already beginning to predict that a Pope will again be the great mediator in all international strife. Then, intellectually:—The splendid mind of J. H. Newman was led, as he thinks, by a 'kindly light' to believe in this 'Roman nonsense.' Look back through a few pages of our history, and there is the noble character of Sir Thomas More quietly walking with the firm step of conviction to willing martyrdom for this same 'Roman nonsense.' Then again:—See the benevolence of feeling which covers our present view, socially, of Roman Catholicism; any man of middle age can remember the time when, if a Roman priest had entered the house, the mistress would, on his departure, have ordered the spoons to be counted, while now the same lady might possibly kneel for his blessing. All this is proof, as Earl Nelson says, that the cry has not yet been given, 'Come out of her, my people.' It may be

accepted the chairmanship of the committee, while the Prince of Wales formed a branch one in London, with Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen as treasurer. The Danish Ministry granted for the church a picturesque site at the entrance of the harbour—so that it cannot fail to attract the attention of the thousands of British sailors who annually pass through Copenhagen, the ground being held on a perpetual lease, which in its nature approaches very nearly to a freehold. In the autumn of 1885 the foundation-stone was laid by the Prince and Princess of Wales in the presence of a distinguished company, including the King and Queen of Denmark, the Emperor and Empress of Russia, the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark, &c., and on the 21st of May this year the top-stone of the steeple was raised and the event commemorated by an ecclesiastical function. Thanks to the powerful influences employed, contributions in money and in kind to the building of the church have been amply forthcoming. A sum of more than 3000*l.* was collected by the Copenhagen committee, while the London branch—by the zealous and persistent efforts of Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen—raised about 5000*l.*, including 525*l.* from Sir Francis Cook, 500*l.* from Sir Andrew Barclay Walker, and anonymous gifts of 500*l.* and 210*l.*; and an anonymous friend, through the Prince of Wales, sent a cheque for 2000*l.* to enable the committee to complete the church free of debt.

The church is dedicated to St. Alban, who, besides being the proto-martyr of England, has always been held in great veneration in Denmark. Relics of this saint were carried to Denmark by King Canute of England with the help of Bishop Hubald, and placed in a church which was built and dedicated to the saint in Odense, while relics were also preserved in several churches and monasteries throughout Scandinavia. The design of the church is thoroughly English in all its details, the style adopted being that known as 'Early English' or 'first pointed.' As far as possible English methods of construction have also been used. Thus the walls are faced externally with flint, according to a common practice where flints abound in England, but one apparently quite unknown till now in Denmark. The external dressings are of the harder kind of Faxe limestone, except the spire, which is built of a still harder limestone from Sweden. Internally the walls are faced with the fine white Faxe stone, which is also used for all dressings and mouldings and for the wall-arcading in the chancel. A dado of encaustic tiles, supplied by the Campbell Tile Company, runs round the church. The same company has presented the whole of the tile flooring for the church. The roofs are covered with English tiles from Broseley, in Shropshire. The reredos, font, and pulpit—costing about 1000*l.*—are the gift of Messrs. Doulton and Co., of Lambeth. The whole has been executed from the designs and under the immediate superintendence of the architect, in terra-cotta and Doulton ware at their works. The chief interest of the two former centres in the subjects modelled in terra-cotta by Mr. George Tinworth, who has treated them in the original and thoughtful spirit which characterises all his work, and raises it far above the level of the modern ecclesiastical sculpture usually met with. The Communion plate is the gift of Messrs. Elkington and Co., of Birmingham. The stained-glass windows in the chancel have been presented by Sir Francis Cook, and the west window by his Excellency the Hon. Sir Edmund Monson, K.C.M.G., Her Majesty's Minister in Denmark, the whole work being by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne, of Garrick Street, London. The wrought-iron lectern, designed by the architect, is the work and gift of Messrs. Starkie, Gardner, and Co., of London. The chancel seats and fittings are the gift of Mr. C. Adderley, and were executed from the architect's designs by Mr. A. Robinson, of Broad Street, High Holborn, who also made the nave seats, a portion of which were given by Messrs. T. Cook and Son. The organ, the gift of an anonymous donor, is by Messrs. J. W. Walker and Son, of London. The bells have been supplied by the Prince of Wales.

In plan, the church consists of a nave with an aisle and vestry on the north side, and a tower and spire at the north-west corner. A porch at the south-east angle leads into a narthex at the west end, through which the church is entered. East of the nave, and divided from it by a richly moulded arch, is the chancel, having a transept on the north side, which is to be used as the chapel for the Legation staff, and an organ chamber on the south. The work has been carried out by Danish contractors under the superintendence of a local architect, all drawings and details of every description being supplied by the architect of the church, Mr. Arthur W. Blomfield, M.A., of London.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

SOME ACCOUNT OF THE LATE HENRY WILLIAM HALEY.

MR. HENRY W. HALEY was born in Bethnal Green, London, on Feb. 19th, 1819, and at a very early age was introduced to the science of change-ringing. His first *début*, previous to scientific ringing, was to ring handbells ('Lapping') with a band of youths, when he conducted sixteen peals in various methods, including STEDMAN CINQUES and DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS, and no doubt acquired great knowledge in composing. He afterwards became acquainted with some prominent London ringers, who brought him to such perfection that at the early age of twenty-three he succeeded in composing and conducting his first peal, which was 5079 STEDMAN CATERS, rung at All Saints', Fulham. At this time he belonged to the Cumberland Society, in which Company he accomplished many brilliant performances.

In 1854 Mr. Haley left the Cumberland Society and joined the Ancient Society of College Youths, where he continued to do splendid work in hand-bell ringing (double-handed) achieving performances then and still unique. He composed, conducted, and rang, 1-2 in two peals of STEDMAN CINQUES (the only two ever rung), three peals of STEDMAN CATERS, two STEDMAN TRIPLES, three GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, one of which was Holt's Original. It is worthy of note that one of the peals of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung without a call or a sign being made throughout, and that it is considered the finest scientific performance on record.

In 1850 Mr. Haley, with four other ringers, went on a tour to the United States of America to fulfil an engagement as tune ringers, and during their stay succeeded in finding three others, with whom they rang at Christ Church, Philadelphia, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, the only peal ever rung in that country.

Amongst the most noteworthy performances in which Mr. Haley took part in the tower are:—(1), the 8580 STEDMAN CINQUES at St. Michael's, Cornhill, which was rung in 1861, and held its own until 1880, when it was beaten at Birmingham; (2), the 15,840 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, which was rung at the first attempt; (3), the 8448 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR at Christ Church, Spitalfields (tenor, 33 cwt.)—all these he conducted; (4), last, but not least, comes the silent peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, Holt's Original, in 1884, at St. Giles in-the-Fields. The last peal in which he took part was one of 5001 STEDMAN CINQUES at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in 1885. Mr. Haley joined the Yorkshire Association rather late in life, but in time to ring, compose, and conduct their second peal of STEDMAN CINQUES at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

In all Mr. Haley took part in 182 peals, consisting of the following:—21 STEDMAN CINQUES, 37 STEDMAN CATERS, 28 STEDMAN TRIPLES, 10 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 10 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 26 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 2 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 7 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 3 GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 36 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 1 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE. Of the above he conducted 155 peals and composed 105.

In Mr. Haley was found a staunch, true, upright ringer, a man who was never known to ring a false peal. He was also gifted with remarkable hearing powers, it having been his lot on many occasions to listen to the progress of a peal and at the same time take down the course ends and calling, thereby knowing the composition.

Mr. Haley died at Bethnal Green, January 29th, 1886, in his sixty-seventh year. He was interred at Ilford Cemetery, and a considerable number of muffled peals were rung as the last tribute to one of the greatest ringers of the present century.

PEALS RUNG BY THE LATE MR. H. W. HALEY.

Compiled by J. W. Rowbotham and C. F. Winny.

The first C. stands for Composed; the second C. for Conducted; St. J. for St. James's Society; Cum. for Cumberland Society; C. Y. for College Youths' Society; Y. A. for Yorkshire Association; H. B. for Hand-Bells (retained).

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	PEAL.	TIME.	SOCIETY.
1.	May 16, 1842	All Saints, Fulham	5079 Stedman Caters	3 35	C. & C. St. J.
2.	Jan. 30, 1843	Wandsworth	5280 Oxford Treble Bob	3 12	Cum.
3.	Mar. 6, 1843	St. Bride, Fleet Street	5146 Stedman Cinques	4	Cum.
4.	June 5, 1843	St. Mary, Chidingston, Kent	5280 Oxford Treble Bob	3 10	C. & C. Cum.
5.	Feb. 12, 1844	All Saints, Poplar	6161 Stedman Caters	4 12	"
6.	Dec. 10, 1844	St. Giles, Cripplegate	5016 " Cinques	3 43	"
7.	Oct. 22, 1845	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5280 Kent Treble Bob	3 30	"
8.	Mar. 17, 1846	All Saints, Poplar	7025 Stedman Caters	4 40	"
9.	April 2, 1846	Christ Church, Spitalfields	5280 K. T. B. M.	3 45	"
10.	Oct. 24, 1846	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Grandsire Triples	2 50	St. J.
11.	Feb. 19, 1847	"	5083 K. T. B. M.	3 15	C. & C. Cum.
12.	Mar. 8, 1847	St. Nicholas, Deptford	5024 " "	3	"
13.	April 27, 1847	St. Giles, Cripplegate	5736 K. T. B. Maximus	3 53	"
14.	Sept. 4, 1847	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Stedman Triples	2 58	C. St. J.
15.	Oct. 30, 1847	"	5040 " "	2 50	"
16.	Jan. 17, 1848	St. Saviour, Southwark	5136 K. T. B. Maximus	4 5	Cum.
17.	Jan. 26, 1848	St. John, Hackney	5184 K. T. B. Major	3 21	C. & C. Cum.
18.	Feb. 12, 1848	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Grandsire Major	3 5	"
19.	Feb. 15, 1848	St. Giles, Cripplegate	5376 K. T. B. Maximus	4 14	"
20.	Feb. 16, 1848	St. Lawrence, Waltham Abbey	5040 Stedman Triples	3	C. Cum.
21.	April 10, 1848	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	8448 K. T. B. Major	5 15	C. St. J.
22.	Nov. 4, 1848	"	5152 Double Norwich	3 8	C. & C. St. J.
23.	Nov. 9, 1848	All Saints, West Ham	5081 Stedman Caters	3 21	"
24.	Nov. 21, 1848	St. John, South Hackney	5280 K. T. B. Major	3 15	Cum.
25.	Jan. 31, 1849	All Saints, West Ham	5001 Stedman Caters	3 25	C. & C. St. J.
26.	Jan. 9, 1850	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 " Triples	2 55	C. St. J.
27.	Jan. 22, 1850	Christ Church, Spitalfields	5040 " "	3 22	C. Cum.
28.	Feb. 9, 1850	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5600 Superlative Major	3 22	C. & C. St. J.
29.	June 9, 1850	Christ Ch., Philadelphia, U.S.A.	5040 Grandsire Triples	3 15	C. N. S.
30.	Aug. 6, 1851	St. Clement Danes, Strand	5079 Stedman Caters	3 20	C. & C. N. S.
31.	Dec. 26, 1851	St. James, Clerkenwell	5040 " Triples	3 11	C. Cum.
32.	Feb. 12, 1852	"	5184 K. T. B. Major	3 32	C. & C. Cum.
33.	Nov. 8, 1852	Bermondsey	5021 Grandsire Caters	3 15	"

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34.	Dec. 9, 1852	St. James, Clerkenwell ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	3 3	C. Cum.
35.	Dec. 19, 1853	Three Kings, Clerkenwell, H. B.	5040 Stedman Triples ...	2 40	
36.	Feb. 10, 1854	Whittington & Cat, H. B.	5014 " Cinques ...	3 28	C. C. St. J.
37.	Mar. 11, 1854	" " "	5040 " Triples ...	2 41	Silent St. J.
38.	Dec. 15, 1854	Holy Trinity, Southwark ...	5021 Grandsire Major ...	3 15	C. C. C. Y.
39.	Jan. 5, 1855	Whittington & Cat, H. B.	5001 Stedman Caters ...	2 59	
40.	Jan. 20, 1855	" " "	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 24	Original C. Y.
41.	Feb. 2, 1855	" " "	5040 " "	2 28	St. J.
42.	June 4, 1855	All Hallows, Barking, E.	5040 Stedman Triples ...	2 55	C. C. Y.
43.	Jan. 22, 1856	St. John, Waterloo ...	5040 Grandsire ...	2 50	C. St. J.
44.	Jan. 25, 1856	St. Magnus, London Bridge...	5021 " Caters ...	3 28	C. C. C. Y.
45.	Sep. 20, 1856	All Saints, Poplar ...	5001 Stedman ...	3 17	St. J.
46.	Nov. 15, 1856	" " "	5000 Kent T. B. Royal ...	3 30	C. C. C. Y.
47.	Feb. 11, 1857	St. Clement Dances ...	5079 Stedman Caters ...	3 20	C. C. C. Y.
48.	Apr. 17, 1857	" " "	5000 " "	3 15	C. C. C. Y.
49.	Oct. 24, 1857	All Saints, Poplar ...	5555 " "	3 44	"
50.	Jan. 2, 1858	Whittington & Cat, H. B.	5016 " Cinques ...	3 25	"
51.	Jan. 31, 1858	St. James, Bermondsey ...	5019 " Caters ...	3 24	"
52.	Feb. 12, 1858	St. Saviour, Southwark ...	5151 " Cinques ...	4 7	"
53.	Mar. 28, 1858	Florist Arms, B. G., H. B.	5009 " Caters ...	2 52	"
54.	Jun. 4, 1858	St. Mary, Stratford Bow ...	5040 " Triples ...	2 57	C. Y.
55.	Oct. 30, 1858	St. Nicholas, Chislehurst	5040 Grandsire ...	2 53	C. St. J.
56.	Dec. 27, 1858	All Saints, Hertsford ...	5115 Stedman Caters ...	3 18	C. C. C. Y.
57.	Jan. 22, 1859	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5007 " "	3 18	"
58.	Jan. 29, 1859	All Hallows, Barking ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 54	C. C. Y.
59.	Feb. 12, 1859	All Saints, West Ham ...	5000 K. T. B. Royal ...	3 35	C. C. C. Y.
60.	Mar. 4, 1859	St. Saviour, Southwark ...	5004 Stedman Cinques ...	4 0	C. C. C. Y.
61.	June 7, 1859	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 50	C. C. Y.
62.	July 5, 1859	Mulberry Tree, Bromley, H. B.	5074 Stedman Caters ...	3 3	C. C. C. Y.
63.	Jan. 20, 1860	St. Saviour, Southwark ...	5085 K. T. B. Maximus ...	4 0	C. C. Y.
64.	Feb. 27, 1860	St. James, Clerkenwell ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	3 6	C. St. J.
65.	May 28, 1860	St. Barnabas, Dorking ...	5120 " Major ...	3 17	C. C. C. Y.
66.	Sep. 15, 1860	St. Clement Dances ...	5002 Stedman Caters ...	3 15	"
67.	Dec. 22, 1860	St. Peter, Walworth ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 43	C. St. J.
68.	Jan. 2, 1861	St. Clement Dances ...	5021 Stedman Caters ...	3 25	C. C. St. J.
69.	Apr. 5, 1861	" " "	5120 K. T. B. Royal ...	3 40	C. C. C. Y.
70.	Apr. 27, 1861	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5350 Stedman Cinques ...	6 41	"
71.	Apr. 4, 1862	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 " Triples ...	3 5	C. C. Y.
72.	Apr. 26, 1862	St. James, Bermondsey ...	5037 " Caters ...	3 28	C. C. C. Y.
73.	May 3, 1862	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5016 " Cinques ...	3 53	"
74.	Oct. 31, 1862	St. Mary, Lambeth ...	5040 " Triples ...	3 5	C. C. Y.
75.	Nov. 21, 1862	St. Saviour, Southwark ...	5085 K. T. B. Maximus ...	4 10	C. C. C. Y.
76.	May 22, 1863	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5088 " Major ...	3 15	"
77.	Sep. 19, 1863	St. George, Gravesend ...	5040 Stedman Triples ...	3 0	C. C. Y.
78.	Nov. 28, 1863	St. James, Bermondsey ...	5079 " Caters ...	3 2	C. C. C. Y.
79.	Dec. 19, 1863	St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside...	5051 " "	3 42	"
80.	Jan. 30, 1864	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5000 K. T. B. Royal ...	3 32	C. C. Y.
81.	May 7, 1864	" " "	6282 Grandsire Caters ...	4 14	"
82.	Sep. 7, 1864	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Stedman Triples ...	3 25	C. C. C. Y.
83.	Oct. 15, 1864	All Saints, Poplar ...	5079 " Caters ...	3 8	"
84.	Oct. 29, 1864	St. Lawrence, Waltham Abbey	5088 K. T. B. Major ...	3 8	C. C. Y.
85.	Jan. 7, 1865	" " "	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	3 49	"
86.	Mar. 18, 1865	St. Saviour, Southwark ...	5019 Stedman Cinques ...	3 49	"
87.	May 31, 1865	St. Stephen, Carlisle ...	5040 " Caters ...	2 58	C. C. C. Y.
88.	Aug. 21, 1865	St. Peter, St. Albans ...	5079 " Triples ...	3 26	C. C. Y.
89.	Nov. 18, 1865	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 " Triples ...	3 2	C. C. Y.
90.	Dec. 27, 1865	St. Mary, Whitechapel ...	5040 Grandsire ...	2 56	C. C. Y.
91.	Jan. 20, 1866	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 " "	2 56	C. C. Y.
92.	Feb. 10, 1866	Emanuel Church, Streatham	8448 K. T. B. Major ...	5 14	"
93.	Mar. 3, 1866	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5088 " Maximus ...	3 52	C. C. Y.
94.	Mar. 17, 1866	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5184 " Major ...	3 7	C. C. Y.
95.	Apr. 14, 1866	Emanuel Church, Streatham	5250 " "	3 13	C. C. Y.
96.	Jul. 21, 1867	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5000 " Royal ...	3 27	C. C. Y.
97.	July 1, 1867	St. Peter, St. Albans ...	5021 Grandsire Caters ...	3 35	"
98.	Sep. 23, 1867	St. Peter, Sheffield ...	5001 Stedman ...	3 25	"
99.	Mar. 30, 1868	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5079 " "	3 25	"
100.	Apr. 17, 1868	St. Clement Dances ...	5040 K. T. B. Major ...	9 12	C. C. Y.
101.	Apr. 27, 1868	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	3 1	"
102.	Nov. 27, 1868	St. George, Southwark ...	5040 " "	3 20	"
103.	Nov. 28, 1868	Christ Church, Spitalfields ...	5000 K. T. B. Royal ...	3 29	C. C. C. Y.
104.	Jan. 11, 1869	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5016 Stedman Cinques ...	3 47	"
105.	Jan. 15, 1869	St. Martin-in-the-Fields ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 53	C. C. Y.
106.	Jan. 16, 1869	St. Paul, Shadwell ...	5040 Stedman ...	2 54	C. C. Y.
107.	Jan. 23, 1869	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 K. T. B. Maximus ...	3 17	C. C. C. Y.
108.	Jan. 30, 1869	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5007 Stedman Caters ...	3 54	"
109.	Feb. 27, 1869	All Saints, Poplar ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 56	C. C. Y.
110.	Mar. 6, 1869	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5056 K. T. B. Major ...	3 30	C. C. Y.
111.	Mar. 13, 1869	Christ Church, Spitalfields ...	5040 Stedman Triples ...	2 53	C. C. Y.
112.	Mar. 31, 1869	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 " "	3 4	"
113.	Apr. 9, 1869	" " "	5013 " Caters ...	3 29	C. C. C. Y.
114.	Apr. 19, 1869	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 55	C. C. Y.
115.	Apr. 23, 1869	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Stedman ...	2 57	"
116.	May 11, 1869	" " "	5014 " Cinques ...	3 50	C. C. C. Y.
117.	Jun. 12, 1869	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5040 " Triples ...	2 52	C. Y.
118.	Jun. 18, 1869	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 " "	2 52	"
119.	Oct. 23, 1869	St. Paul, Shadwell ...	5040 Grandsire ...	3 6	C. C. Y.
120.	Dec. 20, 1869	St. Botolph, Bishopsgate ...	8448 K. T. B. Major ...	5 36	"
121.	Mar. 19, 1870	Christ Church, Spitalfields ...	5003 Grandsire Caters ...	3 9	C. Y.
122.	Mar. 26, 1870	All Saints, Poplar ...	5040 " Triples ...	3 6	C. C. Y.
123.	Apr. 2, 1870	St. Peter, St. Albans ...	5040 Stedman ...	2 48	"
124.	Dec. 3, 1870	St. Paul, Shadwell ...	5184 K. T. B. Major ...	3 12	C. C. C. Y.
125.	June 8, 1871	St. Andrew, Enfield ...	5184 " "	3 8	"
126.	Aug. 13, 1871	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	3 0	C. C. Y.
127.	Jan. 17, 1872	St. Andrew, Northwold ...	5024 K. T. B. Major ...	3 13	C. C. C. Y.
128.	Jan. 20, 1872	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 45	C. C. Y.
129.	Feb. 17, 1872	St. Margaret, Barking ...	5040 " "	3 16	"
130.	Mar. 13, 1872	Whittington & Cat, H. B.	5001 Stedman Caters ...	3 19	C. C. C. Y.
131.	Feb. 20, 1873	St. Stephen, Westminster	5280 K. T. B. Maximus ...	3 48	C. C. Y.
132.	May 17, 1873	All Saints, West Ham ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 52	"
133.	Jun. 14, 1873	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5040 Stedman ...	2 54	"
134.	Jul. 30, 1873	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5120 K. T. B. Major ...	2 59	C. C. C. Y.
135.	July 5, 1873	" " "	5021 Grandsire Caters ...	3 26	"
136.	Aug. 30, 1873	" " "	5040 Stedman Triples ...	2 55	C. C. Y.
137.	Nov. 22, 1873	St. Margaret, Barking ...	5120 K. T. B. Major ...	3 20	C. C. C. Y.
138.	Apr. 10, 1875	St. John, Loughton ...	5040 Grandsire ...	3 1	"
139.	Apr. 14, 1875	St. James, Weybridge ...	5040 Stedman ...	2 54	"
140.	Apr. 15, 1875	" " "	5120 K. T. B. Major ...	2 59	C. C. C. Y.
141.	Apr. 23, 1875	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5021 Grandsire Caters ...	3 26	"
142.	Jun. 11, 1875	St. John, Deptford ...	5040 Stedman Triples ...	2 55	C. C. Y.
143.	July 29, 1875	St. Botolph, Bishopsgate ...	5120 K. T. B. Major ...	3 20	C. C. C. Y.
144.	Nov. 27, 1875	St. Saviour, Southwark ...	5016 Stedman Cinques ...	3 59	"
145.	Dec. 11, 1875	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5001 " Caters ...	3 18	"
146.	Jan. 1, 1876	St. Stephen, Llanstephan	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 50	"

