

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

The election of officers, held on the 22nd ult., resulted as follows:—Master, Mr. F. E. Dawe; Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit; Senior Steward, Mr. H. S. Ellis; Junior Steward, Mr. H. Langdon; Trustees, Messrs. Mash and Dorrington; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

There will be ringing at the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at eight p.m. Business meeting afterwards.

A Long Peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

We understand that a peal of 8016 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR will be attempted on Saturday, December 3rd, at Southgate, near London, by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Messrs. F. Pitstow, N. Pitstow, J. W. Taylor, S. Page, J. W. Washbrook, H. Baker, and E. Pitstow. Tenor, 24 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berkshire.

ON Friday, the 11th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. G. Blay,* 1; T. Short, 2; G. Staniland,* 3; E. Trendall, 4; E. Humfrey, 5; E. Aldworth (first peal as conductor), 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; A. Burgess, 8. [* First peal.]

At Immanuel Church, Streatham, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. W. E. Garrard, 1; R. Sewell, 2; R. Blanchard (first peal of STEDMAN), 3; H. R. Newton (conductor), 4; G. Pell, 5; W. T. Cockerill, 6; J. Fayers, 7; E. H. Adams, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At the Abbey, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

ON Monday, the 14th ult., a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 20 mins. J. Puplett (first peal in the method), 1; C. Hounslow, 2; Rev. Canon Wigram, 3; A. Pitstow, 4; H. Baker, 5; E. Pitstow, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. W. Washbrook, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Benington, Herts.

ON Wednesday, the 16th ult., a Friendly Party rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; Alfred Pitstow, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; Herbert Warner (first peal in the

method), 4; Ernest Pitstow, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 7; S. Page, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. Mary's, Braughing, Herts.

ON Thursday, the 17th ult., a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. C. Hounslow, 1; A. Pitstow (first peal in the method), 2; J. Kitchener, 3; E. Pitstow, 4; S. Page, 5; H. Baker, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer, conductor), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., ten members of the above Society rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 40 mins. A. Bowell, 1; W. P. Garrett, 2; S. Alexander, 3; W. Motts, 4; R. Hawes, 5; J. Motts, 6; E. Reeve, 7; E. Pemberton, 8; W. L. Catchpole, 9; F. J. Tillett, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. The peal was composed and conducted by James Motts.

At the Parish Church, Alton, Hants.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., the Alton Band of Change-ringers (who are members of the Diocesan Guild) rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. Burgess, 1; H. Withers (first peal as conductor), 2; W. Withers, 3; W. White, 4; E. Finden, 5; W. May, 6; C. Forder, 7; J. Goodall, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The first attempt and peal by the local band.

At All Hallows, Tottenham, London.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., a Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins. A. Pitstow, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; E. Pitstow, 5; H. Baker, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; F. George, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Prestbury, Gloucestershire.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and St. Michael's Junior Society rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. C. Jones, 1; J. Austin (conductor), 2; E. B. James, 3; W. E. Bennell, 4; F. E. Hart, 5; F. E. Ward,* 6; H. Roberts,* 7; W. J. Sevier, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is the first peal in the method ever rung upon these bells. [* First peal in the method.]

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

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., twelve members of the Lancashire and United Counties' Association rang W. Harrison's (of Mettram) peal of 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 3 hrs. 40 mins. G. Longden, 1; J. Turner,* 2; J. Lee, 3; T. Rowe, 4; T. G. Downs,* 5; S. Boot, 6; S. Wood, 7; J. Eachus (conductor), 8; H. Deansfield,* 9; T. Wilde, 10; J. Wilde, 11; H. Chapman, 12. Tenor, 28 cwt. [* First peal of CINQUES.]

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 18.

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At St. James's, Tong, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., a peal of 5040 changes was rung in 2 hrs. 52 mins. (being the first peal since the bells were rehung in August last) in the following Minor methods:—COLLEGE TREBLE, TULIP, PRIMROSE, NEW LONDON PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK, VIOLET, and OXFORD. H. Robinson (Drighlington—first peal on six bells), 1; S. Oddy, 2; R. P. Farrow (first peal), 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; J. Haley (churchwarden), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. Tea was provided for the ringers in the village reading-room, and afterwards various selections were given upon the handbells, the Rev. C. B. D. Farrow, B.A. (curate of Armley Hall, near Leeds), and his younger brother, R. P. Farrow (the Vicar's sons), taking part.

At All Saints', West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight 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. 2 mins. A. Spittle (first peal), 1; A. H. Hill (conductor), 2; T. Danks, 3; J. Cullwell, 4; J. Hall, 5; W. Micklewright, 6; R. Small, 7; G. Griffiths, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. [* First peal with a bob-bell.]

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 20 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; F. L. Davies, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; J. N. Cxborrow, 7; F. J. French, 8; W. T. Cockerill, 9; F. G. Newman, 10. Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by F. G. Newman. Tenor, 28 cwt. in D.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. by members of St. Peter's Guild. C. F. Vickers, 1; W. Jukes, 2; B. Dalton, 3; C. Marsh, 4; J. George, 5; H. Dawkes (first peal), 6; A. Jarvis, 7; A. Griffiths (first peal of CATERS inside), 8; J. E. Groves, 9; William Jasper, 10. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and conducted by J. E. Groves, master of the Guild. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George, also to Mrs. Dawkes, wife of the ringer of the 6th, the ringers wishing them many happy returns. [* First peal of CATERS.]

ALS: on Sunday, the 27th ult., for evening service, a date touch of 1892 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 3½ mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; J. Marsh, 3; J. Pardos, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (composer and conductor), 7; A. Griffiths, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat. Mr. Jarvis came from Crewe; Mr. George from Rugby; the rest belong to the local company.

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BIRTHS.

BARBER.—Nov. 23, Chippenham Vicarage, Cambridgeshire, the wife of Rev. R. W. Barber, of a son.

RICHARDSON.—Nov. 24, Morton Morrell Vicarage, the wife of Rev. E. T. Richardson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MOBERLY—BURROWS.—ON the 21st inst., at Salisbury Cathedral, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, the Rev. Walter Allan Moberly, Vicar of Sydenham, son of the late Bishop of Salisbury, to Hilda Elisabeth Larcom, youngest daughter of the late Canon Burrows of Rochester.

DEATHS.

KEYWORTH.—ON the 21st Nov., at 44 Portland Place, Leamington Spa, suddenly, the Rev. Henry Martyn Keyworth, M.A., formerly of Beechfield, Alderly Edge, in his 71st year.

PARKER.—ON the 24th Nov., at Wykeham Rectory, the Rev. Richard Parker, M.A., Rector of the parish, aged 57.

BARLOW.—ON the 24th Nov., at Ewhurst Rectory, Surrey, John Mount Barlow, for 47 years Rector of the parish, aged 77.

GRIFFIN.—ON the 25th Nov., at Ospringe, William Nathaniel Griffin, Clerk in Holy Orders, sometime Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and for 44 years Vicar of Ospringe, Kent.

BARBER.—ON the 28th Nov., at 3 Abbeville Road, Clapham Common, the Rev. Joseph Hutchinson Barber, Curate of St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., aged 57.

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Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. MARY'S, HUNTINGDON.—On a Tuesday, 720 BOB MINOR in 23 mins. J. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; J. Smart, 3; G. Coleman, 4; H. J. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Irons, 6. Rung on the back six, and first 720 of PLAIN BOB on the bells. Also several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and a touch of BOB TRIPLES by J. Jones, S. Hawksford, G. Coleman, W. H. Fussell (conductor), H. J. Sutton, Sinkins, G. Irons, and J. Irons. Messrs. Fussell and Sinkins belong to Huntingdon, the others are members of the Eynesbury Society of Change-ringers.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On a Saturday for practice, a touch of BOB MINOR on the back six. J. Jones, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; G. Coleman, 3; J. Smart, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Irons, 6. Tenor, 30 cwt., in C sharp.

AT ELHAM, KENT.—On a Monday, for practice, touches of BOB MAJOR, amounting to about 800 changes, were rung by the following members of the Association:—E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Potter (Dover), 4; J. Whitnall, 5; E. Bush, 6; J. Andrews, 7; A. Tanton, 8.

AT ST. PETER'S-IN-THE-EAST, OXFORD.—On a Thursday, for practice, eight courses of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. C. Hounslow, 1; P. Hind, 2; C. Fowler, 3; K. Payne, 4; W. Baston, 5; T. Payne, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. On a Tuesday, at New College, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS. W. Finch, 1; A. Hind, 2; A. Fox, 3; A. Browning, 4; J. Howse, 5; F. Williamson, 6; C. Hounslow (conductor), 7; T. Payne, 8; W. Jeffery, 9; A. Barney, 10.

AT ST. MARY'S, HARLOW, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 658 BOB TRIPLES. E. Parish, 1; F. Perrin, 2; H. Perrin, 3; H. Jerny, 4; R. Tabor, 5; G. Dent (conductor), 6; H. Perrin, 7; A. Bass, 8. Arranged from a peal of TRIPLES composed by Mr. Willson, of Leicester. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E.

AT HASKETON, SUFFOLK.—On a Wednesday, five members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang fifteen peals and ninety-two changes in 1 hr. 19 mins., in the following methods:—GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, SIMON'S DOUBLES, PLAIN DOUBLES, NIGHTINGALE. H. Burch, 1; F. King, 2; W. Burch, 3; W. King, 4; C. King, 5. The peal was arranged and conducted by H. Burch.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Tuesday, 1034 BOB MAJOR in 40 mins. F. Saunders, 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling* (conductor), 5; J. Emery, 6; W. Fright, 7; T. Harford, 8. [* Longest length in the method.]

AT ALL SAINTS', MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On a Sunday, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. T. Mannerling (conductor), 1; W. Pope, 2; A. C. West, 3; A. H. Woolley, 4; G. Pawley, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. Palmer, 7; W. Barnes and W. Mannerling, 8.

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THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE (Isbister & Co.) completes its annual volume, and offers an attractive programme for 1893. Mrs. Brewer tells in her pleasant way the story of 'The Congo Training Institution, Colwyn Bay,' a well-worked college for African students who intend to return as missionaries to their native land; and Mr. Buckland deals with a kindred topic in his article on 'The Pioneer in Japan,' the Rev. George Ensor of the C. M. S.

THE LEISURE HOUR (R. T. S.) contains 'A Few Words about Tennyson' from the able pen of Mr. John Dennis, who avows his belief that our late Laureate's 'highest honour and only enduring possession is his belief in the Saviour of the world.' The series of articles entitled 'The Peoples of Europe' is full of interesting information this month on Italy.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME (R. T. S.) has 'Thoughts and By-thoughts' on 'The Region of Calms,' by the author of the 'Harvest of a Quiet Eye,' which will prove helpful to many a storm-tossed soul; and amongst the best papers on secular subjects are 'The First Voyage of Rob Roy,' 'Aunties,' and 'Angus o' the Hills.' The 'Pages for the Young,' are especially attractive and healthy in tone.

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER (R. T. S.) gives as its frontispiece a portrait of 'Alfred Lord Tennyson,' and appropriately accompanying this we find a notice of 'The Women of the Idylls of the King,' by E. Ormond Payne. Dr. Jessopp advises his readers 'How to Help the Poor Birds in the Winter,' and we heartily endorse his suggestions, though we cannot echo his libel on the sparrows, often the only representatives of the feathered tribe within our reach, an intelligent, amusing, and friendly little flock. Mrs. Brewer's paper on 'Our Friends the Servants,' is kindly, but patronising.

THE CHURCH WORKER (C. E. S. S. I.) is now issuing a course of lessons on 'The Church Catechism,' by the Rev. T. H. Barnett.

STARSHINE (Christmas number of the G. O. P.) contains several brightly-written tales, amongst which we may notice 'My Uncle Nat,' 'Mademoiselle José,' and 'Rose Morrison's Temptation.'

THE CHRISTMAS number of THE QUEEN is a splendid shillingworth. It contains plenty of capital reading, lots of pictures, and three large presentation plates are given away with it.

GREAT THOUGHTS continues its usual features. There are interviews with Mr. Fergus Hume and Mr. Douglas Sladen, an interesting account of the *Daily Chronicle* and its Editor, and numerous other articles and papers. A plate, 'Telemachus in the Arena,' is presented with the part.

LAST week's GENTLEWOMAN was a double number at the usual price. It was styled a Yule Tide Gifts Number, and contained a great many pictures of useful Christmas presents, which ought to be very helpful to those who 'really don't know what to give' So-and-so. The Lady Clinton was 'The Gentlewoman at Home.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—THE SCOTTISH STANDARD BEARER: THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE; Part 63 of Messrs. Cassell & Co.'s famous publication, OLD AND NEW LONDON.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Bell-ringers' Meeting at Cradley, Herts.

A MEETING of the church bell-ringers was held in the Boys' Schoolroom on Thursday, the 24th ult. The Rev. T. A. Ayscough (rector), who presided, called the meeting with a view to adopt a conciliatory arrangement between the ringers, some of whom are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, and others not. After explaining the rules of the Guild, its objects, and the great good it had done throughout the diocese, he suggested that the whole of the ringers should become members, and thereby form one complete band. This was submitted to the meeting, which numbered fourteen, and carried unanimously. It was further decided to appoint Mr. E. S. King as foreman. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness in presiding.

The Church Bells at Higham Ferrers, Northants.

As the first step towards the rehanging and increase to eight of the interesting old peal of six bells of the parish church of Archbishop Chicheley's birthplace, the bells and bell-frame have been lowered from the tower and the former sent to Messrs. Taylor's foundry at Loughborough, to be refitted and attuned to the two new trebles and the recast second bell. The latter has been cracked for some years past. All these bells (excepting the first, which was recast by Taylor in 1820) came from the ancient Leicester foundry of the Watts family, the second and tenor in the year 1633 (when the tower was rebuilt), the fifth three years later (1636), and the third and fourth very probably about the year 1600. The fourth bell, which was quarter-turned many years ago, will also have to be re-cast. It is probably a pre-Reformation bell. The shield charged with three bells, used by the Watts family as their sign or trade mark, is found on all these bells, although the third and fourth bear no date. The little 'Priest's

bell' (formerly used as a 'Fire bell'), which hangs in a window, is dated 1660. Hugh Watts, who cast these bells, was also the founder of the six largest bells at St. Margaret's, Leicester (1633), and the third, seventh, and tenor at Wellingborough (1620 and 1640). One of the new trebles is the gift of Dr. Crew, the parish churchwarden. The old bell-frame, just removed, is said to have been made by a man named Cheese with timber from Brixworth Forest. There is a tradition to the effect that Archbishop Laud contributed towards the rebuilding of Higham Ferrers tower and spire when it was, as stated on the tablet in the west front, 'begun to be builded April 20th, 1631, Richard Atkins of Northamp. the Workman.'

A New Bell at Little Washbourne, Worcestershire.

LATELY a very interesting ceremony was witnessed at the ancient little church in the parish of Little Washbourne, in the form of the dedication of a new bell, which has been presented by the Rev. Henry Stowe, of Malvern. The new bell weighs 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs., compared with the 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs. of the old one, and bears the following inscription:—(1) 'This Bell was founded by the firm of "Charles Carr," Smethwick, 1892, Gold Medallist for Church Bells.' (2) 'Charles Glynn, A.M., Vicar; Edwin Walker, Church Warden from 1838 to 1892. The gift of Henry Stowe, S.T.P., 1892.—*Laus Deo.*' The legend on the old bell was very brief, viz., 'A.D.F. 1588.'

Handbell Ringing at Rugby.

At Rugby, on Wednesday evening, the 9th ult., the second part of an entertainment was given, consisting of several touches on GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on handbells, by Messrs J. O. Lancashire, S. Cotton and G. Cleal of Leicester, and J. George of Rugby; also several tunes by Messrs. S. Cotton and G. Cleal. The audience showed their appreciation of the performance by their continued applause. The ringers left Rugby at 11.50 p.m., and on Nuneaton Station 'go' was called at 12.35 a.m. for a Date Touch of 1892 STEDMAN TRIPLES by J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Cleal (conductor), 5-6; J. George, 7-8; but it came to an end after ringing about 1260 changes.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Saturday, the 12th ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins. by the following members of the Sussex County Association:—J. Coleman Morling, 1; K. Hart, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; J. Jay, sen., 4; T. H. Beams (first peal on a bob-bell), 5; G. A. Elog, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Coleman, 8. [* First peal.]

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., a peal of 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins. J. Jay, sen., 1; J. R. Reilley, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree, 8. Composed by N. J. Pistow, and conducted by G. F. Attree. This is the first peal in this intricate method rung south of London, first by the Sussex Association and by all the band.

The only bands that have accomplished peals in this method previous to this are: Norwich, 1839; Woolwich, 1845; Bennington, 1870; Burton-on-Trent, 1897; and Duffield, 1891; the two latter bands having rung several peals.

On Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., for practice, on Siegf's apparatus, 1696 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. J. Jay, 1; J. Reilley, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; G. Williams, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8.

At the residence of G. Williams, on handbells, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. Mrs. G. Williams, 1-2; K. Hart (first 500 on handbells), 3-4; G. Williams (conductor), 5-6; H. Weston, 7-8.

At the Parish Church, Caversham, Oxfordshire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 7; T. Newman, 8. Composed by J. Washbrook, and conducted by T. Newman. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp. [* First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Reading.

On Monday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Hubbard's Ten-part peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. R. Swain, 1; C. Giles, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; J. Hands, 5; J. Swain, 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. I. Oakley, 1; H. G. Rowe, 2; F. Edwards, 3; H. J. Wright, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; T. Waller, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 7; G. W. Steabben (first peal), 8.

At the Parish Church, Warnham, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Parker's Six-part peal (No. 13) of 5040 COURT BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 44 mins. J. Cook, 1; W. Pelling, 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Short, 4; H. Burstow, 5; W. Charman, 6; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 7; G. Cox (nineteenth birthday), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 40.

At the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, London.

ON Wednesday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 min. C. H. Martin, 1; A. Pittam, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Tennant,* 4; H. N. Davis,* 5; N. Alderman, 6; A. Jacob (conductor), 7; G. Newson (composer), 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (a variation of Thurstans' Original) was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; F. W. Rice, 2; K. Hart, 3; W. P. Ward,* 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; P. Tyler,* 8. Messrs. Williams and Hart came from Brighton; the rest belong to the local band. This is the conductor's 150th peal. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

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

ON Thursday, the 26th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Dains' peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 43 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; G. Smith, 4; F. L. Davies, 5; E. Horrex, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; F. J. French, 8; W. T. Cockerill, 9; F. G. Newman (conductor), 10. Tenor, 32 cwt., in D. The peal was rung in honour of the Princess of Wales's birthday.

The last peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL was rung, in honour of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Victoria to open the Holborn Viaduct, on Saturday, November 6th. 1869, by MESSRS. Cox (conductor), Green, Haworth, Rose, Newson, L. Rogers, Coote, Beaumont, Baron, and Hoverd.

At Erith, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. G. Grove, 1; H. Hoskins, 2; H. G. Hill, 3; A. J. Neale, 4; E. E. Richards (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Garard, 7; W. Foreman, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Lates' One-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; C. F. Winny, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; E. H. Adams, 4; F. L. Davies, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; C. J. Davidson, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E.

At Southgate, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 7072 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 4 hrs. 58 mins., being the longest peal yet rung in the method. G. Taylor, 1; Rev. G. F. Cole-ridge, 2; E. Pitstow, 3; H. Baker, 4; S. Page, 5; F. Pitstow, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 26th ult., Mr. G. C. Scowen and Mr. C. P. Ramplin, of the Harwich Company, Essex Association of Change-ringers, visited Hadleigh, and there rang on handbells retained in hand 360 BOB MINOR, with G. C. Scowen (conductor), 1-2; C. P. Ramplin, 3-4; J. Scowen, 5-6. They afterwards drove to Monks Eleigh, and there met the local ringers. After raising the bells, however, they were informed that on account of an illness in the parish no ringing would be allowed. They, however, rang on handbells 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, the ringers being R. Keeble, 1; C. Parker, 2; G. C. Scowen, 3; C. P. Ramplin, 4; A. Keeble, 5; W. Green (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by C. P. Ramplin. A course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was also rung by the following:—W. Green, 1-2; J. Scowen, 3-4; C. P. Ramplin, 5-6; and a course of MAJOR by G. C. Scowen, 1-2; R. Keeble, 3-4; C. P. Ramplin, 5-6; C. Parker, 7-8. On the Sunday following, for service at St. Mary's, Hadleigh, 360 BOB MINOR and several touches were given by the following:—G. Bateman, 1; C. P. Ramplin (conductor), 2; J. Scowen, 3; H. Everett, 4; E. Willis, 5; G. C. Scowen, 6. Tenor, 28 cwt.

AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON.—On a Tuesday, on the occasion of the monthly practice, two touches of STEDMAN CINQUES and a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMS. J. Pettit, 1; F. E. Dave, 2; W. Cooter, 3; F. L. Davies, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; W. Burkin, 8; J. Fayers, 9; E. Carter, 10; W. T. Cockerill, 11; F. G. Newman and E. Horrex, 12. Tenor, 62 cwt.

AT ST. NICHOLAS', NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; G. Lord, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Walls, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. H. Pollard, 8. Composed by J. Wilde, of Sandiacre. G. Lord came from Accrington; Pollard, Burnley; the rest are of the local company. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. On a Sunday, for morning service, the local company rang four courses of BOB MAJOR for the first time, and on a Monday, in 29 mins., their first 784 BOB MAJOR. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; J. Shepherd (conductor), 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; W. Taylor, 8.

AT DITCHLING, SURREY.—On a Saturday, the local team of bell-ringers rang a date touch in the GRANDSIRE method in 61 mins. J. Vigar, 1; J. Baker, 2; J. Driver, 3; G. Turner, 4; D. Baker, 5; J. Parsons, 6.

AT FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On a Wednesday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 26 mins. J. Elderfield (first 720), 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; R. Flaxman, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On a Wednesday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, with J. Parker, 1.

AT ST. PETER'S, FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.—On a Friday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES after an attempt for a peal. F. Coghlan, 1; C. Simmonds, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Hill, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; G. Grafham, 7; G. Chappell, 8. J. George came from Rugby; G. Chappell, Wickham; and C. Simmonds, Portsea.

AT WRAYSBUURY, BERKS.—On a Tuesday, a start was made for Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE by four of the local men, assisted by three visitors from Fulham and one from Old Windsor. A change-course at the end of the first part so encroached upon the time available that afterwards the band had to be content with a half-peal, which was successfully completed. E. Whatmore, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson, 2; G. Kirby, 3; H. Shanks, 4; J. G. Green, 5; W. T. Meaton, 6; J. W. Driver (conductor), 7; J. Gutteridge, 8.

AT SALISBURY.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 1260 of STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. W. Barkus (conductor), 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; C. H. Watts, 4; S. Macey, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; S. Ames, 8.

RECEIVED ALSO:—St. Mary's, Battersea (no name sent to 3rd bell); and others.

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'MY DEAR SIR,—I enclose order for three bottles of medicine for charitable distribution. I used it when I was Minister at Walworth, also at Littlehampton, where I have seen wonderful cures result from its use. I have sent one friend from here, Mr. —, who has been greatly benefitted, and who is now able to follow his business again with comfort. I prize your remedy for Consumption so much that I would not be without it. God bless you in your healing as in your heavenly work.'

LETTER FROM AN OLD PATIENT.

(I like to give such occasionally, as an evidence of 'Permanence of Cure.')

MRS. MARTHA SKYRME, PEMBROKE DOCK, now of Croft House, Apley Terrace, commenced my medicine in January 1881. She had been ailing for years, and latterly had been much worse. Both lungs were diseased. She so far improved as to come up to Coombe Lodge from Pembroke Dock in August of the same year, when it was evident on stethoscopic examination that the condition of her lungs had been much worse at some recent period. She persevered for over twelve months, also taking occasionally a tonic prescribed for her at Coombe Lodge, and got thoroughly well.

Writing me in July of this year, she reminds me of her case, and her two personal consultations, and adds, 'I have completed my 50th birthday, and am proud to say I feel stronger to-day than I did at 20 years of age.'

THE JEWISH INTELLIGENCE (Nisbet & Co.) gives the latest news of mission work amongst the Chosen People, and also contains a description of a little-known ceremony occurring once in three years at Jerusalem, 'The Taking out of the Geniza;' in other words, the burial at the foot of Mount Zion of all old and damaged scrolls, books, and portions of the Scriptures. The day, we are told, is observed as a religious festival.

THE four C.M.S. publications are excellent. The INTELLIGENCER opens with a thoughtful paper by the Rev. G. Ensor, called 'Missions and Misconceptions,' dealing principally with Sir Edwin Arnold's picture of Japan in *Seas and Lands*. The GLEANER flourishes a full report of the proceedings at the sixth anniversary of the Gleaners' Union. AWAKE gives the conclusion of Miss Stock's 'Chain Across Africa,' and the CHILDREN'S WORLD has a delightful little 'Story of a Chinese Boy,' sent by Miss Agnes Wright.

THE GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED and CENTRAL AFRICA have reached us from Messrs. Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co., and are fair average numbers.