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147.	Mar. 25, 1876	St. James, Bermondsey ...	5007 Stedman Caters ...	3 24	C. C. C. Y.
148.	Apr. 6, 1876	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5040 " Triples ...	2 40	C. C. Y.
149.	Nov. 20, 1876	St. Giles, Cripplegate ...	5014 " Cinques ...	3 52	C. C. C. Y.
150.	Feb. 12, 1877	St. Stephen, Westminster ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	3 17	C. C. Y.
151.	Feb. 17, 1877	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5280 K. T. B. Major ...	3 11	C. Y.
152.	Feb. 21, 1877	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5002 Stedman Caters ...	3 30	C. C. C. Y.
153.	Apr. 7, 1877	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5143 " Cinques ...	4 1	"
154.	May 12, 1877	St. Mary, Beddington ...	5007 " Caters ...	3 22	"
155.	Jun. 30, 1877	All Saints, Fulham ...	5200 K. T. B. Royal ...	3 31	"
156.	Sep. 27, 1877	Inverness Cathedral ...	5184 " Major ...	3 14	"
157.	Nov. 3, 1877	St. James, Bermondsey ...	5001 Stedman Caters ...	3 30	"
158.	Dec. 8, 1877	St. Dionis, Fenchurch Street	5200 K. T. B. Royal ...	3 32	"
159.	Feb. 2, 1878	St. Margaret, Barking ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	3 6	C. C. Y.
160.	Mar. 30, 1878	St. John, Croydon ...	5040 " "	3 25	"
161.	Apr. 22, 1878	All Saints, Fulham ...	5079 Stedman Caters ...	3 26	C. C. C. Y.
162.	Apr. 24, 1878	Holy Trinity, Hants ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 59	C. C. Y.
163.	Oct. 26, 1878	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5079 Stedman Caters ...	3 25	C. C. C. Y.
164.	Feb. 25, 1879	" " "	5200 K. T. B. Royal ...	3 42	"
165.	Feb. 12, 1879	St. Saviour, Southwark ...	5014 Stedman Cinques ...	4 9	"
166.	Mar. 15, 1879	St. Giles, Cripplegate ...	5007 " Caters ...	3 32	"
167.	May 12, 1879	" " "	5016 " Cinques ...	3 57	"
168.	Feb. 7, 1880	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5024 K. T. B. Major ...	2 56	C. Y.
169.	Mar. 6, 1880	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5075 Grandsire Caters ...	3 18	C. C. C. Y.
170.	Apr. 19, 1880	St. Mary, Hitchin ...	5040 " Triples ...	—	C. Y.
171.	Nov. 23, 1880	St. Giles, Cripplegate ...	5002 Stedman Cinques ...	3 53	C. C. C. Y.
172.	Nov. 27, 1880	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5040 K. T. B. Maximus ...	4 10	"
173.	Mar. 5, 1881	St. Dunstan, Stepney ...	5007 Stedman Caters ...	3 15	"
174.	Apr. 9, 1881	St. Matthew, Bethnal Green	5088 K. T. B. Major ...	3 12	"
175.	Jun. 23, 1881	St. Paul, Hounslow ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 47	C. C. Y.
176.	Dec. 9, 1882	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5007 Stedman Cinques ...	3 56	C. C. C. Y.
177.	Dec. 1, 1883	" " "	5002 " "	4 2	"
178.	Apr. 29, 1884	St. Saviour, Southwark ...	5040 K. T. B. Maximus ...	4 12	C. C. Y.
179.	Oct. 23, 1884	St. Giles-in-the-Fields ...	5040 Grandsire Triples ...	2 56	Silent C. Y.
180.	Oct. 31, 1884	St. Martin-in-the-Fields ...	5014 Stedman Cinques ...	3 50	C. C. Y. A.
181.	Feb. 14, 1885	St. Michael, Cornhill ...	5088 K. T. B. Maximus ...	4 12	C. C. C. Y.
182.	Mar. 14, 1885	" " "	5001 Stedman Cinques ...	3 54	"

The Yorkshire Association.

THE October Meeting of the above Association will be held at Bradford, on Saturday, the 8th October, and not on the 1st, as heretofore.

W. WHITAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Folkestone on Monday, October 17th. The Secretary will be glad to hear from those who wish to attend. If reduced railway fare is desired, the request should reach him by October 11th, with full particulars as to numbers, routes, and trains.

Winsted Court, Lenham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.

A RINGING meeting of the above branch took place at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when about thirty members from Christ Church (Bacup), St. James's (Waterford), Newchurch, Ramsbottom, together with the ringers connected with St. Saviour's and Mr. Wm. Warburton from Whitefield, attended. Touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung on the fine-toned new ring of eight during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands. A meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. W. Johnson, vicar. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Haslingden, the date to be fixed at the Annual Meeting.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connexion with the above Society will be held on Saturday, October 1, at Tipton. The bells at the parish church will be available for ringing during the afternoon. It is requested that members from each tower connected will be present, as the Reports will be ready for distribution to all those who have paid their subscriptions.

10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Visit to Tunstead of the St. Peter's Mancroft Society, Norwich.

ON Sunday, the 11th inst., being the Harvest Festival at the parish church, the members of the above Society were invited to attend. On arriving they were met by J. Gower and J. Cooper of Tunstead, and B. and E. Smith of Redenhall. A touch of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR was then rung. B. Smith (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; F. Knights, 3; E. Frances, 4; T. Smith, 5; J. Gower, 6; J. Cooper, 7; P. Sadler, 8. Also a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES. B. Smith (conductor), 1; P. Sadler, 2; F. Knights, 3; E. Francis, 4; E. Smith, 5; J. Skinner, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Cooper, 8. And a touch of BOB MAJOR, in which F. Knights, jun., and Foreman, took part; after which they were kindly entertained at the Rectory by the Rector, the Rev. E. Harris, and for which they return their best thanks. On returning home by Coltsall after evening service they rang 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 25 mins. F. Knights, jun., 1; P. Sadler (conductor), 2; J. Gower, 3; E. Francis, 4; J. Cooper, 5; G. Smith, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Bells for the English Church at Copenhagen.

(first peal), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Messrs. Wightman and Sons came from Crettingham; Meadows, Brandeston; Perry, Framsdon; Mee, Ipswich; Grimes, Debenham. * First peal in the method.

At St. John the Baptist's, Erith, Kent.

ON Friday, the 9th inst., a Jubilee peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Ten-part) was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. Bright, 1; W. J. Cook, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 4; W. Bedwell, 5; F. J. French, 6; J. Garard, 7; Jos. Laws, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. This peal was rung by request of the churchwarden, F. Beadle, Esq., who kindly provided a supper.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, London.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. E. E. Clarke, 1; W. Cecil, 2; J. Pettit (conductor), 3; H. Springall, 4; R. T. Woodley, 5; A. E. Wreaks (Manchester), 6; E. Horrex, 7; S. E. Joyce, 8.

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

ON Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. Middleton, 1; J. Harrop, 2; W. Slater (Hyde), 3; M. Williamson, 4; W. Braddock, 5; J. Nuttall, 6; T. Wilde (Hyde), 7; T. Braddock, 8. Composed by Mr. W. Harrison and conducted by Mr. T. Wilde. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At the Church of the Immanuel, Streatham, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 15 mins. E. Burtenshaw (first peal), 1; H. J. Schneider (first peal), 2; C. E. Malim (first peal of MAJOR), 3; A. B. Carpenter, 4; W. Burkin, 5; S. Greenwood, 6; G. Welling, 7; J. Fayers (conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk.

ON Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 19 mins. J. Motts (composer and conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; J. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; F. G. Newman (London), 5; S. Tillet, 6; A. R. Oldham, 7; R. H. Brundle, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Heywood, Lancashire.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Kay, 1; G. Hoyle (Rochdale), 2; J. Millett (conductor), 3; F. Birtwistle (Rochdale), 4; W. H. Walmsley (first peal), 5; J. Harrison, 6; E. Bishop (Bury, late of Reading), 7; J. Millett, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt., in E.

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

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. H. J. Davies (first peal as conductor), 1; W. Coppage, 2; W. Partington (first peal), 3; S. G. Davies, 4; J. Barry, 5; F. L. Davies, 6; A. E. Church, 7; H. Pinnegar, (first peal), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 4th inst., being the Harvest Festival, the local company rang for the afternoon service three 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, each called differently. A. Bloice, 1; J. King, 2; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 3; S. Bloice, 4; G. Hum, 5; J. Taylor, 6. Also after service, three 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. G. Hum, 1; the rest as before. Tenor, 18 cwt. Messrs. King, Nevard, and Hum, came from Great Bentley.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, the 5th inst., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (34 bobs and 26 singles) was rung in 28 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Dunning, 2; W. Thomas, 3; J. Basnett, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Basnett, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., 3 qrs.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday, the 5th inst., a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung in 49 mins. N. Spencer, 1; H. Cave, 2; G. Larkey, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; W. Bentham (conductor), 6; C. Sharples, 7; P. Fairhurst, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Composed by James Sholicar of Ormskirk, and was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Gardiner (formerly a ringer at the above church), but late of Sydney, Australia, who died there in July, and was interred at Waverley Cemetery.

AT ST. MARY'S, BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Thursday, the 8th inst., for practice, 658 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Hare, 3; J. Phillips, 4; A. Squires, 5; Richard Jackson (first touch as conductor), 6; Robert Jackson, 7; G. Gentle, 8. J. Hare and A. Squires came from Hitchin, Herts. Tenor, 28 cwt. in D.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Thursday evening, the 8th inst., being the Harvest Thanksgiving, three 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, each called differently, were rung by A. Taylor, 1; J. King, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 4; G. Hum, 5. Also a 6-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. A. Bloice, 1; the others standing as before. Messrs. Taylor and Bloice belong to Great Bromley; the rest are of the local company.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—On Friday, the 9th inst., a date touch of 1887 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar (composer and conductor), 2; T. Watson, 3; J. Higson, 4; W. B. Lloyd, 5; W. Ellis, 6; W. J. Taylor, 7; P. Harvey, 8. T. Watson came from Dalton-on-Furness, and this is his longest touch.

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL, CITY OF LONDON.—On Friday, the 9th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang three courses of STEPMAN CINQUES. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springhall, 2; G. Mash, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; G. T. M'Laughlin, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; J. R. Hayworth, 7; A. L. Wreaks, 8; E. Horrex, 9; E. Carter, 10; R. T. Woodley, 11; S. Joyce, 12. Also a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS. J. Pettit, 1; H. Springhall, 2; E. E. Clark, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; W. Cooter, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; G. T. M'Laughlin, 7; A. E. Wreaks, 8; S. Joyce, 9; E. Carter, 10; J. M. Hayes, 11; E. Horrex, 12. Mr. Wreaks came from Manchester, and it was his first touch on twelve bells. Tenor, 41 cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CROOME D'ABITÔT, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 11th inst., before the afternoon service, two 6-scores of GRANDSIRE, and one 6-score of BOB DOUBLES, were rung. And after service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins. H. Willis (Hanley Castle, first 720), 1; W. Taring, 2; L. Longney, 3; C. W. Bennett, 4; F. Jelf, 5; R. G. Knowles (first 720 as conductor), 6. Jelf and Knowles came from Malvern; the others are local men.

AT ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Monday, the 12th inst., for practice, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Randall, 1; G. Spicer, 2; F. Furr, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Hare (conductor), 5; W. Allen, 6; Richard Jackson, 7; J. Foster, 8. And 139 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Squires, 3; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen, 7; G. Halsey, 8; the rest as before. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. G. Spicer, Richard Jackson, and J. Smith came from Baldock.

AT ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On Saturday, the 17th inst., the following members of St. Sidwell's Society attempted a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES with the bells muffled, in memory of those who perished in the fire at the theatre on September 5th; but after ringing for 1 hr. 25 mins. were asked to stop, owing to some one being ill near the church. F. Davey, 1; R. French (conductor), 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. Mundy, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

* * We wish to direct our readers' attention to the peals rung by an eminent composer, conductor, and ringer, on another page; and to ask them to make it known to their friends.

RECEIVED ALSO.—F. G. Newman—Thanks. Reports of peals, &c., for the current number should reach the Office, or to Mr. J. R. Haworth, 42 Exmouth Street, Clerkenwell, London, not later than Wednesday morning.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lord Nelson and 'G. V.'

SIR,—The letter by the noble Earl is so in accordance with what one would expect from a Christian nobleman that, happily, little more needs to be said, and I close this correspondence on my part with two explanatory remarks.

I. There could be no cry to 'Come out from among her,' until *after* some cause for this had occurred. The cause, *in my opinion*, occurred when in 1870 the dogma of infallibility was promulgated, the most fatal step, *in my opinion*, ever taken by any branch of the Church. Prophecy seems to me to intimate that *some time after* this event the branch of the Church referred to would suffer immensely, *first*, politically, *Rev. xvii.*; and, *secondly*, ecclesiastically, *Rev. xviii.*, when her character and doings being rightly estimated, all the faithful will 'come out of her.' It seems just possible that the very earliest and faintest signs of this are even now discernible in the 'auld Catholik' movement, feebly and faintly going on in France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, and Portugal. This may prove, ere a hundred years have passed, to have been the very commencement of what will perhaps be then in its full completion.

II. The Bishops of the United States of America assembled in council as Bishops in the Church of God; and referring to the Lambeth Conference of 1878 declare, among other things, that 'the Body calling itself the Holy Roman Church, has, by the decrees of the Council of Trent in 1565, and by the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, and by the decree of the Infallibility of the Pope in 1870, imposed upon the consciences of all the National Churches under its sway, as of the Faith, to be held as of implicit necessity to salvation dogmas having no warrant in Holy Scripture or the ancient creeds; which dogmas are so radically false as to corrupt and defile the Faith; and . . . has destroyed the autonomy, if not the corporate existence, of National Churches.'

The late Bishop Wordsworth (Lincoln), in a speech in 1881, stated, 'In fine, since men cannot have Episcopacy from Rome unless they are guilty of APOSTASY FROM CHRIST, therefore they must seek Episcopacy from some other quarter than from Rome; and this is precisely what our Right Reverend Brethren here present and the Old Catholics have done, and we believe them to be quite right in doing so.' These words were spoken in support of the very movement which is, as I stated, feebly and faintly going on. But it is going on, and probably will very slowly strengthen and enlarge, not only in Germany, France, and Italy, but in Spain, Portugal, and Austria, and wherever the Church of Rome exists.

G. V.

A Church School Board.

SIR,—The parochial school finds no place in the programme of ensuing Church Congress. If there be no educational battle to fight out, things can go on comfortably as they are. But if there be, I venture to ask, Where are we? Where are the preparations and resources? The National School stands in poverty and isolation against an enormous organization with unlimited resources. How is any battle to be fought out?

BURIAL REFORM.

THE following statement has been drawn up by the Dean of York, Chairman of the Council of the Burial Reform Association, and a Subcommittee acting with him for that purpose, and is now issued for general consideration and criticism before final adoption:—

'The Burial Reform Association has for its standard the Burial Service, which is intended for the burial of the body of a Christian by Christians, and which suggests obvious and effectual remedies for the evils which have gathered round our mode of burying the dead.

'1. The Burial Service puts forth prominently the Christian principles of Faith, Hope, and Love, and leaves no room for the despair which has found expression in the dismal pageantry of conventional obsequies, and in the use of such emblems as the inverted torch, the broken column, and the weeping willow. The second rubric is worded thus: "The Priest and Clerks, meeting the corpse . . . shall say or sing." Singing under these circumstances may be considered to betoken the Church proclaiming to the world that Christ "by His death hath destroyed death."

'2. The Burial Service points to timely interment. Throughout, it is the word "corpse" or "body" which is used, the word "coffin" being conspicuous by its absence; from which it can only reasonably be inferred that the body is not to be permitted to suffer indignity by too long retention above-ground, and that the burial should hardly be deferred beyond the third day.

'3. The Burial Service orders "earth to earth" burial. The fifth rubric reads: "While the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth," which implies that the body be buried in the soil, with as little as possible intervening to prevent the air from gaining access to it through the earth above and exercising its purifying and disintegrating action. To this end the coffin would be chosen for its perishable nature rather than for its durability, and burial plots would be preferred to family vaults.

'4. The Burial Service makes special provision for the preservation of the public health. The second rubric reads: "The Priest and Clerks meeting the corpse at the entrance of the churchyard, and going before it either into the church or towards the grave." Thus, when there is danger of infection, the body may be carried, not into the church, but direct to the grave. Other rubrics point to the conclusion that the Church recognises the right of every parishioner not merely to space, but also to soil, sufficient and able to effect the speedy resolution of his corruptible body, after death, into its constituent elements. "This method," writes Sir Lyon Playfair, M.P., an ex-President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, "is as harmless a mode of disposing of the dead as burning; and if the coffin be of a perishable nature, if the soil be dry and porous, if the graves be not too crowded, the dead are resolved into air and into ashes as certainly in three years as they are in a furnace in the course of an hour, and in both cases without injury to the living."

'5. The Burial Service gives prominence to the principle of moderation. There is to be moderation in the sorrow of the bereaved, who are "not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Jesus." Hence it may be inferred that extremes are to be avoided throughout. The outward marks of mourning will be simple and unobtrusive. Flowers may be used, because they tell of the Resurrection, but there will be no excess. All due respect will be observed for the dead, but there will be no extravagant expenditure.

'6. The Burial Service invites solemn meditation and concentration of the mind on things unseen. No mention is made of crape, of scarves, of plumes, or of any accessory whatsoever. Everything, therefore, which may distract the attention is to be avoided, and encouragement given to the exercise of simplicity in every detail, with temporary withdrawal from the pleasures of the world for quiet contemplation.

'7. The Burial Service encourages practical, brotherly love. The Priest and Clerks are to meet the corpse, showing that others, besides the officiating minister, are to take part in the service. Over the body of the poorest and of the richest alike are to be said the words, "We give Thee hearty thanks that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this our Brother out of the miseries of this sinful world," showing that due reverence is to be observed at the burial of a pauper. The last rubric reads, "While the earth is being cast upon the body by some standing by," implying that while the officiating minister recites the service others are expected to take their share in the last act of love.

'Burial Reform concerns all who profess and call themselves Christians. The Burial Reform Association aims at the encouragement of deeper faith in the life to come, more regard for Christian symbolism, increased reverence for the human body, more anxious concern for the health of the living, stricter moderation in every detail, more solemn and serious meditation, and larger exercise of practical brotherly love.'

MARKED with Judson's Indelible Marking Ink,

'And the wide sea hath drops too few to wash it clean again.'

Much Ado about Nothing, Act iv. Scene 1.—[Adv't.]

THE REV. CANON JACOB, Rector of Portsea, writes: 'I am very glad to hear of the continued success of "Vino Sacro." IT IS BY FAR THE BEST SACRAMENTAL WINE I KNOW.'—To Messrs. Hicks, Sole Proprietors of Vino Sacro, the Unique Church Wine, 27 George Street, Plymouth. Established 1808. [See Adv't. at end.]

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The First Ring of Bells.

IN answer to 'Inquirer,' the first tunable set of church bells known in England were used in Croyland Abbey, Lincolnshire, in 960.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connexion with the above Association was held on Saturday, September 17th, at Standish, when the following companies were represented:—Blackrod, Chorley, Leyland St. Andrew, Leyland St. James, Preston, and Standish. During the afternoon and evening several 720's of Bob Minor and touches in other methods were rung. At five o'clock the members adjourned to the schoolroom, where the usual business was gone through, the meeting closing with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom for the purpose of the Association.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Longbridge Deverill on Thursday, October 6th, when the bells will be at the disposal of members and friends from 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m., members free, others 6d. each. Names of those purposing to attend to be sent to Mr. G. Parham, Captain of the Longbridge Deverill Company, before September 26th.

J. R. JERRAM, Sec.

The Essex Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Walthamstow on Saturday, October 8th. The towers of St. Mary's (eight bells) and St. Saviour's (eight bells) will be open to members of the Association during the day. The business meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at the Schoolroom in St. Mary's Churchyard. A meat tea (price 6d. to members who give notice of their intention to be present) will be served at the Coffee Tavern in St. Mary's Road, at 5 p.m. The nearest station is Hoe Street, on the Chingford line. Trains about every half-hour from Liverpool Street; from Stratford, 10.40, 11.53, 12.50, 2.38 (September tables). Return tickets at one fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to members who inform the Secretary before Wednesday, October 5th, from what station they propose to start, and produce at the booking-office the receipt for the current year's subscription.

Written Vicarage, Chelmsford, September 1887. T. L. PAPILLON, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 250th Anniversary Dinner of this Society will take place at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, London, on Saturday, November 5th next. Tickets 3s. 6d. each. Members and friends desirous of being present will please communicate with Mr. Mash, 20 Essex Street, Southwark. A further announcement will appear next week. Early application is requested.