COTTAGE GARDENING, one of Messrs. Cassell & Co.'s new publications appeals to a large class of readers. The paper, which is illustrated, is edited by Mr. W. Robinson, F.L.S., and the information is not confined to gardening, but such subjects as food, poultry, bees, &c., are treated upon. The printing is good and clear, and the price of the monthly part only threepence.

THE December double number of MYRA'S JOURNAL contains a large amount of reading, both light and serious, interesting to our lady readers.

RECEIVED ALSO: ST. NICHOLAS and LITTLE FOLKS.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Prittlewell. The towers of Prittlewell (6 bells) and Leigh (6 bells) will be open for ringing. A brake will meet the 1.43 p.m. train at Prittlewell to convey ringers to Leigh. Tea will be provided at Prittlewell at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present must give notice to the Assistant Secretary not later than the previous Monday.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assist. Sec.

The St. James's Society, London.

THIS Society will meet for ringing at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Sunday, the 18th inst., at 5.45 p.m., and thenceforward every four weeks until further notice.

G. A. YOUNG, Hon. Secretary.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The eleventh quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham Branch of the above Association, was held at Saxmundham on Saturday, December 3rd, when thirty-five members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Benhall, Rendham, Sweffling, Great Glemham, Weirhaston, Hacheston, and Woodbridge. The bells of the Parish Church, as also those of St. Peter's Church, Kelsale, were placed at the disposal of the members by the kindness of the respective incumbents, and during the afternoon and evening various touches in the PLAIN BOB, OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB, AND GRANDSIRE methods were accomplished.

On arriving at the church, the Rev. G. F. Richardson, M.A., the rector of Saxmundham, received the members with a few words of greeting. The rev. gentleman remained a considerable time in the tower, and was much interested in the various performances upon the bells.

The business meeting was held at six o'clock, presided over by the Rev. G. F. Richardson, who called upon the Hon. District Secretary (Mr. William Taylor) to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed.

The Secretary stated that he had much pleasure in being able to report continued progress by the Association; since the last meeting, another tower, that of Great Glemham, had been brought into union with this district, and six members of that company had joined the Association. He was also pleased to announce that the Rev. G. F. Richardson had become an honorary member, and that the Rev. G. Irving Davies, M.A., rector of Kelsale, had rejoined the Association. There has unfortunately been a falling off in the number of peals rung during the past quarter, and the Association is, in consequence, losing with sad rapidity its pride of place in Mr. Attree's analysis.

On the proposition of Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. John Button, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Glemham, on Saturday March 4th.

The Rev. Chairman then gave a most kind and appropriate address, stating the great pleasure it gave him to welcome the members and to become an honorary member of their Association. The rev. gentleman said that apart from the scientific art, the office of a ringer was a solemn and an important one, not only taking part on all occasions of national rejoicing or mourning, but also in our own midst on similar occasions, and calling worshippers to God's house, and tolling the knell of the departed. It was indeed a solemn office, and how reproachful the sounds of the church bells to those who heard the summons and refused to attend.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for presiding and for the use of the bells, and also to the Rev. G. Irving Davies, M.A., for the use of the Kelsale bells, and which brought to a close one of the most successful and encouraging meetings that has yet been held in the district.

The Kent Association of Church Bell-ringers.

LEWISHAM BRANCH.—On the 26th ult. the second annual gathering of this branch of the Kent County Association was held at Bromley, attended by over fifty representatives from Lewisham, Dartford, Crayford, Erith, Woolwich, Bromley, Chislehurst, St. Mary Cray, Seal, and Greenwich. Among those present were the Rev. Teignmouth Shaw (curate of St. Mary's, Lewisham, and secretary of the district), Rev. T. J. Helmore (of Canterbury, secretary of the Association), Messrs. Conyard (Crayford), Badwell (Lewisham), Richards (Greenwich), H. P. Harman, E. Dunn, F. Sanders, W. Fright, G. Simpson, R. G. Humphrey (Bromley). Ringing commenced in the parish church belfry at three o'clock, and was continued at intervals till nine p.m. The ringing was carried on by mixed bands, and among the changes rung were GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, and KENT TRIPLES. These various touches were under the leadership of W. Badwell, Henry Gibbs, and H. P. Harman. The band in the NORWICH COURT was: I. Imrie, 1; G. Conyard, 2; J. Saxby, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; J. Peel, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; H. Gibbs, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. Two methods of exceptional intricacy were rung, involving 204 changes. At 4.30 a business meeting of the County Committee was held in the Parish Room, West Street, under the presidency of the Rev. T. J. Helmore, followed by tea, after which ringing was resumed.

The Lancashire Association.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this Branch was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at St. Philip's Church, Hulme, when about forty ringers attended, representing the following towers:—The Cathedral and St. John's, Manchester; St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne; Pendleton, Flixton, Rusholme, Worsley, and Eccles, besides the local company. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES being the order before tea, which was, through the kindness of Mr. J. Scott (formerly President of the Association), provided in the British Workman Club Room gratuitously to the ringers present at the meeting. Tea over, business was gone through, the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, in the chair, assisted by the Vice-President, Mr. J. Eachus. The place for holding the next meeting was fixed for St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, on Saturday, December 17th. Ten names were added to the list of members. The business meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. J. Scott for so kindly providing tea to the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness. Some good touches were afterwards rung in the following methods:—GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, BOB and TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

Fatal Accident to a Ringer.

A YOUNG man named George Vaughan, one of the ringers at the parish church at Presteign, Radnorshire, lost his life on Monday under unusual circumstances. The church bells had been left after ringing for evening service on the previous day in a position known as 'set,' and Vaughan went to the belfry about two o'clock in the afternoon to correct some small fault in the gear. He was not seen during the remainder of the day, but when some of the ringers went to the belfry in the evening they found Vaughan dead, his body being astride a beam among the bells. It is supposed that in the course of his work he dislodged one of the bells, causing it to swing over, and that to save himself he had clutched the wheel of another, and caused that to fall also. One of them had evidently struck him on the head, killing him instantly. Several persons remember noticing the sudden striking of one or two of the bells about three o'clock. Vaughan leaves a widow and two children.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. J. H. Cheeseman, 1; W. I. Reeve, 2; T. Saxby (first peal in the method), 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; H. Gibbs, 6; E. Barnett (composer), 7; C. Wilkins (conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. The above is a three-part composition with bobs only, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twelve times in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time.

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

ON Wednesday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' One-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 44 mins. K. Sewell, 1; F. M. Buller (birthday), 2; F. G. Newman, 3; C. F. Winny (conductor), 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; E. Horrex, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; J. Fayers, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, London.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. J. Scholes (first peal away from tenor), 1; S. Joyce, 2; E. Wallage, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; S. Parmenter, 5; S. Hayes, 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 62.

At St. Mary's, Mortlake, London.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. A. R. Davis (first peal away from the tenor), 1; H. N. Davis (first peal as conductor, this being his sixth attempt at calling the composition), 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; C. E. Malim, 4; J. W. Driver (Fulham), 5; H. Stubbs (first peal), 6; W. E. Hasted, 7; W. Crocker (Putney), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, London.

On Saturday evening, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5280 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 20 mins. by the following members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths:—B. Fokett, 1; G. Smith, 2; H. Hopkins, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 6; A. Pittam, 7; A. Jacob, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt. This peal has the sixth its extent at home.

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent.

On Monday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Dain's peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. W. Axtell,* 1; G. Conyard, 2; T. Saxby, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; H. Gibbs, 5; R. Wilkins,* 6; A. Peill,* 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* First peal in the method.] The first peal in the method on the bells, was rung by an entirely local band, and is a five-lead course composition in six unequal parts.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties Association (the Duffield Society), rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4 mins. G. Winter, 1; G. Dawson, 2; W. Clark, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Hickling, 5; B. Sugden, 6; J. Flower, 7; A. Percival Heywood, Esq. (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. This composition has all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place.

At St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Hammond, 1; G. Perry, 2; J. Brady, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; W. Ruffles, 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6; A. Wightman, 7; W. Grimes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Messrs. Wightman came from Cretingham; G. Perry and G. Thurlow from Framsdon; the rest belong to the Debenham Company.

At All Saints', Edmonton, London.

On Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Davidson, 1; H. Springall, 2; R. Goodechild, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; J. I. Crouch, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; R. R. Johnson (first peal), 8.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. MARGARET'S, LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, for practice, the following members of the Leiston Society and of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 960 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 40 mins.:—A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson, 3; C. Sampson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; H. J. Button, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Also 360 BOB MINOR on the back six. A. Button, 1; T. Wigg (longest length), 2; C. Lincoln, 3; A. J. Lincoln, 4; G. Wilson (conductor), 5; J. Button, 6. Tenor, 20½ cwt. in E.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 508 GRANDSIRE CATERS. W. H. Meads, 1; G. Pearl, 2; E. Lucas, 3; J. Bradley, 4; G. Pye, 5; W. H. Doran, 6; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. B. Manning, 8; W. Pye, 9; F. Searl, 10. And 395 in the same method. W. Watson, 1; G. Pye, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; W. F. Meads, 5; E. Lucas, 6; J. Bradley, 8; the rest as before. And 500 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by W. B. Manning. Tenor, 28 cwt. in D.—On a Saturday, ten members of the Cumberland Society attempted a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, but after ringing 3 hrs. 32 mins. it came to grief. B. Fokett, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; J. H. Cheeseman, 3; A. Pittam, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; H. Randall, 6; G. F. Pearl, 7; E. Barnett, 8; A. Jacob, 9; G. Newson (conductor), 10.—On Saturday, November 26th, the same company, with the exception of T. Titchener in the place of A. Pittam, attempted the same peal, but it came to an end after ringing two and a half hours.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, SPELDHURST, KENT.—On a Sunday, an attempt for a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR came to an end after ringing 1 hr., owing to a change-course. J. Baker, 1; J. Maynard, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Card, 4; G. Turley, 5; F. Still, 6; E. Huntley, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8. And 480 CANTERBURY PLEASURE. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; R. Pelling, 3; J. Maynard, 4; F. Still, 5; H. Edwards, 6; E. Huntley, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8.

At LYNGE, KENT.—On a Saturday, 720 BOB MINOR (eight bobs and six singles). J. Andrews, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; G. Greenstreet, 4; A. Tanton, 5; T. Hooker (conductor), 6.

At ST. MARY'S, CHELMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Saturday evening ten members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers rang a date touch of 1892 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 1 hr. 23 mins. R. C. Burrell, 1; G. W. Sorrell, 2; G. Green, 3; A. Edwards, 4; H. Allen, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; A. Richell, 7; the Rev. T. L. Papillon, 8; W. Lincoln (conductor), 9; W. Gooch, 10. Composed by Mr. J. B. Bradley, of West Ham. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to the St. Mary's company; the others are from neighbouring villages.

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**EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF A MISSIONARY
REFERRING TO A RECENT CASE.**

The case is that of Mr. JOHN BOYD, of Kilmarnock, N.B., which appeared as one of my weekly cases in the first week of May. (The patient was in a 'hopeless state' until applying to me. The doctors had said his lungs were so diseased he never could recover.)

Mr. ALEX. SCOTT, of Perceatown, Drenghorn, Ayrshire (Missionary), says:—'I personally knew Mr. J. Boyd, whose testimony you published a short time ago. I knew him before his illness, and can testify that he is a *living wonder*. I am thankful for his case being published. I often refer to it in recommending your wonderful cure. Others in this district can say the same as John Boyd.'

**LETTER from an OLD PATIENT (CASE No. CLXVI.
OF MY BOOK).**

Mr. T. B. FORSTER, formerly of Skelton, Yorks, writing from Tranmere, Whitby, in July last, says:—'My case is No. 61 of your Appendix. I have been well since, except colds occasionally. I have never failed to recommend your treatment. *With one exception all the patients are alive and fairly well.* The exception was a young man, whose friends thought it was not curing him quickly enough, left it off and had a doctor—the result of which was he died in a month.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Snaith Bell-ringers' Association, Yorkshire.

The annual outing of this Association took place on Saturday, the 3rd inst., the destination being Horbury, which was reached about three p.m., and the members at once proceeded to the belfry of the parish church. The following peals were rung:—720 PLAIN BOB. G. Horner (Horbury), 1; G. Holmes, 2; G. Hunt (Horbury), 3; C. Tree, 4; R. Holmes, 5; J. Bullock (conductor), 6. 420 PLAIN BOB, conducted by G. Holmes. And a peal of VIOLET, in which G. Holmes and J. D. Bullock took part. A good tea was then done ample justice to, after which the Horbury ringers kindly conducted the visitors round the interior of the church, and after a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, Snaith was reached about nine p.m.

The Winchester Cathedral Bells.

The citizens and visitors at Winchester will probably hear a peal of ten bells from the venerable Cathedral on Christmas Eve, the bells, subscribed for by the citizens and Guild of Ringers, having been received from the founders. The inscriptions on the new bells speak for themselves, viz.:—

'MEARS AND STAINBANK LONDON FECERVNT ME CIVIS WINTONIENSES. VT LAVDES DOMINI, CELEBREM DEO ET ECCLESIE. S. SWITHVN DEDERVNT A.D. 1892.' This bell weighs 628 lb.

'MEARS AND STAINBANK LONDON FECERVNT AD TE DOMINE LE VABO VOCEM MEAM. PVLSALORVM IN DIOCESI. WINTON GILDA. A.D. 1892.' This bell weighs 784 lb.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Clent, Worcestershire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., six members of the Worcestershire Change-ringing Association and the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, rang a peal of 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 52 mins., being 720 in each of the following methods:—OXFORD BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, PLAIN BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, and GRANDSIRE. The ringers were

W. Shilcock (first peal), 1; H. Martin, 2; W. Short, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. This peal was rung with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Higley, formerly a ringer of the parish church. Messrs. Salter and Smith came from Kidderminster; Martin, Belbroughton; the others are local men.

At the Parish Church, Wye, Kent.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association of Change-ringers rang Thurstons' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury), 1; W. E. Pope (Staplehurst), 2; Rev. E. W. Carpenter (Margate), 3; W. Pope (Staplehurst), 4; A. C. West (Wrotham), 5; E. Pope (Staplehurst), 6; A. Palmer (Maidstone, conductor), 7; W. Hadlow (Lenham), 8. Tenor, about 25 cwt. This is the first peal of STEDMAN on the bells, and the first peal since 1834.

At St. John's, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., eleven members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 13 mins. F. Bond, 1; W. C. Jones, 2; W. T. Bennett, 3; J. Austin, 4; F. E. Hart, 5; F. E. Ward, 6; E. B. James, 7; W. Hall, 8; A. Roberts, 9; C. Bond and H. Clutterbuck, 10. Composed by A. Knight, of Chesterfield, and conducted by J. Austin. Tenor, 28 cwt. The first peal of CATERS rung on the bells, and the first since 1868.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

On Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., the following members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins.:—J. Prescott, 1; J. Pilkington, 2; A. Halton, 3; J. Sholicar, 4; J. Watts, 5; W. J. Taylor, 6; G. Prescott, 7; F. Stonebridge, 8. Composed by Mr. D. H. Burton (Thirsk), and conducted by J. Sholicar.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society rang Parker's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. C. H. Watts, 1; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; T. Groves, 5; S. Macey, 6; W. S. Wise, 7; S. Ames, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

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At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

ON Monday, the 12th inst., ten members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 55 mins. J. Smith, 1; F. J. Howchin, 2; P. Sadler, 3; R. Stackwood, 4; G. Howchin, 5; G. Moy, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; J. Souter, 8; G. Smith, 9; F. Knights, 10. Composed by A. Knights, of Chesterfield, and conducted by F. Knights. Tenor, 41 cwt. Messrs. Moy and Stackwood came from Aylsham; Souter, Diss.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. J. Martin, 1; F. L. Davis, 2; E. Hull, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (composer and conductor), 5; E. E. Huntly, 6; H. G. Rowe, 7; T. Waller, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in F. The first peal of MAJOR on the bells.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., a peal of 5104 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung by eight ringers of the Royal Cumberland Youths in 3 hrs. 21 mins. A. G. Freeman (first peal in the method), 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; B. Foskett, 3; C. Wilkin, 4; A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; Geo. Newson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. First peal in this method on the bells.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Martin, 4; M. Digby (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; W. Harper, 6. On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. W. Harper, 1; L. Digweed, 2; W. Martin, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, THANET, KENT.—On a Saturday, the St. Lawrence Society of Change-ringers rang, for practice, a plain course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Larkin, 1; G. Ralph, jun., 2; C. Aiano, 3; J. B. Gibbs, 4; S. R. Port, 5; H. Wellard, 6; R. Goodbourne, 7; H. Saunders, 8. Also 360 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (twelve bobs and six singles), in three different methods. J. Larkin, 1; G. Ralph, jun., 2; C. Aiano, 3; H. Wellard, 4; R. Goodbourne (conductor), 5; F. Wraight, 6; J. B. Gibbs, 7; S. R. Port, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

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AT EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On a Saturday an attempt for a peal of UNION TRIPLES came to an end after ringing 2000 changes, owing to a bob being missed. E. J. Walsom, J. J. Parker (conductor), G. Stanbrook, J. Basden, E. Harris, R. Flaxman, A. H. Taber, and T. Beadle. Afterwards 504 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 252 PLAIN BOB, 498 MINOR, and two courses of GRANDSIRE MAJOR were rung.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, FAYERSHAM, KENT.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Wallis, 1; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 2; A. Biggs, 3; C. Couchman, 4; E. Holladay, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; W. Boulden, 7; W. Lucas, 8. The bells were rung muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Canon Griffin, vicar of Ospringe, who was buried at Ospringe on that day.

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HOME WEAL AND HOME WOE. By Mrs. Bayley and Elisabeth Boyd Bayley. (London: J. Nisbet & Co. 1892. 5s.)—Dealing largely with Mothers'-meeting work, this new book, by one who has been for many long years identified with efforts to raise the tone of the family life of the working classes, contains numerous useful hints and goodly counsels.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE DONALD FRASER, D.D., AND A SELECTION FROM HIS SERMONS. With a Preface by J. Oswald Dykes, D.D. (London: James Nisbet & Co. 1892. 3s. 6d.)—Dr. Donald Fraser was a striking figure among London Presbyterians, and his sudden death left a gap that has only just been filled. The autobiography now before us is very slight, and contains but little of general interest. The sermons, too, do not strike us as being of the best; but perhaps they were all that could be gathered together in a finished form.

ULRIC ZWINGLE. By Robert Wilkes Gosse, B.A., rector of Bratton St. Maur, Somerset. (London: J. Nisbet & Co. 1892. 2s. 6d.)—This is one of the volumes of Nisbet's series, 'Lives that Speak.' Mr. Gosse has, in brief and terse language, told the life-history and indicated the main theological positions of the Swiss reformer.

The frontispiece of the *MAGAZINE OF ART* is a fine original etching by David Law, entitled 'After the Festa.' In a note, it is pointed out that the picture 'approaches almost as nearly to engraving as it does to true etching.' It is certainly a charming picture, and shows a mastery of the art, which it would be difficult to surpass. There is, among numerous other beautiful pictures, a capital engraving by A. Knoesing of E. J. Poynter's 'When the World was Young.' Among the varied contents, we have the second paper of Theodore Watts on the 'Portraits of Lord Tennyson,' which is illustrated by nine pictures of the poet. A. S. Swinburne commences a series of 'Carols of the Year,' and Walter Crane contributes a paper on 'Design.'

The *ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE* has, for its frontispiece, an engraving by O. Lacour of Archbishop Vaughan, and Wilfrid Ward contributes a brief sketch of the Archbishop's career. Bret Harte concludes his story, 'Sally Dows.' Captain E. C. H. Price gives short accounts of the lives of 'Four Famous Generals,' the four being Sir George White, Sir Evelyn Wood, Sir George Greaves, and Lieut-General Henry Brackenbury; and Honor Brooke writes on 'Burne Jones and his Art.' Among the remainder of the contents there is a complete short story by Henry Herman, 'The Lost Letter.'

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

MEMBERS residing within the Postal District of London are hereby reminded that the sum of 1s. 8d., to cover peal-book expenses for 1893, is now due and payable to January 31st. The next ringing meeting will be at Cripplegate on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 8 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.

TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this branch will be held at the 'Fountain' Coffee Tavern, Westerhan, Sevenoaks, on Monday, January 9th, at 3.15 p.m. The usual allowances will be paid to members attending. N.B.—Change at Dutton Green Station.

Sevenoaks Rectory.

T. S. CURTEIS, *District Secretary.*

The Bells of Nailsea, Somersetshire.

AFTER a silence of nearly two years the bells of Nailsea Parish Church were rung for the first time on Saturday, the 10th inst. The wheels, wood-work, and bearings had become so worn that it was considered dangerous to ring them. Accordingly an appeal was made for the 70l. or 80l. necessary for the thorough repair of the bells, and proved so successful that the Rector and Churchwardens felt justified in giving the contract to Mr. Hooper, of Woodbury, near Exeter, and he has performed his work in a most satisfactory manner. The bells have been entirely rehung and also quartered. Owing to the absence of the Rev. J. Johnson, the rector, there was only an informal opening of the bells. The opening peal was taken by Messrs. E. Summers, 1; — Evans, 2; E. Day, 3; S. Butchers, 4; C. Cavill, 5; and F. Brown, 6; after which several peals were rung at intervals by local men.

Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.

THROUGH the kind hospitality of the Rev. J. E. Player, twelve members of the Wells Association of Ringers were entertained at supper at the Rectory on Wednesday, the 14th inst. After supper the party adjourned to the Church Institute, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. It is only recently that the Wells ringers have adopted the more scientific method of change-ringing, but already they have made great progress.

Dedication of Bells at Eaconsthorpe, Norfolk.

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., a peal of eight tubular bells, costing 180l., most of which has been subscribed, was dedicated to the service of the Church, taking the place of the single bell which has hitherto done duty. After the dedication prayers had been read by the Rector, the Rev. A. H. Upcher, the bells pleaded forth a joyous chime, their tones being heard as far as Wolterton, a village four miles distant.

Anniversary at Oldbury, Worcestershire.

ON Wednesday, the 14th inst., being the fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells, the usual dinner was held at the Union Club, to which about forty sat down, among those present being the Revs. W. Hughes and H. McKean, together with representatives from Christ Church, West Bromwich, and St. Martin's, Tipton. After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman (Mr. Hollins), in very feeling terms, referred to the loss the Church had sustained since the last meeting in the deaths of the Vicar (Mr. Taylor) and of Mr. P. Spencer, who had acted as joint secretary to the fund for placing the bells in the tower. Mr. T. Jones, in proposing the health of the Vicar (Rev. J. E. Brown), to whom he gave a hearty welcome, also referred to the loss, that not only the Church, but the town also would suffer by the death of Mr. Spencer. On behalf of the meeting, he could assure the widow and family of the heartfelt sympathy of those present at the sad loss they had sustained. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Sayer and the bell-ringers, to which the former replied, and took the opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who by their generosity and presence that night enabled him to give the ringers some little recognition for their services. Mr. Snalls (Tipton) also returned thanks. It was decided to send Mrs. Spencer and family a letter of condolence in their sad trouble.

A Visit to Spondon, Derbyshire.

AT the kind invitation of the Vicar of Spondon, the Duffield Society paid a visit to Spondon on Saturday, the 17th inst. The bells were raised in peal by the local band, and on reaching the belfry the visitors commenced by ringing some STEDMAN DOUBLES, followed by 720 BOB MINOR, being the first 720 on the bells. G. Dawson, 1; W. Clarke, 2; H. W. Wilde, 3; W. Hickling, 4; J. Flower, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. A touch of DOUBLE OXFORD MINOR was next rung, followed by several peals (120) of GRAND-SIRE DOUBLES, in which several of the local men took part. These bells have recently been rehung in an iron frame, and a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor & Sons, of Loughborough, the 'go' of which leaves nothing to be desired. Refreshments had been provided for the visitors, and after a pleasant hour spent in company with the Spondon ringers, who are learning change-ringing under the tuition of Mr. John Howe, a start was made for the station, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

WE are sorry to hear that Peter Snowdon, who has been a bell-ringer at Leeds Parish Church for fifty years, fell dead in the belfry on Sunday last, shortly before morning service.

MESSRS. LEWELLINS & JAMES, bell-founders, of Bristol, have been awarded a silver medal for their exhibits at the Kimberley Exhibition.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 104.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Day's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. Windridge, 1; G. Wright, 2; R. Brindley, 3; J. Pratt, 4; H. Meacham, 5; J. Timms (conductor), 6; C. Chapman, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. Messrs. Gallimore, Meacham, and Wright came from Lichfield.

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

On Thursday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang A. Percival Heywood's peal of 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 20 mins. W. J. Smith, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; J. Jaggar, 3; Jos. Griffith, 4; H. Wakley, 5; T. Holmes, 6; G. Robinson, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. The first peal in the method by the St. Paul's Society.

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

On Saturday, the 17th inst., twelve members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a peal of 5031 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 48 mins. W. L. Catchpole (composer and conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garratt, 4; A. E. Durrant, 5; J. Motts, 6; R. Hawes, 7; H. Bowell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; W. Motts, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; A. Bowell, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt. [*First peal in the method.]

At St. Mary's, Mortlake, London.

On Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the All Saints' (Fulham) Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 47 mins. W. Smith (first peal away from the tenor), 1; J. G. Green, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; J. Basden, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; J. W. Driver, 6; G. Woodiss (conductor), 7; H. Kenten, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Speldhurst, Kent.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang H. Johnson's peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. Baker, 1; W. H. Card (first peal of MAJOR with a bob-bell), 2; R. Pelling (birthday), 3; J. Maynard, 4; G. Turley, 5; F. Still, jun., 6; G. A. Card, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The composition contains the sixth its extent in 5-6.

Midnight Peal.—On December 24th-25th, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a midnight peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Baker, 1; W. H. Card, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Turley, 4; F. Still, jun., 5; J. Maynard, 6; G. A. Card, 7; T. Card, 8. Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by Thomas Card. This composition, which contains the fifth and sixth their extent in 5-6, was started for at 10.24 p.m. on the 24th, the bells coming round at 1.20 a.m. on Christmas morning.

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

On Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. H. Rann, 1; K. Hart, 2; A. J. Turner (first peal of STEDMAN), 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; R. Hoather, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. Messrs. Turner, Dawe, and Hoather, are local men; the others came from Brighton.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks.

On Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 38 mins. Frank Biggs, 1; Fred. Biggs, 2; E. Gadsden (High Wycombe), 3; S. Goodchild, 4; W. E. Taylor (first peal in the method, Beyne Hill), 5; W. E. Yates, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; R. Biggs, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

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FIRST INTERVIEW.

At TORQUAY, with Mr. FRED. HEATH, of St. Leonard's Terrace, Newton Abbot, Plumber, whose case appeared in the weekly papers, December, 1891.

The 'plain unvarnished tale' told by Mr. Heath, of Newton Abbot, Devon, is worthy the attention of all those who are suffering from any form of chest disease. It would be very easy to describe the statements therein made as 'wonderful,' 'remarkable,' or even as almost passing belief, but I prefer to tell the story 'just as 'twas told to me.'

Mr. Heath had a severe attack of bronchitis, following on Russian influenza, and this was accompanied by terrible cough and night sweats.

'I cannot tell you what I suffered,' said Mr. Heath, as we sat chatting in a Torquay hotel recently. 'My health entirely gave way. The attacks of hæmorrhage were dreadful, and they left me very weak. The expectoration was offensive and purulent. I became very thin, with the exception of my legs and feet, and they commenced to swell. I had the best available medical advice, both in Torquay and Newton Abbot. No less than eight doctors had me in hand at different times, and they all said I was in a decided consumption, with ulceration proceeding at the back of the lungs.'

'Of course you were not able to work?' I asked.

'No; I was laid up for eight and a half months, unable to earn anything.'

'Some portion of that time you spent in the hospital?'

'I was in Teignmouth Hospital for three weeks, and in the Consumption Hospital at Torquay for four months. I was discharged from the latter, my case being given up as hopeless. I was so thin that you could see through my hands, and every one who knew me said I was a dying man. One of the doctors who attended me told my wife that I should never do another day's work—in fact, that I couldn't live very long.'

Mr. Heath to-day is a man in the best of health, possessing an amount of strength which he rightly describes as wonderful, so I naturally asked him how the change, miraculous almost, was brought about.

'Well,' he answered, 'when I was so bad that they watched by my bed for a fortnight, expecting me to die, I heard of Mr. Congreve's treatment, and as a last resource, I commenced to take it. After about the first four days I mended rapidly. For a time I brought up a little blood, but that soon ceased after taking special medicine prescribed for me by Mr. Congreve. In about two months I was well enough to go to work.'

'Then do I understand that after being so ill for between eight and nine months, in so short a time you were enabled to go to work?'

'Yes, and more than that, I have never ailed anything since. My occupation is a trying one. Perhaps for a time I am standing before a fierce fire, and immediately after I am exposed to the cold air.'

'I suppose plenty of persons have witnessed your recovery?'

'Hundreds of people who know me well. After I got to work again one of the doctors who had treated me asked me to come up and be examined. After the examination was over, he told me he was never more surprised in his life—there was absolutely nothing the matter with me, except a little weakness. He said he thought I should have been dead and in my grave. People who saw me when I was so ill regard me as a living wonder.'

'You certainly appear in good health now?'

'My health is perfect. From the time Mr. Congreve cured me I have not had an hour's illness. Many strangers who have heard about me come to my house to enquire, and I tell them exactly the same as I have told you.'

'Then you won't mind my publishing your case in the Torquay papers, Mr. Heath?'

'I shall be only too pleased for you to do so, and I will gladly answer any inquiries which may be addressed to me. I ought to add, to show how strong my chest is now, that I belong to a band connected with a religious organization, and play a wind instrument four nights a-week, and nearly all day on Sunday.'

This is Mr. Heath's testimony. Any one who doubts it can communicate with him at the address above given, and he will be happy to answer any questions.

NOTE.—While in Newton Abbot I met several persons who corroborated Mr. Heath's statement. One gentleman—Mr. Churton, Rock Villa, Woborough Hill—who knows all the facts, vouches for their correctness. He has also seen the good effects of Mr. Congreve's treatment in other cases, and speaks of it as the most wonderful medicine he ever knew.

The case of Mr. Heath is one of a number in the neighbourhood of Torquay, visited by the special commissioner referred to. Amongst those who have recovered under Mr. Congreve's treatment, and who may be named as specially worthy of note, are

MR. WILLIAM HUNT, The Grove, Newton Abbot.

MR. CHARLES YELLAND, Manor Cottages, Newton Abbot.

CAPTAIN ALFORD, of Salvation Army Barracks, Exeter.

proposed tribunal should be permanent, and on quasi-neutral ground, as in one of the Swiss cantons.

THE FIELD CLUB is growing in interest, and caters well both for scientific and non-scientific readers. The best bits this month are Mr. J. H. A. Hicks on 'The Sleep Movements of Flower,' and Mr. M. C. H. Bird on 'Bird Life of the Norfolk Broads.'

THE ANTIQUARY is full of matter interesting to many of the clergy, notably articles on 'The Norman work in the Nave Triforium of Beverley,' and 'Prelates of the Black Friars of England.' The illustrations are excellent.

THE SCOTTISH STANDARD BEARER has among its contents a portrait and biographical sketch of the Rev. Canon Low.

THE NEW YEAR'S double number of THE YOUNG GENLEWOMAN is a capital sixpennyworth. It contains a variety of reading matter and good illustrations.

THE DAILY GRAPHIC last week published a capital illustrated supplement of the events of the year.

RELIEF contains a map of England and Wales, illustrative of the expenditure upon alcoholic stimulants at workhouses during the year 1891. It shows each county separately shaded from white to black according to the aggregate average expenditure upon all intoxicants (that is, of the three kinds used, spirits, wine, and malt liquor) per head of inmates in all the workhouses comprised within its area.

RECEIVED ALSO.—THE FRIEND OF CHINA; THE LONDON COMET—a new penny weekly; Part 64 of Messrs. Cassell & Co.'s celebrated OLD AND NEW LONDON.

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BIRTH.

HUGHES.—On the 30th Dec., at The Vicarage, Llantrissant, Glamorgan, the wife of the Rev. J. Pritchard Hughes, M.A., of a daughter.

DEATH.

BANDINEL.—On the 31st Dec., at Hulham, Exmouth, Rev. James Bandinel, 19 years rector of E'mley, Yorks. from paralysis, aged 78.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

PRESTON BRANCH.—A meeting of the above Branch was held at St. James's Church, Leyland, on Saturday, the 17th ult., when various methods were rung. There were representatives from various towns. At half-past five a meeting was held, Mr. J. Miller (Leyland) being chairman. After the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and passed, the object of the gathering was discussed. Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and ringers, for the use of the bells. A re-start for ringing commenced with COLLEGE SINGLE by the following:—J. Miller (Leyland), 1; J. Mather (Higher Walton), 2; R. Sanderson (Penwortham), 3; W. J. Mawdsley (Preston), 4; T. Strickland (Preston), 5; J. Bannister (Leyland), 6. The meeting was brought to a close with a half-peal of LONDON BOB by the following:—W. Nelson (Leyland), 1; J. Mather, 2; R. Sanderson, 3; J. Baker (Leyland), 4; J. Bannister, 5; T. Strickland, 6.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 17th ult., a meeting of this Branch was held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley. Touches of GRANDSIRE and BOB MINOR, and 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, were rung. The Rev. W. Blackburn presided at the meeting, which was held in the schoolroom, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Darwen. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, Wardens, and ringers, which terminated the business.

HASLINGDEN BRANCH.—A meeting of this Association was held at Haslingden Parish Church on Saturday, the 17th ult. At six o'clock the company adjourned to the schoolroom for business purposes, the Vicar, the Rev. A. Spencer, presiding. St. Saviour's, Bacup, was the place selected for the next meeting, which will be held during the present month. Some touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung, and 720 BOB MINOR, the first on the bells by the Association. Z. Lord (conductor), 1; J. H. Smith, 2; Jas. Smith, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4; J. B. Taylor, 5; J. Smith, 6.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 122.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Taylor's Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 46 mins. G. Layzell (first peal), 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; H. J. Wright, 4; W. Hewitt, 5; E. E. Huntley (first attempt as conductor), 6; H. G. Howe, 7; W. Norwood, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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

On Thursday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang a peal of 5120 NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 27 mins. W. J. Smith, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; Jos. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; T. Holmes, 6; G. Robinson, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. The composition is the first composed in the method by the Rev. H. Earle-Bulwer, and is now rung for the first time.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Haley's peal of 5001 STEDMAN CATERERS in 3 hrs. 7 mins. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; J. Plowman, 2; R. Sewell, 3; A. J. Plowman, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Harding, 8; C. Bance, 9; F. Holder, 10. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Mildred's, Tenterden, Kent.

On Monday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who are also members of the Kent County Association, rang Late's One-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 17 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; G. Cramp, 2; F. G. Newman (conductor), 3; A. Hinds, 4; R. Edwards, 5; G. Neve, 6; A. E. Nunn, 7; W. Cliff, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. H. G. Beams,* 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; A. B. Bassett, 3; F. Grove,* 4; J. Easton, 5; W. G. Grove (Woolwich), 6; J. Hawkins, 7; S. Wilson,* 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The first peal on the bells. [* First peal.]

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

On Monday, the 26th ult., twelve members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society and the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE

BOB MAXIMUS in 3 hrs. 43 mins. J. Hopwood, 1; G. Longden, 2; G. Turner, 3; T. Wise, 4; J. Adams, 5; T. Hammond,* 6; S. Booth, 7; J. S. Wilde, 8; H. Chapman, 9; J. Eachus, 10; J. Martin,* 11; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 12. Tenor, 27 cwt. Messrs. Martin and Hammond came from Liverpool, and were elected members of the above Society previous to starting for the peal. [* First peal of MAXIMUS.]

At St. Mary's, Framdsen, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. J. Motts, 1; H. Howell, 2; F. Clayton, 3; A. Howell, 4; E. Clayton, 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6; W. Motts, 7; F. J. Tillett, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Composed by H. Hubbard, and conducted by James Motts. W. G. Crickmer came from Earl Soham; F. and E. Clayton from Worlingworth; the rest belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

At St. Paul's, Wooburn, Bucks.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., nine members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. S. Goodchild, 1; Frank Biggs, 2; A. Headey, 3; J. C. Truss, jun., 4; W. Whiffin, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; R. Biggs and Fred. Biggs, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. Messrs. Headey and Whiffin belong to High Wycombe Junior Society; Yates and Truss to Great Marlow; the rest to Hughenden. The average age of the band is twenty-one years.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a Ten-part peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. H. Gilding, 1; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; W. E. Taylor, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; F. Bissley, 5; J. Basden, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; W. Brown, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Chipping Barnet, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., a peal of 5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR in the Kent Variation was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. by the following members of the Middlesex Association and the Royal Cumberland Society:—B. Foskett, 1; J. Martin (first peal in the method), 2; F. Carroway, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. This is the first peal on the new bells, which were opened on the 24th ult.

RECEIVED ALSO:—T. Maynard (thank); and others.

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SECOND INTERVIEW.

With Rev. W. R. CAPEL, Bournemouth, late Vicar of Bickenhill, near Birmingham.

It was a real pleasure to me to meet the gentleman above named. It was a day in early November when I called at his residence, Cairnryan, Poole Road, Bournemouth—an ideal day for the time of year—and I, who had just come away from London fogs, duly appreciated the great and welcome change.

I found Mr. Capel most genial, and ready to afford me every information, and willing to tell me all about his complaint and how he was cured.

In answer to my initial question, Mr. Capel said:

'Even as a young man I was always delicate, and was sent to Madeira. I was told I should never reach eighteen, then that I could not live till twenty; but here I am at sixty-three, and I expect to be able to last a little longer.'

If appearances go for anything, Mr. Capel is very likely to prove correct.

'What was it you suffered from, Mr. Capel?' I asked.

'From bronchitis and asthma, inherited from my mother. She died of asthma. At the time my wife first applied to Mr. Congreve, in 1887, I suffered a great deal, the attacks being both frequent and severe. I have already described the symptoms—the night cough, thick expectoration, soreness of the chest, and difficulty of breathing. The first winter after commencing the treatment recommended by Mr. Congreve I was much better—in fact, I was entirely free from any attack of asthmatic-bronchitis. I certainly caught a cold once, but with the aid of the medicine I was soon all right again.'

'And I suppose I may take it, Mr. Capel, that you are still keeping well?'

'I have just had another attack of bronchitis, caused by catching a frightful cold through going out in very bad weather. When I came home I knew I was in for it, so I just took some of the medicine, and that put me right.'

'You are certainly very enthusiastic about Mr. Congreve's balsam,' I remarked.

'It is the best medicine I have ever had. I have recommended it over and over again. I have proved it to be a splendid remedy. I don't think I ever mentioned before that once when I was staying in Brighton I missed the assistant at a shop at which I dealt. On asking for him I was told that he was done for—there was no hope of his recovery. Some time after, on passing down Western Road, I found this very man about to start in business. I went into the shop and spoke to him, and he told me that he had been restored by Mr. Congreve's medicine.'

'I believe you have been applied to with reference to another case?'

'A clergyman wrote and asked me if the testimonial I had given was genuine, as he was anxious to persuade a young farmer in his parish to try it. I assured him it was the best thing he could do, and was much gratified to hear from the same clergyman, some months later, that the young man, who was the only son and support of his widowed mother, had quite recovered; in fact, the week before my correspondent wrote me, the patient had walked eighteen miles, and was none the worse for it.'

'I am sure I am much obliged to you for so kindly speaking in favour of the treatment.'

'I am only too glad to do anything to make it known. I consider myself much indebted to Mr. Congreve.'

Before I said 'Good-morning,' the Rev. W. R. Capel told me that a doctor, a near neighbour of his, was recommending Mr. Congreve's treatment to a Major-General whom he knew, which latter fact, I consider, speaks volumes for the liberality and good sense of the medical gentleman referred to.

NOTE.—Mr. Capel's own case was published (in the weekly papers only) in June, 1890.

THE ZOOPHILIST is full of painful interest, as usual. We are, however, glad to see a cheering article, entitled 'The Church of England and Vivisection,' from which we learn that at least nineteen of our bishops are on the side of justice to animals, whilst 'Dr. Westcott, the most learned Biblical critic in the Church, is President of the Society for United Prayer against Vivisection, and has himself written the prayer used by its members. On p. 240, amongst 'Notes and Notices,' we find an account of the treatment of two hospital patients in Breslau for purposes of scientific research, which gives a broad hint as to the results in human suffering likely to follow where vivisection is granted increased powers of experimenting.

THE numbers which have already appeared of THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, the new religious journal and literary publication for Sunday-school teachers and all who are interested in Sunday schools, have been excellent in matter and appearance.

THE GENTLEWOMEN this week contains the commencement of a new story by Mrs. Hungerford.

THE Christmas number of TOILERS OF THE DEEP—the monthly record of the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen—contains some graphic pictures of life on the North Sea.

ALSO RECEIVED—THE MEDICAL PIONEER; THE ROCHESTER DIOCESAN CHRONICLE; the first number of the new series of the FREE AND OPEN CHURCH ADVOCATE.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The King's Norton Guild, Worcestershire.

THE annual meeting of this Guild was held on the 2nd inst., in the Schoolroom, King's Norton, for the election of officers and other business. The retiring Master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and the Wardens, Messrs. W. S. Pritchett and W. Cooke, were unanimously re-elected for another year. Mr. John Carter was admitted as the first honorary member of the Guild. After the meeting those present were entertained to supper by the Master, after which Mr. Carter's health was cordially drunk. A touch of 305 GRANDSTRE CATERERS and a course of BOB ROYAL were subsequently rung on the hand-bells by T. Pritchett, 1-2; A. Pritchett, 3-4; W. S. Pritchett, 5-6; J. S. Pritchett, 7-8; G. Hands, 9-10. A. Barnes rang 9-10 in the BOB ROYAL. It was decided to alter the practice night from Tuesday to Thursday, with the sanction of the Vicar, and the members intend to follow up their first peal, rung on December 26th, at the earliest opportunity.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of the above was held at Prittlewell on Saturday, the 7th inst. Carriages awaited the 1.43 train to carry the ringers to Leigh, where some touches were rung upon the six bells. Upon the return to Prittlewell some more ringing was accomplished upon the melodious bells in that tower, which, however, require rehanging and a new floor. Tea was served in excellent style by mine host of the 'Blue Boar,' and was thoroughly enjoyed. The chair was taken by the Rev. T. O. Reay, vicar of Prittlewell, supported by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, the Secretary, and the Rev. H. Eyre, the Assistant Secretary. The usual business was transacted, and the party broke up to catch their respective trains.

The Ring of Bells for the Parish Church, Coleraine, Ireland.

OWING to the munificence of the family of the late Mr. Lawlor, and the liberality with which the appeal made to the inhabitants of Coleraine has been responded to, the Committee appointed to collect the funds needful to supplement Mr. and Mrs. Coyle's generous gift have obtained almost the entire sum that will be required for the new ring of bells. An order has been given to the well-known Loughborough firm of John Taylor & Co. for a ring of eight bells of the best quality, the tenor or largest bell in which will weigh 20 cwt. The bells will be hung for ringing, and will also be supplied with a chiming apparatus, by which one man will be able to chime all eight bells when the services of the ordinary ringers are not available. The bells will also be fitted up with Mr. Seage's Dumb-practice Apparatus, by means of which the ringers when practising will not annoy their neighbours by unskilful performances. The contrivance is a simple and ingenious one, and can only be heard by those who are practising. Two memorial brasses will be put up in the church, one commemorating the late Mr. James H. Coyle, and recording his generous gift and that of Mrs. Coyle. The other, which is the gift of the children of the late Mr. Lawlor, will record the fact that two of the bells in the tower are a tribute of affection to their father's memory. Mr. Lawlor was for many years an influential and respected member of the congregation worshipping in the parish church; he was for a long time churchwarden, and a most active and valued assistant to the Rev. James O'Hara, the then rector, in all good works. It is also intended that the bells shall be permanently insured against injury from fire or lightning, and that a parchment record of the circumstances which led to their erection, together with the names of all the subscribers, shall be framed and put up in a secure place in the belfry. It is expected that the entire work will be finished before the end of March, so as to be in good time for the Easter festival. Only a few pounds more are required to meet the entire expense. The contributions already promised and paid come from the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of all denominations, and give evidence of a condition of goodwill and mutual sympathy which is most gratifying. We venture to hope that

what has been so well and happily begun will be continued in the same spirit, and that the bells when up will ring only notes of social love and harmony, and may never be made the exponents of religious or political strife.

The Bells of Lanhydrock, Cornwall.

THE ring of six bells raised in 1888, and much admired for tone, have been augmented by two trebles, the gift of the Lady Robartes. The ring of eight was first rung on the evening when the ringers were entertained at the annual supper given by Lord Robartes. The tone, splice and 'go' of the bells leave nothing to be desired. The tower being small, it is no easy achievement to hang a peal of bells with a tenor of 15 cwt., and the work reflects great credit on the firm of Messrs J. Taylor, of Loughborough. Above the ringing peal is hung the Old Lanhydrock (or as it is usually termed the 'king bell'), which the Rev. W. Iago, of Bodmin, states to be of the tenth century. It is to be used for tolling singly at week-day services. At the ringers' supper a vote of thanks was given to Lord and Lady Robartes for the gift of the new bells. His Lordship, in response, said he was much pleased to hear the ringers thought so well of the bells, and hoped they might long be a service to the parish.

The Bells at Ombersley, Worcestershire.

FOR some months past the people of Ombersley, who possess one of the prettiest peals of church bells in the county, have not had the pleasure of hearing them. The dissatisfaction which this state of things has engendered found expression on Christmas Day, when the Vicar, in the course of his morning sermon, remarked that Ombersley occupied, he supposed, the unenviable distinction of being the only parish where Christmas morning was not ushered in by the ringing of the church bells. The reason for it he did not know; but he thought that, if it were a question of disagreement among the ringers, it was a very great pity, at a time of universal peace and goodwill, that personal differences should have debarred a whole parish from hearing the sweet sounds of the village bells. These remarks were greatly appreciated, and will, it is hoped, result in a better state of things. If the differences among the present ringers are too great to be set aside, it is to be hoped that the Ombersley people will rouse themselves and form another band, which can be relied upon to ring the bells at Christmas and other festive seasons.

The Church Bells at Bures, Suffolk.

SINCE the death of the late Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Hanbury, there has been no band of ringers, and the bells have been chimed by Stokes' chiming apparatus, which was given to the church in 1886 by the present Vicar, the Rev. W. H. E. R. Jervis, Mr. William Garrad, and Mrs. Day. At a meeting held at the Vicarage on Thursday evening, December 22nd, a new set of bell-ringers was appointed; and, on the proposition of Mr. Thomas Clarke, Mr. Arthur White was appointed captain. On Christmas Day at all three services the bells were chimed in the old-fashioned way, for the first time for nearly five years. A meeting was fixed for Monday, the 9th inst., at the Vicarage, when a new set of rules was to be drawn up. Much enthusiasm was shown at the last meeting, and we cannot but think that this is a decided step in the right direction, upon which the parishioners of Bures are to be congratulated.

The Bells of Lynn, Norfolk.

THE committee of St. Margaret's have decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Day & Son, of Eye, Suffolk, for the work in connexion with the repair of the bells. The contract for the repair of the frame is 125*l.*, recasting the cracked bell, 46*l.*; new chiming apparatus, 20*l.* 10*s.*; apparatus for leading ropes from the bells to the ringers, including an iron ring for the bells to work in, 17*l.*; making a total of 208*l.* 10*s.* The Committee have taken this step although they have only in promised subscriptions about 115*l.*, which leaves a balance to be raised of 93*l.*, feeling confident that the people of Lynn will not allow so laudable an object to be hindered from want of funds.

St. John's Church, Worksop, Notts.

THE commencement of 1893 was of unusual interest to the congregation and parishioners of the above church, as a clock which had been erected for the first time during the previous week was at the stroke of twelve to be set in motion, and to strike the knell of the old year and usher in the new one. A midnight service was held as a dedicatory thanksgiving, hymns and prayers being chosen appropriate to the occasion. The clock is the work of Messrs. John Smith & Sons, Midland Works, Derby. The dial is six feet in diameter, and made of the best gun metal. The hands are gilt, and the tone of the new bell, which weighs 6 cwt., is resonant and mellow. This bell, with the old 12-cwt. bell, is used for striking the quarters. The new bell is the gift of one of the churchwardens in memory of his father. It is hoped before long that sufficient money will be raised to add four more bells, and so make a peal of six. Any old members of the parish who may be interested in the affair are invited to contribute to the Bell Fund. Subscriptions will be gladly received by the Rev. G. Dobree, vicar of the parish.

Bell-ringers' Annual Suppers.

AT BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Saturday evening, the 31st ult., the annual supper was held, the chair being taken by Mr. J. Weekes, and amongst those present were Messrs. G. Finn, Pearson, Apps, Daniels, O. Waghorn, R. Morley, H. J. Waghorn, G. Worrell, and the Smeeth Glee Singers (Messrs. J. Goodwin and T. and B. Doughty). After the toast of 'The Queen,' the Chairman proposed the health of the Brabourne ringers, and humorously suggested that, as he was rather deaf, they might ring a little louder. Mr. W. Andrews responded, and hoped it would be a long time before the Brabourne ringers ceased to exist. At half-past eleven the ringers adjourned to the belfry, and rang the old year out and the new year in.

At FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—The Guild of Bell-ringers met in the belfry of the parish church on New Year's Eve, at seven o'clock, and gave a joyous peal prior to assembling an hour later at the residence of their captain, Mr. H. Pay, to partake of their annual supper. The members of the Guild were all present, accompanied by their Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. Brown, the parish clerk, and the following gentlemen by invitation: the Rev. E. M. Russell, curate, Mr. C. F. Field, churchwarden, and Mr. C. Oldaker, who had kindly collected the yearly subscriptions. Some excellent songs were given by the Chairman, Mr. Russell, Mr. Oldaker, and Mr. Beer during the proceedings, and at 11.30, after the singing of the National Anthem, the company adjourned to the church, and a peal was rung as the old year died away. After the clock had struck the midnight hour, another peal announced that the new year had dawned, and at 12.15 the party separated.

At LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., the ringers of St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas's Churches were entertained at dinner by Mr. W. Burkitt, at the Ringers' Room in Queen Street. The Rev. E. S. Daubeny presided. After dinner, handbells and songs ministered to the pleasure of the evening, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Burkitt for his kindness.

At FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Friday evening, the 30th ult., the Association of Bell-ringers of this town celebrated their annual gathering by a dinner, of which nearly forty ringers and their friends partook. The Rev. A. E. Carr presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. Edward Carr. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given and drunk, the Chairman proposed "Success to the Diocesan Association of Bell-ringers," to which the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, of Stanhoe) replied, and congratulated the ringers of Fakenham on the progress they had made. He hoped the annual meeting of the Association would be held in the town. Several other toasts of a complimentary character were drunk, and the proceedings passed off most pleasantly.

At QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—The ringers' annual supper was held on Monday evening, the 2nd inst. The Rev. T. C. Bush, vicar, presided, and was supported by Mr. W. Vincent and Mr. S. Brooks (churchwardens), and other gentlemen. Supper over, the loyal and other toasts were proposed. Some capital songs were sung, Mr. B. B. Swaffield, of Yeovil, accompanying on the piano. A very pleasant evening was spent.

The following inscription is on the tenor bell in Green's Norton (St. Bartholomew's) Church, Northants:—

'When I ring or toll my voice is spent,
That men may come and hear God's Word and so repent.—1797.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Bolney, Sussex.

On Sunday, the 11th ult., a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. ½ min. by the following members of the Sussex County Association:—G. Paice, 1; J. Searle, 2; R. Hart (first peal in the method), 3; E. Jordan, 4; R. Jordan, 5; J. Parker, 6; F. Rice, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F. Composed by H. Dains and conducted by G. Williams. The first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells.

At the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants.

On Monday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in 3 hrs. 27 mins.:—J. W. Whiting, 1; E. Bishop, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; F. Bennett, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D flat. This is the first peal of MAJOR on the bells; also first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH rung in the county of Hants. It is Mr. Gifford's 150th peal. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Hants.

On Monday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in 3 hrs. 14 mins.:—J. W. Whiting, 1; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 2; F. Bennett, 3; E. Bishop, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. This is the first peal of MAJOR on the bells. In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at a course-end.

At Holy Rood Church, Southampton, Hants.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., Thurstan's Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 48 mins. by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild:—E. Bishop, 1; F. Bennett, 2; G. Williams, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; R. W. J. Gollop, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; C. Tribe, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F. This is the first peal of STEDMAN on the bells; it is the conductor's 400th, and Mr. Merritt's 50th peal.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

On Friday, the 30th ult., eight members of the St. Mary's Society (Walthamstow) and the Essex Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; T. Maynard, 2; W. Kat, 3; J. Nunn, 4; W. B. Manning, 5; F. Rumens, 6; A. G. Freeman, 7; W. H. Freeman, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. This peal was rung as a mark of respect to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Langhorne, and as a token of regard and esteem for his kindness and consideration in promoting the art of change-ringing.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see next page.

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THIRD INTERVIEW.

Interview with CAPTAIN ALFORD, Salvation Army Barracks,
Exeter.

(This case has not been published before.)

I first heard of the case of Captain Alford from Miss Churton, attached to the Marlborough College, Exeter;—Miss Bamber, the principal of that establishment, having induced Captain Alford to try Mr. Congreve's remedies. At that time he was, to all appearance, very ill, and it is certain that his recovery is due entirely to the treatment referred to; for I have not only the testimony of Miss Churton to that effect, but also that of Mr. Potter, a picture-frame maker, of Holloway Street, in the same city, as well as that of the patient himself, with whom I had a brief chat at my hotel in Exeter.

'Will you be good enough to tell me, captain, what was the matter with you when you commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment upon the recommendation of Miss Bamber?'

'I had very bad congestion of the lungs, a complaint from which I have suffered during the last five years, brought on by exposure and pressure of work.'

'I suppose you have had medical advice?'

'Oh, yes; I have been under several doctors, among them a doctor at Hampstead. It has usually taken three months for me to get over each recurring attack.'

'And I take it that each succeeding attack was no less severe?'

'Not less severe—in fact, worse. At last I became very ill, so ill that I didn't think much of my life.'

'But isn't it possible that you took too gloomy a view of the position?'

'I don't think so. Moreover, the doctor told me my life was in danger. I brought up a quantity of fluid blood, and lost flesh to an alarming extent. For the first time I had two attacks—one close upon the other.'

'And then, I am told, you commenced to take Mr. Congreve's medicine?'

'Yes, at the suggestion of Miss Bamber.'

'Had you had any previous knowledge of it, Captain Alford?'

'Not much; but I remember when I was at Maidstone I saw the good it did in one very bad case.'

'And what have you to say about its effect in your own?'

'It did me an immense amount of good—no doubt of it. In a month I had quite recovered, and have kept well and strong since—better than I have been for a long time.'

'I am told that you are able to play a wind instrument now, captain?'

'Yes, I play a brass instrument, often, and without any ill effect.'

In reply to a further question, Captain Alford accorded me his permission to make any reference to his case I thought advisable; and then, as he had to proceed to Exmouth to take part in a service there, he hurried away to his train.'

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., Thurstans' Original peal of 5010 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Sussex County Association in 3 hrs. 7 mins.:—H. Weston, 1; A. A. Fuller, 2; G. A. Ring, 3; K. Hart, 4; G. Williams, 5; G. Baker, 6; G. F. Attree (conductor), 7; J. Jay, sen., 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in G. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Midnight Service.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Association rang a peal of 12,096 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 7 hrs. 10 mins. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; J. Evans, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; H. Baker, 5; J. W. Taylor, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. The longest length rung in the method, and it was intended to ring 13,440. The ringer of the 3rd was taken ill, and the conductor shortened the peal as above. The ringers are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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

On Saturday, the 31st ult., twelve members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5088 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 3 hrs. 45 mins. J. Motts (composer and conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. L. Catchpole, 4; G. Lindorf (Chatham), 5; R. Hawes, 6; E. Pemberton, 7; H. Bowell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; A. Bowell, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; T. Tillett, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt. [* First peal in the method on twelve bells.]

At the Parish Church, Worsley, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Eachus, 1; W. Brown, 2; Jos. Ridyard, 3; J. H. Ridyard, 4; H. Chapman, 5; F. Derbyshire, 6; H. Dransfield, 7; R. Ridyard, 8. Composed by J. S. Wilde of Hyde, and conducted by R. Ridyard. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., ten members of St. Peter's Guild of Change-ringers, Wolverhampton, rang a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 23 mins. F. Vickers, 1; W. Jukes, 2; J. Gibson, 3; R. T. Holding, 4; A. Jarvis, 5; T. Groves, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; A. Griffiths, 8; J. E. Groves, 9; H. Rodin, 10. Composed by John Carter of Birmingham, and conducted by James E. Groves. This is, we understand, the first peal of its kind rung in Shrewsbury since 1808, when 10,097 of the same method was rung in 6 hrs. 47 mins., when it required two men to ring the tenor, which was then only 36 cwt., but was replaced by the present bell in 1825, which weighs 42 cwt.

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MARRIAGE.

BROWN.—NEVE.—On the 5th Jan., at St. Dunstan's, Cranbrook, Rev. John Gardner Brown, Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Bournemouth, to Caroline, youngest daughter of William Tanner Neve, Osborne Lodge, Cranbrook.

DEATHS.

GIBSON.—On Jan. 7, at Lound Rectory, Suffolk, Annie, the wife of the Ven. Archdeacon Gibson, Rector of Lound, aged sixty-eight years.

JACKSON.—On Jan. 6, at the Rectory, Beeford, Harriet, widow of John Gildart Jackson, Esq., late Merchant, Hull, aged seventy-eight years.

LEMANN.—On Jan. 6, at 62 Pulteney Street, Bath, Rebekah Sophia, wife of the Rev. Fras. G. Lemann, late Vicar of Langford, Oxon, aged eighty-four.

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On Saturday, the 7th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang J. Cox's peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMS in 4 hrs. 5 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; R. Trench, 6; J. Oxborrow, 7; W. E. Garrard, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; S. E. Joyce, 10; E. Horrex, 11; W. T. Cockerill, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt. [* First peal of MAXIMS.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. MARY'S, TENBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Wednesday evening, the 7th ult., on the occasion of the return home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. V. Wheeler, of Newnham Court, the parish ringers rang a peal of 600 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES. T. Squires (conductor), 1; W. Mound, 2; T. Round, 3; T. Bebb, 4; D. Round, 5; E. Parton, 6.

At HOLY CROSS, CREDITON, DEVONSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 10th ult., the St. Sidwell's Society of Ringers visited Crediton, and proceeded to the belfry of Holy Cross Church, where, after 'rising' the grand peal of eight, a plain course of GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung on the handbells as follows:—W. Drake, 1-2; F. Davey, 3-4; F. Shepherd, 5-6; E. Shepherd, 7-8; J. Moss, 9-10. Also a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 50 mins. W. Drake, 1; F. Shepherd, 2; C. Carter, 3; F. Davey, 4; E. Shepherd, 5; T. Mudge, 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Rewe and E. Sargeant, 8.

At ST. NICHOLAS'S, HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday, the 12th ult., the ringers performed two series of 1648 and 1120 changes of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES under the leadership of Mr. Robert Williams, of the Cathedral Church, Liverpool. The ringers of the first series were J. Grace, 1; G. Calland, 2; T. Ambrose, 3; R. W. Brade, 4; J. Crosby, 5; A. E. Grace, 6; R. Williams, 7; R. Briers, 8. In the second series, G. Calland took the fourth and J. Lowe the second bell. This is the first long peal for J. Lowe.

At ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA, LONDON.—On Saturday, the 31st ult., an attempt was made for Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but after ringing into the third part of the first half it came to an end. The men afterwards decided to start for the second half of the same peal (2562 changes), which was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. W. Barber, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; C. Hindes, 5; T. E. Barber, 6; J. W. Driver (conductor), 7; G. Roberts, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat. Afterwards a quarter-peal of 1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung in 50 mins. by the following members and friends of St. Luke's Association:—A. Ough, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; C. Hindes, 5; J. Green, 6; T. E. Barber, 7; C. Charge, 8; J. W. Driver (conductor), 9; W. Barber, 10.

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And the late Bishop Wilberforce (of Winchester), in his last charge, says:—

'Come to early Communion as giving the first of the day, the freshness of the spirit, to that great service; but, if you cannot come in the early morning, have no scruple about taking ordinary food before you communicate.' (Quoted by the Bishop of Wakefield in his book, *Holy Communion*.—Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.)

From all we gather there is just as much authority in our Prayer-book for an evening celebration as for an early celebration before morning prayer. Our Church has not fixed any limit of hours for the administration of the Lord's Supper, or affixed or prefixed that administration to any service. As Dr. Goulburn, the late Dean of Norwich, says:—

'It must be admitted that no exception whatever can be taken against evening Communion either from the Holy Scriptures or from the Book of Common Prayer, or from the constitutions and canons of the Church of England. . . . Let each communicate in the manner which he finds most profitable, without for a moment presuming to censure those who prefer a different manner. (On the Communion Office, by Dr. Goulburn, appendix.)

And I remember the late Dean Champneys saying to me, not long before he left Whitechapel:—

'I hope God has permitted me to labour here these twenty years not without tokens of His favour; but I consider one thing has been a greater blessing than all beside to my flock—the commencement of an evening Communion; it has enabled so many to come who could never come before.'

The Dean of Rochester asks:—

'When, and by what authority, evening Communion were introduced into our churches? In my youth we had no such custom, neither had the churches.'

The Archbishop of Canterbury describes this innovation as 'a rashly adventured departure from the universal common sense of the Universal Church,' and as 'giving, when the day is over, that which should have consecrated to from the resurrection hour.'

The Archbishop of York says: 'Such a custom was absolutely unknown from the earliest days of the English Church till within the present century,' and that 'we have no right, as individual clergy, or even as individual Bishops, to take action in a matter of this kind.'

As for the impossibility in certain cases of receiving at any other time, I have met with no example. Some years ago a servant in the hotel in which I was staying, near Nice, said to me on my return one Sunday from the English Church, about 9 a.m., 'Monsieur has been to his Mass; I have been home three hours from mine.'

Canon Fleming writes:—

'The Bishop of Exeter, in his letter in the *Times* of to-day, makes reference to Bishop Jeune. This recalls to the memory of many of us the famous reply of that Bishop in Convocation to Bishop Wilberforce.

'When Bishop Wilberforce was contending that the institution of the Lord's Supper at night was an exception and could not be quoted as a rule, Bishop Jeune replied, "Then let my Lord's exception be my rule."

'I am at a loss to understand how those who wish to adapt the methods of our Church to the circumstances of all classes, can be blind to the necessity and advantage of evening Communion, especially in the great centres of our population.'

Lord Grimthorpe points out that—

'Evening Communion has become common in large towns before early morning ones. Of course, I reckon from the Reformation, when the law of the Church of England, as it is, began. To deny that in this matter would be as absurd as to contend that Communion in one kind is the law of the Church, because it was the only law known for many centuries. Not even Archbishops have a right to pick and choose, like antiquaries, what length of time will serve their purpose, when they want to restore or not restore. Here the earliest use is against them, and the modern legal use too.'

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1893, at 10 a.m.; Ordination Sundays, 9.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Also on the following days:—

Sunday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) 10 a.m., 2.45, and 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival) 9 to 10 a.m. & 5.45 to 6.45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26 (Sons of the Clergy Festival) 2.30 & 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24 (Queen's Birthday) 9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 11 (Ascension Day) 9.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20 (Queen's Accession) 9 to 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 9 (Harvest Thanksgiving Service) 6 to 7 p.m. and after the service.

Wednesday, Nov. 1 (All Saints') 9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day) 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

On Christmas Eve 9 to 10 p.m.

On New Year's Eve 9 to 10 p.m.

On the following Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. for practice:—Jan. 17th, Feb. 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 6th, July 4th, Aug. 1st and 29th, Sept. 26th, Oct. 24th, Nov. 21st.

BESIDES ST. PAUL'S, the following is a list of churches at which the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths are engaged to ring the bells, and the nights they meet for practice (1893):—

TWELVE BELLS.

St. Saviour's, Southwark.—During the restoration of St. Saviour's Church there will not be any ringing in the tower.

St. Giles's, Cripplegate, Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, and every four weeks.*

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, Friday, Jan. 6th, and every four weeks.

St. Michael's, Cornhill, Friday, Jan. 20th, and every four weeks.†

These are the Official Meetings of the Company.

After ringing in the tower at St. Paul's and St. Giles's, Cripplegate, the members adjourn to the Society's Headquarters, the 'Rose and Crown,' London House Yard, City of London (near St. Paul's Cathedral), for the purpose of transacting the Company's business.

TEN BELLS.

St. Magnus the Martyr, Thames Street, Royal days.

Allhallows, Lombard Street, Church festivals.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Monday, Jan. 9th, and every fortnight.

EIGHT BELLS.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, every Sunday, 10 a.m.

St. John's, Hackney, Thursday, Jan. 5th, and every fortnight. On Sunday, Jan. 1st, at 6 p.m., and every fourth Sunday.

St. Paul's, Shadwell, Wednesday, occasional.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Thursday, Jan. 12th, and every fortnight.

St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, Wednesday, Jan. 11th, and every fortnight.

St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow, Monday, Jan. 2nd, and every fortnight; and at 6 p.m. the first Sunday in the month.

Christ Church, Spitalfields, Wednesday, Jan. 4th, and every fortnight (not on Ash Wednesday).

St. John's, South Hackney, occasional.

St. Mary's, Walthamstow, second and fourth Saturday in the month.

St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, Jan. 1st, at 6 p.m., and every alternate Sunday.

All Saints', Fulham, every Thursday, 8 to 9.30; Sundays, 10 to 11 and 6 to 7.

St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, every Thursday, from 8 p.m., and every Sunday morning, 10 to 11.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens on Saturday, January 28th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Business—arranging for Annual Meeting.

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The Central Council.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Honorary Secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers begs to remind the Hon. Secretaries of Associations and Guilds represented on the Council that subscriptions for 1893, at the rate of half-a-crown for each representative elected, are now due, and should be paid, without fail, before the next meeting of the Council, which will be held at Oxford on the Tuesday in Easter week—April 4th. Notices of motions, with proposer's and seconder's names attached, and in writing, should reach the Honorary Secretary of the Council by Saturday, March 4th, after which date a fuller notice of the meeting and the agenda will be published in this paper. All subscriptions and communications should be sent to the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, who would be thankful to receive also intimation of all changes in the names and addresses of secretaries and representatives which have occurred since the last meeting of the Council.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 158.

* No ringing during Lent and Advent.

† No ringing during Lent.

A Bell-ringers' Association for Burwash, Sussex.

LATELY, a committee meeting was held in the schools to consider the advisability of forming a Bell-ringers' Association. A code of rules was drawn up, and the number of working members was limited to nine—the number of honorary members being unlimited. The following were chosen as the ringing members:—Messrs. J. Harmer, sen. (captain), J. H. Harmer, jun., T. Hyland, H. Eastwood, G. Eastwood, C. Sweatman, C. Vidler, F. Balcombe, and H. Pierce. The Rector (the Rev. C. F. Maude) and the Churchwardens were elected *ex-officio* members, with power to form a committee annually. For the ensuing year, the Rev. F. Doughty, J. A. Macmicken, and J. Jeffreson were appointed. The bells have been out of repair for many years, and as none of the members chosen are able to ring, it was decided to appeal to the Salehurst Association for tuition in the art.

New Bells at Henfield, Sussex.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 20th ult., two new bells were dedicated at a special service held in the Henfield parish church. For a long time the six bells have not been used, as the timber-work was considered unsafe, and when the matter was taken in hand the general wish was that two bells should be added to complete the octave. The entire cost of rehangings the old bells was generously defrayed by Mr. J. Eardley Hall, and it was decided to provide the two new bells by subscription. The bells have an entirely new frame, and the old ones have all been retuned. These were cast between the years 1728 and 1813. The two new bells are trebles. One bears the inscription:—“The two trebles purchased with subscriptions collected by James Martin, Churchwarden. Serve faithfully with heart and hand our God and Church, our Queen and laws.” The other is inscribed:—“Christmas, 1892. Glory to God, on earth peace. C. S. Dunlop, Vicar; J. E. Hall, James Martin, Churchwardens.” At the Dedication Service the bells were rung for the first time by the local ringers as follow:—P. Shoulders, 1; A. West, 2; W. Hillman, 3; A. Hodges, 4; H. Hodges, 5; W. Stringer, 6; H. Freeman, 7; T. West, 8. There were further peals at intervals during the day, ringers being present from Brighton, Steyning, Warnham, Heene, Bolney, Lindfield, Angmering, Hurst, Milland, Horsham, Crawley, and Horley.

Death of a Veteran Bell-ringer at Lewes.

MR. BENJAMIN BURFIELD, the well-known bell-ringer, died lately at his home in Priory Street, Lewes, after a somewhat lengthy illness. The deceased was about ninety-three years of age, and until rather more than a

year ago he was able occasionally to take a turn at the ropes. Mr. Burfield had a most extraordinary record as a campanologist. He was a ringer of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MINOR, and not only assisted in ringing the bells of Southover Church on the occasion of the marriage of three generations of the Verrall family, but had probably the unique record of ringing at three Coronations and two Royal Jubilees as well. For something like seventy years he was one of the Southover ringers, having rarely been absent from any public function. The church bells were rung half muffled as a mark of respect to his memory.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, London.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. R. Davis (birthday), 1; H. N. Davis, 2; W. J. Sorrell, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; W. C. Hasted, 5; J. E. Davis (first peal as conductor), 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

ON Monday, the 16th inst., the following members of the St. Luke's Association, Chelsea, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. J. Barber,* 1; W. H. Rowland, 2; J. G. Green, 3; E. H. Adams, 4; Charles Hinde,* 5; T. E. Barber,* 6; J. W. Driver (conductor), 7; G. Roberts, 8. This is the first peal by the local band since 1826. [* First peal.]

At St. Peter-at-the-Eastgate, Oxford.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58½ mins. G. Warner, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; T. Payne, 6; W. C. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. The first peal of LONDON rung in the county of Oxford, the first peal in the method by all the band except the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the 450th peal of the conductor.

At New College, Oxford.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. G. Warner, 1; T. Short, 2; C. Fowler, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; W. Finch, 6; T. Hibbert, 7; A. Barney, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.. in D.

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FOURTH INTERVIEW.

With Rev. W. JOHNSTONE, Chaplain, East Poor House, Dundee.

(This case appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption, page 70.)

In August last I was privileged to have a chat with the Rev. W. Johnstone, Chaplain of the East Poor House, Dundee, and from him I learned something of the class of persons among whom his life is spent. Two facts made a great impression on me. The first, that in this one workhouse the average number of deaths is something between one hundred and sixty and one hundred and ninety annually; and the other, that in almost every case

drink is primarily responsible for the loss of health, friends, and means which precedes admission to the infirmary.

But I did not find my way to the house of the Rev. W. Johnstone, in Morgan Street, Dundee, merely to talk about the sad nature of his duties as Chaplain to the Poor-house, or the cause which brought so many to seek a shelter within its walls. I was concerned more closely with inquiries as to the rev. gentleman's health, both past and present.

On referring to the case as reported in the Appendix (case No. 192), there is hereditary tendency to decline in Mr. Johnstone's family—various relatives had died. About the year 1833 he himself broke down in health, and began to take Mr. Congreve's medicine. After a time he decided to come to London for purposes of examination and consultation. The result of this showed that the right lung was diseased.

‘Now, Mr. Johnstone, that I may be able to tell it for the advantage of others whose sufferings are similar to your own, please inform me what was the result of your following out the course of treatment prescribed for you by Mr. Congreve?’

‘The result was that I was quite cured. I was able, in April, 1887, to write to Mr. Congreve and inform him that I had passed through the previous winter stronger than I had been for seven years, although it was no uncommon thing for me to take three and sometimes as many as four services each Sabbath. At the same time, in addition to my own duties, I was assisting others engaged in Christian work.’

‘Then I suppose I may take it that you have had no relapse?’ was my next question.

‘None whatever. I keep quite well, and able to perform all my ministerial duties, and some of them (as we were remarking a few moments ago) are not of the most pleasant kind.’

‘Am I right in saying that some years since one of your sons was also under Mr. Congreve for some time?’

‘Yes; that was Tom.’

‘And was the treatment equally efficacious in his case?’

‘Oh, yes; I am thankful to say he is all right. After my own experience you will not be surprised to hear that I have recommended Mr. Congreve's treatment very frequently. What astonishes me, however, is the way people seem to postpone applying until the very last—often until all hope is gone. I have a case in my mind at the present moment of a young woman whose father could not be persuaded to try Mr. Congreve's medicine until the last moment, when his daughter was dying. As a fact, I don't think she lived long enough to take half the first bottle of medicine; but even this man acknowledged that it had relieved her sufferings—that it had greatly mitigated the terrible cough she had.’

Mr. Johnstone and I chatted for some few minutes upon this inexplicable reluctance to try, until too late, a remedy which has proved successful in so many thousands of cases, and then we parted—he expressing his thanks for the benefit he and his had derived from Mr. Congreve's treatment. I meanwhile thinking what a blessed thing it was that a life like his—a life devoted to ministering to the outcast and the suffering—should have been so providentially preserved.

have followed the Professor's recent articles in the *Expositor*; and Prof. Iverach's treatment of the most recent literature on Inspiration and Revelation. In addition to which there are many other articles, all of importance, a number of short notices, and a conspectus of the literature, English and foreign, dealing with Biblical and ecclesiastical questions. The *Critical Review* should be on every student's table.

THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW is not pleasant reading for a Churchman. At p. 125 we read: 'As a sign of the times, it may be noted that, while college buildings [at Liverpool] have gone forward, the project for building a cathedral, though influentially espoused, has for the time dropped into abeyance.' Perhaps this is not so much a sign of the times as a sign of local circumstances. But we cannot thus minimise the adverse force of the Headmasters' Conference on Religious Teaching, reported in full, pp. 133-150. A conference on this subject had been held at Sion College in June, 1892, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and had resolved that it was right that the sons and daughters of members of the Church of England should in all schools, and in all parts of each school, be definitely instructed in Church history and the Prayer-book, as well as the Bible. The subject was then respectfully commended to the Headmasters' Conference, and other associations of schoolmasters and schoolmistresses. The Headmasters' Conference declined to pass any resolution; but the speeches delivered, notably by the Headmasters of Harrow, Winchester, and Birmingham showed clearly enough that, if a vote had been taken, the majority would not have agreed with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Sion Conference. There were, however, some good speeches on the other side, and the whole discussion is well worth reading as, indeed, a sign of the times. Another item of the same sort is the pronouncement of Mr. Oscar Browning (p. 168) that the Divinity professorships at Cambridge should be open to Nonconformists and laymen.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE commences its new volume very well this month. Harry How contributes an account of an 'Illustrated Interview with the Bishop of Ripon'; Dr. Conan Doyle gives us a tragic adventure of 'Sherlock Holmes'; Walter Besant a complete short story, 'One and Two'; and H. W. Lucy an interesting paper entitled 'Behind the Speaker's Chair.' 'Portraits of Celebrities' and 'Shafts from an Eastern Quiver' are continued, and there are several complete short stories in addition to Mr. Besant's, and the usual features are continued.