The Surrey Association.

It is proposed to produce a Certificate of Membership for this Association, and a design will be submitted for approval at one of the Quarterly Meetings as soon as it is ascertained how many members will require the certificate. It is calculated that the Certificate will have to be charged for, at a price not exceeding one shilling per copy. All those members who wish to have a certificate on these terms are desired to send their names and addresses, with date of election, to the Hon. Secretary, by Monday, October 3rd.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

A Present to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the meeting of this Society, held at head-quarters on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., the Master, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, on behalf of Mr. J. R. Haworth, presented the Company with a curiosity in the shape of an oak box. During Mr. Haworth's visit to Hughenden, near High Wycombe, he came into contact with an old ringier there, named Thomas Hussey, who showed him this oak box, and expressed a wish that this Society would accept it; and accordingly Mr. Haworth, on behalf of Mr. Hussey, presented the Society with it. The Company passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hussey for his box, and also to Mr. Haworth for his trouble in bringing it to head-quarters. The box is of oblong shape, being twelve inches in length and six inches in height. Eight bells are carved on the box, four on the top, three at the sides, and one for the staple. Mr. Hussey used the box to collect subscriptions for defraying the expenses of the two new bells in Hughenden Tower. On three pieces of paper attached to the box, written by him, are the following lines:—

'Oak Box, made by Thomas Hussey, one of the Ringers of Hughenden, High Wycombe, Bucks, to contain subscriptions for two new bells for Hughenden Church, 1874. Presented to the Ancient Society of College Youths, September, 1887, by "Crippled Tom."'

'This box was made from a block of brown oak
That lay in a chairmaker's yard;
Tom marked me out, and saw'd me about,
And found I was solid and hard;
He said, no doubt, I should be about
When asleep in the old churchyard.'

'Look beneath and you will see
"Crippled Tom" presented me,
To College Youths' Society,
In the year of Jubilee.'

Mr. Hussey is now, and has been for some time, a cripple.

Opening of New Bells at Stapleford, Wilts.

THE bells in the church tower, five in number, have just been rehung, with entirely new fittings, by Mr. T. Blackburn of Salisbury. The fourth

bell has also been recast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and is inscribed, 'Jubilee, V.R. 1887. P. W. Macdonald, Vicar; Mark Wallis, J. T. Grant, Churchwardens.' An 'Ellacombe' chiming apparatus has also been erected by Mr. Blackburn. The bells were reopened on Friday, the 23rd inst., when several six-scores of *GRANDSIRE* and *BOB DOUBLES* were rung by a Company from Salisbury, who pronounced the 'go' of the bells to be simply perfect. The ringers were afterwards entertained at the 'Pelican' inn, where a capital supper was provided. The Vicar was unable to be present at supper-time, but he joined the company shortly afterwards.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

ON Wednesday, the 14th inst., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, rang a peal of 5079 *STEDMAN CATERS* in 3 hrs. 7½ mins. Jos. Field, 1; A. Wakley, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; Jos. Griffin, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; H. Wakley, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. Jagger, 8; W. Wakley, 9; J. W. Washbrook, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Tenor, 41 cwt. Mr. N. J. Pitstow took the time of this performance, and also noticed the time occupied in ringing the different courses. He pronounced the peal to be a most excellently struck one throughout, and in every way worthy of being considered a really high-class achievement, an opinion heartily endorsed by the veteran Oxford ringer, Mr. T. Hill, and by others. This is the first peal conducted by an Incumbent on the bells of the Cathedral of his diocese.

At St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk.

ON Thursday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Norwich Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 3 hrs. 4 mins. W. Ward (conductor, College Youth), 1; A. E. Acland, 2; C. Mee (College Youth), 3; G. Perry, 4; G. Wightman, 5; D. G. Wightman, 6; C. Ward (College Youth), 7; G. Rowe, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Lawrence's, Appleton, Berkshire.

ON Friday, the 16th inst., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5093 *STEDMAN CATERS* in 3 hrs. 9½ mins. G. Holifield, 1; J. Jagger, 2; E. Holifield, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; C. A. Clements (Salisbury, first peal in the method), 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; N. J. Pitstow, 8; J. W. Washbrook, 9; F. S. White, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Woburn, Bedfordshire.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Bedfordshire Association rang a peal of 5024 *KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR* in 3 hrs. W. Chibnall (first peal), 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; M. E. Warwick, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Allan, 5; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 6; I. Hills, 7; W. G. Biggs, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Thorpe of Ashton-under-Lyne, and conducted by Mr. Clarke. Tenor, 13 cwt. This is the first peal on the bells, also the first peal in the method by the above Association, and by all except the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, who came from Milton Bryan; W. Chibnall, Aspley Guise, and the remainder from Bedford.

At the Parish Church, Salop.

ON Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Salop Association rang Taylor's Bob-and-single Variation peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 58 mins. E. Langford (first peal), 1; W. Hutchinson (first peal), 2; G. Wright, 3; R. T. Holding, 4; Jos. Griffiths, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; T. Barron (first peal with a bob bell), 7; F. Ryder (first peal), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first peal the conductor has called, the first rung by a company composed of Whitchurch ringers only, and the first rung by the Association.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxon.

ON Saturday, the 24th inst., six members of the St. Peter's Society—members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—rang a peal of 5040 changes in seven different minor methods, being 720 each of *OXFORD TREBLE BOB*, *KENT TREBLE BOB*, *COLLEGE SINGLE*, *YORKSHIRE COURT*, *OXFORD BOB*, *CANTERBURY PLEASURE*, and *PLAIN BOB*—in 2 hrs. 54 mins. H. Smith, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. The peal was rung on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the new church of St. John the Baptist, Lower Caversham, by the Right Hon. the Earl Percy.

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

ON Saturday, the 24th inst., eight members of the St. Stephen's (Westminster) Society and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in 3 hrs. 18 mins. W. Carter,* 1; H. R. Newton, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; T. R. Bell,* 4; J. Willshire,* 5; H. S. Ellis,* 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Cropley, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. [* First peal.] This is the first peal rung by members of the St. Stephen's (Westminster) Society, the success of which is due to the energy of Mr. J. M. Hayes, the instructor of the Society, who has worked hard in teaching the members Change-ringing, and deserves great credit for the progress they have made. This is also the first peal rung on the bells by a local band.

ERRATA.—In our last number, for the three peals of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* rung in hand read Holt's Original, conducted on each occasion by Mr. Haley. No. 13, for 5736 read 5136 K. T. B. M. No. 87, for 5040 *STEDMAN CINQUES* read 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*. No. 170, read 3 hrs. 16 mins.

RECEIVED ALSO,—The Rev. G. F. Coleridge (thanks); R. T. Woodley; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Old Catholics.

SIR,—There is something extremely amusing in the dogmatism of your correspondent, Mr. Clarke, who says of the Old Catholics that 'they are certainly schismatics,' and that, 'therefore, all who communicate with them, or in any way support them, are (and with much less excuse) schismatics too.' May I be permitted to ask him who is guilty of schism—those who lay down new and unauthorised terms of communion and excommunicate those who refuse to submit to them, or those who, from a conscientious regard to truth, refuse to declare their acceptance of what they believe to be untrue? Would he further tell us what would be the duty of English Churchmen if a Council held at Canterbury were to declare the personal infallibility of the Archbishop of that see? It seems to me that the Old Catholics were not merely justified in the step they took in resisting the Vatican decrees, but that no other course than that which they actually took was possible, unless they wished true Catholic tradition to be entirely stamped out on the Continent. Therefore, I would express my conviction that 'the Old Catholics are certainly' not 'schismatics,' and that, 'therefore, all who communicate with them, or in any way support them,' need no 'excuse,' and most certainly are not 'schismatics' too. J. J. LIAS.

Warm Clothing for Newfoundland.

SIR,—Last year you kindly allowed me to appeal through your columns on behalf of the poor fisherfolk in Newfoundland, who were in great distress in consequence of the failure of the cod-fishery. We were able to send to the Bishop for distribution 125l. in money and twenty-seven cases of warm clothing and provisions. In acknowledging the receipt the Bishop says, 'The contributions of St. Andrew's Waterside Mission in money, clothing, and groceries during the winter have been a source of the greatest comfort in many a parsonage and fisherman's cottage, and in some instances have been the means even of preserving life.' Recently we have heard of a severe hurricane doing great damage to the Newfoundland fishing fleet. There will, therefore, be much distress during the coming winter. We have commenced sending warm clothing. Four cases have been forwarded to the Bishop, and we shall continue to send as fast as supplies come in. The cases of Swiss milk sent were a special boon, and we should like to send a supply this season. I shall be glad to receive any contributions for this purpose. Warm clothing should be sent at once. Books, magazines, &c., are very acceptable for ship libraries, and for distribution on emigrant and other vessels. WM. EVAN FRANKS, Secretary.

St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission, 65 Fenchurch Street, Sept. 24.

Winter Classes.

SIR,—It is allowed on all hands that the quickened intellectual activity of the times has awakened a spirit of inquiry as to the truth respecting all subjects—Christianity included. It is, therefore, necessary that our young people should be prepared to meet the questionings that arise in their own minds, or the minds of those with whom they come in contact. The direct presentation of the Evidences of Christianity from the pulpit is, perhaps, undesirable, except on special occasions, but it is of very great importance that somehow young people in the congregations should be instructed in the grounds of Christian belief. Clergymen and other ministers of religion are now returning from their holidays and preparing plans for winter work. Will you allow us to urge upon them the desirability of forming classes for the study of Christian Evidences during the next few months? We submit that this work naturally devolves upon them as those on whose scholarship and love of truth reliance can be placed. We further submit that it cannot be wisely delegated to others. Superintendents of Sunday schools and teachers of Bible classes, except in rare cases, have scarcely the time and appliances necessary to fit them for thorough study of these subjects. Moreover, we find that young people have been driven into unbelief by the ill-informed or injudicious treatment of some subjects by those in whom they confided. Indeed, their leaders themselves sometimes go astray. We know of one, previously a Sunday-school teacher, who is now an active agent in promoting Secularism, while his former scholar is helping us in our work. We also have evidence that while a spirit of inquiry is (very properly) promoted in all public and middle-class schools, very little provision is made for showing the sufficiency of the answers which can be given to the questions which inquiring minds are ready to put. Not long ago a clergyman in a large town, where there is a considerable number of schools, called to confer with us as to the best methods of meeting the doubts and difficulties which the school teaching had suggested, and which the boys brought to him and talked about at their homes. It must not be supposed, however, that this spirit of inquiry is limited to large towns. The publications which are suggestive of doubt are circulated everywhere, and active agents of infidelity do not refrain from visiting villages or sending their literature into outlying districts. One of the best tracts that have ever come under our notice was written by the daughter of a country clergyman, because she found secularist publications were brought to the village by a travelling hawk. Some time ago a gardener's wife (a Christian woman), in a remote country district, wrote for counsel as to how best to answer some of the common infidel objections which had been put before her. Surely wherever the disease spreads the remedy should, as far as possible, be immediately provided. It may be felt as a difficulty in the holding of classes that Christian Evidences cannot be made sufficiently interesting; but the subjects are so varied, and the literature so voluminous, that careful preparation would enable any competent teacher to provide illustrations to light up such subjects as may be discussed

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, October 15, at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne. Tea will be provided in the school, tickets 1s. each. Changes of addresses for ringing calendar, &c., should be sent to Joel Redford, 9 Portugal Street, Bolton, for insertion in the Annual Report. A. E. HOLME, JOEL REDFORD, *Hon. Secs.*

The Yorkshire Association.

THE October meeting of the above Association will be held at Bradford on Saturday, the 8th October, and not on the 1st as heretofore.

W. WHITAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Cranborne, Dorset, on Friday, October 21st, when the bells will be at the disposal of members and friends from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge at 6 p.m. (Members' tea free.) Names of those intending to be present to be sent to the Rev. R. P. Thompson, Cranborne Vicarage, before October 17th.

St. Paul's, Wednesbury, Staffordshire.

THE Elwell family have completed their good work by the addition of a tower and spire to the church already erected at their cost; thus they have made room for the eight bells for which Mrs. Richards left a legacy of 700l. a couple of years ago. In the presence of the Mayor and Corporation of Wednesbury, the Bishop of Lichfield and some of the neighbouring clergy met the churchwardens and choir under the tower, and, after a Collect, one of the churchwardens, holding the ropes of the bells, and addressing the Bishop, invited him to dedicate the tower, spire, belfry, and bells. The Bishop, taking the ropes, said, 'By virtue of our sacred office, we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses this spire and belfry, and these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, for the benefit of His holy Church.' Delivering the ropes to the Vicar, he continued, 'Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed minister of this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His glory. You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish, to be used by his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the diocese.' The Bishop, clergy, and choir then entered the church, the bells being meanwhile chimed, and the usual morning service followed, the Bishop being the preacher.—*Lichfield Diocesan Magazine.*

An Account of some Change-ringing at Benington, Herts.

ON Tuesday evening, the 20th ult., the Benington Society of Change-ringers assembled in their steeple for their weekly meeting, when they commenced with their young hands in ringing three courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. They then rang, in excellent style, a musical touch of 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES, with Queens, Tittums, and Home, all following in musical order. A course of that intricate and amusing method, LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, was then rung in excellent time of striking. The evening practice meeting finished with a capital touch of 1792 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR—eight courses, with eleven bobs. The ringing was everything that could be desired. J. Kitchener, 1; Jos. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Chapman, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; J. Warner, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; S. Page (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Thursday, the 22nd ult., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association (Duffield Branch) rang a peal of 5001 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 15 mins. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; S. Johnson, 3; E. Moreton, 4; W. Hickling, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; W. Billingham, 7; B. Sugden, 8; A. P. Heywood, 9; J. Seal, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Haley and conducted by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Peter's Cathedral, Liverpool.

ON Thursday, the 22nd ult., ten members of the Liverpool Youths' Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. R. Williams, 1; R. Hill (Southport), 2; T. Hammond, 3; C. Williams, 4; G. Fisher, 5; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 6; R. Williams, 7; W. Brooks, 8. It was intended for a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

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

ON Thursday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. Page, 1; E. F. Cole, 2; B. Foskett, 3; E. Chapman, 4; T. Titchener, 5; J. Hannington, 6; A. Jacob (conductor), 7; G. Griffin (forty-seventh birthday), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Michael's, Melbourne, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and St. Michael's Society rang a Jubilee and Opening Peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 9 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; F. W. Cook, 3; Jos. Warren, 4; G. A. Fish, 5; G. C. Tunnicliffe, 6; H. C. Woodward, 7; J. R. Wood, 8. Composed by Mr. Shipway and conducted by Mr. Woodward. Tenor, 16 cwt. The peal was rung at the first attempt, is the first by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Fareham, Hants.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a Birthday Peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstens' composition reversed) in 2 hrs. 58 mins. J. Hewett, 1; J. W. Whiting (birthday),* 2;

H. White,* 3; C. Privett,* 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; F. Hill,* 6; G. Williams, 7; G. Grafham, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is the first peal of Stedman rung by the Winchester Guild, and believed to be the first peal in the method rung in the county of Hants. Mr. Washbrook came from Oxford; White, Basingstoke; Williams, Midhurst, Sussex (late of Fareham); Hewett, Gosport; the rest are local men. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

At St. John's Cathedral, Manchester.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., ten members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5237 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 23 mins. J. Eachus, 1; G. T. Turner, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Millett (first peal), 4; J. Grimshaw, 5; E. Bishop, 6; T. Heald, 7; A. E. Wreaks, 8; W. Newell, 9; E. Cash, 10. Composed by Mr. Knights of Chesterfield and conducted by Mr. Eachus. Tenor, 25 cwt. Mr. Newell came from Reading, Berkshire, and was elected a member of the above Association previous to the attempt; Mr. Millett, Heywood; and Mr. Bishop, Bury, formerly of Reading.

At St. John the Baptist's, Lewes, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins. W. Sheppard, 1; J. R. Kelly, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; W. Palmer, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. C. Hammond, 6; J. Jay, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. Mr. Sheppard came from Streatham; G. C. Hammond, Ringmer; the remainder from Brighton. All the ringers, with the exception of Mr. Sheppard, are members of the Sussex County Association.

At the Parish Church, Henfield, Sussex.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult., six members of the Sussex County Association (Steyning Branch) rang 5040 changes in seven different methods in 2 hrs. 57 mins., being 720 each of the following:—DOUBLE COURT, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, YORKSHIRE COURT, KENT TREBLE BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, OXFORD SINGLE BOB, and CANTERBURY PLEASURE. F. Morris, 1; G. Gatland, 2; G. Smart, 3; E. Brackley, 4; J. Woolgar, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. The first 5040 on the bells in seven different methods.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5002 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 19 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; J. Pettit, 2; R. T. Woodley, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; E. Horrex, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 7; R. F. Lane (Loughborough), 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; S. How, 10. Composed by the late Mr. H. W. Haley and conducted by Mr. Hayes. Tenor, 21 cwt. It was Messrs. Gifford and Lane's first peal of STEDMAN. Mr. Haworth rang his first peal of STEDMAN at Fulham on May 16th, 1842, which is over forty-five years ago, and it was the late Mr. Haley's first peal in any method.

At the St. James' Society's Meeting-house, London.

LATELY, in September, four members of the above Society rang, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 35 mins. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; J. M. Hayes, 7-8. Umpires, Mr. G. Wild of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. H. R. Newton, of the College Youths. Mr. Miller came from Birmingham, and this was his twentieth peal on handbells; they consist of 1 GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 10 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5 GRANDSIRE MAJOR (including the longest peal rung in hand, 10,176), 1 BOB MAJOR, and 3 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

AT ST. PETER'S, DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Monday, the 5th ult., 720 TREBLE BOB MINOR. T. Short, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury), 2; C. Hounslow, 3; C. Tolley, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Also 742 and 713 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by J. Hide, 1; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; T. Short, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; C. Tolley, 6; J. W. Washbrook, 7; W. Hyde, 8.

AT ST. MATTHEW'S, CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Thursday evening, the 16th ult., a quarter peal (1260 changes) of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 42 mins. W. Masters, 1; F. Rumens, 2; T. Jackson, 3; T. Page, 4; G. Page, 5; G. Marriott, 6; W. D. Smith (conductor), 7; C. Davidson, 8.

AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 18th ult., for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, five 6-scores of BOB DOUBLES, conducted by H. Mitchell, and four 6-scores of ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, conducted by R. J. Wilkins, were rung by D. Dix, 1; J. Romans, 2; J. Wilkins, 3; H. Mitchell, 4; W. Sevier, 5; A. Seyers, 6.

AT GREAT WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, the 18th ult., five members of the Sudbury Company of Change-ringers, with Mr. H. Bowell of Ipswich, visited the above place, and rang at the parish church of St. Lawrence various peals. Two peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung by F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; W. Howell, 3; H. Harper, 4; H. Bowell, 5; H. Brackett, 6. A peal of 720 PRINCE BOB MINOR was also rung. H. Digger (Waldingfield), 1; W. Howell, 2; F. Tolliday, 3; H. Harper, 4; H. Bowell, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. For the evening service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB was rung. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; H. Bowers (Waldingfield), 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; H. Bowell, 5; H. Harper, 6. This is the first peal in this method by H. Bowers. The above were rung on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving held in the above church.

CAN any one who knows St. David's Cathedral inform the writer what is the history, date, &c., of the two ancient bells on the floor of the nave?

Millbrook Rectory, Southampton.

S. B.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. R. Edmonds (letter sent to Mr. Jerram); and others.

our Constitution that these terms applied to any but those of the white race?' The *Living Church* replies, in effect, that this is an instance where the *animus imponentis* is not to be pressed so far as to make the interpretation narrower than the 'plain grammatical sense' of the article.

BITTERNESS of feeling is increasing between the Irish and German sections of the Romanists. The latter have held a 'National' Congress at Chicago in protest against the partiality shown to the Irish in episcopal appointments. The Papacy is urged to abandon a policy which threatens the German language in America with extinction.

THE Cathedral movement at New York is vainly disliked by the Puritan party within the Church, while outside denominations show much sympathy with the enterprise. Thus the *Episcopal Recorder* says: 'Is it not idiocy for the various denominations to aid and abet such a system, propagating evils they seem to know not of?' On the other hand, *Harper's Magazine* writes: 'All that the genius of Michael Angelo did for the Roman Church in St. Peter's, the best genius of this time would do in the proposed cathedral for that Christian faith which does not accept the Vatican tradition and decrees. Necessarily its distinctive service must be, as becomes such a temple, stately, impressive, sonorous, ritual, and therefore Anglican. But it would not be in any offensive sense sectarian as among Christian denominations. Nor would it exclude any adherent of Rome, or any Jew or Gentile, who sought a sanctuary of religious reflection or spiritual elevation. Amid the roar of material activity it would bear witness to the supremacy and power of the unseen world. In the eager strife of interests that concern the body it would stand for the welfare of the soul. Perpetual monitor amid perishing humanity of the eternal life in man, it would awaken, and refresh, and inspire that life in the community.'

WEST INDIES.

THE Rev. Cyril Grant, vicar of Aylesford, Kent, has consented, at the request of the Bishop of Rochester, to go out to Jamaica to conduct the projected six weeks' 'Mission' through that island.

INDIA.

FROM the Straits Settlements we learn that the new church at Thaipeng, Larut, was consecrated in August by the Bishop of Singapore and Sarawak. The building is on a site given by the Native State of Perak.

THE first meeting of the Calcutta Diocesan Council has been held. Three boards were appointed for Church extension, education, and missions.

If anything is better than stagnation, it ought to be pleasant to learn from the Rev. W. T. Sathianadam at Madras that now Hindus 'preach at different centres, Brahmoists do the same, and even Mohammedans follow suit,' and that there is 'increased activity and zeal in this city, till lately noted for apathy and indifference.'

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE Bishop of Bloemfontein has appointed Canon Gaul to the archdeaconry of Kimberley, which includes the territories of Griqualand West and Bechuanaland. Archdeacon Gaul has long been at the Diamond Fields, and followed up the settlers who went into Bechuanaland at the time of Sir Charles Warren's expedition.

THE remnant of the Colenso following are quarrelling among themselves. 'Archdeacon' Colley and another adherent have had a personal difficulty with the churchwardens of their church at Maritzburg.

ITALY.

A WELL-INFORMED correspondent, who has been in Italy, writes to us:— 'One of the most encouraging features in the mission work which Count Campello has been carrying on in Umbria for the last year is the fact—which differentiates the movement under his guidance from any of its predecessors in Italy—of its producing candidates for Orders. Those who desire to see a sound reform movement take root in the Latin Church at its very centre, must be glad to know that such candidates have already come forward, and that more are soon expected. To provide the necessary shelter and instruction for these candidates is becoming more and more a pressing need, and a subject of anxious thought with the Count and his friends, both in Italy and in England. It is much to be hoped that the liberality of friends of the cause in this country may soon enable the Count to see his way to the opening, on however small a scale, of a college for theological students, auxiliary to the excellent general education to be had in the schools and colleges supported by the State.'

FRANCE.

THE death is announced of Abbé Raillard, one of the earliest and most learned supporters of the revival of genuine Gregorian music. His *History of the Restoration of the Gregorian Chant* is a classical authority on the subject, founded on personal study of manuscripts of the eleventh century never before examined adequately.

NETHERLANDS.

THE Archbishop of Utrecht consecrated on the 27th August the new Old Catholic church on the island of Nordstrand. This island, one of the original homes of our Saxon forefathers, received afterwards a population from Friesland, who have adhered to their national Church in spite of the persuasions of Presbyterianism and Popery.

THE Rotterdam *Oud-Katholiek* calls for an abatement of the Latin element in Evensong, as the surest means of increasing the congregations, and regrets the way in which the chanting is often monopolised by the choir.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

BENEDICTION OF CHURCH BELLS AT WYTHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE church of St. Andrew, Wytham-on-the-Hill, is known as having one of the finest six-bell rings in the county. The beauty of the ring has, however, of late been considerably marred by a small crack near the canons of the fourth bell. It was resolved to recast this bell as a Jubilee memorial, and the work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, who have cast a bell of excellent purity of tone. Five of the bells are cast out of the metal of five bells which formerly belonged to Peterborough Cathedral. To these was added a treble bell, the gift of General Johnson, the lay-rector, and the ring was hung in 1831. The treble bell has the following curious inscription:—

'Twas not to foster pride and hatred
William Augustus Johnson gave me,
But truth and grace to celebrate.
These laws do keep, and e'er remember
On May 29th you must not ring,
Nor on the 5th of each November,
Nor on the crowning of a king.'

The new bell bears the following chronogram:—

'Ego renoVata In anno IVbIlLaeI^a bonae regl^{ae} VICTorIae In tVa eCCLESia gl^{ori}as regnⁱ tVI In Laeto ConCen^{tu} sono sVaViter O reX VuIce IesV et nVntIo horas operVM.'

Wednesday, Michaelmas Eve, was the day fixed for the benediction by the Lord Bishop of Nottingham. The day was begun by a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. The choirs, churchwardens, and ringers, met the Bishop and attendant clergy at the Vicarage at 3 p.m., and walked in procession to the church, singing the hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord.' On entering the church they sang 'Now thank ye all our God.' The office was a special one, that for the benediction of a bell in the *Priests' Prayer-book*; and as none of the bells in their present condition had been previously dedicated, collects were used suitable to the uses of the different bells. The first part of the office having been sung in the church, the Bishop, attended by clergy and choir, entered the ringing-chamber, which opens into the church, and the ringers took their places at their bells. The Bishop having concluded the Benediction, the choir at once burst forth with,—

'Sound forth, ye bells!
Sound far and broad,
Wide echoing praise to God the Lord,
The Three in One, the One in Three,
The God of glorious Majesty.
To God, whom Heaven and Earth adore,
Be endless glory evermore.'

Which being ended, a short peal was instantly rung, while the procession returned to the chancel. The hymn, 'When sweetly from yon hallowed tower, having been sung to a tune composed expressly for this service by the Vicar, the Rev. J. T. Halland, the Bishop preached, and in wise, fatherly words, impressed upon his hearers the duty of making the worship of God beautiful with all that appeals to the eye and ear. Among the 'things that have sound' he made special reference to the organ, which has undergone repair, having received considerable damage during the hot dry summer. For these repairs, and for the bell fund, the offerings of the people were invited. 'Angel voices' was sung during the offertory, and 'When morning gilds the skies,' sung while returning, brought a most impressive service to a close.

The church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Festival, which was held on the same day, and at 7 p.m. Evensong the church was literally packed. The sermon was a most able one by Canon Peter Young, and was followed by a procession, and a solemn *Tē Deum* sung by clergy and choir grouped before the altar.

The ringers had time for some good change-ringing between the services, and they had a day's ringing on the following day. On Sunday they rang in by a peal the chief services, the first peal being rung before the sung celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. They also rang over 1000 changes of BOB MINOR during the afternoon.

Loughborough Parish Church.

OUR readers will be glad to hear that the opening of the ring of ten in this church is fixed for Friday, the 28th inst., when friends will be welcomed.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE next General Quarterly Meeting of the members of the above Association will be held at Market Rasen and Claxby, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. The bells at Market Rasen (8) and Claxby (5) will be at the disposal of members for that day. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen. All members are invited. Those intending to visit Claxby will please arrange to arrive early in the day. Societies, or members of kindred Associations, intending to be present, will please communicate, not later than Wednesday, the 19th, with the Hon. Secretary, W. LUNN, Market Rasen.

Birmingham and District Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association will be held at Birmingham on Saturday, the 15th inst. The tower of St. Philip's Church

MARKED with Judson's Indelible Marking Ink,
'And the wide sea hath drops too few to wash it clean again.'

Much Ado about Nothing, Act iv. Scene 1.—[Advt.]

(ten bells) will be open during the afternoon as usual. The business of the Association will be transacted at the Club House, Edmund Street, to commence at 6 p.m. The Secretary will be obliged if those members who have not paid their subscription for the current year will pay or cause to be paid the same to him, on or before the 15th, as this is the last occasion on which such payments can be made. Any member failing to pay up will be considered to have left the Association. Tower-keepers and local secretaries are particularly requested to acquaint their several members of meeting and dues.

JOHN WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.

At the District Meeting at Folkestone on the 17th there will be a Committee Meeting at the Town Hall at 2 p.m. Business—Admission of members and time and place of next meeting. The churches in the programme are Cheriton, Lyminge, and Folkestone.

H. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN.

Winsted Court, Lenham.

RECEIVED ALSO:—L. Proctor, Esq. (want of space caused the delay); J. R. Jerram (want of space at present); Mr. Gifford—received your letter. Many other important communications are unavoidably postponed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Socialism at the Church Congress.

SIR,—The originator of these Congresses may, I think, take to himself the credit of having instituted the most useful Church movement of modern times. One wishes one could see some similar effort made for calm discussion of matters of high political import away from the heated walls of Parliament and the intrigues of hollow partisans. To me it is a surprising spectacle to see clergymen who, as a body, cannot have the correction of practical experience which we business men, fortunately or unfortunately, have to undergo, display patience enough to listen to views oftentimes at variance with the teachings of their professional training. On reading these debates a thrill of pleasure goes through every well-wisher of our National Church. I was truly glad that the Congress should include the address of Mr. Champion. That address was strong, as, from the speaker's point of view, it must needs be strong. The sneer directed at the Jubilee preparation in Westminster Abbey sounded harsh on the ears of most of those present, but it could not have so sounded to the matchbox-maker in the two-pair back. Of course the answer to that sneer is, that the Sovereign is the symbol of law and order, protecting as much the thrifty savings of the artisan's wife—in view, perhaps, of a daughter's outfit for her first place, or the prudent savings of some fast-aging brain-worker—as it does the fund out of which self-indulging luxury is maintained, while the indulgent luxury is by its very nature self-destructive, the luxurious spendthrift passing inevitably down to the ranks of those for whom Mr. Champion pleads, and the thrift-worker is, on the contrary, rising into the rank of a valuable citizen. I only say this to show that the spending of 40,000*l.* to honour the symbol of law and order is really in the interest of a majority who must always be the salt of any social system; but I am far, very very far, from inferring that the class for which Mr. Champion speaks are all composed of self-degraded members. I would say, Let us love God, and honour the King too. Our present system, therefore, illuminated and corrected by the love of God, is the only possible system which can live. Of revolutions you can have none more drastic than the French of 1789; but to-day you have the same social system, *minus* a Bourbon king. Christianise society as much as you possibly can, the prick of the individual conscience is more operative than the prick of the redcap's pike. Encourage thrift, so as keep those who are poor from falling lower; rescue the children of the poor and prepare them for an honest and thrifty career in Canada or elsewhere. These are the only possible roads to amelioration. To destroy the present motive for effort rather than to elevate and purify that motive, and so to reach equality of work and equality of means, is a dream worthy of Utopia.

L. W.

Clements, Snaresbrook, E.

The Salvation Army.

SIR,—The Bishop of Oxford has been advising his clergy to find out what is good in the Salvation Army, and imitate it. Of course it is always right to follow a good example, but I have always thought that the Church of England was at the head of all religious societies. If our clergy are to go out into the highways and pick out the good parts of every noisy and vulgar religious—so-called—association that makes both night and day hideous with their clamour, I pity the poor clergymen. I enclose a letter from a tormented individual upon the subject of the Salvation Army's doings in his village. I am afraid the *real* good done by these apostles of salvation is as the 'halfpenny worth of bread to this intolerable amount of sack.' B.

October 8, 1887.

'To the Editor of the "Morning Post."

'SIR,—Is it not an extraordinary thing that no one has up till now had the courage or enterprise to do something to relieve the sufferings of us unfortunate unbelievers in the "Army" from the execrating tortures they inflict on the vast majority of their countrymen? Will no kind M.P. take it up? It matters little whether he be Tory, Unionist, Radical, or Home Ruler, only let us have the grievance thoroughly well aired, and I am sure the leader of our movement against the soldiers of the army of oppression will have the heartfelt thanks of thousands of his and other constituencies. In the village in which I live, and others adjoining, the army have a band and a few followers who make Sundays and most of our week-days hideous with their discordant noise. On a Sunday they hold their so-called service just outside the parish church, and their jangling music can be

plainly heard in the church during service. They then continue to march round the village at intervals during the rest of the day, playing and singing, and making themselves as conspicuous as possible. The nuisance does not end here, unfortunately. Never are we free from aspiring bandmen practising hymns on the cornet (!), nor from children singing the blasphemous "refrain" of the hymns as they play in the streets. There is no other religion in the world that encroaches so painfully on the community at large, and there is no other country but happy-go-lucky England that would stand it. I say nothing of the tortures sick people are put to, or the pitiable endeavours of business people to keep their thoughts concentrated on their business, with their nerves distracted by the noise outside. The pictures in *Punch* years ago of the Italian organ-grinder only illustrated a very minor evil to this we are now undergoing, as one could pay them to go away. If any well-wisher to his neighbours would do something to relieve the pent-up feelings of his fellows, I am sure their good wishes will follow him for ever, and ensure his happiness in a future state far more effectually than all the farrago of nonsense and mis-called religion followed by the soldiers of the "Army of the Lord."

'October 5.'

'Yours truly,

A CIVILIAN.'

Homes for Waifs and Strays.

SIR,—It appears that a Mr. Helmore, who describes himself as 'the Shepherd,' has recently been visiting watering-places on the South coast with an organ for the purpose of collecting funds for a Home for Waifs and Strays in London. As some of our supporters have written to inquire if he is authorised by this Society to collect, will you be so good as to allow me to state in your columns that he never was, nor is in any way, connected with the Society, which is, so far as I am aware, the only Central Church Organization for Providing Homes for Destitute Children of all ages and both sexes?

E. DE M. RUDOLF, Hon. Sec.

Church Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays, 32 Charing Cross.

Books for Mothers' Meetings.

ANOTHER Vicar's Wife, following up the letter from 'A Vicar's Wife,' asking for story-books for mothers' meetings in last week's *Church Bells*, wishes to hear of a suitable religious book to read to mothers, similar to *Walsham How's Plain Words*, only shorter and more simple.

Church Flag.

SIR,—To sum up, I think you will agree with me that the Union Jack is the only 'correct' Church Flag among the many used, and that there seems to be no wish for an 'Act of Uniformity' to be passed to decide upon any other more distinguishable one.

F. W.

Notices to Correspondents.

'REV. R. Algernon Kirkham.'—We receive so many appeals that we can only insert them in our advertising columns. Our publisher will supply you with a scale of charges.

RECEIVED ALSO:—L. W.; W. Geary Knocker; Wm. Dawson; J. P. Stephenson; T. N. D.; and others.

'WATCHES, JEWELLERY.'—Midland Counties Watch Company.—Ladies' or Gents' Fine Silver Crystal Glass heavy-cased Watches, 25*s.*; Ladies' heavy case Gold Levers, 70*s.*; Gents' ditto, 80*s.* Send for Catalogue, beautifully illustrated, 1000 copper-plate Engravings, 1000 Testimonials, gratis and post free to any part of the world. A. PERCY, Manager, Vyse Street, Birmingham.—[Advt.]

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE Second Quarterly Meeting of the year will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, the 22nd inst. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*
5 St. Paul's Street, Burton-on-Trent.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE next General Quarterly Meeting of the members of the above Association will be held at Market Rasen and Claxby, on Saturday, the 29th inst. The bells at Market Rasen (8) and Claxby (5) will be at the disposal of members for that day. Tea will be provided at Market Rasen. All members are invited. Those intending to visit Claxby will please arrange to arrive early in the day. Societies, or members of kindred Associations, intending to be present, will please communicate, not later than Wednesday, the 26th, with the Hon. Secretary, W. LUNN, *Market Rasen.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Durham on Monday, October 31st. Service in St. Oswald's Church at two o'clock. Dinner at the 'Three Tuns' at three o'clock, followed by the Annual Meeting. G. J. CLARKSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Mitcham on Monday, the 24th inst., when the towers of the Parish Church and of Christ Church, Merton, will be open from 3 p.m. The tea and business meeting will be held at the Mission-room of Christ Church by the kind permission of the Rev. F. S. Legg. It is particularly requested that all who intend to be present at the tea will send in their names to the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, October 20th. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*
34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

Report of the Yorkshire Association.

THE Twelfth Annual Report (1886-7) of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, to be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Whitaker, Covered Market, Leeds. Price 6d., by post, 7d.—None of our Diocesan or County Societies issues a fuller, more complete, or more business-like Report, than the Yorkshire Association. It contains every possible information, both for the use of the members and for any others who may wish to know of the Association's doings. We heartily congratulate the President and other officers on the publication of this volume, and also on the state of affairs which it reveals. From various passages here and there, we rejoice to find that the Association, though not nominally connected with the Church, is yet clearly and distinctly on the Church's side, and arranges for a Church service in connexion with its meetings. Turning to the record of peals, we find not only that the actual number accomplished is simply magnificent, but also (and this is still more to the point) that the peals are fairly out of the groove of the old three methods. We note ALBION, ROSE OF ENGLAND, and last, but not least, fourteen different methods rung at a standing on six bells. Why should not the eight-bell ringers imitate this activity somewhat further than they do? DOUBLE NORWICH is a very simple method.

In concluding, we must not omit to draw attention to the Report of the General Meeting held at Setley on June 11th, when a large company of ringers from all parts attended the service, at which was dedicated the coloured window presented to Setley Church by the ringers of England, in memory of the life and work of the late Jasper W. Snowdon.

The Yorkshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday week at head-quarters, Bradford, when members attended from Birstall, Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Drighlington, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Huddersfield, Hull, Keighley, Ossett, Ripon, Sheffield, Shipley, Tong, Wakefield, York, and other places. During the afternoon the ring of ten at the parish church, and of eight at St. James and St. John's, were placed at the disposal of the visitors by the respective vicars, their kindness being taken advantage of by the members. At six o'clock the annual business meeting was held at the Parish Church Schoolroom, Mr. Wm. Snowdon, president, in the chair, who was supported by nearly all the officers and committee. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the President announced that all the retiring officers were re-elected, and in doing so expressed the pleasure he felt at this mark of confidence on the part of the members towards their officers. The head-quarters of the Association would also remain at Bradford for the next three years. Mr. Abbishaw then moved the adoption of the Report, which showed that the total number of members was 22 honorary, 476 ringing, and 47 non-resident, making a total of 545, an increase of 29 on the previous year. Fifty-three peals had been rung during the year at twenty-seven different churches, and the Report concluded with an appeal to the members to assist the officers in conducting the affairs of the Society. Mr. James Angus seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The annual balance-sheet was then read, which showed the receipts to be 45l. 7s. 4d., and the expenses 18l. 17s. 8d., leaving balance paid into the bank of 20l. 9s. 8d.; the total amount of the Society's funds invested being 164l. 11s. 2d. On the motion of Mr. W. Elliott and Mr. H. Raistrick, the auditors, the balance-sheet was passed. Thanks were accorded to the vicars of the three churches for the use of the bells; to the Rev. Canon Bardsley for the use of the schoolroom; also to the retiring officers, and to the President for his services in the chair.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 250th Anniversary Dinner of the above Society will take place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Saturday, November 5th, at 7

o'clock precisely. Members and friends wishing to be present will please communicate as soon as possible with the undersigned, enclosing postal order for 3s. 6d., when tickets will be forwarded to them. Application is requested by Saturday, October 29th. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Magnus, Thames Street, E.C., 10 bells, 1.15 p.m.; St. Saviour's, Thames Street, E.C., 12 bells, 2.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, E.C., 12 bells, 4.0 p.m.; St. Magnus, 5.0 p.m. GEORGE MASH.
20 Essex Street, Southwark.

Presentation to Mr. George Newson.

ON August 21st a very large meeting of ringers was held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, to witness the presentation of a silver English lever-watch, with inscription, to Mr. George Newson, on his forty-third birthday, as a testimony of great esteem and high appreciation of his valuable services as a composer, ringer, and conductor. In presenting the watch Mr. E. F. Cole, in a neat speech, dwelt on Mr. Newson's many excellent and sterling qualities, and spoke of the remarkable zeal and energy always displayed by him.

Birthday of Mr. Giles Mansfield.

THE ninety-fifth birthday of Mr. Giles Mansfield of Stroud, the oldest ringer living at the present time, was celebrated on Saturday, October 15th. Eight members of the Stroud and Painswick Societies of Ringers rang at Stroud parish church a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, containing 95 treble leads, comprising 1380 changes, in 50 minutes with 30 bobs. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Slowman, 3; W. Hale (composer and conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. Afterwards all the above ringers visited the residence of Mr. Mansfield to cheer the old ringer on his birthday. A course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the handbells under his bedroom, and although insensible at times the old ringer was so confident that he could ring two bells to a course, the ringers consented to try him, and with breathless silence, except the sound of the bells, he rang 3-4 to a course of 70 changes perfectly true, although with feeble strokes. When finished tears ran down the old man's face. He said, 'My will is with you; my intellect is good, but my body is feeble.' The ringers in the course were W. Hale, 1-2; Giles Mansfield, 3-4; G. Latham, 5-6; F. Stephens, 7-8. Mr. William Sloman and the other ringers witnessed the performance, and declared it well and truly rung, which is the most aged ringing on record. He is the only surviving member of the ten who rang the long peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS on May 5th, 1817, consisting of 12,312 changes in 7 hrs. 44 mins. He is also a life member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He has been bedridden now some three years, and is in his last stage of prostration, but is cared and comforted by his youngest daughter and friends, who attend to his wants, which are many. His residence is at the turning at the end of Church Street, close under the church. He is entirely dependent on a small allowance from the parish, and what kind friends who know him give him. If any kind ringer could call and see him, and give him ever such a small amount, it would indeed be a blessing to him and his caretakers. If any kind ringer could send him ever such a small amount to assist him and his friends in his last few weeks, which I think cannot be many, it would at once be handed to them by me, William Hale, of the Rookery, Painswick, and acknowledged in *Church Bells* and *Bell News*. (Signed.) WILLIAM HALE.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-Ringers, Bradfield Branch.

THE members of this branch kept their yearly festival on Saturday the 1st inst., at Beenham. At Evensong in the Parish Church an excellent sermon, dwelling upon the more spiritual aspects of 'Church Bell-Ringing,' was preached by the Rev. A. H. Drummond, vicar of Boyne Hill, from Ps. xix. 4. The members took tea together in the Parish Clubroom, which was kindly placed at their service, and there was afterwards some good practice in the belfry of Beenham Church. Among those who took part in the proceedings were the Revs. H. C. Beeching (Yattendon), J. B. Burne (Wasing), Rural Dean, T. H. Bushnell (Beenham), D. O. Harrington (Burghfield), A. L. C. Heigham (Englefield), C. H. Owen (Bradfield). The accounts showed a considerable balance in favour of the Society. It was resolved, therefore, that during the winter members should receive more frequent instruction in the art of bell-ringing.