THE QUIVER has an excellent sermon by the Bishop of Winchester, and the first of a series of illustrated papers by the Rev. G. J. Hardy, entitled, 'In the Footsteps of St. Paul.' The serial stories, 'The Manager of Manston Mills' and 'The Wilful Willoughbys,' increase in interest, and the miscellaneous papers are good this month.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE is as interesting and as varied in its contents as ever. Besides the two serial stories there are excellent short papers and stories on many subjects, and the illustrations are good.

LITTLE FOLKS commences a new volume this month. A new game, called 'Klumbus,' expressly prepared for the readers of this magazine, is given with this number, and there is a pretty coloured frontispiece, entitled, 'No Safety Anywhere.'

THE MUSICAL TIMES contains a good humorous four-part song, entitled, 'To the Audience,' written and composed by Hamilton Clarke.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS is worth reading, if only for the long and graphic character sketch of Jay Gould. There is also a good account of Mr. Alfred Milner's new book on *England in Egypt*.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS contains a good Summary of the Year 1892 (though some of the portraits are poor), the Editor's Article (No. IV.) on 'The Art of Reading,' and the usual extracts from the leading religious periodicals.

THE INFANTS' MISTRESS is a new publication, intended specially for the mistresses of infants' schools, and generally for all elementary school teachers.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL last week contained an excellent sermon to boys by the Rev. J. C. Weldon, of Harrow School.

CHUMS of last week contained the commencement of a new serial story by Barry Pain, entitled 'Two.'

THE YOUNG GENTLEWOMAN has reached the third number, and is increasingly interesting. The illustrations are excellent.

THE QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF THE PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND contains an account of the railway between Jaffa and Jerusalem, and some of the principal letters which appeared in the *Times* concerning Gordon's Tomb, as well as that paper's leader on the subject.

RECEIVED ALSO:—OUR WAIFS AND STRAYS; HELPING WORDS.

Nye's *Illustrated Church Annual* for 1893 will be published at the end of this month. Copies may now be ordered from Messrs. Griffith, Farran, & Co., or of the Church Defence Institution.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The All Saints' Society, Fulham.

THE annual meeting of this Society took place on Saturday, the 14th inst., in the Church room. Members began to assemble at 4.30 p.m., when touches of GRANDSIRE STEEDMAN and TREBLE BOB ROYAL were conducted by Messrs. Driver, Woodis, Adams, Garrard, and Basden respectively. At six p.m., the members were entertained by the Vicar to a substantial tea. At the conclusion of the meal, the general business was transacted, the Vicar occupying the chair. The balance-sheet was read and accepted, and the Master having reported the progress and performances of the past year, the election of officers was proceeded with, when the Vicar was again re-elected as President of the Society, and Mr. J. W. Driver as Master, all the retiring officers being again re-elected. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the room. The members then proceeded to the tower, where more touches of different methods were successfully brought round.

The Winchester Cathedral Ringers.

LATELY a meeting was held at No. 4 The Close, with the object of starting an efficient band of change-ringers in connexion with the Cathedral, and affiliated to the Diocesan Guild of Ringers. The chair was taken by the Dean, and there were present the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, the Rev. F. T. Madge, Rev. M. Hervey; Messrs. A. J. Toye, F. Bowker, jun., and about twenty practical ringers. The Dean, in his remarks, alluded to the recent large expenditure the Chapter had made on the bells, the present which the Cathedral had received of additional trebles, and the consequent resolution of the Chapter to make altogether new arrangements for the ringing staff. Mr. W. Masters, the head ringer, after fifty-two years' service, had sent in his resignation, as also had another old ringer, leaving only six. Notice had therefore been given to the existing officers to vacate their appointments at Easter. The object of the present meeting, to which all the old ringers had been invited, was to form a band for weekly practices and instruction, which it was hoped would by Easter be in a position to receive proposals which the Dean and Chapter might then make to its members. A draft of provisional rules was submitted to the meeting and unanimously adopted. The Dean consented to be President; Mr. A. J. Toye, the Rev. T. F. Madge, and Sir Harry Freeling, Bart., Vice-Presidents; Treasurer, Mr. F. Bowker, jun.; Secretary, Mr. J. Elkins; Leader, Mr. George. Thursday was fixed as the practice-night.

Bell-ringers' Annual Dinners.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—The annual dinner of the ringers of St. Botolph's Church, Heene, took place at the 'Brunswick Hotel,' West Worthing, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The Rev. E. Lambert (rector) presided, the vice-chair was taken by the Rev. G. C. Battiscombe (curate), and about thirty sat down, including Mr. H. Hodges (secretary of the Guild).

RAMSEY, HUNTS.—On Thursday, the 12th inst., the members of the Ramsey Church Bell-ringers' Association held their annual dinner at the 'Lion Hotel.' The proceedings commenced with an hour's practice upon the tower bells, after which the Rev. R. Blackburn (vicar), and the Rev. G. F. Watson, B.A. (curate), joined the members and friends at an excellent repast provided by the Association. This was followed by music, &c., and several performances upon the handbells were much enjoyed.

Death of a London Ringer.

THE death took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., of Mr. George Tanner, steeple-keeper of Spitalfields Church, after an illness of about a week's duration. The deceased was born at Romsey, Hampshire, on October 7th, 1822, and was therefore in his seventy-first year. The funeral took place at Manor Park Cemetery, after a service in the parish church, on the 18th inst., and in the evening a muffled peal (by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Scott) was rung on the parish bells in memory of Mr. Tanner, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, to which Society the deceased belonged. A muffled peal was also rung on the bells of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, after service on Sunday evening, the 22nd inst., by members of the same Society.

The Great Bell at Moscow, Russia.

THERE is a project afoot for repairing the Great Bell of Moscow, which fell and was broken in 1737, and is now at the foot of the tower of Ivan Veliki. It is to be placed in a sort of small Eiffel Tower, plated with aluminium, which will shine with dazzling splendour above the cupolas of the Kremlin.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Friday, the 6th inst., twelve members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society rang a muffled peal of 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUERS in 3 hrs. 35 mins. F. Brown, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; J. Leigh, 3; T. Taylor, 4; T. G. Downs, 5; S. Booth, 6; J. Adams, 7; J. Thorp, 8; H. Chapman, 9; J. S. Wilde, 10; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 11; A. Adams, 12. Tenor, 27½ cwt., in D. The above was rung in memory of Canon Eagar, who had been rector of the above parish upwards of twenty-two years, and was interred on the above day, having attained the age of seventy-eight years.

At Redenhall, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang a complete peal of 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB

MAJOR in 3 hrs. 11 mins. E. Smith (conductor), 1; F. Barkway, 2; C. Gillman, 3; C. C. Brice, 4; W. Riches, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Souter, 7; H. Smith, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat. The peal, which is a composition of Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, has the fifth and sixth each the extent 'home' at six course-ends.

At Christ Church, Oldbury, Worcestershire.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford in 2 hrs. 54 mins.:—J. W. Sayer, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; J. Carter (conductor), 3; R. Hall, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. Hall, 6; J. Jones, 7; H. Hipkiss, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. Rung with the bell half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Peter Spencer, who had been a sidesman of the above church for the last twelve years. Messrs. Carter and Jones came from Birmingham; Goodreds and Small, Tipton; Hipkiss, J. and R. Hall, West Bromwich; J. W. Sayer belongs to the local band.

At All Saints', West Ham, Essex.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL was rung by ten members of the Royal Cumberland Youths in 3 hrs. 43 mins. A. Jacob, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; B. Foskett, 3; T. Titchener, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; H. Randall, 6; G. Pearl (first peal of ROYAL), 7; E. A. Barnett, 8; J. H. Cheeseman, 9; G. Newson, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. Composed by G. Newson and conducted by A. Jacob. This is the first peal on the bells since the rehanging.

At the Parish Church, Crawley, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., the following eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a variation of Thurstans' Original peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. F. Dench, 1; G. Williams, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Paice, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; W. Rice, 8. Mr. Williams came from Brighton; the rest belong to Crawley.

At Christ Church, Coseley, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association succeeded in ringing Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; W. Cheshire, 2; G.

J. Fellows, 3; F. G. Horton, 4; A. E. Jones, 5; B. Gough (conductor), 6; E. Goodreds, 7; A. E. Law, 8. This is the first peal of TRIPLES on the renovated bells.

At the Parish Church, Old Windsor.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, rang J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. W. Ware, 1; T. E. Harwood, 2; G. Kirby; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; G. Stanbrook, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; J. Guttridge, 7; G. Williams, 8. Messrs. R. Flaxman and G. Stanbrook belong to the Society of Cumberland Youths, and Parker, Harwood, and Guttridge to the Society of College Youths.

On Monday, the 16th inst., for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following:—W. Ware, 1; T. E. Harwood, 2; F. Tinfall, 3; G. Williams, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8.

At St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' Five-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; F. G. Newman (conductor, 200th peal), 2; E. E. Vinen, 3; F. M. Butler, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; E. Horrex, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; C. J. Davidson, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. It was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect for Mr. G. Mash, Mr. W. Tanner, and Mr. H. Mandeville (one of the local ringers of the above church).

At the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

On Sunday the 22nd inst., for evening service, the ringers of the parish church (members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, Wigan Branch) rung the first part of Mr. J. Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, without call or sign from any one. It is believed to be the first silent 500 yet rung by a set of ringers all belonging to one tower. T. Halliwell (tutor), 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; J. Barker, 4; W. Marsden, 5; E. Bentham, 6; R. Fisher and H. Meadow, 7; A. Shaw and J. Meadow, 8.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see next page.

NOTICE—The CHARGE for ADVERTISEMENTS of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, and DEATHS is TWO SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE per insertion.

MARRIAGE.

RATHBONE—BARTON.—On Jan. 19, at Kirkley Parish Church, Lowestoft, Thomas Ashton, second son of William Rathbone M.P., of Greenbank, Liverpool, to Christabel Marguerite, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Gerard Barton of Fundenhall Grange, Wymondham, Norfolk.

DEATHS.

LIDDELL.—On Jan. 20, at Bay View House, Newquay, Cornwall, Mary Elizabeth, the beloved wife of G. Evans Liddell, and daughter of the late Rev. John Kingdom, Rector of Michaelstow, aged fifty-eight.

BATCHELOR.—On Jan. 22, at the Rectory, Horsleydown, Louisa, wife of the Rev. William Jesse Batchelor.

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Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang for morning service 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (from Holt's Original); also for evening service 720 BOB MAJOR. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Watson, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8. Also on Sunday morning, the 15th inst. for service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (from Holt's Original) in 40 mins. W. Pye, 1; W. Watson, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Nash, 7; S. James, 8.

At ST. MICHAEL'S, FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 21st inst., the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 1024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 40 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; F. Clayton, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; S. Collins, 4; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. Flory, 7; W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 8.

At ST. LAWRENCE'S, READING, BERKS.—On a Sunday evening, Bennett's date touch of 1893 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung in 1 hr. 18 mins. — Hopgood, 1; C. Giles, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Bennett, 6; W. Gosletine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; L. Rolfe, 10. On a Tuesday, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Hilda Guilding, daughter of the Vicar, to Surgeon-Captain W. S. P. Ricketts, a touch of 1025 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung in 42 mins., and also a touch of 672 BOB MAJOR by the same band of ringers, with the exception of C. Foxell and W. Holloway, who rang 1st and 2nd.

At PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—Lately the following members of the Penzance branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang a date touch of 1893 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Williams, 1; J. Hodder, 2; C. Tonkin, 3; P. Hichens, 4; J. Symons, 5; T. Hicks, 6; C. Boase, 7; T. Kessell, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and conducted by Charles Boase.

At PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—In the small hours of Christmas morning six members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers ascended the church tower of Pulham St. Mary Magdalen and rang a peal, consisting of 720 changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. D. Rush, 1; F. R. Surridge, 2; W. Culham, 3; J. C. Allen, 4; J. C. Allen, 5; W. Roope (conductor), 6. Breakfast was afterwards provided through the hospitality of the Rev. T. L. Jenkins.

At SHERBORNE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On two occasions recently the ringers of this village rang 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, the performers standing as their names are arranged, viz., on first occasion:—R. Newport, W. Stevens, F. Slade, F. Pitts, J. Petrie, R. Masters. Second occasion:—R. Newport, F. Pitts, H. Taylor, W. Stevens, J. Petrie, R. Masters. Conducted by F. Pitts.

At CRAWFORD, KENT.—On a Thursday, a start was made for a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR with a local band, but after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins. 'stand' was called owing to a change-course. W. Axtell, 1; G. Conyard, 2; T. Saxby, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; H. Gibbs, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; A. Peill, 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8.

At HOLY TRINITY, BARKING, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (fifteen bobs), second, third, and fourth the observation. Taken from the *Clavis*. A. Deards, 1; E. Lucas, 2; S. Hayes (conductor), 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; Y. Green, 5; H. Springall, 6. After service, 720 BOB MINOR (forty-two singles). H. Springall, 1; A. Deards, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; Y. Green, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, PENGE, SURREY.—On a Thursday, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 24 mins. J. Town, 1; H. Edwards, 2; G. Wickens, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Composed by J. H. Fisher, of Ducklington, Oxford.

At ST. MARY'S, UPCHURCH, KENT.—On a Monday, for practice, 240 STEP-MAN SLOW COURSE, 240 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, and 240 BOB DOUBLES, in 26½ mins. G. Capeling (first 720), 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. Hyland, 3; H. Clout, 4; W. Laker (conductor), 5; G. Dennis, 6.

At FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On a Sunday afternoon, for Divine service, 860 GRANDSIRE MINOR. On a Wednesday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 27 mins. R. Bovington, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6.

At BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, three peals (120) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. J. Tilbury (Burnham), 1; R. Bovington, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Bovington, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. Mitchell (Burnham), 6.

At BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.—On a Thursday, the following members of the Brockdish Company, with Messrs. R. Huggins and Filby, of Wingfield, rang a peal of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins.:—C. Hines, 1; F. Barkway (conductor), 2; R. Huggins, 3; J. Filby, 4; H. Hines, 5; H. Smith, 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Gillman, one of the parish ringers.

At HOLY TRINITY, ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On a Wednesday, 720 BOB MINOR. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; G. Balchin, 3; D. Baker, 4; H. Haggett, 5; G. Baker (conductor), 6. On a Thursday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Treagus, 1; G. Balchin, 2; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 3; G. Baker, 4; D. Baker, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; F. Baker, 8.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; C. Hills (Angmering), 3; G. Baker, 4; D. Baker, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman (conductor), 7; O. Evershed, 8.

At ST. LAWRENCE'S, ALTON, HANTS.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 41 mins. G. Reading, 1; W. Read (Privett), 2; C. Forder, 3; W. White, 4; A. Burgess, 5; E. Findon, 6; H. Withers (conductor), 7; J. Goodall, 8. Composed by C. Forder.

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FIFTH INTERVIEW.

With MR. CHARLES YELLAND, Manor Cottages, Newton Abbot, November, 1892.

Mr. Yelland is well known in Newton Abbot; also the facts I am about to relate.

Asked to tell me how his illness commenced, Mr. Yelland said:

'When I was a boy in the church choir, I was out all one night singing. It was a very foggy night at Christmas time. I date the beginning of all my trouble to that. For many years since then my chest has been very weak, and I have suffered with bronchitis. My breathing was very bad—so short and asthmatic. I was constantly ill and away from my occupation. Then I had an attack of influenza, which left me very weak. I went to four doctors, but I don't think either of them understood my case. One told me that my illness was the result of chronic cold, but like the rest he did me no good. Gradually I got worse. The expectoration was profuse, and I became very weak. The people said I was dying on my legs. My wife, meeting a person who knew me, was told that I was in a consumption, and dying fast. After three months I managed to get to London to Coombe Lodge. I was told that one of my lungs was diseased, and the other congested. After I had been taking the medicine a month or two I was so much better that I was able to go to work again. That was last February. I went through all the severe weather in March well, and since that time have been all right.'

'How much walking do you do each day, Mr. Yelland?'

'I average ten miles a day—and most of it uphill. Of course, I get wet through very often—there is no help for it; but I am thankful to say I am keeping all right. I am certainly better than ever I was, for I am never away from work now.'

Answering a further question, Mr. Yelland said he had no objection to these particulars being published, and he would gladly answer any inquiries which might be addressed to him at Manor Cottages, Newton Abbot. He also referred me to Mr. T. Churton, Rock Villa, Walborough Hill, Newton Abbot, who knew the condition to which he had been reduced, and the marvellous cure effected by Mr. Congreve's treatment. In an interview I subsequently had with Mr. Churton, that gentleman readily confirmed Mr. Yelland's statement.

Mr. Yelland further informed me that he knows Mr. Heath, of Newton Abbot, whose case has been already published, and that he considered his recovery to be one of the most wonderful he had ever heard of. Before commencing Mr. Congreve's treatment 'he was quite an object to look at—nothing but skin and bone.'

NOTE.—This case of Mr. Charles Yelland has not been published before.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Birmingham on Saturday, the 14th ult., when the following towers were open for ringing:—St. Martin's, St. Philip's, St. John's, St. Chad's. Members attended from Duffield, Derby, Burton, Lichfield, Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester, Barwell, Hinckley, Nuneaton, Rugby, Tamworth, Birmingham, and surrounding districts, to the number of 120. The general meeting was held at Queen's College, the President, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., presiding, supported by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and duly passed, seven life and seventeen ringing members were proposed and unanimously elected. Messrs. C. Draper and H. C. Woodward (Derby) were unanimously appointed auditors. The Hon. Secretary reported that the Association was now entitled to another delegate on the Central Council, and Mr. Stephen Cooper (Leicester), was unanimously elected to fill that important position. A vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Bishop of Coventry for his attendance, and to the clergy for the use of the bells that day. In reply, his Lordship said that he was pleased of the opportunity of being present, and assured the Association that his brother clergy and himself were happy to place their bells at their disposal. Thanks were also given to Messrs. Godden and Carter for their great assistance in making arrangements for the meeting, and to the President for presiding.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

CREWE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch was held at Crewe on Saturday, the 21st ult., when thirty members were present from Alsager, Acton, Crewe, Sandbach, and Wrenbury. The tower of Christ Church was open for ringing at 2.30. Tea was provided by the Vicar in the Parish Room, after which the meeting was held. The Secretary read the report for the year, also the financial statement. The Rev. G. J. Howson was elected President; A. Wilson, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; R. Langford, the representative of the branch on the General Committee, along with A. Wilson; and R. T. Holding was elected Instructor. Several new members joined the Guild at the meeting. A service was held in the church at 6.30. The prayers were read by the Rev. O. E. Rice, and the Rev. G. J. Howson gave an excellent address from Psalm cix. 1 (Prayer-book version). After service, the ringers again visited the tower.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch of the above Guild was held at Wokingham, on Saturday, the 21st ult., sixty-four ringing and seven honorary members being present. After tea, at the Terrace Room, the Rev. R. A. Hart-Davis took the chair for the business proceedings. The Secretary's report and balance-sheet for the past year were then laid before the meeting, a brief review of the general work of the Guild was given by the Chairman, and the officers were elected for the ensuing year. Chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. E. Broome; the Rev. J. T. Brown, rural dean, to represent the branch on the General Committee. Leaders were then chosen for each belfry by its ringing members, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the various officers. The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing at the towers of the two Wokingham churches. This was the thirteenth annual meeting since the formation of the branch.

The Essex Association.

BARKING, ESSEX.—Lately, through the kindness of Mr. E. A. Davies (churchwarden), the local ringers and some friends from London were invited to the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, the occasion being the opening of three new peal-boards, in all of which performances Mr. Davies took part—two of them record peals of STEDMAN, and the other one a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES—the expense of these tablets being borne by that gentleman. After some touches of BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN, OXFORD BOB, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, rung by E. A. Davies, A. J. Davies, C. Dean, A. Deards, E. Hall, E. Lucas, F. Norris, R. Sewell, H. E. Barker, A. Whight, S. Hayes, H. Springall, Y. Green, and T. Baker, the company were invited by Mr. Davies to a meat tea. The Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Henson, presided; the curates, churchwardens, and sidesmen being also present. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell-ringing.

Worcester Cathedral Bells.

WE are glad to learn that the Dean and Chapter, with a view to the more frequent ringing of the magnificent peal of twelve bells which the Cathedral possesses, and with the further object of encouraging change-ringing, have decided on the formation of a Guild of Voluntary Bell-ringers, such as now exist in connexion with many churches, and have requested the Rev. H. Clifford to act as Warden of the Guild. Those interested in bell-ringing, and desirous of joining the Guild, may obtain all information on application to the Rev. H. Clifford, College Green, Worcester.

Bell-ringers' Social Gatherings.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—The annual dinner of the ringers of St. Mary's Church was held at the residence of Mr. W. Ashling, on Tuesday, the 17th ult. Mr. J. B. Hannington was voted to the chair, Mr. Ashling, vice-chair. An excellent repast was partaken of. This was followed by songs and instrumental music, Mr. Ashling playing a selection of changes on his fairy bells. A pleasant evening was spent.

BATH.—The annual dinner in connexion with the Bath Abbey Company of Change-ringers was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at Fort's Restaurant,

Milsom Street, and passed off most enjoyably. The Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers, presided, and among the company were Messrs. G. F. Powell and W. M. Stoffell (churchwardens of the Abbey), A. E. New (organist at the Abbey), N. Wake, (tower-master), G. Kidd, A. H. Fortit, &c. About fifty sat down to dinner, the following towers being represented:—Bath Abbey, St. James's, St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Saviour's, St. Matthew's, Christ Church, St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; St. Michael's, Twerton; and St. John-the-Baptist, Batheaston. The speeches were interspersed with several capital songs. Mr. Hinton had kindly brought over from Bristol his handbells, and on these he played several sweet melodies, which charmed the company. A course of GRANDSIRE CATERS was ably rung by H. Wootton, 1-2; H. Brown, 3-4; J. Hinton, 5-6; F. Price, 7-8; the Chairman, 9-10.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 14th ult., the Parish Church choir and bell-ringers were entertained to supper in the Board School by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Onslow). The Vicar occupied the chair, and Mr. Berridge-Hicks, organist, the vice-chair, and various toasts, including the health of the choir and ringers, were proposed, and cordially reciprocated, a very enjoyable evening being spent together in the customary manner which has been upheld in Kingsbury for many years by this annual united gathering of church-helpers. Kingsbury people have good reason to be proud of their musical peal of bells, and the ringers are liberally supported by the parishioners generally, Churchmen and Dissenters alike.

NEWLYN EAST, CORNWALL.—Through the kindness of the Rev. F. J. Bone, the ringers' annual supper was again held at the Vicarage on Saturday, the 21st ult. In addition to the ringers the company included six honorary members, with the Vicar as President of the Ringers' Society, and the churchwardens. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, Mr. W. T. Treneer, the senior warden, proposed 'The health of the President,' to which the Rev. F. J. Bone responded, and proposed 'The Ringers,' coupling with it the names of Messrs. J. Hawkey, jun., and C. Webber, both of whom responded. The latter being the Secretary and Treasurer, gave a brief account of the working of the Society during the past year.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—A representative gathering of church and parish officials and friends took place at the Manor House Inn on Thursday evening, January 19th, to do honour to the Ditcheat Church bell-ringers. The Rector, the Rev. C. F. Leir, presided over a company numbering between forty and fifty. The toast of the evening, 'The Ringers,' was given by the Rector, and responded to by Mr. F. Vincent (captain).

In Memoriam: Mr. George Mash, sen.

WE regret to announce the death, at midday on Wednesday, January 11th, of the above gentleman, at his residence in Southwark, London, at the comparatively early age of fifty-three years, after a somewhat brief illness. To those who knew him personally in London it has been a well-known fact for years that he was 'very shaky on the chest,' and suffered much during the winter, when fogs and biting east winds were prevalent.

His father, Mr. James Mash, an old and prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, induced his son George to join that Society on November 2, 1858. Since that time he has filled many offices, including that of Master, and has also been one of the Trustees for many years. He has accomplished eighty-five peals, and assisted in the opening of the new ring of twelve bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, where, in 1881, he rang the 6th for the first and only peal as yet accomplished on the bells. He also took the 3rd in the 11,111 STEDMAN CATERS at All Saints', Fulham, in 1883, the then longest peal in the method. Also the 7th in the first peal on the twelve bells at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, in 1891. He held the appointment of steeple-keeper at St. Saviour's, Southwark, for thirty years, and during that period visitors, as well as intimate friends, can testify to his courtesy, kindness, and attention, and the church authorities have undoubtedly lost a good, zealous, and trusty servant.

The funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at three o'clock, in the presence of some fifty or sixty friends, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. M. A. Wood, R. French, E. Horrex, H. Langdon, E. Gibbs, C. F. Winny, A. Murphy, H. R. Newton, H. Flower, and R. Sewell. Mr. W. Lamb represented the Royal Cumberland Society; Messrs. J. J. Lamb and W. G. Davies, the Greenwich Company; and Mr. E. Bartlett, the St. Saviour's Company. At the close of the ceremony a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS were rung on handbells over his grave by Messrs. Wood, French, Horrex, Newton, and Winny.