Belfry Reopening at All Saints', Waldron, Sussex.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult., the belfry of All Saints' Church, Waldron, was reopened after restoration, and the bells dedicated after recasting. There was a large congregation of parishioners at the service, which consisted of Evensong. The clergy present were the Revs. W. J. Humble-Crofts (rector of Waldron), J. A. Warner (curate of St. Bartholomew's, Cross-in-Hand), R. R. Tatham, R.D. (rector of Dallington), Prebendary Sutton (rector of Rye), G. W. Pennethorne (vicar of Heathfield). After the third Collect the clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, where the Rev. R. R. Tatham dedicated the bells. On returning to the chancel the choir sang an adaptation of Dr. Neale's hymn, 'Lift them gently to the tower,' and the Rev. Canon Sutton gave an impressive sermon. As a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee the parishioners raised nearly 200l., the greater portion of which was appropriated for the purpose of repairing the belfry. Two bells were also recast at the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, and the remaining six-quarter turned. The tenor bell was recast with the following inscription: 'Joy and sorrow, joy and sorrow, yesterday, to-day, to-morrow.' On bell No. 7 was inscribed: 'This and the tenor bell, cast in 1732, were recast in 1887 in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. W. J. Humble-Crofts, rector; J. Allan Warner, curate; J. G. Boucher, Nelson Kenward, churchwardens.' Numerous ringers from Brighton, Eastbourne, East Hoathly, and Fletching, handled the bell-ropes during the day.

St. James' Society, London.

MEMBERS are requested to attend the meeting on October 31st, as special business will be discussed concerning the Society. J. BARRY, Hon. Sec.

A Three-part Touch of 4998 Grandsire Triples.

THE following is a copy of a sheet just issued by Mr. W. H. Thompson, author of *A Note on Grandsire Triples* :—

'Since the publication last year of my *Note on Grandsire Triples*, published by Macmillan and Bowes, Cambridge, price 1s., I have been informed that all yet published touches of 4998 are in one part, and that ringers would like a three-part touch of 4998. I therefore now circulate one from which, on the advice of an accomplished ringer, I have omitted the B block—235476, 642735, 576342, which may be introduced at the end in the manner indicated. As printed the touch contains 132 bobs. It can, however (by the device noted in the postscript to my "Note"), be transformed into a three-part touch of 4998, containing 147 bobs. For the purpose of effecting this transformation the three Q sets, of which the rows 274365, 637452, 543726, are respectively members, must be bobbed.'

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W. H. THOMPSON.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Forthampton, Gloucestershire.

On Michaelmas Day a new treble bell was consecrated to the service of God. There were previously five bells sadly out of tune in the tower, which, now that this addition has been made, and the old five have been tuned, contains as musical a ring of six as may be found. The work has been most satisfactorily done by the old firm of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The Dedication service was at 7 p.m., when prayers were read by the Vicar, Rev. Charles Walters, to whose energy the work has been due, the sermon being preached by Rev. C. D. P. Davies. There was a very good congregation in spite of the bad weather. After service the first six-score on the new bells was rung by the local company, and this was succeeded by two more six-scores by a mixed band.

At St. Alkmund's, Whitchurch, Salop.

On Monday, the 19th ult., in 2 hrs. 48 mins., Taylor's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Langford, 1; W. Hutchinson, 2; G. Wright, 3; R. Houlding, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; G. Woodhall (conductor), 6; T. Barron, 7; F. Ryder, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. Collen's, Llangollen, North Wales.

On Wednesday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Wrexham Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. Jos. Williams, 1; R. W. Evans, 2; J. Ellis, 3; F. E. Dawe (conductor, London), 4; E. Rowland, 5; T. Newell, 6; E. Evans, 7; J. Kendrick, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. First peal in the above method on the bells.

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

On Thursday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, rang a peal of 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Burton variation) in 3 hrs. 28 mins. G. Robinson, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. P. Heywood, 3; Jos. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by Mr. W. Wakley. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which is in three parts, contains the 4th twelve and the 6th nine times in 6th's place, the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th being only once in that position. It was now rung for the first time; and in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. Austin (a member of the St. Paul's Society), with Miss H. Driver of Burton-on-Trent.

At St. Matthew's, Clapton, London.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. A. Masters (first peal), 1; W. D. Smith, 2; F. Rumens (first peal inside), 3; T. Page, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; H. Springall, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; C. Davidson (first peal), 8.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Friday, the 31st ult., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5216 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. Gratix, 1; R. Woolley, 2; J. S. Wilde, 3; T. Bradley, 4; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; G. Longden, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., ten members of the St. John's Society rang a peal of 5058 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A. Hobday, 1; G. Bourne, 2; O. James, 3; W. Rea, 4; W. James, 5; G. Morris, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; A. Moore (first peal of CATERS), 8; W. J. Sevier, 9; J. Parry, 10. Tenor, 20 cwt. Mr. W. J. Sevier came from Gloucester, and is a member of the Lancashire and Gloucester and Bristol Associations; Mr. A. Moore came from Hanbury. The above ringers are members of the Worcester and adjoining Districts Association, except the ringer of the 9th.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part (Reversed) peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. J. Beaver (first peal), 1; G. Hogg (first peal inside), 2; R. T. Woodley (London), 3; J. C. Harvey, 4; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 5; E. E. Richards, 6; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 7; H. Bright (seventy-eight years old), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Sheffield.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., twelve members of the Yorkshire Association rang a Jubilee and Birthday peal of 5125 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 4 hrs. 3 mins. C. Bower, 1; Jos. Mullingar, 2; W. Lomas, 3; T. Dixon, 4; J. A. Dixon, 5; J. Mullingar, 6; G. Holmes, 7; S. Seed, 8; E. Woodward, 9; C. H. Hattersley, 10; T. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 11; W. Midgeley, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt. The above peal was rung to celebrate the Jubilee year and the fiftieth birthday of Mr. T. Hattersley: his brother-ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (Duffield Society) rang a peal of 5000 DUFFIELD MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Dawson, 1; S. Johnson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; Evan Moreton, 4; G. Hingley, 5; A. Robinson, 6; B. Sugden, 7; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. In this peal, which is the first exact 5000 ever rung on eight bells, 6-7-8 are together throughout (104 courses). It is both the first peal composed and the first achieved in the method.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Friday, the 7th inst., ten members of the St. James' Society rang a peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 21 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), 2; H. Langdon, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; W. Jones, 5; A. E. Church, 6; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; G. R. Banks, 9; E. Albone, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed by the late Mr. Hubbard and conducted by Mr. Hayes. The above peal was rung by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. G. Sutton Fleck, M.A., as a mark of respect to the late Rector, the Rev. J. Lindsay, D.D., this being his birthday. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking him for his kindness during the eight years he was rector of St. Clement Danes.

On Sunday, the 25th ult., for evening service, ten members of the St. James' Society rang, in 53 mins., 1258 STEDMAN CATERS. H. Langdon, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; E. Carter, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; R. T. Woodley, 5; W. W. Thorn, 6; H. R. Newton, 7; T. Miller (Birmingham), 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; J. Willshe, 10. On Friday, the 30th ult., on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, ten members of the St. James Society rang a touch of 312 STEDMAN CATERS. R. French, 1; H. Langdon, 2; R. T. Woodley, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; E. Horrox, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; A. E. Church, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; G. R. Banks, 10.

At St. James' Meeting-house, St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Monday, the 10th inst., four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 30 mins. J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7-8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in C. Umpire, Mr. G. Wild, of the Royal Cumberland Society. Mr. Gifford came from Salisbury, and this is his first peal on handbells. Messrs. Buckingham and Mitchell came from St. Alban's. The handbells retained in hand.

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

On Saturday, the 15th inst., eleven members of the St. James' Society rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 24 mins., in honour of Mr. Alderman De Keyser's election as Lord Mayor of London. J. Nelms (composer and conductor), 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; F. Bates, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; R. French, 5; J. Barry, 6; A. E. Church, 7; D. Stackwood, 8; F. G. Newman, 9; D. Lovett and W. Weatherstone, 10. Tenor, 31 cwt. 14 lbs.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	7 in 3 and 7 8
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The last five courses seven times repeated. By calling 8 in 2 last course, fourth part, and 9 in and out at 2 last course, produce rounds.

At Trowbridge, Wilts.—On Saturday, the 24th ult., a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes), in 46 mins. E. A. Foster, 1; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 2; A. Anderson, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; J. Cooper, 8.

* * In the account of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, in *Church Bells* and the *Midland Churches Album*, it is stated that there is a ring of twelve bells in the tower. It should read a ring of ten bells. Tenor, 29 cwt.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Wolverhampton Bells.

SIR,—I notice in your paper for October 21 a note that there is an error in the account given in *Church Bells* and the *Midland Churches Album*. The statement is, 'in the tower are twelve bells, the oldest dating 1638.' The ring is of ten bells, but there are besides the large bell, tolled at funerals, and the oldest bell (1638) not now used. Your corrector should have looked more carefully at the original notice before writing to you.

ROBT. T. WALKER, Churchwarden.

Ventnor Place, 108 Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton.

Mr. Thompson's Three-part Touch.

SIR,—With regard to the three-part peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* by Mr. W. H. Thompson, published in your last issue, I have heard a report that the part-ends are considered objectionable, on the score that neither is there any bell with repeating work, nor is any bell at home at any part-end. These objections betray considerable ignorance of the subject. The peal may be divided into two main portions: first, the longest composition obtainable in three similar parts with bobs only, viz., three leads less than the whole peal, one lead being omitted in each of the three parts just mentioned; second, the three leads omitted. Now these last constitute a B block. In the three lead-ends composing a B block no bell has repeating work. The part-ends of the three long parts must bear a certain relation to the one particular lead omitted in each of them, viz., to the B block. Therefore it follows that these part-ends also cannot have a repeating bell. An instance of the reverse case may be seen in such a peal as the five-part by Mr. Hollis. Here one member of a P block is omitted in each of the five parts. Now a P block has a repeating bell; therefore Mr. Hollis's part-ends have likewise a repeating bell.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

The Jubilee Peal-board at St. Lawrence Jewry, City of London.

At a meeting of the parochial ringers of the above church J. R. Haworth proposed, and W. Weatherstone seconded, 'A vote of thanks to Mr. ex-Churchwarden Chretien for his kindness in placing a handsome tablet over the door of the belfry in the porch of St. Lawrence Jewry, recording a Jubilee peal of 5040 changes of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Victoria's reign of fifty years, which was ordered to be rung by Mr. Churchwarden Benningfield.' Signed, on behalf of the ringers, by 'J. R. Haworth, head ringer, and caretaker of the bells.'

The Old Parish Church of St Mary, Eastbourne, Sussex.

This church possesses a musical ring of eight bells, cast by Mears of London in the year 1818, the tenor weighing 16 cwt. Everything here seems to be in capital order, a practical proof of the revived interest in matters appertaining to the 'art and mystery of ringing.' The ringing-room is a model of neatness and comfort, in fact, the very idea of what such a place should be. On the walls hang several peal-boards and old date-tablets, also a fine engraving of the venerable Vicar, the Rev. Canon Pitman.

The Ring of Bells at Durham Cathedral.

THE Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will be glad to learn that the Dean and Chapter have given instructions to have these bells put into proper order, in accordance with a report submitted to them by me, and that the work is now being put in hand so as to have all in readiness for the forthcoming Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, October 31st.

G. J. CLARKSON.

A New Bell at Sharnbrook, Beds.

AFTER patient waiting, the lovers of campanology in this village have obtained a new treble bell, so as to make up a ring of six. The bell arrived by the Midland Railway, and after being placed in position, the local company, by way of trial, gave several touches of *GRANDSIRE* during the afternoon and evening. The bell weighs about 6 cwt., and bears the following inscription:—'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1887. Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1887.'

The New Ring of Bells at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne.

After some years' waiting, the octave of bells in the beautiful spire of this church has been completed, and St. Saviour's now owns the heaviest ring in the town. As might be expected with a church so well appointed in all ways, the belfry is no exception to the rule. All appears to be in good order. The ringing-room, like that at 'old town,' is most comfortable. The ceiling was low at first, but that, after some little difficulty, has been lifted with screw-jacks. Ellacombe's Chiming Apparatus is fitted to the bells for service chiming, and also Seage's Dumb Practice arrangement for the benefit of young ringers. The following extract from *St. Saviour's Parish Magazine* for May 1886, gives many interesting particulars concerning this grand ring of bells:—

'The peal of bells is now completed by the gift of Nos. 2, 3, and 4; notes C sharp, B, and A, of the octave of D. This last gift is by Miss Bayly, the well-known writer of *Donovan, We Two, In the Golden Days*, and other works, under the signature of "Edna Lyall." The first estimate for the peal was obtained from Messrs. Warner & Co., Bell Founders, Cripplegate, London, in the year 1874. They advised a peal of eight, being as many as could be placed upon one level in the tower, and having the tenor or largest bell of the size and weight fairly manageable by one ringer. The octave is that of D; the weights of the several bells range from the lower D, about 25 cwt., to the upper D, about 7 cwt., the collective weight of the entire peal being about 5 tons, 3 cwt. The frame on which they are hung is of English oak, together with iron in parts. The first estimate of cost, inclusive of frame and bells,

was 975l., but as the bells have been cast at different intervals, when the price of bell-metal has varied between 7l. 10s. and 5l. per cwt., the actual cost has been somewhat less. The donors of them are, severally—1, The late Mrs. Dickenson; 2, 3, and 4, Miss Bayly; 5, Mrs. Grantham; 6, Subscriptions by the Congregation; 7, The late W. Thompson Whelpton; 8, The Duke of Devonshire.'

A New Ring of Bells for St. Saviour's, Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

AMONG the many undertakings for the improvement of Shanklin, the proposed ring of bells for St. Saviour's Church holds a foremost place, and we are glad to see that subscriptions to this object still continue to be received. In aid of the fund a successful promenade concert was arranged and carried out by the Shanklin Rowing Club on Monday se'night, Through the kindness of Mrs. Scaramanga it was held in the grounds of Westhill, and the public were enabled for the small fee of sixpence to see one of the prettiest of the Shanklin gardens, and to listen to a capital programme of music performed by the town band. The promoters of the concert were enabled to hand over the considerable balance of 10l. to the Bell Fund; and if other efforts prove so successful we shall hope to hear soon that the full amount has been raised and the order placed in the hands of the bell-founders. Up to the present time over 400l. has been raised largely by those who are residents of Shanklin, and perhaps it is not too much to hope that towards raising the remainder some of the visitors now there may generously subscribe.

A New Bell at St. Catherine's, Catherington, Hants.

THE ring of bells at St. Catherine's, which formerly consisted of five, and which has been enlarged to six (the old second having been recast and a treble added) by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was reopened on Thursday, the 22nd ult. Several six-scores of *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES* were rung by the local band and visitors from Havant, Basingstoke, Gosport, and Fareham. A 720 *GRANDSIRE MINOR* was rung in 27 mins. by the following members:—G. Grafham, 1; H. White (conductor), 2; J. Hewett, 3; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 4; J. Staples, 5; J. Whitney, 6. At five o'clock the ringers adjourned to the School-room near the church, where a capital tea was provided by the Churchwardens. The bells were then rung for the service at seven o'clock, and two well-struck six-scores of *STEDMAN DOUBLES* were brought round. An appropriate sermon was preached to a crowded congregation by the Vicar, the Rev. R. F. Maynard. The Whitechapel firm have had rather a difficult task in splicing this ring, as the old bells were abnormally thin, but they have accomplished their task very satisfactorily, as the new bells harmonise well with the old ones, and they are now a very musical and handy ring, with tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Dedication of New Bells at Deal, Kent.

ON Thursday, the 13th inst., a special dedication service took place at St. Leonard's, Upper Deal. The old ring of five bells had been for a long time in bad order, and at the beginning of the year they became unringable. Just as the rector and churchwardens were seriously considering the matter Captain G. Coleman, of Rosway, Deal, very kindly came forward and offered to be at the sole expense of recasting the bells into six, and rehanging them. This has now been done, and a pretty little ring of six, tenor 9½ cwt. in G, is the result. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, who have given the greatest satisfaction, the 'go' of the bells being perfect.

The bells were opened by the Quex Park ringers, who rang some well-struck six-scores of *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES* before the service, which took place at three o'clock. To the great regret of all present, the Rev. R. B. Hugessen, who was to have given the address, was unfortunately prevented from coming through a severe accident. His place was taken by the Rector, the Rev. T. L. Griffith, who delivered an excellent address. After the service, a dinner was provided by the Rector in the schoolroom. The Rector presided, being supported by Captain G. Coleman, the Rural Dean, the Mayor and Corporation of Deal, the churchwardens, the Quex Park ringers, the Upper Deal ringers, and other gentlemen. The health of Captain Coleman was drunk with musical honours, and after a few other toasts the company separated.

The tenor bell bears the following inscription: 'This peal of six bells was recast and rehung at the sole expense of George Coleman, of Rosway, Deal, in commemoration of the Jubilee year of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria's reign, 1887. Thomas Llewellyn Griffith, rector; Daniel Clarabut, Thomas Frederick Woodruff, churchwardens. The original peal of five bells being cast by Christopher Hodgson, 1685. Edward Smith, George Knowler, churchwardens.'

Two New Bells at All Saints', Loughborough.

Two new bells (augmenting the ring to ten), presented by Messrs. J. W. Taylor & Co., will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, D.D., D.C.L., archdeacon of Leicester, on the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude, on Friday, the 28th inst. Service to commence at 3.30 p.m. The offertory will be given to defray the heavy expenses incidental to the re-hanging of the old ring and the repairing of the clock.

The Pope's Jubilee.

AMONG the many strange gifts to be offered to his Holiness at that occasion is a contrivance by a French engineer, named Arragon, for ringing large church bells by electricity.

Kent County Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting was held at Folkestone on Monday, the 17th inst., attended by over sixty members. Besides Folkestone, the neighbouring churches of St. James', Dover, Cheriton, and Lymeing, were visited. At the Committee Meeting, held at the Town Hall, the bands of Woolwich, Boxley, Deal, and Elham, were elected to the Association. It was resolved that

District Meetings should be held more frequently, so as to accommodate the increasing area of the Society, and two fixtures were made for next spring—in Faversham in February, and Crayford in April.

Herts County Association of Change-ringers.

MEMBERS are requested to take notice, that the General Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Monday, November 7th. Motions will be submitted for the reorganization of the Association. The General Secretary will tender his resignation. W. WIGRAM.

The Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY Meeting was held on Monday, October 24th, at Christ Church, Mitcham, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. S. Legg. A little ringing was done here between 3 and 4, by some members from Kingston, and then a move was made to the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul. Here they were met by F. W. J. Rees, Esq., of Guildford, lately returned from Bengal. At 6 o'clock, some thirty-five members met at the mission-room of Christ Church, and sat down to a capital meat tea, the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Legg, kindly presiding and saying grace. The splendid joint of beef, to which ample justice was done, was very kindly provided by the Vicar, so that the cost of tea to the Association is comparatively small. The meeting was also very kindly assisted by the two Misses Nicholson, who presided at the tea-urns, and were kept very busy. After the good things had been despatched the business of the evening was proceeded with. Mr. Rees was elected an honorary ringing member. Mr. Thompson's leaflets containing his three-part touch of 4998 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with directions for completing the peal, were passed round, and a vote of thanks to him was carried unanimously. The question of the proposed certificate of membership was discussed, and it was resolved that the arrangements for its production be proceeded with. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. F. S. Legg, for his kind hospitality and for allowing the Association to make use of the mission-room and the belfry. It was resolved to hold the next district meeting at Battersea, and the next quarterly meeting at Kingston-on-Thames. It was also resolved that collections should be made by the representative of each band for the widow and orphans of the late Mr. A. Brockwell of Mitcham, who are sadly in need of help. Afterwards five of the Kingston band rang a capital course of GRANDSIRE CATERS on the handbells, and then three of them, with Mr. T. Miles of Epsom, rang a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. In the belfry, ringing, was kept up till about 9.30 p.m. in BOB MINOR, CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, and OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. H. J. Schneider for the capital arrangements he made for their entertainment and his indefatigable exertions at the tea.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 250th Anniversary Dinner of the above Society will take place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E., on Saturday, November 5th, at 7 o'clock precisely. Members and friends wishing to be present will please communicate as soon as possible with the undersigned, enclosing postal order for 3s. 6d., when tickets will be forwarded to them. Application is requested by Saturday, October 29th. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Magnus, Thames Street, E.C., 10 bells, 1.15 p.m.; St. Saviour's, Southwark, 12 bells, 2.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, E.C., 12 bells, 4 p.m.; St. Magnus, 5 p.m.

GEORGE MASH.

20 Essex Street, Southwark.

Complimentary Peals at the Minster, York.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., the York Minster bell-ringers rang several short peals, as a compliment to Sir J. Terry, on the occasion of the banquet in honour of his being knighted by the Queen, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the citizens. The following took part:—M. West, 1; R. Long, 2; G. Worth, 3; I. Underwood, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; W. H. Howard, 6; T. Haigh (conductor), 7; W. Morrell, 8; J. Thompson, 9; G. Crampton, 10, assisted by E. Morrod.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 13 mins. J. H. Ridyard, 1; F. Derbyshire, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; J. Derbyshire, 4; J. Wellsby, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. Baguley, 7; R. Ridyard, 8. Composed by Mr. Thorp and conducted by Mr. R. Ridyard. Tenor, 21 cwt. The first peal by a local company in the method and the first on the bells.

At St. Mary's, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 18 mins. G. Newson (composer and conductor), 1; A. Jacob, 2; W. Motts, 3; R. S. Story, 4; A. E. Acfield, 5; C. Ward, 6; W. Ward, 7; P. Meadows, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. Mr. Story came from Newcastle; Motts, Ipswich; Newson and Jacob, London; the rest are local men. The first peal on the bells since rehanging.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. Munday; and others. Many communications are unavoidably postponed.

MARKED with Judson's Indelible Marking Ink,
'And the wide sea hath drops too few to wash it clean again.'

Much Ado about Nothing, Act iv. Scene 1.—[Advt.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Consecration of Truro Cathedral.

SIR,—We purpose, God willing, to consecrate our Cathedral on November 3rd, at 11 a.m. We shall be grateful if all Christian people will, on that day, remember us in their intercessions. We ask them to pray, (1), That the services of the day and the octave may, in all their manifold details, be ordered by the Holy Spirit; (2), That the building thus hallowed and dedicated may be used until the day of our Lord's appearing for the glory of God and the good of His Church. GEORGE H. THURON.

Mr. Spurgeon's Protest.

SIR,—People must be very blind to what is going on within the Anglican Church if they imagine that Nonconformist Churches are the only ones who have any leaning to the 'dangers' of modern theology. It would be but a poor compliment to the clergy to say they alone were impervious or indifferent to the thoughts of devout and educated men on many religious questions in the present age. In some of the leading articles and letters which have lately appeared in your pages, and which have caused considerable surprise, the *ex cathedra* statements of a Baptist pope are taken as the standard of orthodoxy, and for his fulminations against his brother Christians he is warmly patted on the back. From Mr. Spurgeon's sermons and addresses it can be seen what his views are. His 'Gospel' contains the following:—(1), Calvinistic theories of election and reprobation; (2), Pacifying the wrath of God by the punishment of Christ; (3), Endless material torments; (4), The damnation of all who have never heard of Christ; (5), The verbal theory of inspiration. These are the 'five points' of his teaching; and because some ministers cannot accept such 'glad tidings,' they are forthwith told they have departed from the Faith, and are from their pulpits creating Atheists and Infidels. More marvellous still! A religious paper, not narrow-minded—even *Church Bells*—is actually found to agree with him, and to commend his statements to its readers. Permit at least one clergyman of the Anglican Church to say that he utterly refuses to accept Mr. Spurgeon's decrees, and that he will make it the object of his life to counteract such teaching, believing it to be degrading to God and demoralising to man. T. N. D.

[*Church Bells* has not recommended Mr. Spurgeon's doctrinal statements or theories; it has simply taken note of his important admissions as to the decay of Dissent and the growth of spiritual life in the Church.—Ed. C. B.]

Waifs and Strays.

SIR,—The publication of Mr. Horsley's facts and figures on p. 1145 is truly welcome, and he and the Society for which he pleads are entitled to their full share of credit in the matter; but the figures prove that application should in the first place be made to the Courts of Quarter Sessions, to the School Boards, and the Town Councils, and then to H. M. Treasury through the Home Department, for the money required. They represent the rate-payers and taxpayers whose money has been saved, and they have statutory power to spend the public money in furtherance of Mr. Horsley's work. Under the Statutes creating that power these children have rights which should be enforced; and, in these circumstances, is it just to bring them up as subjects of charity? Private beneficence will not be wanting, if needed, after the local authorities and the Government have fulfilled their respective duties in this matter. F. J. M.

Fauna of Palestine.

SIR,—In 'Notes on Passing Events,' mention is made of the close affinity of the Jordan fishes to those of tropical Africa. This discovery was due to the patient investigations of Canon Tristram in 1864, and to him the credit should be given. It is not only interesting to the geographer, as indicating a water connexion between the Jordan and the African lakes *via* the Red Sea, but also to the geologist, as marking the survival of miocene genera even to the present time. Linnæus once remarked that we were (1747) less acquainted with the natural history of Palestine than with that of the remotest parts of India. This discredit has been rolled away by Canon Tristram, with much self-sacrifice, and too great praise cannot be accorded to him. His description of the hatching of the ova of the *Chromio Simonis* in the pharynx of the male, marks him out as an unrivalled observer, and deeply interested as we all are in Palestinian research, we earnestly desire that honour should be given to whom honour is due. W. T. BULFITT.

Crossens Vicarage, Southport.

Books for the Shipping.

SIR,—The period for equinoctial gales has arrived, and hundreds of ships will be running in under headlands for shelter, where our forty mission yachts and boats will board them before a change of wind takes them to sea again. Upwards of 9000 ships carry library bags put on board by the Missions to Seamen, and their contents will be seriously damaged and need replacing, whilst many other crews leaving port crave supplies of books for the voyage. Disused Bibles, Prayer-books, Hymn-books, reading-books, magazines, and periodicals, are issued by the hundred thousand annually, but our stock is quite exhausted. We need also some thousand white 'crash' bags to contain the books, the size to take pictorial papers, a pattern of which would be gladly sent. Would your readers kindly send supplies in boxes, hampers, or sacks, prepaid, to 'The Missions to Seamen, 11 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C.,' or at the nearest large seaport?

WM. DAWSON, Commander R.N.

The Missions to Seamen, 11 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Contributions for George Mansfield.

SIR,—In response to my appeal in *Church Bells* for the aged ringer, Mr. Mansfield, I have to acknowledge the sum of 14s. 6d., which has been thankfully received. Any further subscriptions will be received and duly acknowledged in *Church Bells* by William Hale, The Rookery, Painswick, Gloucestershire.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 250th Anniversary Dinner of this Society will take place to-morrow evening (Saturday) at 7 o'clock precisely. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Magnus, Thames Street, E.C., ten bells, 1.15 p.m., and 5 p.m.; St. Saviour's, Southwark, S.E., twelve bells, 2.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, E.C., twelve bells, 4 p.m. The Dinner Committee comprise: Messrs. G. T. McLaughlin (Master), J. Pettit (Treasurer), S. E. Joyce, and E. E. Clark (Stewards), C. F. Winny, R. T. Woodley, W. Tyack, and G. Mash (Secretary), 20 Essex Street, Southwark, S.E.

Notice.—The Annual Meeting for the election of Officers will take place on Tuesday evening next, the 8th inst., when all members are requested to attend.
G. T. McLAUGHLIN, Master.

A New Clock at Powerstock, Dorsetshire.

THE venerable church of this place, of which Archdeacon Sanctuary is rector, has just been enriched by the erection of a large chiming clock in the tower. It was finished a few days since, and was started by Mrs. Sanctuary. It has two dials each five feet across, facing south and west. The Cambridge quarter-chimes are played upon four bells, and the hours struck upon the largest bell, which is a very fine-toned one. The clock movement is of the finest construction, generally upon the lines laid down by Lord Grimthorpe. It is fitted with all the latest improvements to ensure perfect accuracy of performance, and is guaranteed by the makers (John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby), to maintain true time with less variation than fifteen seconds a-month. All the brass wheels of the clock have their teeth cut from the solid by powerful engines, so as to be perfectly accurate and smooth. The main frame is of one solid iron casting, planed smooth and true with all the various wheels, levers, &c., affixed to it by screws in such a manner that any separate one might be removed without interfering with the remainder. The whole of the works are fitted in a pitch-pine case with glass front. The same firm are also now about completing church clocks at Salcombe, Kingsbury Street, and others in neighbouring counties of Somerset and Devon.

Dedication of the Bells at Bloxwich Church.

On Oct. 31, the ring of eight bells, which has just been placed in All Saints' Church, Bloxwich, was formally dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield. The gift of these bells was advocated by the vicar (the Rev. J. Barrow) and churchwardens early in the year as a Jubilee memorial, and the idea was very heartily taken up, and ultimately offers of one bell each were received from Mrs. Foster, Mr. W. R. Lazenby, Mr. Thomas's family, Dr. Somerville's family, Mr. T. Foster, and the Wesleyans of Bloxwich. The tenor bell was already in the tower, and the children of the parish undertook to collect for and provide the other—the eighth. The order for the bells was entrusted to Messrs. Mears & Stainbank of London, who have executed the commission in the most satisfactory manner. The proceedings commenced with service in the church, when Mr. Gower, Mus. Doc., presided at the organ, and there was a full choir. After evening service the choir, bishop, and clergy proceeded to the belfry, where the ropes of the bells were handed to his Lordship by the churchwardens, and in turn handed by him to the Vicar, after they had been solemnly dedicated and set apart to the glory of God, and for the benefit of His holy Church. After the dedicatory prayers the procession returned to the church, where the hymn, 'Lifted safe within the steeple,' was sung, and a short peal was rung. The Bishop then proceeded to give an address, taking no text. At the conclusion of the service a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung on the new bells by members of the Staffordshire Association of Change-ringers, under the direction of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

All Hallows' (Tottenham) Society, London.

THE practice-night of this Society has been altered to Tuesday (meeting time 8.30 p.m. as before). The bells are also rung every Sunday for service, commencing at 10.15 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. All change-ringers are welcome.

WM. FYE-ENGLISH, Hon. Sec.

Beds Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association will be held at Luton on Saturday afternoon, November 12th. The bells (eight) of the parish church will be at the service of the members, by the kind permission of the Rev. J. O'Neill. Ringing friends from Hertfordshire will be welcomed.

Woburn, Beds, Nov. 1st, 1887.

CHARLES HERBERT, Hon. Sec.

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

A COMMITTEE and Ringing Meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, November 12th. The Rev. Sidney Phillips, vicar, has kindly promised to preside. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon. A meat tea will be provided for members and friends at 1s. per head, names and money to be sent to the Hon. Secretary on or before November 8th. Committee Meeting at 4.30 p.m. prompt, and tea at 6 o'clock. Members to take this as a notice should they receive no other.

JOHN SMITH,

37 Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Nuneaton Ringers at Higham-on-the-Hill, Worcestershire.

ON Saturday, the 15th ult., the ringers of St. Nicholas, Nuneaton, rang 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, called differently. W. Adler, 1; T. Lingard, 2; T. Chapman, 3; H. Horwood (conductor), 4; T. Bates, 5. Also 120, with G. Winter, 1; J. Clarke, 2; W. Adler, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. Chapman, 5. This ring was increased to five in 1873 through the instrumentality of Mr. J. Holmes, now of Burton-on-Trent; another bell is much needed to make this a fine ring of six. The handbells were now brought into use, change-ringing and tune-playing being kept up until it was time to return home; each one enjoying the outing, but not forgetting to thank all for their kindness—the Rector for the use of the bells, and the ringers for getting them ready.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

ON Saturday, the 15th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. E. Humprey (first peal), 1; A. Kimbrey, 2; H. Humprey, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; T. Short, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6; H. Fruin, 7; A. W. Carter (first peal), 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

At All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

ON Tuesday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 9 mins. G. Naish, 1; J. Strutt (conductor), 2; G. Welling (Mitcham), 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Fayers (Mitcham), 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt.

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

ON Saturday, the 22nd ult., the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Bonney, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; W. Cecil, 3; C. Beech, 4; J. Pettit, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; J. West, 7; J. H. Monday, 8. It was the birthday of Messrs. Cecil and Beech. Their brother ringers wish each of them many happy returns of it.

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

ON Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties Association and the St. Paul's Society rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 15 mins. W. Wakley, 1; T. Meredith, 2; A. Wakley, 3; Jos. Griffin (conductor), 4; T. Holmes, 5; R. Cartwright, 6; H. Wakley, 7; G. Robinson, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt.

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

ON Tuesday, the 25th ult., twelve members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS in 3 hrs. 51 mins. C. Mee, 1; F. Mee, 2; A. R. Aldham, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; I. S. Alexander, 5; J. Stewart, 6; W. Motts, 7; J. Motts, 8; R. H. Brundle, 9; W. L. Catchpole, 10; F. Tillet, 11; S. Tillet, 12. Composed by Mr. H. W. Haley and conducted by Mr. C. Mee. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Lately, the following Peals and Touches have been rung:—

AT ST. CROSS', HOLYWELL, OXFORD.—720 BOB MINOR. H. Payne, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. Baston (conductor), 3; W. Jeffries, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; S. Hounslow, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, WELLS STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON.—Eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 45 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; H. Langdon, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; J. N. Oxborrow, 4; E. Carter, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; R. T. Woodley, 8.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—720 COLLEGE SINGLES, with bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Fowler, head teacher of Christ Church Schools, who was also a ringer. H. Knight, 1; G. Howse, 2; J. Sharp, 3; G. Smith, 4; F. Harding, 5; T. Smith (conductor), 6.

AT ST. WERBURGH'S, BRISTOL.—720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 27 mins. C. H. Gordon (first 720), 1; C. Waters, 2; J. Davies, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; R. Knill, 5; C. E. D. Boufflower, Esq., 6.

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, NORTHGATE, OXFORD.—720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. C. Tolley, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; A. Browning, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; J. W. Washbrook, (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. Also at St. Peter-in-the-East, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; C. Tolley, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; A. Browning, 4; W. Jeffries, 5; C. A. Clements, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—For the Harvest Festival, four six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, each called differently. J. Randall, 1; F. Furr, 2; A. Squires, 3; T. Dobbs, 4; S. Hare, 5; J. Foster, 6; J. Hare (conductor), 7; G. Halsey, 8. Rung with 4-6-8 covering. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

AT NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—720 KENT TREBLE BOB in 27 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Goodman, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; S. Spittle, 6. And 240 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; S. Spittle, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith, 6. Also 360 PLAIN BOB. F. Hotchkiss, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Prestidge, 6. And 360 GRANDSIRE MINOR. J. Townsend, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; F. Hotchkiss, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Prestidge, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The above was conducted by W. Micklewright, and rung to commemorate the twenty-seventh birthday of H. P. Skidmore, Esq., of Penang Villa, South Devon. Messrs. Goodman, Spittle, and Micklewright came from Dudley.

RECEIVED ALSO:—F. G. Newman; E. Wallage; North Lincolnshire; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The New Ring of Bells at the Parish Church, Brentwood, Essex.

THE firm of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank has placed a ring of eight bells in the above tower, which have been hung in an iron frame, the gift of Mr. C. Howell Palmer and Mrs. Boreham, in memory of the Rev. C. Belli. The bells are in the key of B flat, and the inscriptions on them are as follows:—

- Tenor*.—19 cwt. 3 qrs., in B♭.: 'Ad majorem Dei Gloriam et in Memoriam Caroli Almerici Belli, nos octo dono dederunt Edwardus Howley Palmer et Ellen Louisa Boreham. A.D. 1887.'
- 7th.—18 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.: 'Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus: laudate eum in firmamento virtutis ejus.'
- 6th.—10 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.: 'Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus: laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis ejus.'
- 5th.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.: 'Laudate eum in sono tubæ: laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.'
- 4th.—7 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.: 'Laudate eum in tympano et choro: laudate eum in chordis et organo.'
- 3rd.—6 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.: 'Laudate eum in cymbalis: bene sonantibus: laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis.'
- 2nd.—5 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.: 'Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum: Halleluia.'
- Treble*.—5 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.: 'J. C. Quennell, M.D., et C. J. Wallis, custodes sacrorum: Carolus Grinstead, Vicarius, A.D. 1887.'

'The Last and the First.'

LATELY, a tablet was placed in the tower of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, London, recording two peals—one rung the evening before the tower was commenced to be taken down, the other when the new tower was erected—hence the 'last and the first.' The following is a copy:—

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (ESTABLISHED 1637).

ON Thursday, January 7th, 1875, Eight Members of the Society rang on these bells John Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

PERFORMERS:

J. R. Haworth, Treble. Samuel Reeves, 5.
Walter Jones, 2. William Tanner, 6.
George Tanner, 3. John M. Hayes, 7.
Edward Wallage, 4. William Greenleaf.

Conducted by James R. Haworth. This being the last peal rang on the bells previous to the Demolition of the Old Tower in 1875.

Rev. James Cohen, M.A., Rector.
Mr. Jabez Shelton, } Churchwardens.
John Nailor, }
Martin Bamberger, }

Reopening of Twyford Church, Bucks.

ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., this ancient church was reopened after partial restoration, which included the rebuilding of the tower. The bell-frame was shored-up during this latter operation to save the expense and trouble of taking it to pieces and refitting it. The 'go' of the bells was found to be somewhat rough and heavy, and the position of the tenor-rope very awkward, viz., close to the north-east corner of the tower. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, two very fair 720's were rung by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; W. Woods, 2; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 3; F. Field, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6. Tenor, about 11 cwt. Methods: KENT TREBLE BOB and GRANDSIRE. Sermons were preached at Matins by the Ven. Archdeacon Randall, and at evensong by Rev. Dr. Merry, rector of Lincoln College, Oxford; and the day passed off very pleasantly, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

District Meetings of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Two very successful District Meetings have been held during October. At Longbridge Deverill, between fifty and sixty were present, and ringing was kept up during most of the afternoon and evening. Service was held at the parish church in the evening, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Wyld, vicar of Mere. Tea was also provided for members and friends at 6 p.m.

Another meeting was held at Cranborne: only a few attended, but several new members were elected. The Rev. R. P. Thompson, vicar, kindly entertained the members to tea at the Foresters' Hall.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk.

ON Monday, the 17th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 Holt's Original GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; G. Perry, 2; G. Wightman, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, 6; A. R. Jacob, 7; W. Grimes, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. G. Perry came from Frandsen, the Messrs. Wightman from Cretingham, Newson and Jacob from London; Grimes is one of the local ringers.

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

ON Tuesday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. Hopwood, 1; G. Longden, 2; J. Wood, 3; T. Wilde, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; J. Thorpe, 6; S. Wood (conductor), 7; J. Harrison, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Mr. Wilde (Hyde, Cheshire) was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

At the Parish Church, Dorchester, Oxon.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 7 mins. A. Hawes, 1; C. Polley, 2; C. Trinder, 3; W. Cousins, 4; F. Field, 5; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 6; H. Cobb, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Aylesford, Kent.

ON Friday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Penning's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. G. Pawley, 1; E. Price, 2; E. Elliott, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; F. G. Newman (conductor), 5. A. H. Woolley, 6; A. Moorcraft, 7; H. Pearce, 8.

Also, on Saturday, the 29th ult., Penning's One-part peal in 2 hrs. 53 mins. E. Price, 1; C. Willshire, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. G. Newman (conductor), 4. A. Moorcraft, 5; A. H. Woolley, 6; S. Snelling, 7; E. Elliott, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. This peal was rung to commemorate the dedication of the new church of St. Mark, Eccles, a hamlet of Aylesford, by the Bishop of Rochester.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Capel, Surrey.

ON Friday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang 5040 changes in seven different changes upon six bells, being a 720 of each of the following:—LONDON SURPRISE, SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE, CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, COLLEGE PLEASURE, COLLEGE EXERCISE, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

At St. Bartholomew's, Quorndon, Leicestershire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR WAS rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins. A. Cresser, 1; C. Smith, 2; G. Draycott, 3; R. Lane, 4; S. Smith, 5; S. Page (Benington, Herts), 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. W. Taylor, jun., 8. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson and conducted by Mr. Taylor.

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

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., twelve members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a Jubilee peal of 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 3 hrs. 40 mins. J. Rogers (composer and conductor), 1; G. Newson, 2; J. W. Mansfield, 3; W. Baron, 4; C. E. Malin, Esq., 5; J. Hannington, 6; A. Jacob, 7; E. Chapman, 8; H. Swain, 9; H. A. Hopkins, 10; H. Dains, 11; G. Wild, 12. Tenor, 36 cwt.

The above was performed by the desire of the Vicar and Churchwardens, as the Royal Ringers' tribute to the Jubilee Year. It was arranged by Henry S. Thomas, Esq., the recent Master of the Society; the band being selected from the members who assisted him in carrying out the Jubilee Banquet. Regret was felt at the enforced absence of E. F. Cole, Esq., through severe affliction, his brother-ringers condoling with him on his sad loss. By a curious coincidence the date was also the Jubilee birthday of Mr. Henry Dains, the respected Hon. Secretary of the Society for many years; his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of this his fiftieth birthday.

At the Parish Church, Bloxwich, Staffordshire.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang on the new peal of bells T. Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. S. Reeves, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; W. Walker, 3; W. R. Small, 4; D. Wesley, 5; J. Lawton, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. Astbury, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Previous to starting for the peal the Rev. F. E. Robinson was elected a member of the above Society. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung at the close of the Dedication Service.

At All Saints', Staplehurst, Kent.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. Walter, 1; W. Pope, 2; Jos. Tillmon, 3; W. Pope, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Munn (conductor), 7; T. Colom, 8. Tenor, 21½ cwt. The first peal on the bells, the first by the local band, and the birthday of Mr. H. G. Pope.

MUFFLED PEALS.

AT ST. MARY'S, WHITECHAPEL, LONDON.—ON Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a course of TREBLE BOB MAJOR in the Kent variation; also the usual whole-pull and stand; after which a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES, each with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Mitchell, Vestry Clerk. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; J. Bonney, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; C. Beech, 5; E. Wallage, 6; W. Greenleaf, 7; E. Horrex, 8.

AT ST. SEPULCHRE'S, HOLBORN VIADUCT, CITY OF LONDON.—ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., the parochial ringers rang a muffled peal in memory of Mr. G. Marriott, a member of the Cumberland Society, who died on Sunday, the 30th ult., aged 76; also to the memory of Mrs. Blackett, sen., of the above parish. J. Nelms, 1; H. Davis, 2; W. Moore, 3; G. Holmes, 4; G. Gains, 5; D. Lovett, 6; J. Rumsey, 7; W. Matthews, 8; A. E. Church, 9; J. Barry, 10.

AT ST. THOMAS', SALISBURY.—1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. J. Short, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. N.B.—As there is only one bell at the Cathedral, it is the custom to ring St. Thomas' bells (which are close by) on all great festivals, and for any special service in the Cathedral.

where intelligent-looking men and women shake their heads at a word of English.

And now for the explanation of these little edifices, which are far older than the majority of English parish churches. So long ago as A.D. 182 there was founded in Flintshire, at Bangor-is-coed, a monastery or school for clergy, which grew to large dimensions. But in the year 603 our King Ethelred advanced upon this monastery and killed many of the monks. The massacre put an end to the establishment, but not to all the monks. The survivors separated and wandered about Wales in quest of places where they might believe themselves secure from fresh pagan marauders. Some of them wandered into Anglesey, and there built little cells wherein to live and worship. What more natural than that the natives of Ynys Fon should wish to share in these religious privileges. The cells grew into churches in this way; and in this way also may the etymology of these villages or churches be understood. The monk Flewyn was the sponsor of Llanflewyn ('Llan' meaning a church or yard), Beulan of Llanbeulan, &c. Other holy men and women sought out a like retirement, and were the founders of quaint little churches. As Rowlands, the antiquary of Anglesey, says: They 'consulted more their own retiredness and solitariness of living than the conveniences of their congregations in their choosing the sites of their cells and churches.' One may go further, and say that they thought nothing about congregations until the people came and asked to be allowed to join in their prayers. The two churches already noted, Llanbadrig and Llanrhwydrys, have a more venerable origin than the rest. Rhwydrys, the son of a king of Connaught, in the course of his travels, alighted by this bleak spot, and there built him a cloister in the year A.D. 570: hence Llanrhwydrys. As for Llanbadrig, it may claim the reverence of all good Irishmen, inasmuch as St. Patrick himself was the author of it. He touched at Anglesey on his way from Rome to Ireland, and instituted Llanbadrig (Badrig=Patrick) before he had made a single convert to Christianity in the country he was commissioned to Christianise. So it is said.