At eight o'clock the same evening a deeply-muffled funeral peal was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow as a last mark of respect to his memory by the mentioned members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, viz. J. Bone (conductor), 1; G. A. Muskett, 2; J. W. Rowbotham, 3; H. Springall, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; E. Gibbs, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; W. D. Smith, 10; F. E. Dave, 11; E. Horrex, 12. Tenor, 53½ cwt., in B. Many friends listened with interest in Cheapside to the deep-toned roll of the fine and heavy ring of bells. A touch of STEDMAN CINQUES was afterwards rung, in which Messrs. Burkin, Adams, Butler, Cockerill, Prime, F. H. Davies, and G. J. Smith also took part.

The deceased leaves a widow and seven children, the youngest being only ten years of age, to mourn his loss.

On Monday, Jan. 30th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, the usual whole-pull-and-stand was rung, as a last tribute of respect to the late Geo. Mash, by the following members of the St. James's Society (London):—Messrs. Winny, 1; H. Langdon, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; Hasted, 4; Coombs, 5; T. Langdon, 6; Butler, 7; Vinen, 8; Young, 9; and McLaughlin, 10.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 194.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, the 11th inst. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the Coffee Tavern. Cheap tickets will be issued to members travelling on the Great Northern Railway; but in order to secure the arrangements being made, members are requested to communicate with me not later than Wednesday, the 9th.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

New Bells at Llandudno, Wales.

A RING of bells has been presented to Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, and they are now being placed in position in the tower, which has just been completed from the designs of Mr. Edwin Turner.

A Book on Change-ringing.

COULD any reader of *Church Bells* recommend a book on the above for beginners?

E. H., *Belfast.*

[Write to Mr. W. Snowdon, Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, for catalogue and price list of *Snowdon's Series*.—Ed. C.B.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Abbey Church, Christchurch, Hants.

On Saturday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Mr. J. J. Parker's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 10 mins. E. Hinton, 1; G. Preston, 2; E. Waters, 3; S. Best, 4; T. F. Best, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. J. Sevier (Gloucester, conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang Dains' peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 19 mins. G. Newson, 1; A. C. Fussell, 2; B. Foskett, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; G. Conyard, 5; T. Titchener (birthday), 6; C. Wilkins, 7; A. Pittman, 8; A. Jacob, 9; J. H. Cheesman (conductor, birthday), 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

At the Parish Church, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 13 mins. T. Hattersley, 1; W. Bugar, 2; W. Lomas, 3; S. Wood (Ashton), 4; S. Thomas, 5; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 6; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 7; A. Brearley, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The composition has the 6th its extent wrong and right, without the 2nd and 3rd being in 6th's place.

At the Parish Church, Bury, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Hollis's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. Kay, 1; A. Barrett, 2; G. Hoyle, 3; J. Shepherd (conductor), 4; A. Hardman, 5; W. Warburton, 6; J. Harrison, 7; F. Birtwistle, 8. Messrs. Kay and Harrison came from Heywood; Barrett and Hardman, Radcliffe; Birtwistle and Hoyle, Rochdale; Shepherd, Bacup; Warburton, Whitefield. First peal since the bells were rehung.

At the Parish Church, Gillingham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. W. Cooke, 1; W. Kings, 2; W. Haigh, 3; C. Waterman, 4; W. Easter, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6; P. Taffs, 7; W. Bate, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At HALE, LANCASHIRE.—On Saturday, the 21st ult., the following members of the Lancashire Association rang 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (containing 34 bobs and 26 singles) in 25 mins. J. Houghton (conductor, Hale), 1; T. Griffiths (Hale), 2; G. Calland (Halewood), 3; T. Ambrose (Halewood), 4; A. E. Grace (Halewood), 5; T. Wood (Hale), 6.

At HOLY TRINITY, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, the 29th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths (also members of the Essex Association) rang 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (called with twelve bobs, the tenors right throughout); 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB; and 720 BOB MINOR (46 calls, being Penning's 28 bobs, 18 singles). The two first 720's were rung by G. Pearl, 1; G. Newson, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; W. Doran, 4; H. Randall, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Mr. Waite (churchwarden) rang the treble to the BOB MINOR, and G. Pearl 4th in place of W. Doran. Conducted by A. J. Perkins.

At ELHAM, KENT.—On a Wednesday, 364 BOB TRIPLES. W. Bush, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Andrew, 6; F. Bush, 7; J. Prebble, 8. And 728 with E. Smith, 1; F. Bush (conductor). Also 252. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Castle, 4; C. Richards, 5; F. Bush, 6; J. Andrews, 7; J. Prebble, 8.

At ST. PETER'S, OXFORD.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. G. Warner, 1; K. Payne, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; T. Payne, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; W. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

At EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On a Tuesday, 720 BOB MINOR (thirty-two bobs and two singles) in 28 mins. J. Jones, 1; E. Clarke, 2; G. Irons, 3; S. Hawksford, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; G. Coleman, 6.

At ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday, a quarter-peal of 1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 50 mins. A. Ough, 1; G. Woodiss (conductor), 2; J. Green, 3; W. S. Smith (first quarter-peal), 4; W. Elson, 5; C. Charge, 6; E. F. Cole, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; J. Nicholls, 9; S. How, 10. Composed by John Rogers.

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SIXTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. PHILLIPS, of 17 St. Clair Street, Glasgow, relative to the Case of her Son (which was published in the weekly papers) in February, 1892.

Had Mr. and Mrs. Phillips followed the course adopted by many people, and sat down with folded hands, when told that there was no hope of saving their only son's life, they would, beyond all question, have had to mourn his loss; but, as a perusal of the following lines will show, they took another course.

This boy had had a severe attack of Influenza, which left him with a harassing cough and offensive expectoration. He had pains at front and back of both lungs. The body was wasting, but the feet were swelling alarmingly. Altogether his position and his prospects of recovery, under ordinary treatment, were very slight indeed. But when ordinary treatment failed, Mr. Phillips, having, as will presently appear, some previous knowledge of Mr. Congreve, applied to him.

In conversation with Mrs. Phillips recently, I asked her what was the condition of her son at this time, and she replied:

'He was very ill—very near death. There is no doubt that he was in a deep consumption.'

'What was your reason for thinking that, Mrs. Phillips?' I asked.

'I knew the symptoms only too well, for I have lost three sisters in consumption.'

'I understand that you had called in medical advice?'

'Oh, yes; but the doctor who was attending him gave him up.'

'Well, you didn't give up hope evidently. Tell me, please, what was the result of his taking the medicine Mr. Congreve sent him?'

'In a few days the expectoration became much less offensive, and gradually both that and the cough disappeared. The swelling of the feet ceased. He made steady progress from the first, and soon gained both flesh and strength.'

'Now, Mrs. Phillips, what do you suppose would have happened if your son had not been placed under Mr. Congreve for treatment?'

'He would have died—nothing could have saved him.'

'How is your son now?'

'He is keeping well and strong. He has absolutely no weakness. As Mr. Phillips wrote: "I look back to the time when he was nothing but skin and bone, and thank God for Mr. Congreve's medicine, for now he is strong and hearty, and better than he ever was in his life." He is at work at a situation in Buchanan Street.'

Before I left, Mrs. Phillips told me how it came about that her husband applied to Mr. Congreve. Mr. Phillips' father was a Baptist minister at Snailbeach, and he had recommended Mr. Rowson, who is now a minister at Welshpool, to try the treatment, and wrote to Mr. Congreve for medicine. 'Mr. Rowson could hardly walk,' said Mr. Phillips; 'but he became a fine stout man; I hardly knew him, such was the change.'

That Mr. Phillips' confidence was not misplaced will be the firm opinion of all who read the brief account of the restoration to health of his son.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains a large variety of pictures of all sorts. There are fine-art pictures, comic pictures, portrait pictures of places, and many others of a miscellaneous character. The portrait series this month is particularly interesting.

GREAT THOUGHTS continues its usual excellent features. A coloured presentation plate, 'The Journey to Emmaus,' is given with the number, which contains, among other articles and papers, 'A Visit to Honolulu,' by the Countess of Meath, 'The Paths of London Life,' by Arnold White, 'The Daily Graphic,' Bishop Phillips Brooks, and accounts of interviews with Captain Lovett Cameron and Mr. I. Zangwill.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE has a portrait of John Morley for its frontispiece, and Henry W. Lucy contributes a brief but interesting sketch of that politician's career. There are two complete short stories and a variety of papers and articles, among which we note 'Finland Skating' (Charles Silcock): 'Oriental Types of Beauty' (Ernest M. Bowden), which is very interestingly illustrated: 'Scottish Castles' and Residences of Mary Queen of Scots (Cuthbert Hadden), and recent explorations in Western Australia (A. F. Calvert).

THE CHURCHMAN for this month opens with Part III. of 'Lessons from the Character of the Mother of our Lord,' by the Bishop of Ripon. Mr. Frederic Relton contributes an interesting paper on 'The Romance of Codex Bezae, with some Collateral Reflections.' The 'Short Notices of Books' at the end appear to us so much fuller than hitherto as to involve a new departure.

THE CONTEMPORARY has sermons by the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Ripon, and includes among its Outlines a sermon on 'The Sower,' recently preached by Canon H. S. Holland.

THE NEWBURY HOUSE MAGAZINE continues its notes on the queer forms of prayer formerly issued by the civil authorities, the Livery Companies, and the Church Movement of 1833. There is also a beautifully illustrated and appreciative account of Selby Abbey, and, among other readable papers, a nice little notice of Sam Fife, Bishop Selwyn's Bosun. 'Women: their Needs and Helpers,' is the title of a careful paper, in which a brief but interesting account is given of the multitudinous institutions for the benefit of women.

THE NET gives us six pages of news from Zululand, a most touching and encouraging letter from Mrs. Bompas on Holy Week and Easter at Lytton, mentioning, by the bye, a curious find there of flint arrow-heads, curious because flint is not to be found in all Canada. In another paper we read of Mrs. Sathianadhan and her work. Verily the *Net* justifies its title. It is 'cast in many waters.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE; THE SENTRY; THE SCOTTISH STANDARD BEARER.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Book on Change-ringing.

SIR,—Like 'E. H., Belfast,' I also am desirous of meeting with some simple book of elementary instruction, by which ringers of ordinary intelligence would be assisted to the mastery of the science of change-ringing.

Mr. Snowdon's *Rope-sight* (price 1s. 6d.) is doubtless an excellent manual for ringers who have obtained a certain knowledge of the art. Every member of our band, probationers as well as ringers, has a copy of it; but they stumble at its technicalities, and consequently make but little progress. No doubt if the men could have the advantage of oral teaching by a capable ringer, their difficulties would be greatly reduced; but such assistance is not available for us, nor is it to be had in many other out-of-the-way country places. What seems to be wanted is some inexpensive work which would make clear the mysteries of 'coursing,' 'dodging,' 'hunting,' 'making place,' 'lead-ends,' 'bobs,' 'singles,' 'doubles,' &c., followed by simple instruction in the principles which govern change-ringing, illustrated by examples of peals as set out, say, in Snowdon's books or *Church Bells*, so that the learner may be taught how to read these columns of figures for himself. Such a work possibly exists; if so, perhaps one or other of your numerous readers will kindly name its title, publisher, and price, thereby conferring a great favour upon many others besides 'E. H.' and L. B. W.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Crossens on Saturday, January 28th, and was well attended by members from Aughton, Crosby, Halsall, Southport, and Upholland, besides the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., when several touches of GRANDSIRE, BOB, and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR were rung. At 5.30 p.m. an excellent tea was provided by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, to which between thirty and forty members sat down, the tea-table being presided over by Mrs. Bulpit. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which Mr. J. Martin took the chair, and said he was pleased to see so good a muster, and gave several excellent suggestions for future meetings. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit then addressed the meeting, and said he was glad to see the Guild was steadily progressing both in numbers and change-ringing. Mr. Alexander Smith said that this was the first time

he had been to a ringers' meeting, and it came to him as a glad surprise to see so excellent an organization and such good work being done, and he wished to become an honorary member of the Guild. Nine performing members were afterwards elected, the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant evening to a close. During the course of the evening several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and several tunes were rung on the handbells.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

A COMMITTEE and quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., by kind permission of the Rev. E. V. Hall, vicar, in St. John's Schoolroom, Bromsgrove. The tower (ten bells) was open during the afternoon, and touches in several methods were rung by mixed bands, including a well-struck touch of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. The Vicar, who presided at the meeting, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them that evening, and assured them the Association had his warmest sympathy. He should be willing at all times to render all the help and assistance he could to further the objects they had in view. He thought to reform our belfries and raise the status of ringers were aims which deserved the encouragement of the clergy and leading laity; and so long as the ringers themselves performed their duties conscientiously to their Church, he had no doubt they would receive much encouragement.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On the business arising out of the minutes being discussed, the Hon. Secretary remarked that he had carried out the instruction given at the meeting held at King's Norton, 'that he write to the Vicar of Evesham reminding him of his promise to the Bengeworth ringers, and to ascertain whether any steps had been taken to bring about the suggested arrangement for the above and the Evesham companies to practice change-ringing on the bells in the bell-tower,' but he had received no reply. A proposition was carried that he respectfully write to the Rev. R. Straffen, vicar of Evesham, again, as no doubt the matter had been overlooked. On the proposition for new members, the Rev. E. V. Hall (Bromsgrove), and Minor Canon Clifford (Worcester), were elected honorary members, and about twenty performing members were also enrolled. A Committee meeting to receive balance-sheet and annual report was fixed for Saturday, March 11th, at Stourbridge. Mr. W. R. Small (Tipton), and Mr. R. Gough (Coseley), were re-elected auditors.

Among the miscellaneous business, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., proposed that in view of the possibility of the Cathedral bells being placed at the disposal of the Association to practise for a peal, a Committee be appointed to confer with the Dean and Chapter upon the subject. The following were appointed: Messrs. S. Spittle (Dudley), J. Smith (Netherton), G. Hayward (Bromsgrove), R. E. Grove (Kidderminster), and W. Page (Worcester). A proposition was carried that Mr. Pritchett be added to the Committee.

A vote of thanks to the reverend chairman for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells, brought the meeting to a close.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

LATELY a pleasant quarterly meeting of this Society was held at West Bromwich. As the ringers had access to a peal of twelve bells only one in the archdeaconry, those who are usually confined to Minor, Tenor, or Major ringing had an opportunity of which they were glad to avail themselves, of extending the limits within which they are usually confined. The members of the Society attended choral evensong at 5 p.m. when the vicar, the Rev. W. Solly, an honorary member of the Society, gave a short and suitable address—the Vicar, the Rev. M. Crofton, being unfortunately absent. At the Committee meeting letters were read from the Rev. J. K. Keble and the Rev. C. H. Joberns, acknowledging with pleasure the receipt of the photographs of members which had been sent them, and which would serve to remind them of many pleasant meetings. Both gentlemen are a great loss to the Society. Mr. Keble was practically the originator of the Society, and bore as Secretary a considerable burden of the management for nine years. Mr. Joberns not only undertook the post of Treasurer, but also took charge of the peal-book, and no less than fifty-seven peals were most artistically entered by him with that skill and patient labour which is seldom seen nowadays except in the old manuscripts of mediæval times. After the Committee meeting the members adjourned to tea, and thanks having been voted to the Rev. W. Solly, who suitably replied, a few more touches on the bells brought a satisfactory meeting to a close. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 15th, at Coseley.

A Gift of Handbells.

THE Brackley (Northants) Parish Magazine for February announces that through the kindness of many subscribers, a set of handbells has lately been acquired for the use of members of the Brackley Bell-ringers' Guild. While the bells will be found helpful for instruction, it is hoped at a future time they may be used at musical entertainments in the parish.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. F. Davis (first peal), 1; J. Barry, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; H. Barrett, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; W. C. Hasted, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; J. C. Truss, jun., 8. Composed by C. H. Martin, of Hendon, and conducted by F. J. Pitts. Tenor. 18 cast. In F. Mr. Barrett came from Lewisham, and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. [* First peal in the method. † First peal of MAJOR.]

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 212.

At the Parish Church, Steyning, Sussex.

On Friday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. Woolgar,* 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Smart, 6; W. Collinson, 7; H. Heath,* 8. Tenor, 11½ cwt. [* First peal.]

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Reading.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Association rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. Bridgeman,* 1; E. Menday,* 2; Jos. Hands, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds,* 8. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Vicar's father, who died at Eastbourne. [* First peal in the method.]

At Immanuel Church, Streatham, Surrey.

On Monday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Immanuel Church Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. G. Barrington,* 1; R. Blanchard (first peal as conductor and first attempt), 2; S. Greenwood, 3; F. Pates,* 4; D. Springall, 5; G. Pell, 6; H. Pates, 7; W. Shepherd, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Tilehurst, Berks.

On Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. C. Smith, 1; J. Day, 2; M. J. Routh, Esq., 3; C. Chapman, 4; J. Swain, 5; F. Hoppood (conductor), 6; H. Goodyear, 7; R. Haines, 8.

At Christ Church, Southgate, London.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' Five-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. F. L. Davies, 1; C. F. Winny, 2; J. Waghorn, sen. (birthday), 3; F. M. Butler, 4; E. E. Richards, 5; H. R. Newton, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; J. Waghorn, jun., 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

At St Michael's, Framlingham, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., a peal of 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 7 mins. by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers:—W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; F. Clayton, 4; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. Flory, 7; D. Collins, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. This is the first peal by the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, who is the Rector of Framlingham.

At St John's, Erith, Kent.

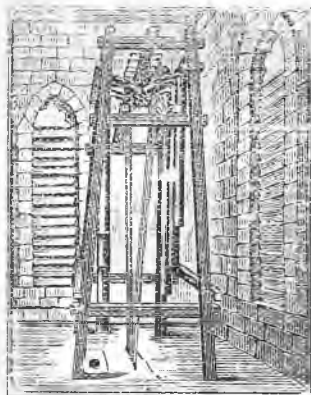
On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association and the Society of Trinity Youths rang a peal of 5280 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. E. Barnett (composer), 1; F. Cullum, 2; W. J. Reeves, 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; H. Gibbs, 6; C. Wilkins, 7; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Muffled Peal at St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct, City.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., the following ringers met at the above church and rang the bells half-muffled (whole-pull-and-stand), as a last mark of respect to their late friend and fellow-ringer, Mr. Henry Mandeville. J. T. Knight (conductor), 1; R. J. Graveson, 2; W. Jones, 3; J. S. Knight, 4; J. P. Rayner, 5; G. J. Mehrtens, 6; C. Walker, 7; W. A. Humphreys, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. MARGARET'S, SOUTH ELMHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday evening, the 1st ult., five members of the St. Margaret's company rang a date touch in the following methods:—NEW DOUBLES, STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE, ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES, VIOLET, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB. H. Aldrich (conductor), 1; G. Bird, 2; F. Aldrich, 3; Rev. G. F. Smith-Rewse, 4; A. Aldrich, 5.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—The members of the Blofield company of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers met recently in the church tower, and after ringing two peals on the bells, proceeded to the Rectory, where the Rector entertained them to supper, after which the evening was spent in singing and change and tune ringing on the handbells. It is worthy of mention that this company has during the past year rung twenty complete peals on the tower bells.

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in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

SEVENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. JOHN REID, of Port Erroll, Aberdeenshire, relative to the Case of GEORGE MARSON (Fisherman).

[This case was published (in the weekly papers) March, 1892.]

Port Erroll is a very small fishing village on the coast of Aberdeenshire, somewhere about midway between Peterhead and Ellon. It consists of a few houses—perhaps thirty—a Post Office, and an unlicensed hotel. It is a good old-world place, with an air of peace and repose seldom met with, but on that account to be valued the more.

My visit to Port Erroll was to see a young fisherman—by name George Marson—but I found that he was staying at Peterhead, and following his occupation there. It was the time for herrings, and I had noticed a large number of the fishing-boats with their nets down.

Mr. Marson being away, I had some conversation with his friend, Mr. John Reid, merchant, and this is what he told me.

The Marsons had long lived in Port Erroll. They were by no means a strong family, and about three years ago one of the sons—George—became ill. In the course of his employment, during which he was subjected to much exposure to the night air, he took a severe cold. This was soon followed by all the symptoms of lung affection—a troublesome cough, pains in the chest, palpitation, expectoration, and, most serious of all, the spitting of blood. Having sought advice, he was told that his lungs were affected, and ordered to paint with iodine.

This treatment seemed to be productive of no good results, and soon (said Mr. Reid) 'he became so ill that he was compelled to keep his bed. Then it was that he decided to apply to Mr. Congreve. With a view of helping him, I filled up the answers on the question-sheet. In a month after commencing with Mr. Congreve's remedies there was a decided improvement. Marson himself said that he felt a different person. He was better in every way, and gained flesh daily.'

'Then may I take it, Mr. Reid, that the improvement continued?'

'It did. He made good progress, and in a few months he was looking as healthy as ever I had seen him. He became quite well, and resumed his occupation.'

'That was over two years ago. Will you tell me, please, what is his condition now?'

'He is keeping real well,' replied Mr. Reid, with a heartiness which left no room for doubt. 'Since his case was published, I have had many letters of inquiry from all parts of the kingdom. I have replied to them all, and am always happy to tell any who apply to me of the wonderful cure effected by Mr. Congreve's treatment.'

I thanked Mr. Reid for his courtesy, and returned to Aberdeen.

- DOVER, Rev. T. B.—St. Agnes', Kennington Park, every Sunday in Lent, 7 p.m.
- DUCKWORTH, Rev. Canon.—Westminster Abbey, Sunday, February 19th, 3 p.m.; St. Matthias' Day (February 24th), 3 p.m.; and Sundays during February, 3 p.m.
- FARRAR, The Ven. Archdeacon.—St. Margaret's, Westminster, March 27th, 1.15 p.m.; also every Sunday morning in Lent at 11 a.m.
- FLEMING, Rev. Canon.—St. Michael's, Chester Square, every Wednesday during Lent at 3 p.m.; also at St. Margaret's, Westminster, February 22nd, at 1.15 p.m.
- FURSE, Rev. Canon.—St. John-the-Evangelist's, Westminster, every Sunday in Lent at 11 a.m.
- GORE, Rev. Charles (Pusey House, Oxford) will conduct a retreat at St. Barnabas', Pimlico, on Wednesday, March 22nd.
- HALL, Rev. Arthur C. A. (S.S.J.E., Cowley).—St. Mary Magdalene's, Paddington, Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.; St. John-the-Divine's, Brixton, Wednesdays, 8 p.m.; St. Jude's, Grays Inn Road, Sundays, 7 p.m.; St. Paul's, Great Portland Street, Fridays, noon; and St. Paul's Cathedral on March 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, at 1.15 p.m.
- HOLLAND, Rev. Canon Scott.—St. Paul's, Wilton Crescent, Address to Men only on Sunday, March 12th, 4.30 p.m.; St. Agnes', Kennington Park, Sundays, Feb. 19th and 26th, and March 12th and 19th, at 11 a.m.
- INGRAM, Rev. A. F. Winnington.—St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, Friday, Feb. 24th, at noon, on 'Our Men and Boys.'
- KNOX-LITTLE, Rev. Canon.—Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, Tuesdays, 11 a.m.; St. Thomas's, Regent Street, Tuesdays, 4 p.m.; St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; St. Stephen's, South Kensington, Tuesdays, 5.30 p.m.; St. Paul's Cathedral, March 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, at 1.15 p.m.
- LONDON, The Bishop of.—St. Margaret's, Westminster, March 8th, 1.15 p.m.
- MASON, Rev. Canon.—St. Peter's, Eaton Square, every Sunday in Lent (excepting Sunday, February 19th), at 11 a.m.
- MATURIN, Rev. F. (S.S.J.E. Cowley).—St. Alban's, Holborn, Sundays, 7 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.; St. Agnes', Kennington Park, Thursdays, 8 p.m., and on Lady Day at 11 a.m.
- SPENCER, Rev. Canon.—All Saints', Margaret Street, Wednesdays, 5 p.m.; St. Paul's, Wilton Crescent, Sundays, 11 a.m.; St. Margaret's Westminster, March 22nd, 1.15 p.m.
- RIDGEWAY, Rev. C. J.—Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, Sundays, 11 a.m.; Fridays, at noon.
- RIDGEWAY, Rev. Dr.—St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, Sundays, 11 a.m.
- SANDERSON, Rev. Canon.—All Saints', Margaret Street, Tuesdays, at noon.
- SHUTTLEWORTH, Rev. Professor.—St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, on 'The Calls of Christ,' Sundays (except March 19th), 7 p.m.
- SOUTHWARK, The Bishop of.—St. Paul's Cathedral, February 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1.15 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, Feb. 22nd, 1.15 p.m.
- STORRS, Rev. John.—St. Peter's, Eaton Square, Sunday, February 19th, 11 a.m.; and every Sunday in Lent, 7 p.m.
- WELLDON, Rev. J. E. (Head Master of Harrow).—St. Margaret's, Westminster, March 15th, 1.15 p.m.
- WHITWORTH, Rev. W. Allen.—St. Peter's, Eaton Square, Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
- WILKINSON, Bishop.—St. Paul's Cathedral, March 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1.15 p.m.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Books on Change-ringing.