It was this same longing for seclusion that drove certain of these hermits to establish themselves upon the extreme ends of rock promontories, which have in course of time been cut away from the mainland. Llangwyfan, in the south-west, is a very singular example of this. The coast-line of the island is here rugged without being colossal. Its rocks are, however, terribly lashed and broken by the force of the south-west gales. Originally, no doubt, the church of Llangwyfan was fairly accessible. Now it is a melancholy ruin, standing on an artificial embankment of bones and gravel, surrounded by prodigious masses of malodorous seaweed, and at high tide by the sea itself. Up to a time well within the memory of the parishioners, service was held in this gusty little church, which is not more than forty feet long by twelve or thirteen feet in width. But there was always a certain measure of anxiety upon the congregation during the service. The causeway connecting the church with the mainland is rough in the extreme, and available only at low tide or half tide. With a strong wind upon the shore the sea is wont to come up very quickly. The tide was therefore always a matter of the gravest consideration. In the heat of his eloquence the clergyman might forget the conditions under which he held his cure, and preach until the water came up over the track; and then there would be a joyous baring of legs among the youngsters, and a brisk arrangement between the elders as to who should carry whom. It got so bad at length that the church had to be abandoned. Nowadays the church and the churchyard seem devoted to the elements. The winds and rains have pared the circuit of the embankment to a nicety. It is as if a Titanic knife had been carried round it. And, as you stumble over the litter of stones and gravel at the base of the pile, you soon discover that by slow degrees the old dead of Llangwyfan are being washed from their resting-places. Skulls, thighs, and other parts of the human framework stick through the soil, awaiting the first hearty shower that shall give them a chance of detaching. Thus, within a term of years almost mathematically computable, the church and churchyard will go down before the sea, and be covered by the sands which are subtly invading the country here and elsewhere.

One more of these churches may be noticed—that of Llandysilio. It is built on an islet in the Menai Strait, between the two bridges which bind Anglesey to Carnarvonshire. Pennant considered Llandysilio 'a most dreary cure.' It may be so in winter, but in summer it is pleasant enough, sheltered as it is by a small copse of dark pines where its causeway links it to the shore, with the sparkling current of the Menai washing its rocks, and the vivid green of the banks of the two shires vanishing towards the west. Llandysilio is used as a district cemetery. It also feeds the cow of a cottager who lives on the islet; and to invigorate one's thoughts there is now to be seen peering over the woods on the right hand the bronze figure of the Marquis of Anglesey upon his column, the man whom Fortune is said to have relieved of a limb, because—

'She saw two legs were lost on him,
Who never meant to ruin.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE General Quarterly Meeting of the above Association of Change-ringers was held at Market Rasen on Saturday week. As soon as the visitors arrived the bells at Market Rasen were raised in peal, and subsequently a company was despatched to the neighbouring village of Claxby, in response to the kind invitation of the Rev. S. W. Andrews. At Claxby several six-scores of GRANDSIRE and BOB DOUBLES were rung, the Rector kindly inviting the ringers to the Rectory to partake of refreshment. An adjournment was made to the Rectory, where the visitors rang on their handbells double-handed courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR. Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews for their kindness, and the company hastened back to Market Rasen. The Rev. S. W. Andrews at once took the presidential chair. Tea ended, the genial Chairman submitted the customary loyal toast, which was cordially received. Dr. E. W. Barton proposed 'The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese.' They were all Churchmen, and united in their Church. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of their worthy friend and Rural Dean, the Rev. W. W. Cooper. In responding, the Rev. W. W. Cooper said that he was very pleased to be present, and hoped this might not be the last time he might have the pleasure of meeting them. The Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke was extremely pleased to be here; he had very often wished to be present at one of these Association meetings, because he had from the first had the welfare of the Association at heart. He believed the organization had already done a good deal of good, and he wished it every prosperity. He should be glad to welcome the Association to Caistor at any time. The Chairman said it was his honour to respond to this toast, and to thank them very much for the way in which they had wished the Association every success. In conclusion, he thanked them for the way the toast had been received, and promised Mr. Westbrooke that if they went to Caistor they would do the best they could with his bells. Mr. Nettleship proposed 'The Honorary Members,' and said he was pleased to give this toast, because he knew perfectly well that honorary members were a part of all associations to whom honour was due. He had been connected with many associations, and his experience led him to say that they had been greatly indebted to honorary members. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. W. W. Cooper. The Rev. W. W. Cooper responded, and remarked that he always thought an honorary member was one who thought some sort of gratitude should be expressed for what an association with which he was connected had done or was doing. Mr. Casterton said it afforded him very great pleasure to propose the toast of 'The Visitors.' The Rev. F. H. Dalby said he was much obliged to them for coupling his name with that of the toast, and for the kindness in inviting him to such a pleasant meeting.

The business portion of the meeting followed. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Gainsborough in January. The Rev. C. Moon, of Owersby, the Rev. F. H. Dalby, and Mr. J. Casterton, were elected honorary members; five new ringing members (two Louth, and two Market Rasen) and two non-resident life members, were enrolled. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and for the hospitality he had shown to the ringers was carried with acclamation, the Chairman acknowledging the vote. The company were enlivened with songs, contributed by Messrs. J. Hackney and W. Southwick, and handbell ringing by several ringing members.

After the meeting, the visiting and home ringers repaired to the Market Rasen belfry, and rang several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (this being the first time that method has been rung here), the following taking part:—S. Marshall, 1; H. Burkitt, 2; H. Gadd, 3; W. Southwick, 4; T. Bennett, 5; W. Lunn, 6; C. Jackson* (conductor), 7; T. Gibbons, 8. * From Hull.

Rochdale and District Association.

THE above Association held its Quarterly Meeting at Todmorden on Saturday, the 5th inst., ringers being present from Rochdale, Walsden, and Todmorden. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and was continued by mixed companies until 7.30, when the meeting was held. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close about 8.30.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz. — Master, Mr. S. E. Joyce; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. T. Woodley; Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit; Senior Steward, Mr. E. E. Clark; Junior Steward, Mr. H. Springall; Auditors, Messrs. F. E. Dawe and W. Tyack.

Old St. James' Society, Bristol.

ON Wednesday, the 9th inst., eight members of the above Society rang at the Temple church a date touch of 1887 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. This is the longest length ever known to have been rung in this tower, and probably the first date touch ever rung in a leaning tower. For this massive piece of masonry, which is about 90 ft. high, is no less than 4 ft. 6 in. out of the perpendicular, and this at a point about 60 ft. from the ground, the upper portion having been built on after the sinking of the foundations. The bells are a fine ring of eight, tenor 22 cwt., and have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, and four of them recast. T. Salter, 1; J. Walters, 2; A. Anderson, Esq., 3; J. Davis, 4; R. Knill, 5; C. Boutflower, Esq., 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; H. Schusler, 8. The touch was composed by J. Carter of Birmingham, and was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins.

The Jubilee Memorial at Lenham, Kent.

THE old chimes in the tower of the parish church were started on Friday last, after remaining silent for eight or ten years. The machinery, which is

a fine specimen of the ancient method of playing tunes on church bells, and which had fallen into bad repair, has been restored and repaired, and nine tunes added, as a Jubilee memorial, contributed by the inhabitants of Lenham. The following is a list of the tunes:—'Holy, Holy, Holy,' 'Home, Sweet Home,' 'Last Rose of Summer,' 'The Harmonious Blacksmith,' 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' 'Ring Out, Wild Bells,' 'My Lodging is on the Cold Ground,' 'The Minstrel Boy,' and 'Rousseau's Dream.' The whole of the work has been carried out by the well-known firm of Lund and Blockley, clock and carillon manufacturers, of Pall Mall, London. The same firm, we believe, has just erected a full quarter turret clock in the parish church of Birchington, Kent, as a Jubilee memorial.

The Bells at All Saints' Church, Loughborough.— Augmentation to a Ring of Ten.

THE two additional bells at Loughborough have been presented as a Jubilee gift by Messrs. Taylor & Co., who have also been most liberal in recasting with additional metal some of the old bells. The task of augmenting the bells and rehanging them on new frames was commenced in the spring of this year, and have been brought to a successful issue. In addition to presenting these two bells, Messrs. Taylor have materially improved the tone of the old bells by recasting several of the larger ones and adding more metal. The two new bells weigh respectively 6 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., and 7 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lbs. Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, have been recast with the addition of 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lbs. of new metal, and the total weight of the ten bells is 117 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs. Only three of the old bells are rehung without recasting. We may add that the munificent gift of Messrs. Taylor & Co. to the parish (comprising the new bells and weight of metal used in recasting) is of the value of 270*l*. New ropes for the bells have been presented by Mr. Pritchard. The old bell-frame and beams, which were very much decayed and had no doubt carried three rings of bells in succession, have been removed, and the bells have been hung on the improved cast-iron A frames, which have been supplied by Messrs. Taylor at a cost of 350*l*. The frames stand on oak beams, which are supported by an iron girder. A new floor has been placed in the bell-chamber about four feet below the iron girder, this part of the work having been entrusted to Mr. Abraham Smith. The bells were dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, D.D., D.C.L. (Archdeacon of Leicester), at a special service. The Rev. T. Pitts (rector) officiated as Bishop's chaplain and conducted the introductory portion of the special form of service used on the occasion. The dedication ceremony was preceded by the formal licensing of Mr. A. B. Churchill as lay reader of the parish. Appropriate prayers were said by the Bishop, who, standing under the tower, formally declared the bells to be 'dedicated and consecrated to the service of Almighty God.' The bells were then rung, and the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' having been sung, the Bishop preached an interesting sermon from the text, 'Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.' The service concluded with recessional hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord.' The collection realised 24*l*. towards the cost of rehanging the bells.

Two New Bells at Kings Kerswell.

THE number of bells in Kings Kerswell Church, Devonshire, has been augmented from four to six. The addition was made by Mr. Aggett, of Chagford.

New Bells at Ryton, Salop.

To commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee, two small bells have been cast for the tower of Ryton Church by Messrs. Gillett & Co., of Croydon, making with the three old bells a ring of five. The new bells, being the trebles of a light ring, are necessarily very small, but Messrs. Gillett & Co. have succeeded in producing two maiden bells excellent in tone and tune. The bells bear the inscriptions given below. That on the treble is a chronograph, for, if the numbers represented by the numeral letters occurring in the inscription, viz., M D CC LXX X VVV III III III III, are added together, the date 1887 is obtained.

✠ VICTORIA REGINA ET IMPERATRIX ANNO IVDLAEI PERFECTO
GRATES AGIT SIT GLORIA DEO REGINAE SALVS.
✠ GILLET DE CROYDON NOS DVAS MINIMAS FECIT
IACOBO CLARKE ROBERTS RECTORE ROBERTO BRADLEY
GARDIANO MDCCCLXXXVII.

The new ones have been hung and the old bells, at the same time, rehung most successfully by Mr. Harry Stokes of Woodbury, near Exeter, his work being, as usual, not only substantial and good but thoroughly well finished. The bells were rung for the first time on October the 6th, and gave great satisfaction.

Where to get a good Bell?

MR. BROOK (Harewood Lodge, Meltham, near Huddersfield) writes:—'Can any one recommend me where to get a good bell? The church only requires one. Which is the most pleasant and musical note for it to be attuned to?'

[We advise our correspondent not to go in for a very light bell—fifteen or sixteen cwt. is a good weight. The President of the Yorks Association, W. Snowden, Esq., Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, would gladly give advice as to founder, &c.—Ed. C.B.]

Subscriptions to Mr. Giles Mansfield.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging a further remittance of 5*s*. from two lovers of bell-ringing at Ilfracombe. These I have handed to Mr. Giles Mansfield, who tenders his heartiest thanks to the donors; and also to you, for your kindness to him.

WILLIAM HALL.

'E. P. BROUGHTON.'—For a description of tubular bells we can but refer our correspondent to Messrs. Harrington & Co.'s advertisements and circulars. For our own part, we distinctly prefer the old English type of bell, which we feel sure will easily hold its own.—[Ed. C.B.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the St. Martin's Company, Birmingham, rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; W. Kent, 2; J. Joynes, 3; B. Witchell, 4; C. Stanbridge, 5; J. Sanders, 6; A. Thomas, 7; J. H. James, 8. The first peal on the bells.

At the College Youths' Meeting-house, St. Paul's Churchyard.

ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., four members of the St. James' Society rang on handbells retained in hand Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 28 mins. W. Baron, sen. (first peal on handbells), 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; G. Wild (first peal on handbells), 7-8. Umpire, Mr. J. M. Hayes.

At Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Didsbury, Lancashire.

ON Friday, the 4th inst., Shipway's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins. T. G. Downs, 1; W. Holbrook, 2; J. Darbyshire, 3; A. E. Wreaks, 4; J. Wilde, 5; T. Brickell, 6; P. Brickell (conductor), 7; S. Brickell, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in E. First peal by all except Messrs. Downs, Wreaks, and P. Brickell. Messrs. Downs and Wreaks came from Manchester; Peter and Samuel Brickell, Northenden; the rest are of the local company.

At the Parish Church, Arundel, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a muffled peal (Holt's Six-part) of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 7 mins. E. Brackley (first peal of TRIPLES), 1; F. Luxford, 2; H. Haggett, 3; G. Smart (first peal of TRIPLES), 4; G. Balchin, 5; C. Blackman, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Knight (first peal), 8. Messrs. Brackley, Smart, and Tyler, came from Steyning, the remainder belong to the Arundel branch. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Ven. Archdeacon Walker, a vice-president of the Association.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 7th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. J. Plowman (first peal), 1; I. Plowman, 2; C. E. Malin, Esq., 3; G. Welling, 4; A. B. Carpenter, Esq., 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6; Jos. Fayers, 7; H. Brooks, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

ON St. Martin's Day, Friday, the 11th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. A. W. Barkuss, 1; H. D. Adams, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Judd, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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

ON Monday, the 7th inst., ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a muffled peal—whole-pull and stand—as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Marriott, who had been a member of this Society for nearly fifty years. W. J. Moore, 1; J. Nelms, 2; C. Clarkson, 3; C. Holmes, 4; G. Gains, 5; W. Matthews, 6; J. Wheeler, 7; H. J. Davies, 8; D. Lovett, 9; A. E. Church, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At the Parish Church, Walthamstow, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang Mr. H. Johnson's peal of UNION TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. W. Coakham, 1; T. Maynard (conductor), 2; G. Grimwade, 3; A. Keit, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; J. H. Wilkins, 6; A. S. Barrell, 7; W. Crockford, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E flat. Previous to starting A. S. Barrell was elected a member of the College Youths. This is the first peal in the method by all the ringers, the first by members of the Essex Association, and the first upon the bells, which were hung in the year 1778.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, London.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, Holt's Ten-part, was rung in 2 hrs. 47 mins. C. Chaplin, 1; S. G. Davies, 2; W. Partington, 3; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 4; L. Partington, 5; W. Broadbent, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F. * First peal. First peal in the Society. First peal by a local band on the bells. Great credit is due to the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Jephson, who taught all the band the art of change-ringing.

At St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, Herts.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 15 mins. E. J. Mitchell, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; W. Battle, 6; T. Waller, 7; T. Gathard, 8. This is first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. Gray of Hertford, who has put them in good order. Mr. Gathard, who was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal, belongs to Hatfield; the rest came from St. Albans.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., by the Midland Counties' Association (Duffield Branch), a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERERS was rung in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Composed by the late Mr. John Cox. J. Dicken, 1; J. Howe, 2; S. Johnson, 3; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 4; W. Hickling, 5; W. Billingham, 6; G. Hingley, 7; B. Sugden, 8; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (conductor), 9; J. Seal, 10. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

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

ON Monday, the 14th inst., by the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SUB-

PRIZE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Composed by Mr. H. Dains. J. Austen, 1; E. I. Stone, 1; A. Wakley, 3; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 4; H. Wakley, 5; A. P. Heywood, Esq., 6; T. Holms, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt., in F.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—720 BOB MINOR before service in 23½ mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Ridyard (Worsley), 2; J. Williamson, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR in 24 mins. J. Brookes (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 1st and 2nd ult., being the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the above church, peals were rung as follows:—Saturday evening, service at 7 p.m., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins. W. Denner, 1; E. Cash (Eccles: conductor), 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Welsby (Worsley), 5; J. Brookes, 6. Before Sunday evening service 720 BOB MINOR (22 singles) in 24 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt. The above peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR is the first rung on the bells, and the first peal in the method for Messrs. Brookes, Denner, Williamson, and Potter.

On Saturday, the 1st ult., at the Quarterly Meeting of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society of Change-ringers, 504 of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung. T. Reeves (conductor), 1; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 2; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 3; W. R. Small, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; W. Smith, 6; G. Hughes, 7; H. Mills, 8. Also after tea 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. R. Small, 1; T. Horton, 2; T. Tinsley, 3; M. Murphy, 4; T. Plant, 5; W. Smith, 6; T. Reeves (conductor), 7; R. Cartwright, 8.

AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sunday, the 2nd ult., for service in the evening, 672 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. T. Webb, 1; J. Philips (conductor), 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Hare, 7; Robert Jackson, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. J. Hare and A. Squires came from Hitchin.

On Thursday, the 20th ult., for practice, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 50 mins. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; R. Jackson, 6; J. Hare (composer and conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. J. Hare and A. Squires came from Hitchin.

AT ST. PETER'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday evening, the 4th ult., the following members of the St. Peter's and St. Gregory's company of change-ringers met and rang before the evening service a touch of 720 BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Cress, 4; W. Griggs, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. Also after service a touch of 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES by W. Howell, 1; M. Silvester, 2; A. Scott, 3; W. Cress, 4; W. Griggs, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; J. Campin, 8. This is the longest touch in this method since the bells were rehung. Tenor, 23 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, PETERBOROUGH.—On Thursday, the 13th ult., after Divine service, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving service, four six-scores of BOB DOUBLES, with the tenor behind, were rung. A. Willerton, 1; C. Matthews, 2; S. English, 3; W. T. Johnson (conductor), 4; C. Brice, 5; — Chattle, 6. Tenor, 8½ cwt. Also, on Sunday, the 16th inst., six six-scores of BOB DOUBLES, with F. Weekes at the tenor.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 13th ult., the change-ringers of the Archdeaconry, with the assistance of Mr. T. Jesson of Tipton, rang 1321 GRANDSIRE CATERS. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; J. Frisby, 4; T. Jesson, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. R. Small, 7; C. Price, 8; S. Reeves (conductor), 9; R. Hall, 10. Tenor, 23½ cwt., in E.

On Saturday, the 15th ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins., by members of the above Association. H. Mills (first peal), 1; W. R. Small, 2; E. Goodreds (first peal), 3; T. Reeves, 4; T. Jesson, 5; A. Hill (first peal), 6; G. Hughes, 7; B. Starkey (first peal), 8. Conducted by T. Reeves of West Bromwich; the others belong to the local band. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.—On Sunday evening, the 16th ult., being the Harvest Festival, a quarter peal (1260) of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by eight members of the Midland Counties' Association in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; A. E. Thompson, 5; G. Mottashaw, 6; C. E. Hart (conductor), 7; T. Abbott, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—On Sunday evening, the 16th ult., before Divine service, 1330 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins., by the St. John's Society. W. Partington, 1; C. Chaplin (first quarter-peal inside), 2; E. H. Tripp (first quarter-peal inside), 3; S. G. Davies, 4; H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

HANDBELL RINGING.—After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 40 mins. W. Baron, sen., 1-2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5-6; G. Wild, 7-8. This is the first quarter peal on handbells by this Society. Mr. R. T. Woodley was present.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On the 18th ult. a peal of Holt's Original GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins. G. Nash, 1; J. Strutt (conductor), 2; G. Welling (Mitcham), 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Fayers (Mitcham), 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt.

AT NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 20th ult., a plain course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. G. Winter, 1; J. Clarke, 2; W.

Adler, 3; T. Lingard, 4; D. W. Chapman, 5; T. Bates, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. George (Coventry), 8. A start was then made for six 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (called differently) with 7-6-8 behind, but after ringing over 360 changes the treble rope broke, when 'Stand' was called. J. Ballard, 1; J. Clarke, 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; T. Bates, 6; J. George (Coventry), 7; G. Winter, 8.

AT ST. JAMES', TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Saturday, the 22nd ult., 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, composed by the late Mr. Woodman of Trowbridge, was rung in 45 mins. W. McCaffrey, 1; T. Blackburn (conductor), 2; A. Anderson, 3; J. Haywood, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Stroud and Painswick Society of Ringers rang the last half of Holt's peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and two bob leads, and the middle Holt's SINGLE, comprising 2562 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (conductor) 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith (first half peal as conductor), 8.

AT ST. NICOLAS, WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 29th ult., the Coggeshall ringers paid a visit to the above tower, and rang the following peals:—720 BOB MINOR. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. E. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Nicholls, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6; 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR. J. Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Elliott, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. W. G. Richards, 1; W. Dyer, 2; A. Fryatt, 3; E. Garnett, 4; W. Nicholls, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. Those marked * belong to the Witham Company.