SIR,—I agree with nearly all 'L. B. W.' says about the technicalities in books for learners. I will name one without them, which I have had the pleasure of recommending for many years, and give particulars:—*Change-ringing: an Introduction to the Early Stages of the Art of Church and Handbell Ringing, for the Use of Beginners.* By Charles A. W. Troyte, Huntsham Court, Devon, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Oxford University Society, &c. Crown 8vo, paper covers, 84 pp., up to six bells, price 1s. Complete edition, 190 pp., cloth limp, 2s. 6d. (London: Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co., Paternoster Buildings, E.C. Exeter: H. E. Eland.) The above has been advertised in this paper. An extract from the preface says: 'Some years since he was himself placed in the position in which he supposes many others may be placed, of wishing to learn the art of change-ringing, and at the same time to teach it. Having augmented the ring of bells in the tower of his parish church to six, and having been all his life more or less a puller and hauler of bells without ever having so much as heard of the existence of such an art as change-ringing, he was introduced to it by Mr. J. Taylor, bell-founder, of Loughborough, who did the work in the tower for him, and to whom he owes his first instructions. Being at once much struck with the beauties and intricacies of the matter, he persuaded five of the parish ringers to join him in attempting to learn the art; and by their indomitable pluck and perseverance he was enabled in six months, without any help except occasional letters from Mr. Taylor, to teach himself and five others to ring one peal of *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*.' Mr. Troyte kept a careful account of all this, which is contained in the above work.

J. R. HAWORTH.

'F. L. D. B.' also recommends the above work, and says, 'It was the simplest and best book when I learnt the science on handbells—as I was never able to join in the pleasure of ringing in our church tower.'

SIR,—It may be of some assistance to your correspondents 'E. H., Belfast,' and 'L. B. W.,' to mention that one of the numerous ringing-books contains a glossary of the technical terms used by ringers. I am not able to say offhand which it is, but I think it is Banister's work. Some brother ringer may, perhaps, be able to refer with certainty to the particular book.

Lynn.

J. W. SEDGLEY.

[Troyte's book contains a glossary.]

SIR,—Knowing how thorough Mr. Snowdon was in all he undertook, I was surprised to find that your correspondent, 'L. B. W.' while possessing a copy of *Rope-sight* would desire any other book to make clear the mysteries of 'coursing,' 'dodging,' &c. On turning to my *Rope-sight* (edition of 1879) I find 'coursing' explained at p. 39, 'dodging' at p. 30, 'hunting' at pp. 18 *et seq.* 'place-making' at p. 29, a 'lead' (from which lead-end can be understood) at p. 32, a 'bob' at p. 44, 'singles' at p. 29, 'doubles' at p. 40. I venture to say, without fear of contradiction, that no writer on ringing has surpassed Mr. Snowdon in the fulness and clearness of his explanations, and that 'L. B. W.'s' best plan will be to tackle his *Rope-sight* again and not to look out for another book. As for the 'columns of figures' in *Church Bells* their mystery is explained in Canon Wigram's book, *Change-ringing Disentangled*, p. 86 (2nd edition, 1880. G. Bell & Sons). F. R.

The Lancashire Association.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 4th inst., a meeting in connexion with this branch of the Association was held at Walton Parish Church, at which a large number were present, including ringers from Garston, Hale, Halewood, Southport, Liverpool, &c. During the afternoon and evening several well-struck minor touches were rung, as well as of peals of PLAIN BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, and CANTERBURY PLEASURE. At half-past five the members assembled in the girls' schoolroom and sat down to a good tea. After tea the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. J. G. Leigh, M.A., presiding. Mr. Leigh spoke at some length on the good work that was being done by the Association. He urged upon the ringers the importance of their duty as church workers, and said that it was desirable that they should all unite and band themselves together so as to make the ringing a success. The minutes of the previous meeting, held in Liverpool, were read and confirmed. Twelve members were elected. Messrs. Wilson and Somerville were appointed Secretaries for the next twelve months in place of Mr. C. R. Stanley, who resigned. The next meeting is to be held at Wigan on Saturday, March 4th. A vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

FYLDE BRANCH.—The sixth quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Blackpool on Saturday afternoon, the 4th inst. The bells of St. John's were kindly placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock. Members attended from Blackpool (St. John's), the Parish Church, Kirkham, and St. John's, Lytham. Various touches of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, *BOB MINOR*, and *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*, were rung—W. Clitheroe ringing his first 360 of *BOB MINOR*, and the brothers Worthington their first 240 in the same method. The meeting took place in the schoolroom at six o'clock, when the curate, the Rev. T. W. Castles, occupied the chair. He welcomed the Association in the name of the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Jeffery) to Blackpool, as they all knew the Vicar was bedfast, and had been some considerable time now. The reverend gentleman became an honorary member of the Association. A vote of sympathy was passed to the Vicar in his sickness, Mr. Castles kindly promising to convey the same. St. Anne's-on-the-Sea was fixed for the next meeting in April. Votes of thanks to the chairman,

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to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and school, and to Mr. Clitheroe, the genial conductor of St. John's Church, for having the bells in readiness, brought a happy gathering to a close.

East Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

THE eighth annual meeting of the East Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association was held at Boston on Saturday, the 28th ult., and was attended by a large number of ringers from all parts of the district, and during the day several touches were rung on the bells of the parish church. At noon a special service was conducted by the Rev. J. Stephenson and the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, and in the afternoon a public dinner was provided in the Town Hall, at which between forty and fifty members and friends were present. The Rev. H. J. Cheales, of Friskney, occupied the chair, and the Rev. F. Besant the vice-chair, and among those present were the Rev. J. Stephenson, the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, the Rev. J. Lewis (Fosdyke), Messrs. C. N. Hunn and T. Slaton (churchwardens), Alderman Clarke, Councillors Blanshard, Lockwood, and Pooles, and Messrs. J. Leafe, E. Mason (secretary), and others.

The report of the Society for the past year was as follows:—

'In presenting the eighth annual report the Committee feel they are able to congratulate the members on a fairly successful year. Although we have again lost some of our old members, we have also added three honorary and twelve ringing members. There has been no lack of energy as regards peal, ringing. The long-looked-for eight-bell peal was rung at the Parish Church, Kirton, in October last; also another attempt was made at Sibsey, but came to grief after ringing upwards of 4000 changes. Freiston Company have also been to the front again, ringing 5040 at Benington, in twelve methods, in January last, the son of the respected Vicar being one of the company. Spilsby, also, are making great progress on six bells. Four methods are now rung by that Company. The quarterly meetings have been better attended, more peals and better ringing having been the result. The amalgamated meeting of the three Ringing Societies—North, East, and South—which our President for some years has been trying to get together, took place in the Cathedral, Lincoln, on Saturday, June 18th, 1892. About 200 ringers attended to hear the earnest address which was given by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. We have to regret the loss, by death, on February 21st, 1892, of one of our Vice-Presidents, the late Rev. Canon Blenkins, vicar of Boston. Several muffled peals were rung throughout the Society on that occasion. As regards the finances of the Society, we may say that they are in a fairly flourishing condition, as will be seen by the statement of accounts. We have a balance in hand of 15*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* with which to begin the year, before collecting any of the current year's subscriptions. There is another matter connected with the balance-sheet of the Association which deserves a few remarks. We commenced the year with 19*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, this year we commence with only 15*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, being a deficiency of 4*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*, which is accounted for by the Lincoln meeting being an extra one at a cost of 3*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*, therefore it will be seen we have only a deficiency of 17*s.* 8*d.*, and a few subscriptions yet unpaid will over and above bring up that amount. We may almost say that our expenditure does not exceed our income.'

It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting should be held at East Keal.

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.

A VERY successful quarterly meeting was held at the Church of St. Mary, Finedon, on Saturday, February 11th. By kind permission of the Rev. G. W. Paul, the bells (a ring of six—tenor, 24 cwt.) were open for ringing from two to six p.m. About fifty ringers were present from Earl's Barton, Raunds, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Desborough, Kettering, Warkton, Wollaston, Wellingborough, and Finedon. A very musical peal of fifteen handbells, in the key of G (by Warner), have lately been purchased by the parishioners for the use of the local ringers. They were kept going merrily in tunes and changes during the evening. The Finedon men promised to join the Society at the next annual meeting. The Rev. G. W. Paul (who has been an honorary member since the formation of the Association in 1883) is very anxious to get two new trebles added to the present six, which were recast by Taylor, 1825; tenor again recast 1875. Finedon Church dates from the fourteenth century, and is a most shapely and imposing structure. Its grand old 'Father Smith' organ, its south porch, with parvise containing ancient library, its 'strainer' arch and beautiful east window, were objects of much interest to many of the ringers, who saw them for the first time on Saturday. The oaken lichgate at the entrance to the churchyard was erected in the year 1888. The Rev. Wilfred H. Abbot, curate of Kettering, was present during the afternoon, and took part in a 720 of KENT TREBLE BOB.

Reopening of Bells at Norton Subcourse, Norwich.

THE reopening of the bells of St. Mary's Church, which have during the past two months undergone extensive alteration at the hands of Messrs. Day, of Eye, took place recently. There were formerly only four bells, but a new treble has now been added through the generosity of the Vicar (Rev. A. T. J. Thackeray), thus making a musical ring of five in the key of G. Ringing was kept up throughout the day by the different companies assembled. The Dean of Norwich delivered a discourse at the afternoon service from Exodus xxviii. 31 and following verses. The service was well attended. At the evening service the sermon was preached by the Rev. John Rowsell, rector of Beccles. Subsequent to the afternoon service the ringers present, numbering twenty-five, through the kindness of the Vicar, sat down to supper, the chair being occupied by Mr. G. Day (Eye), and the vice-chair by Mr. H. Hopson (Beccles). The total expense incurred in the restoration of the bells amounts to about 90*l.*, a portion of which has been met by public subscription. The new bell was cast by Messrs. John Warner & Sons.

The Bells of St. Alphage, Canterbury.

THESE bells have been placed in a newly constructed and stronger frame, with provisions made to admit of six bells. A new bell, note E, bearing the names of the Rector and churchwardens, and inscription 'Laus Deo,' has been added to the existing three bells. This bell (a very clean casting and maiden bell) is from the Bishopsgate Foundry, London, and by Mr. S. B. Goslin, who has rehung the old bells with his improved bearings, and generally supervised the work. The tenor is 34 in note B, about 7 cwt.—very well suited to a light tower. Mr. Goslin is now rehanging the large bell of Canterbury Cathedral, the weight of which is about 3½ tons.

Bells for Greengates Church, Yorkshire.

MESSRS. SHAW & Co., bell-founders, Bradford, have received instructions from Miss Ibbotson, of Idle, to supply and fix for her a ring of six bells for the tower of the new church at Greengates, Apperley Bridge. The bells are to be rung by means of chiming hammers, as the tower is not sufficiently large for the bells to be hung for ringing by ropes and ringers. The bells are to be a peal of six, in the key of G, the largest bell to weigh 10 cwt., and the whole peal about 40 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

ON Thursday, the 19th ult., the following members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. H. Weston, 1; K. Hart (first peal as conductor), 2; H. G. Owen (first peal), 3; G. Baker, 4; G. F. Attree, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; G. Williams, 7; W. Robinson, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in G.

ON Tuesday, the 7th inst., the following members of the above Association rang Thurstans' Reversed peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. Matthews, 1; G. Williams (conductor), 2; G. F. Attree, 3; J. Smart, 4; W. Collinson, 5; H. Weston, 6; C. Smart, 7; G. Gatland, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Sir W. Bartlett, M.P., a vice-president of the Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Hackney, London.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the St. John at Hackney, Middlesex, Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 12 mins. A. Coles, 1; G. J. Gains (first peal), 2; W. D. Smith, 3; G. J. Smith, 4; W. B. Manning, 5; C. T. P. Price, 6; W. Burkin (conductor), 7; H. Stubbs, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D flat.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. G. Paice, 1; G. Baker (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 2; K. Hart, 3; H. Weston, 4; J. Parker, 5; F. W. Rice, 6; J. Searle, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in F. This composition has the 6th twenty-four course-ends home, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at course-ends. Messrs. Williams, Baker, Weston, and Hart came from St. Peter's, Brighton; J. Searle, Burgess Hill; the rest belong to the local band.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., ten members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 19 mins. J. Plowman, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. J. Plowman (first peal of TREBLE BOB), 3; F. Holder (first peal of ROYAL with a bob-bell), 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter (composer), 5; J. W. Trappitt, 6; J. Harding, 7; J. Fayers, 8; G. Welling, 9; C. Bance, 10. Tenor, 20½ cwt. The above peal is a two-part composition.

At the Parish Church, Caversham, Oxfordshire.

ON Saturday evening, the 4th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 48 mins. E. J. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; G. Essex, 5; T. Newman, 6; J. Hands, 7; A. W. Pike (conductor), 8.

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

ON Monday, the 6th inst., twelve members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society and the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5136 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS in 3 hrs. 56 mins. J. Motts (composer and conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; A. Bowell, 5; A. E. Durrant, 6; R. Hawes, 7; H. Bowell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; S. Slater (first peal in the method on twelve bells), 10; E. Pemberton, 11; R. H. Brundle, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt. The peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Meadows, who attained his eightieth birthday on the above day.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, London.

ON Tuesday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Parker's One-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57½ mins. H. R. Newton (conductor), 1; F. L. Davies, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; A. G. Ellis, 4; T. R. Bell (first peal of STEDMAN), 5; J. Willshire, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; H. S. Ellis, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt. The first time the above peal has been rung in London.

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

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. R. Sewell, 1; E. E. Vinen, 2; E. H. Adams, 3; F. M. Butler, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; Jos. Fayers, 6; G. Welling (conductor), 7; W. S. Smith, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 230.

At Christ Church, Oldbury.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., a peal of 5040 DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford in 2 hrs. 50 mins.—J. W. Sayer, 1; W. R. Small, 2; E. Goodreds, 3; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 4; J. Jennings, 5; R. Hall, 6; J. Jones, 7; W. Gould, 8. The first peal in the method on the bells, also the first in the method by Messrs. Sayer and Gould, who belong to the local band. Small and Goodreds came from Tipton; Carter, Jennings, and Jones, Birmingham; and Hall, West Bromwich.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, Surrey.

On Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. H. R. Newton (birthday), 1; E. Horrex, 2; R. Blanchard, 3; E. H. Adams, 4; E. Duff, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; T. Cockerill (first peal as conductor in the method and first attempt), 7; W. Crocker, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Nicholas' Chapel, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

RECENTLY Hubbard's peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR was rung by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas' Guild, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.:—W. G. Cross, 1; Chris. Crome, 2; J. W. Sedgley (conductor), 3; T. W. Giles, 4; W. Brooke, 5; W. Carston, 6; Robt. Crome, 7; G. Holland, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The second peal on the bells, the first having been rung upwards of twenty years ago. Also the first peal by all the band.

* * All peals must be sent, for insertion in the current number, not later than the first post on Wednesday morning, to the Publishing Office, the Printing Office, or to J. R. Haworth, 42 Exmouth Street, Clerkenwell, London.

Late the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT MONEWEN, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, the 1st inst., for practice, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE. B. Moss, 1; Wm. Flory, 2; H. Moss, 3; Jas. Hunt, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 6.—On Wednesday, the 8th inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; W. G. Archer, 4; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 5; J. Tarrant, 6.—Also on Sunday, the 12th inst., for the afternoon service, 720 DOUBLE COURT. W. H. Baldry, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; Jas. Durrant, 3; E. Wightman, 4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6.

AT BRANDSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, the 6th inst., 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. S. Meadows, 1; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 2; J. Durrant, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; G. Wightman, 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6.

AT FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—At the quarterly meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association, held on the 13th inst., 720 BOB MAJOR was rung by the following:—J. Davey, 1; H. Hopson, 2; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, 3; W. Bone (first peal) 4; W. D. Blyth, 5; F. Day (conductor), 6. Subsequently 1008 BOB MAJOR. R. G. Burleigh, 1; D. Tye, 2; J. Wells, 3; J. Marjoram, 4; S. F. Burleigh, 5; H. Hopson, 6; R. W. Cooke, 7; J. Smith, 8. The gathering concluded with 726 TREBLE BOB MAJOR, with W. D. Blyth, 1; F. Day, 2; S. F. Burleigh, 3; G. Houchin, 4; W. Fitt, 5; J. Smith, 6; S. Smith, 7; E. Moy (conductor), 8. The ringers afterwards partook of an excellent dinner, the Rev. A. E. Humphreys (rector of Fakenham) presiding.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, LEEDS, KENT.—On a Friday, 720 BOB MINOR and three courses of BOB MAJOR. T. Earle (conductor), 1; A. Knight, 2; A. Randall (first 720), 3; F. Hollands, 4; H. Hollands, 5; J. Fermor, 6; W. Cheeseman, 7; T. Russell, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

AT ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE'S, BRIXTON, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 1440 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 1 hr. F. L. Davis (conductor), 1; F. Perrin (longest touch in the method), 2; H. N. Davis, 3; C. E. Malim, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; A. E. Church, 7; G. Wild, 8.

AT ST. PETER'S, WALWORTH, LONDON.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. R. Davis, 1; G. Wild, 2; F. Perrin, 3; C. W. Hasted, 4; F. Davis, 5; I. E. Davis (conductor), 6; H. N. Davis, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

AT ALL SAINTS', SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday, the Sudbury company of Change-ringers rang for evening service a touch of 448 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. Tolliday, 1; A. Scott, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; F. Howell and H. Brackett, 8. Also after service a touch of 576 BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; H. Brackett, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; F. Howell and C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

THE 'Ancient and Modern Library of Theological Literature' is being reissued by Messrs. Griffith, Farran, & Co. in a new style. The old familiar red cloth has had to be abolished on account of the increased cost of binding, and the books will henceforth appear in paper boards of a hoden grey colour, with a label pasted on the back. The first two volumes, A Kempis' *Imitation of Christ* and St. Augustine's *Confessions*, are now ready.

Though spring beds of various kinds have been invented, and are largely used, yet there are still many folk who like, as they get on in years, to rest their weary bones on a feather bed. Cottagers especially regard a feather bed as quite a possession. Old Fuller called Lincolnshire 'the aviary of England,' by reason of its immense number of wild and tame birds. The wild ones have latterly much diminished, but geese are kept in vast numbers. A

feather factory has been established at Boston, in the centre of Lincolnshire, and there Messrs. Newham & Co. cleanse and purify by steam processes the feathers which they buy in the surrounding districts. From these they manufacture their famous feather beds, which are sent out to all parts of the country.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS

OF

MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

EIGHTH INTERVIEW

With Miss McTAGGART, Parkneuck, Alexandria, Dumbarton, N.B.

[Case published six years ago in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Treatise on Consumption, page 75.]

The Alexandria with which I am at present concerned is a busy little Scotch town—about as cleanly as the majority of small towns in Scotland—and situated about twenty miles from Glasgow on the rail to Loch Lomond.

On inquiring for Miss Jessie McTaggart, the patient of 1886, I found that she was at work, and would not return until late in the afternoon.

I had come to Alexandria purposely to see her, so this was not encouraging; but on consideration I decided that it was satisfactory, for there was a time in Miss McTaggart's life when those who were interested in her welfare hardly expected she would be able to follow her occupation again—indeed, it is not too much to say that they feared something much worse.

At the time just mentioned (1886) Miss Jessie McTaggart was very ill. Like many other young women, she had taken cold after cold and neglected them, and—as inevitably happens—she had to pay the penalty of such an unwise proceeding. She became very ill. These neglected colds had settled upon her lungs, and she was brought very low. As her sister—with whom I had the pleasure of a short chat—told me, she raised large quantities of yellow and greenish phlegm, sometimes mixed with blood through the violence of her coughing. She lost flesh, and in every way her condition was very serious. The medical man who attended her reported that her left lung was diseased, and told her friends that if the medicine he gave her did not help her, he could do no more.

'Well, Miss McTaggart,' I asked, 'what do you think about all this?'

'She appeared so very ill that we never thought she would be better, particularly as the doctor gave her up.'

'But what did you do?'

'We wrote to Mr. Congreve, and sent him all the particulars. As soon as we got medicine from him, my sister commenced to take it, and to follow the advice sent with it.'

'I read in the account of her case that in less than a month you wrote to Mr. Congreve that his medicine had done her good already—that she could take a little nourishing food, was more inclined to talk, and was getting hopeful.'

'Yes, that is so. She commenced to improve at once, and soon she was well again.'

'How long was she under Mr. Congreve's treatment—do you remember?'

'Not very long. I can't exactly say, but it was somewhere about three months, I think.'

'And although she was so ill at first, she got better again in three months?'

'She was so ill that I believe she would have died if she had not gone under Mr. Congreve, and in three months she was well enough to go back to her employment again.'

'By the way, what is her employment?'

'She works in some linen-fields attached to some works here.'

'And has she been able to follow her occupation ever since? It was in 1886 she was so ill, I think?'

'Yes, she has kept at work ever since. She is strong and in the best of health—in fact, she is as well as ever she was in her life.'

'I should have liked to have seen her, but I suppose she could only have told me what you have?'

'If you saw her she would tell you just the same as I have done.'

Circumstances did not admit of my waiting in Alexandria to see Miss Jessie McTaggart, and so I bade her sister adieu.

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REVIEWS.

THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE. St. Matthew, I.-XI. By Dr. Joseph Parker. (Hodder & Stoughton. Price 8s.)—With this volume Dr. Parker enters upon the field of the New Testament. The opening promises well. His analysis and explanation of the first eleven chapters of the first Gospel are very vivid. His descriptions and explanations are all so clear. Far more valuable, we think, than anything in the way of new light which might be expected to be thrown upon the interpretation of St. Matthew is Dr. Parker's strong, almost terrific, moral teaching. He does not flinch from driving home the truth, though sometimes he drives it home with a sledge-hammer. Another charm which the book possesses is its interesting style. We think people who have it will read it, and not put it by in solemn, lonely pomp upon the shelf. This is just as it should be. When we remember that the book is written not for Biblical experts but for the people, we shall pardon some expressions which might shock the sensitiveness of the scholar, but which may arrest the attention of the humbler reader, who seeks only to know the meaning of the New Testament story.

MESSRS. WARD, LOCK, BOWDEN, & Co. are publishing a useful series, 'The World's Religions Series,' by J. T. Bettany, M.A., B.Sc., at an exceedingly low price. Three of these volumes, **MOHAMMEDANISM** (price 2s. 6d.), **JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY** (price 3s. 6d.), and **THE GREAT INDIAN RELIGIONS** (price 2s. 6d.), which have been sent to us, seem to be admirably adapted for their purpose. The author contents himself with giving an historical account of each religion; so far as is possible he has avoided controversial points, and he has stated his facts with praiseworthy clearness. The books are illustrated, and the illustrations (especially in the case of the Greek and Roman religions, dealt with in the volume devoted to Mohammedanism and other religions of Mediterranean countries) are good. We admire especially the discreet way in which the author avoids the danger of enforcing a particular view upon any religious point. The volumes are books *about* religions, and they are distinctly non-dogmatic. The amount of information contained in them is immense, and for the purpose of giving a comprehensive view of the faiths which men have held, the series will be found to be thoroughly satisfactory.

FRIENDS AND FOES AT THE CROSS OF JESUS. By the Hon. Mrs. Francis Byng. (Skeffington. 2s. 6d.)—The use of the magic lantern in our mission rooms during Holy Week is now so common that very many town parishes know something of the value of a picture service. Even those who are most experienced in the ordering of such a service will find in this little book much welcome help, and for any who are desirous of introducing a picture service for the first time in their parishes, it will be invaluable. It contains, first of all, some excellent hints as to the preliminary arrangements, and here no detail is omitted—on every point we find full and clear information. Next there is a list of the best pictures and of the most suitable hymns, and in this the writer speaks with the authority which twenty years' experience confers. Then we have an admirably chosen selection of meditations and prayers drawn from various services, and so carefully arranged that the busy parish priest will find here such help as will considerably lighten his work of preparation for the Good Friday picture service. The whole of the book is good, and the compiler has earned the gratitude alike of those who want to teach and of those who need to learn the Good Friday story.

BEHOLD THE MAN! Nine Addresses, wherein is set forth the Human Nature of our Divine Lord as the Instrument of our Salvation. By John Wakeford, diocesan missionary of Chichester. With Introduction by the Bishop of Chichester. (London: Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co. 1893. 2s.)—Sound, thoughtful, plain Church teaching.

REISSUE OF 'ANCIENT AND MODERN LIBRARY OF THEOLOGICAL LITERATURE.'—Messrs. Griffith, Farran, & Co. are reissuing this series in a new style, bringing out the volumes at intervals of a fortnight. The old familiar red cloth has had to be abandoned on account of the increased cost of binding, and the books will henceforth appear in paper boards of a hoden grey colour with a label pasted on the back. We prefer the old binding. The first two volumes, *A Kempis' Imitation of Christ*, and *St. Augustine's Confessions*, are now ready.

MAGAZINES.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS has an excellent illustrated article on the *Pall Mall Gazette*, relating its history from its start to the time of the recent change in its staff and proprietor. The whole number is very full and good.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS continues Canon Fleming's useful articles on 'The Art of Reading,' gives us an excellent portrait of the Bishop of Chichester, and a capital summary of the month's Church and theological literature. The illustrations are among the best we have seen, especially one of the Dublin National Gallery.