AT ALL SAINTS', BENHILTON, SURREY.—On the 1st inst., being the Dedication Festival of the above church, a 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR was rung for the evening service (32 bobs and 2 singles) in 27 mins. J. Lambert, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. King, 3; T. Guiguer, 4; J. Trendell (conductor), 5; H. Bryant, 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E. This is the first 720 ever rung by Messrs. Lambert and E. Trendell; the latter being a young ringer, only fifteen years of age, and promises to become a good ringer. This is also Mr. King's first peal on a bob bell.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnell (first peal), 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; C. King, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. Messrs. Trigg, Gwinnell, Hale, and Smith, come from Painswick.

ASSIZE SUNDAY AT YORK MINSTER.—On the 6th inst., it being customary to ring the Judges to service, the ringers took the opportunity and rang for Morning Service a touch of 1349 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 55 mins. J. Underwood, 1; R. Long, 2; G. Worth, 3; J. C. Cundall, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; E. Dawson, 6; T. Haigh (conductor), 7; T. Hodgson, 8; J. Thompson, 9; W. H. Howard (composer), assisted by E. Morrod, 10. Tenor, 54 cwt.

Lately, the following Peals and Touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—560 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also 504. W. Mundy, 1; W. Stocker, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also in the evening, before service, 1050 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 37 mins. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Mundy, 3; F. Davey, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. And after service two plain courses of GRANDSIRE. C. Carter, 1; Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. The Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote is the Secretary of the Devonshire Guild, and this is his first touch on eight bells. This day being also the Harvest Thanksgiving the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote preached in the evening.

On Saturday, the 1st ult., an attempt was made by the following members of the St. Sidwell's Society to ring Hollis's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but came to an end after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Mundy, 8. On Sunday morning for Divine service, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; F. Davey, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; W. Mundy, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung. H. Mills, 1; G. Hughes, 2; H. Bastable, 3; W. R. Small, 4; E. Goodreds, 5; A. Hill, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; B. Starkey, 8. Also 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Mills, 1; H. Bastable (conductor), 2; W. R. Small, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; A. Hill, 6; G. Hughes, 7; B. Starkey, 8. And before service in the afternoon 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR in 25 mins. H. Mills, 1; H. Bastable, 2; W. R. Small, 3; A. Hill, 4; G. Hughes (conductor), 5; R. Cartwright, 6. Also before evening service 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. B. Starkey, 1; H. Bastable, 2; R. Cartwright, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. R. Small, 5; A. Hill, 6; G. Hughes (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. And two six-scores of STEDMAN DOUBLES with 7-6-8 behind. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; G. Hughes, 2; R. Cartwright, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. R. Small, 5. Another touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 350 changes. B. Starkey, 1; H. Bastable, 2; W. R. Small, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; A. Hill, 5; G. Hughes, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. Mr. H. Bastable came from Birmingham, Mr. R. Cartwright from Wombourne, the others belong to the local band.

NOTICE.—Several communications, received while going to press, will appear in our next.

by the Orthodox Oriental Greek-Russian Church, would be of good advantage in his own country; and he has solicited our testimony to the excellence of the Society's work. This we most readily give, and we can assure your Grace that the work of the Church in promoting temperance has greatly advanced the cause of religion in England, and has endeared her to the people. We should rejoice to know that there was a prospect of an early and common uprising, both of the Russian and all other Churches of Christendom, against the fatal increase of spirit-drinking, which is causing much sin and ruin, both of body and soul, not only to the inhabitants of the several countries, but also to the native heathen races with whom, through commercial relations, they are brought into contact. Commending our humility to your most holy prayers, we remain, your faithful brother in the Lord Jesus Christ,

EDW. CANTUAR.

GERMANY.

DR. VAUGHAN, the Anglo-Roman 'Bishop of Salford,' has purchased the Metternich House at Bonn for 180,000 marks, for the establishment of a High School for English boys, and for a hall for Anglo-Roman divinity students at the Bonn University.

ANOTHER accession to the Old Catholics is announced—that of Pastor Resch, of Rohrbach in Austria; he has been appointed to the new charge of Battersweil, in Bavaria.

THE death is announced of John Ronge, one of the founders of the so-called German Catholics, a body from which great things were expected, but which rapidly sank to the level of mere Deism. The *Deutscher Merkur* points out that he never entered into connexion with the Old Catholic movement, from the spirit of which he was quite alien. But his colleague Czerski joined the Moravians, if we are not mistaken; and another, Gossner, entered the Prussian Establishment, and became zealous for heathen missions—the commencement of the Chota Nagpur work being due to him.

BREMEN, which when united in the early middle ages to the Archbishopric of Hamburg was only rivalled by the Church of England in the evangelisation of the Scandinavian North, has become a centre of gross rationalism; one of the cathedral clergy, named Schramm, has published *Letters of Modern Obscurantists*, in which he ridicules openly the whole doctrine of future punishment.

THE visit of the Lambeth legates has had a very encouraging effect on the Old Catholics. The Bishop of Lichfield was master of enough German to address them in public meetings. Bishop Reinkens stated at Hirschberg, 'I have up to this day confirmed more candidates than during the whole of 1874, and our priesthood is at least stronger by twenty men than then. So we are not yet dying out as our Vaticanist opponents have kept saying.'

THE BISHOP OF ALGOMA'S WORK.

THE Montreal *Church Guardian* relates Bishop Sullivan's visitation of a part of his Missions. On the second Sunday in September the Bishop conducted service at Algoma Mills; from thence, on the morrow, he proceeded in the steam yacht *Evangeline* to Spanish River Mill, where he was met by the Rev. M. Frost of Sheguianda. In the evening a service was held in the school-house there, the Bishop preaching. The next day they steamed up the Spanish River to the Company's farm, and after giving notice of a service in the evening, went further up to an Indian village, where service was held in one of the houses, very clean and respectable. Four Indians were presented to the Bishop for confirmation, whom Mr. Frost had baptized some three years before, and to whom he acted on this occasion as interpreter. Going back down the river the Bishop and priest reached the farm in time for evening service. A very good congregation assembled, some having come a considerable distance from the back settlements. Two persons were presented for confirmation. After service Spanish Mill was safely returned to, in spite of the darkness of the night and the river's windings. The next day the mission party visited Eagle's Crag, where a large number of hands are employed by a company, and held in the evening a service. Thence they went on to La Cloche, a Hudson's Bay Company's trading post on the north shore of Lake Huron; and from thence to an Indian village on the White Fish River, Indian Reserve. An Indian came out to meet them as they approached, and helped them to wend their way among the islands. On the following morning the Bishop went ashore to the 'place where prayer was wont to be made.' The floors were scrubbed as clean as could be, and some new mats were laid down, which were probably the combined offerings of the whole village. Every one had on his best clothes in honour of the visit, and several had come from a great distance. Matins were said in the Ojibway tongue by Mr. Frost. The Chief's daughter was baptized. After the service the Chief spoke testifying to their pleasure in hearing the Bishop. There was no Confirmation here, as several had been confirmed in Sheguianda in the summer. On returning to the yacht the party turned towards Little Current, where they took in fuel; thence to Sheguianda, where Mr. Frost landed and was left; thence to Manitowaning, where the Bishop resides when at his 'cathedral.'

There is a unanimous conviction that nothing will so much secure the future of the Indian remnant as the missions thus conducted.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Annual Dinner.

It will be allowed that, within this Jubilee year of Her Majesty's reign, it is a peculiar coincidence that one of our most noted and oldest ringing societies should be enabled to celebrate its fifth Jubilee after a long historical record, certainly not without its vicissitudes. In accordance with the announcements made previously, arrangements were made for ringing, and during the afternoon the following touches were rung:—

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL, a 323 of GRANDSIRE CATERS. J. Davidson, 1; G. T. McLaughlin, 2; J. Bonny, 3; J. Comb, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; E. Horrex, 6; J. Pettitt, 7; R. T. Woodley, 8; W. L. Catchpole, 9; E. H. Wilson.

Also a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Davidson, 1; W. L. Catchpole, 2; W. Wadey, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 4; J. Pettitt, 5; E. Horrex, 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; E. H. Wilson, 8. Both touches were conducted by W. L. Catchpole.

AT ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, a 395 of GRANDSIRE CATERS. J. Bonny, 1; J. Comb, 2; C. Rulton, 3; R. T. Woodley, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; F. A. Davies (Waterloo Society), 7; H. R. Newton, 8; W. L. Catchpole, 9; S. How, 10. And a 418 of STEDMAN CATERS. W. L. Catchpole, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; R. Woodley, 3; W. Cooter, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; F. L. Davies, 7; S. E. Joyce, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; J. Davidson, 10.

The dinner took place at 7 p.m., at the 'Bridge House Hotel,' London Bridge. The Master of the Society, Mr. McLaughlin, presided, and was supported by about forty metropolitan members, ten county members, eleven members of the Cumberland Society, and about ten other visitors. Ample justice having been done to the excellent dinner, the Chairman proposed 'The Queen.' This was followed by 'Prosperity to the Ancient Society of College Youths.' 'I have collected, he said, 'one or two facts which have been recorded by this Society during the past year. I find first of all that we have enrolled fifty-two new members. The next item is an interesting one; it relates to the number of peals that have been rung. I consider that as a Society it stands at the top of the list. We have rung one peal of Treble Bob Maximus, one of Stedman Cinques, two of Double Norwich Royal, four of Stedman Caters, two of Superlative Surprise Major, one of Cambridge Surprise Major, one of Double Norwich Court Major, three of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Bob Major, sixteen of Grandsire Triples, thirteen of Stedman Triples; also, upon handbells, two of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which were rung by our Ipswich friends, and nine of Grandsire Triples, two of which were non-conducted peals, the Original and the Ten-part. I can say but little more than to ask you to drink to the prosperity of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and with that toast I will couple the name of Mr. Haworth, who is the oldest living member present with us this evening.' The toast was duly pledged with musical honours. Mr. J. R. Haworth responded, giving some interesting reminiscences of his early ringing days. Mr. R. T. Woodley then proposed 'The Master and Officers of the Society,' to which the Chairman responded. Mr. W. H. Judd proposed the next toast, 'The Health of the Dinner Committee.' To this Mr. Mash responded. The Chairman: 'The next toast I have the honour of asking you to drink is that of the "Provincial Members," and with it I couple the name of Mr. Catchpole.' Mr. Catchpole, who on rising met with a hearty reception, said he could assure those present that the provincial members of the Society are as much interested in the College Youths as those who reside in the metropolis. Mr. Debenham also spoke on behalf of the St. Albans contingent.

Mr. J. Pettitt: 'The toast entrusted to me is "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies," and is one which I have great pleasure in proposing.' Mr. Thomas of Battersea responded. The Chairman: 'A most important toast was omitted to be put down. I refer to the toast of "The Clergy." Unfortunately, we have no rev. representative of the ministry here to respond, but I am sure that a toast which finds an appropriate place at every ringers' meeting will meet with a fitting reception at your hands. There is one other toast which was omitted from the list, and that is that of "The Visitors." We are honoured with the presence of several gentlemen this evening, and with the toast I will couple the name of Mr. Hart.' Mr. Hart, of Ontario, Canada, responded. The speeches were interspersed with music and songs, and a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells.

Subscriptions to Mr. Giles Mansfield.

MR. HALL, of the Rookery, Painswick, Gloucestershire, acknowledges, in addition to that of last week, the receipt of 5s. 6d. from other friends.

The Benington Ringers at Hatfield, Herts.

ON Wednesday, the 16th inst., by express invitation from the authorities of the church of St. Ethelburga, the under-mentioned members of the Benington Change-Ringing Society rang, upon the fine ring of eight bells, 3072 changes, which were rung in six distinct musical methods—CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. The bells were brought down in musical order. Tenor, 27 cwt. 3 qrs., in E. The ringers were—N. Warner, John Kitchener, C. Shambrook, L. Proctor, Esq., L. Chapman, J. Hobbs, Joseph Kitchener, J. Warner, and S. Page (conductor). Tune-playing on the musical handbells by John Kitchener and L. Proctor, Esq., was much admired, and finished a very fine day's ringing performance. The bells have been rehung by Mr. J. Gray of Hertford.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., the under-mentioned members of the

Benington (Herts) Change-ringing Society rang, upon the musical ring of six bells at St. Lawrence's church, Ardeley, Herts, three peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (120 changes each) and an excellent peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. Warner, 1; L. Chapman, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; Jos. Kitchener, 4; C. Shambrook, 5; S. Page (conductor), 6. Tenor, 8 cwt., in B minor.

A Peal of Grandsire Triples on a New Plan.

THE following peal, though it cannot perhaps strictly be said to be in the Grandsire Method, may not be without interest to the Exercise. 'It will be noticed that in each part one bell is in the hunt throughout, and another's ordinary work is not in any way disturbed. It is composed with the fewest possible number of calls, viz., 73, and is in full courses with the exception of 2. All the back-stroke leads are "in course."'

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

1st Half.	2nd Half.	The Calls.
2 3 4 5 6 7	3 2 5 4 6 7	B, an ordinary Grand-sire Bob.
B 7 5 2 6 3 4 ¹	C 3 2 7 4 5 6 ⁵	A. made thus:
A 7 5 6 4 3 2 ⁵	C 3 2 6 4 7 5 ⁵	5 7 1 6 2 4 3
A 7 5 4 2 3 6 ⁵	A 3 2 4 5 7 6 ⁵	5 1 7 2 6 3 4
C 7 5 6 2 4 3 ⁵	A 3 2 5 6 7 4 ⁵	1 5 2 7 6 4 3
C 7 5 3 2 6 4 ⁵	C 3 2 4 6 5 7 ⁵	1 2 5 7 6 4 3
A 7 5 2 4 6 3 ⁵	C 3 2 7 6 4 5 ⁵	
A 7 5 4 3 6 2 ⁵	A 3 2 6 5 4 7 ⁵	C, dodge, as in Union
C 7 5 2 3 4 6 ⁵	A 3 2 5 7 4 4 ⁵	Triples, made thus:—
C 7 5 6 3 2 4 ⁵	C 3 2 6 7 5 6 ⁵	5 7 1 6 2 4 3
A 7 5 3 4 2 6 ⁵	C 3 2 4 5 7 6 ⁵	5 1 7 2 6 3 4
A 7 5 4 6 2 3 ⁵	A 3 2 7 5 6 4 ⁵	1 5 2 7 6 4 3
C 7 5 3 6 4 2 ⁵	PL - 7 6 2 4 5 ⁴	1 2 5 6 7 3 4
PL - 3 4 5 2 6 ⁴		Part ends.
This part twice repeated with a S made as follows at the last lead in 3rd part:—	Repeat calling as for 1st Half twice produces: 4 7 6 2 5 3	1. 7 3 4 5 2 6
	from which a S at 1 as follows:—	2. 6 3 4 5 7 2
3 1 5 2 7 4 6	2 1 3 4 5 7 6	3. 3 2 5 4 6 7
1 3 2 5 4 7 6	1 2 3 5 4 6 7	4. 3 7 6 2 4 5
1 3 2 5 4 6 7	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	5. 5 7 6 2 3 4
		6. 4 7 6 2 5 3
		Sat 1. 2 3 4 5 6 7

Composed by W. T. Pates, Cheltenham.

Anniversary of the Dedication at Fenny Stratford, Bucks.

THE anniversary of the dedication of the parish church was this year again duly observed. The church of St. Martin was erected in 1724 and six succeeding years, chiefly through the exertions of Dr. Browne Willis, the antiquary, who during his life regularly maintained the celebration of St. Martin's Day. Additional interest has this year been given to the church, a complete ring of six bells (as a Jubilee memorial) having been placed in the tower, which formerly contained two bells only. The Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Barrow, very kindly invited the Woburn and Aspley Guise Change-ringers to ring the bells on the occasion, which they did in a very satisfactory manner: a number of complete revolutions on six bells in various methods were exceedingly well struck. Divine service, with a sermon, was held in the morning, and a dinner took place at the 'Bull Inn.' The occasion was also marked by repeated salvoes from six small pieces of ordnance of curious size and shape, used from time immemorial, and called the 'Fenny Poppers.' The ringers in the evening were kindly provided with an excellent repast, and all expressed themselves much pleased with the Vicar's kindly reception, and the interest evinced both by him and his curate in the study and practice of change-ringing which it is intended to introduce to the steeple at Fenny. The belfry is a model one, the arrangements being carried out in accordance with the directions of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.

THE first ringing meeting of the above Branch took place on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Haslingden Parish Church, when about thirty ringers were present from the following towers: viz., Christ Church and St. Saviour's; Bacup Parish Church; New Church, St. James's, Waterfoot; St. Paul's, Ramsbottom; and the Haslingden Parish Church. Several touches were rung by mixed hands during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: BOB MINOR, COLLEGE SINGLE, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. At the meeting following it was resolved to ring a date touch as soon as possible, the first practice to be on Saturday, the 19th inst., at New Church. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the tower, to the Chairman, Mr. Nutter, for presiding, and the local Secretary for his services, brought one of the best meetings of the Branch to a close, all returning home well pleased with their visit to Haslingden.

New Bells at Hope, Derbyshire.

A LARGE clock and chimes have just been erected in the Parish Church of Hope, in the Peak of Derby. It strikes the hours upon a large bell and chimes the Westminster quarters upon four bells, and is fitted with all the latest improvements. The work has been carried out by the celebrated firm of John Smith & Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. A large clock with three dials each, four feet six inches across, has just been completed at Bladon Church, near Blenheim, Oxfordshire, by the same makers. It was started by the rector and churchwardens on the 10th inst.

The Beds Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., a District Meeting was held at Luton. There were present members from Bedford, Biddenham, Bromham, and Woburn,

several of the St. Albans change-ringers also put in an appearance; the condition of the bells, however, prevented any really good ringing, the 'go' of the bells requiring too much manual labour. With some difficulty a number of touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and DOUBLES were rung.

At All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a Birthday peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 16 mins. G. Newson, 1; B. Foskett (first peal of ROYAL), 2; A. C. Fussell (first peal of ROYAL), 3; J. Hannington, 4; T. Titchener, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; A. R. Jacob (birthday), 8; H. Dains, 9; F. Pitstow, 10. Composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow and conducted by Mr. F. Pitstow. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Croydon.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., the following members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 30 mins. U. Holman, 1; H. C. Haley, 2; A. B. Carpenter, M.B., 3; W. Burkin, 4; T. Verrall, 5; W. Slater, 6; A. Bruce, 7; W. Hill and W. Todd, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt., in E flat. Composed by H. Johnson and conducted by A. B. Carpenter. First peal in the method by any of the band.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Tuesday, the 15th inst., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association (Duffield Branch) rang a peal of 5040 BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 21 mins. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; S. Johnson, 3; E. Moreton, 4; W. Hickling, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; G. Hingley, 7; Rev. C. P. Davies, 8; B. Sugden, 9; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (composer and conductor), 10. Tenor, 17 cwt. This peal contains the 6th the extent home in twenty-four consecutive courses.

At St. Anne's, Highgate Rise, London.

ON Tuesday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a Jubilee and Birthday peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Page, 1; B. Foskett (birthday, 41), 2; A. Jacob, 3; J. Hannington, 4; T. Titchener, 5; E. Chapman, 6; H. Dains (composer), 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, ACTON, W.—On Thursday, the 20th ult., the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (2520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 32 mins. W. Baron (conductor) 1; G. Ilsley, 2; A. Fenwick, 3; W. Fenwick, 4; G. Trinder, 5; J. Basden, 6; C. Porter, 7; J. Faithful, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, the 23rd ult., for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 52 mins. J. Ramble, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; A. Jacob, 5; J. Hare, 6; G. Newson (conductor), 7; S. Hare, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. Messrs. Newson and Jacob came from London, the rest are local men.

AT SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 30th ult., for Divine service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. J. Goodman, 1; D. Bruce, 2; W. Mills, 3; S. Bunn, 4; J. Screen, 5; R. Schofield (conductor), 6; J. Davenport, 7; J. Flavell, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F.

AT SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sunday, the 30th ult., for evening service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. Parrett, 1; E. C. Bourquin, 2; C. Willshire, 3; P. Simms (conductor), 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; S. Snelling, 7; J. Jordan, 8. On Monday evening, the 31st ult., for practice, three courses of BOB MAJOR. F. Parrett, 1; E. C. Bourquin, 2; C. Willshire, 3; P. Simms, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 6; J. G. Elliot, 7; S. Snelling, 8.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday, the 30th ult., for afternoon service, 672 STEEDMAN TRIPLES in 25 mins. E. J. Mitchell, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. A. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. H. Buckingham, 8. For evening service 504 STEEDMAN TRIPLES. J. C. Mitchell (conductor), 1; T. Grant, 2; W. H. Buckingham, 3; N. N. Hills, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. Hulks, 6; G. W. Cartmel, 7; R. M. Pratt, 8. Also on Monday, the 31st ult., the Cathedral Society attempted a peal of STEEDMAN TRIPLES (Brook's Variation), but after ringing 1 hr. 32 mins., and the half-way single being called, a breakdown occurred. E. J. Mitchell, 1; A. Barnes, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. Battle, 5; E. Hulks, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., at the house of Mr. H. Lewis, a 720 BOB MAJOR. H. Lewis, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6. Also at the Abbey national schools, on Friday evening, the 4th inst., 1330 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, being the last part of Holt's Original. H. Lewis, 1-2; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 3-4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5-6; T. Waller, 7-8.

AT DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 1st inst., being the Dedication Festival of the church, the following members of the Midland Counties' Association rang for service 900 DUFFIELD ROYAL. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; S. Johnson, 3; E. Moreton, 4; W. Hickling, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; G. Hingley, 7; A. Robinson, 8; B. Sugden, 9; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 10. Also on Sunday, the 6th inst., for evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Midgeley, 1; S. Maskrey, 2; S. Johnson, 3; B. Sugden, 4; G. Hingley, 5; J. Howe, 6; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 7; J. Seal, 8.

RECEIVED ALSO;—G. W. Cartmel, St. Albans; E. Wallace; and others.