THE YOUNG GENTLEWOMAN continues to improve.

RECEIVED ALSO.—**THE FRIEND OF CHINA.**

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE committee for the collection of peals hereby give the following notices.

For the sake of convenience the methods have been divided into four groups:—

Group I.—Methods for odd bell-ringing in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt: e.g., Grandsire and Union.

Group II.—Those for even bell-ringing in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt: e.g., Plain Bob and all its derivatives.

Group III.—Those for even bell-ringing in which the treble has a continuous dodging hunt; e.g., Treble Bob and all its derivatives, such as the Surprise methods, &c.

Group IV.—Those in which the treble has work similar to that of the other bells; e.g., Stedman, Duffield, &c.

All composers who wish their peals to be inserted in the report to be presented to the next meeting of the Central Council are requested to forward as soon as possible the reference (giving date of issue and page) to their *true compositions published in this paper*, not later than December 31st, 1892, provided always that such composition is not to be found in any of the recognised books, pamphlets, or treatises already published. From the references received a copious selection of peals will be taken for publication in the forthcoming Report, but the committee reserve to themselves entire freedom to accept or reject any composition as shall seem best to them.

The references to peals falling under Groups II. and III. should be forwarded to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, 26 Bath Street, St. Clement's, Oxford; those in Group IV. to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Sheffield; and those in Group I. to me, as under.

The report will not enter into the question of compositions in Doubles or Minor, nor in fact into that of anything less than 5000 changes.

It is earnestly requested that the references may be forwarded as early as possible. Those arriving first will naturally have first consideration, and none will be accepted later than Tuesday, March 7th.

On behalf of the Committee,

East Marden Rectory, Chichester.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Books on Change-ringing.

SIR,—Seeing 'L. B. W.'s letter, I think it only fair to the memory of the author of *Rope-sight* to state that the 'mysteries' mentioned are all clearly pointed out in that work: viz., 'coursing,' p. 43; dodging, p. 33; hunting, p. 17; making place, p. 32; lead-ends, p. 52; bobs, p. 47; singles, p. 61; and doubles, p. 44. The pages I refer to are those of the fourth edition. No book can explain more; doubtless the value of the teacher comes in where a book stops.

J. HOLLIS.

Wakefield, February 14th, 1893.

The St. James's, Clerkenwell, Society.

NOTICE is hereby given that a special meeting of the Clerkenwell Society of Change-ringers will take place at the meeting-house on March 1st, 1893. Ringing to commence at 8.30; meeting in the room at 10 sharp.

R. MATTHEWS, Secretary.

Invention of Church Bells.

From 'Bell's Court Magazine,' January, 1820.

WE mean to imply the invention of those first hung in the towers of Christian churches, and which is described by or to Paulinus, bishop of Nola, a city of Campania, about the year 400. In the time of Clothaire, king of France, and in the year 610, the army of that King was frightened from the siege of the city of Sens by ringing the bells of St. Stephen's Church.

About the year 870, Kinseus, archbishop of York, built a tower of stone to the church of St. John's, Beverley, and placed therein *two great bells*, and at the same time provided that other churches in his diocese should be furnished with bells.

Bells were also given by St. Dunstan to the churches in the west, and in the times of Popery bells were baptized and anointed with holy oil. They were exorcised and blessed by the Bishop, from a belief that when these ceremonies were performed they had power to drive the devil out of the air, to calm tempests, to extinguish fires, and to create even the dead.

The bells at the parish church at Winnington, Beds, had their name cast about the verge of every one in particular with rhyming hexameters.

The bells of Osney Abbey, near Oxford, were very famous, and near Old Windsor is a public-house vulgarly called 'The Bells of Bosley.' This house was built originally for the accommodation of bargemen and others navigating the river Thames between Oxford and London. It has a sign of six bells, viz., the Bells of Osney.

In the little Sanctuary at Westminster King Edward III. erected a clochier or belfry, and placed therein three bells for the use of St. Stephen's Chapel. About the biggest of them were cast in the metal these words:—

'King Edward made mee thirtie thousand weight and three.

Take me down and wey mee and more you shall find mee.'

But these bells being to be taken down in the reign of King Henry VIII., one wrote underneath with a coal:—

'But Henry the Eight
Will bait me of my weight.'

It is said that the foundation of the Corsini family in Italy was laid by an ancestor of Sir Miles Partridge, who staked the four bells, called Jesus

Bells, of the clochier of St. Paul's School for one hundred pounds, and won them of Henry VIII. by a throw of the dice. This man purchased up the bells of the Abbey and other churches on the dissolution of the religious houses, and by the sale of them in other countries acquired an immense property. Nevertheless, it appears that abroad there are bells of great magnitude. In the steeple of the celebrated Cathedral at Rouen there was, before the Revolution, a bell with this inscription in old French:—

'Je suis George de Ambois,
Qui triente cinq mille pois;
Mes lui qui me presera
Trente-six mille me trouvera.'

English.

'I am George of Ambois
Thirty-five thousand in pois;
But he that shall weigh me
Thirty-six thousand shall find me.'

It is universally believed that the bells of King's College Chapel, in the University of Cambridge, were taken by Henry V. from a church in France after the battle of Agincourt. They were taken down many years ago and sold to a bell-founder in Whitechapel, who melted them down.

We come now to speak of the musical sounds produced by the ringing of bells, and, with respect to the harmony produced by them, it not only depends on the ringer, but also, in a great degree, on the metals wherewith they are formed.

There are peals of bells rung in the towers of many churches in Germany called carillons or chimes, on which, by the contrivance of a rope fastened by the clappers and collected together at the lower extremities, tunes are played at stated hours in the day.

The ringing of bells is a very curious exercise of the invention and memory, and, though a musical recreation of the lower class of people, is most worthy of notice. The music of bells is altogether melody, but the pleasure arising from it consists in the variety of interchanges and the various successions and general predominance of the consonances in the sounds produced.

The practice of ringing bells in change is said to be peculiar to this country, but the antiquity of it is not easily to be ascertained. There are still in London several Societies of ringers. Some of the most celebrated peals now known were composed about seventy years ago by one Patrick, who was a maker of barometers in 1750.

In the year 1684, one Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, brought the art

of bell-founding to great perfection. His descendants in succession have continued the business of casting bells, and, by a list published by them, it appears that at Lady Day, 1774, the family in peals and old bells had cast to the amount of 3594. The peals of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East and St. Bride's, London, and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Westminster, are in the number.

The Bells of Higham Ferrers, Northants.

THE following are the diameters and weights of Higham Ferrers Church bells after being rehung and increased to eight by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Treble, diameter, 2 ft. 6 in., weight, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 24 lbs.; second, 2 ft. 7 in., 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.; third, 2 ft. 11 in., 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.; fourth, 3 ft., 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.; fifth, 3 ft. 2½ in., 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 17 lbs.; sixth, 3 ft. 5½ in., 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; seventh, 3 ft. 9½ in., 17 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lbs.; tenor, 4 ft. 2½ in. (in E flat), 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. Inscriptions:—On the treble (new): 'Gloria in Altissimis Deo. Joannes Crew. Medicus. 1892.' Second (new): 'Alleluia. Lavdate Dominum de Coelis Lavdate Eum in Excelsis. A.D. 1892.' Fourth (recast): 'IHS Nazarenus Rex Judeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei. 1633. Recast 1892.' Sixth (recast): 'Lavdate Dominum in Sanctis Ejus. Recast 1892.' The third bell is dated 1820, the seventh 1636, the tenor 1633. The fifth is an ancient bell not dated. A preliminary trial was made on the bells on Monday week, when they were pronounced very satisfactory. They will be formally opened on March 14th, at three o'clock in the afternoon, by the Bishop of Peterborough.

The Passing Bell.

SIR,—Can you tell me if the Passing Bell (properly so called) is used in any parish in England? Also, what is the correct way of tolling the above, and how long after death should the bell be tolled, and any further particulars you could kindly give on this subject. Perhaps you would give names of works referring to the use of this bell.

W. FARRANDS.

Carshalton, Surrey.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 44 mins. R. Biggs (birthday), 1; H. Stratford, 2; L. Hart, 3; F. Biggs, 4; S. Goodchild, 5; F. Biggs, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; Jos. Evans, 8. It was the first peal with a bob-bell in any method by L. Hart, who came from High Wycombe. Tenor, 14 cwt.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 254.

THE EAST LONDON CHURCH FUND.

SPECIAL AND URGENT APPEAL.

THE BISHOP OF BEDFORD and his Council desire to lay before the public the present very serious condition of the East London Church Fund.

THE income for 1892 was £14,797, while the expenditure reached £19,291, showing a deficiency of £4,494.

This deficiency has been met by spending the balances of former years—some of which had accumulated before Islington and Shoreditch had been added to the area assisted by the Fund—the Council being of opinion that, in face of the urgent and increased demands for help, it was their duty to spend the money entrusted to them in providing for existing needs rather than invest it in the contingencies of the future. But these balances are now exhausted, and the whole of the resources of the Fund at this present moment are only sufficient to meet the liabilities of the next four months. Unless, therefore, the response to this appeal is prompt and liberal there will be no course open to the Council but to diminish and withdraw grants.

The extent of the injury which this would occasion can scarcely be overstated.

The population of that portion of the Diocese of London under the care of the Bishop of Bedford may be estimated at 1,600,000, and the number of Clergy working in it is about 530. The proportion of Clergy to population is thus seen to be about 1 to 3,000—a very inadequate proportion, especially in view of the poverty and wretchedness of many of the parishes.

But of these 530 Clergy no less than 157, or nearly one-third, are maintained wholly or in part by the East London Church Fund, so that, if this source of provision were to fail, the condition of things would become serious indeed. But the Fund also maintains 138 lay workers—Deaconesses, Mission women, and Scripture Readers—whose work is indispensable to the efficiency of the Church, especially in parishes where sufficient voluntary lay help is not to be obtained, and the withdrawal of whom would put a stop to much that is of the highest importance to the moral and spiritual well-being of the people.

So far, indeed, from curtailing their operations, the Council have at this time before them numerous applications for additional help, which they desire to grant, but which they have been compelled for the present to refuse.

There is, for instance, a parish in the North-Eastern district with a population of 12,000 and only two Clergy. There is another in Central London with 10,000 people and only one Clergyman. There is a third in the Northern district with a poor population of 5000, and rapidly increasing, where there is only one Clergyman.

These are typical cases quoted to show that, so far from there being no great need of additional Clergy and workers in East London, the need is of the most urgent and pressing nature, and the Council believe that the urgency has only to be realised by Church people to evoke a generous response.

They, therefore, make this appeal, based upon the simple, unvarnished statement of the figures and facts above recited. The Fund has been in existence for twelve years; it has become a necessity to East and North London; its principles are well understood, it has no party bias; the income of the benefice, the number of the population, the general conditions of the parish—these are the sole considerations in administering its money. This is not the time for allowing such a work to languish. The air is full of schemes for improving the condition of the people, for giving them education, recreation, and amusements. The Church must see to it that amidst these things the vital truth is persistently proclaimed, that righteousness exalteth a nation, that Christ alone is the Saviour both of body and soul.

R. C. BEDFORD, Bishop Suffragan.

G. A. M. HOW, Chairman of Committee.

R. FOSTER, on behalf of the Treasurers. L. E. SHELFORD, Hon. Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS and DONATIONS will be gratefully received by the Rev. R. W. HARRIS, Secretary E. L. C. F., 26 St. Mary Axe, London, E.C. Office of the East London Church Fund, 26 St. Mary Axe, London, E.C., February 1893. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed 'Bank of England.'

At All Saints', Maidstone, Kent.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., the following members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5040 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 27 mins. G. Pawley, 1; A. Palmer, 2; T. Mannering, 3; A. H. Woolley, 4; A. C. West, 5; W. Cooke, 6; C. Waterman, 7; W. King, 8; G. Lindoff, 9; W. Hadlow and J. Fermer, 10. Composed and conducted by Gabriel Lindoff. Tenor, 31 cwt., in C.

At the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., the following members of the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins.:—A Shaw (first peal as conductor), 1; Wm. Major (first peal), 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. F. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; R. Fisher and H. Meadow (first peal), 7; E. Bentham and J. Fisher (first peal), 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in C. Witnessed by T. Hallwell.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 19 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; H. N. Davis (composer), 2; Jos. Barry, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; H. Warnett (first peal), 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; A. Dean (first peal of CATERS), 8; J. C. Truss, jun. (first peal of CATERS as conductor), 9; C. W. Ward, 10. A. Dean came from Beenham, Berks. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

[At St. Andrew's, Hagbourne, Berks.]

On Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Washbrook's Four-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. E. Butler (first peal), 1; H. Mills, 2; T. East, 3; D. Napper, 4; E. E. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, 8.

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

On Saturday, the 18th inst., 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, 1; W. Cooter, 2; J. Bonney, 3; J. Pettit, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; J. West, 7; W. Prime, 8. It being the forty-seventh anniversary of Mr. Wood's first peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, and also to commemorate the event of his being, last January, steeple-keeper of the above church for fifty years.

At St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; J. E. Davis, 2; F. J. Pitts, 3; J. Barry, 4; G. Smith, 5; H. N. Davis, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; J. C. Truss, jun., 8. Composed by C. H. Martin of Hendon, and conducted by J. C. Truss, jun. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On the 7th inst., 944 BOB MAJOR was rung by T. King (Lavenham), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; H. Smith (Lavenham), 3; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 4; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 5; W. Snell (Lavenham), 6; J. Bradmin (Glemsford), 7; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 8. Also a touch of 680 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by W. Fisk (Lavenham), 1; W. Howell, 2; C. Jarvis (Lavenham), 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King, 7; O. Garwood, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D flat.

AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday, the following members of the Sudbury Company of Change-ringers rang at St. Peter's a touch of 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR:—F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also, after service, a touch of 755 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On a Tuesday evening, at St. Gregory's, a quarter-peal of 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 52 mins. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; J. Campin, 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; A. Scott, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, jun., 7; H. Brackett, 8.

AT ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 48 mins., taken from Holt's Original. S. E. Andrews (first touch away from the tenor), 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; T. E. Harwood, 3; G. Langford (first quarter-peal), 4; J. Willsbire, 5; F. E. Davies, 6; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 7; J. N. Oxborrow, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

AT GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, was rung 720 BOB MINOR (with 6 and 8 behind). W. Welsh (conductor), 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; J. Swinger (first 720 of MINOR), 4; T. Whitfield, 5; H. Young, 6; F. Tate, 7; C. West, 8. For evening service, 504 BOB TRIPLES. C. West, 1; J. T. Walsh, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; T. Whitfield, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welsh (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. This was Welsh's longest length of TRIPLES and Featherstone's first attempt. Swinger also rang the 4th through two plain courses at the first attempt.

AT ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. J. Rollison, 1; J. Billings, 2; C. Lewis, 3; J. H. Fisher, 4; T. Willoughby, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; T. Lewis (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; J. Osborne, 8.

AT ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST, LONDON.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 49 mins. J. Scholes, 1; H. Springall (composer and conductor), 2; E. Hall, 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; S. Joyce, 6; W. Prime, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

NINTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. JOHN FRASER, West Free Manse, Brechin, with reference to Case of ANN THOM, &c.

FOUR CASES OF SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT, one of which was published (in the weekly papers) in August 1890.

I should very much have liked to have had the company of some of those sceptical people who will not believe that Consumption is curable when, one beautiful summer's morning, I rang the bell at the West Free Manse, Brechin, one of the old walled cities of Scotland, though the gates have long been removed, and there is nothing left to remind one that it has more than once suffered by the incursions of invaders and broils of civil wars.

In answer to my ring, the door was opened by a strong, healthy-looking Scotch lassie, and in a few moments I was ushered by her into the presence of Mrs. Fraser, the wife of the minister of the West Free Church. My first question had reference to the present health of a young woman who, some year or two previously, had suffered much from chest disease, in whom Mrs. Fraser, in the goodness of her heart, had evinced great interest.

'Why, it was she who opened the door to you,' replied Mrs. Fraser. 'Perhaps you would like to see her for yourself?'

Anticipating my desire, Mrs. Fraser left the room, and returned with the neat housemaid already referred to. Certainly there was nothing in her appearance to suggest that she had suffered from any form of chest disease—but what are the facts?

To summarise an account which has already appeared in print, I may say that Ann Thom comes of a consumptive family. There had been chest disease on the father's side, and one sister had already fallen a victim to the fell complaint. Early in the year 1839 Ann Thom was taken ill, and soon developed many symptoms occurring in well-marked cases of Consumption. Cough, wasting of flesh, night perspirations, general debility, pains in the chest, palpitation, and shortness of breath, all told only too plainly that she, too, had inherited the seeds of the terrible disease, and with the consent of her local medical man, and on the recommendation of Mrs. Fraser, she placed herself in the hands of Mr. Congreve.

In one short month an improvement was noticeable; two months later, upon examination by the doctor referred to, she was pronounced free from active disease, and by his advice she remained a patient of Mr. Congreve. As a result of this, she passed the winter well, and in the spring went out in all weathers, and was recovered sufficiently to enter Mrs. Fraser's service, where she remains to this day.

And now, according to her own statement, she is in robust health, which her appearance strongly indicates. This case was published in some of our weekly journals in August 1890.

But Mrs. Fraser knew of some other results achieved by Mr. Congreve's medicines, and told me of one case—a lady residing in Edinburgh, who had, to use her own words, 'been condemned to die in a fortnight,' and who afterwards, thanks to Mr. Congreve, was able to walk nine miles. Although this is some years ago, Mrs. Fraser was in a position to say that, as far as she knew, that lady was still keeping well.

One more case mentioned by Mrs. Fraser in conclusion.

'I met a lady in a Hydropathic at Forbes,' she said, 'a lady whose name I don't know, or have forgotten. There were a number of consumptive-looking people staying in the "hydro," and I remarked to this lady that I wished some one would tell them of Mr. Congreve's treatment. She replied that she could well do so, for she had been quite cured of Consumption by Mr. Congreve, as had her niece, whose belief in the efficacy of the remedy was boundless, and she made a practice of giving it to any one she knew who suffered from even the early symptoms of a cough or cold.'

No less than four cases known to this one lady living in a quiet little old Scotch town! Verily, as I said before, I should have liked to have had the company, in my visit to this Free Church Manse, of some sceptics such as I have named.

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DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

THE general character of the largest portion of this cathedral is Norman, of a very bold style, with insertions in all the English styles. The foundation was laid on the 2nd August, 1093, by Bishop Carleph; and the Lady Chapel, at the western end, was built by Bishop Pudsey, circa 1153. The north aisle was for a long time used as a depository for wills. The eastern portion of the choir, called the Chapel of the Nine Altars, is in the Early English style. The two western towers are Norman below; the upper portions English, with an intermixture of semicircular and pointed arches, to which have been added in recent days pinnacles and a pierced battlement. The great central tower is very lofty; of Later English architecture above the nave, with Norman piers and arches below. In comparison with the base, the upper story is short. The nave is magnificent in its proportions, and very bold in its details. The groining of the nave and choir is in the Early English style, the latter being of somewhat later character. The Norman portions of the building deserve great attention. The length of the building is 420 ft., the interior of the galilee 78 x 50 ft., the height of the central tower 212 ft., and that of each of the western towers 143 ft.

The powers of the Bishop of Durham were formerly very extensive. He was a secular prince, and, before the abridgment of his powers by Henry VIII., could create barons, appoint judges, convoke parliaments, raise taxes, coin money, and could grant pardons for offences and felonies of all kinds. He had a great many other privileges.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE committee for the collection of peals hereby give the following notices.

For the sake of convenience the methods have been divided into four groups:—

Group I.—Methods for odd bell-ringing in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt; e.g., Grandsire and Union.

Group II.—Those for even bell-ringing in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt: e.g., Plain Bob and all its derivatives.

Group III.—Those for even bell-ringing in which the treble has a continuous dodging hunt; e.g., Treble Bob and all its derivatives, such as the Surprise methods, &c.

Group IV.—Those in which the treble has work similar to that of the other bells; e.g., Stedman, Duffield, &c.

All composers who wish their peals to be inserted in the report to be presented to the next meeting of the Central Council are requested to forward as soon as possible the reference (giving date of issue and page) to their *true compositions published in this paper*, not later than December 31st, 1892, provided always that such composition is not to be found in any of the recognised books, pamphlets, or treatises already published. From the references received a copious selection of peals will be taken for publication in the forthcoming Report, but the committee reserve to themselves entire freedom to accept or reject any composition as shall seem best to them.

The references to peals falling under Groups II. and III. should be forwarded to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, 26 Bath Street, St. Clement's, Oxford; those in Group IV. to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Sheffield; and those in Group I. to me, as under.

The report will not enter into the question of compositions in Doubles or Minor, nor in fact into that of anything less than 5000 changes.

It is earnestly requested that the references may be forwarded as early as possible. Those arriving first will naturally have first consideration, and none will be accepted later than Tuesday, March 7th.

On behalf of the Committee,

East Marden Rectory, Chichester.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

The Lancashire Association.

THE first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Bolton on Saturday, the 4th ult., when between forty and fifty members attended from the various churches in the town, and from Deane, Halliwell, Heywood, Manchester, Ashton, Walkden, Wigan, and Radcliffe. The business meeting was held in the Holy Trinity School, at which the Vicar (the Rev. T. Taylor Evans) presided, supported by the Vice-President. The Chairman read a letter from the President (Rev. H. J. Elsee), regretting his inability to be present on account of being in the midst of a mission. He then gave the members a hearty welcome to his church, this being the first meeting held there since he was appointed vicar, and, although not a member, he was very willing to become an honorary member. He was subsequently elected, along with some half-dozen performing members. The Secretary (Mr. Redford), then gave a short outline of a scheme which the Committee are formulating for the election of committee-men at annual meetings, the object being to lessen the time occupied in such elections. The new certificate was on view for those members desirous of possessing one, the orders for them satisfying the Committee that the design meets with the approval of the members. Votes of

thanks to the Chairman for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the respective authorities of the other churches, terminated the meeting.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.

THE monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 4th ult., at Bucknall, and was attended by about twenty members from the following towers:—Hanley, Tunstall, Longton, Leek, Wolstanton, and Bucknall. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, when touches of Bob Minor, Bob Doubles, and Oxford Bob were rung. At six o'clock the members adjourned for tea, which had been provided by the Bucknall ringers. Tea being over, Mr. J. Johnston (Tunstall) proposed a vote of thanks to the local ringers for so kindly entertaining them, which was seconded and carried. A vote of thanks was also proposed to Mr. Clarkson for the use of the room, and to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE annual committee meeting was held at the Church Club, Chester, on Saturday, the 11th ult. The Master (Archdeacon Barber), Rev. Canon Holme, Rev. G. I. Howson, Messrs. F. R. T. Bolton, Dillon, Walmsley, Wilson, Holding, Forster, Langford, and H. A. Heywood (hon. secretary) were present. The Treasurer's statement of accounts for 1892 was read and passed. The Wirral Branch is again at the head of the list. It was agreed 'That no band of ringers be allowed to ring more than 1000 changes in any one eight-bell tower on festival days, nor more than 720 in a six-bell tower.' The Secretary was requested to get a list of members up to date printed and circulated. The annual festival will be held at Crewe on Monday, August 7th.

The Bells for the Imperial Institute.

ON Saturday, the 11th ult., the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor & Co. was visited by a distinguished party from the Imperial Institute, London, to hear the heavy ring of ten bells cast for that building. Amongst the visitors were Sir Frederick Abel (Secretary), and Sir Somers Vane (Assistant Secretary), of the Imperial Institute; Dr. Mackenzie, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music; and Professor Dewar. We understand that the peal was pronounced to be very fine, and will be worthy of the tower in which they are to be hung. Many people having asked for permission to see the bells, Messrs. Taylor kindly allowed the bells to be on view last Saturday afternoon.

Curious Bell-ringer's Obituary Notice.

SIR,—In looking over the *Gentleman's Magazine* for April, 1795, to-day, I came across the following, which will be of interest:—

'Died at Chiddingley, Sussex, aged 64, Mr. Wm. Elphick, a very great lover of bell-ringing. He lately declared that, by a calculation which he had made, he found he had stood under the treble bell at Chiddingley Church 8766 hours (more than one whole year), and that in the course of forty-five years he had travelled more than 10,000 miles in pursuit of his favourite amusement.'

H. W. P. STEVENS.

Tadlow Vicarage, Royston, February 22nd, 1898.

An American Bell.

A CHURCH at Tina, Missouri, has a bell weighing 870 pounds, and under favourable circumstances it can be heard quite plainly ten miles distant.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers' Twelfth Annual Report (Blackwell, Reading).—We warmly congratulate the Guild on its excellent work and continued progress. It is a standing example of what can be accomplished by thorough organization and earnest activity.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Thursday, the 16th ult., eight members of the St. Michael's Society and the Essex Association rang H. Johnson's peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. W. W. Tucker (first peal), 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; C. Prior, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. Prior, 7; T. Newman, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The first peal rung by a band of the Ancient Order of Foresters, is believed to be the first peal in the method rung in the county of Hertford, and it is the first in the method by all the band.

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

ON Monday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Shipway's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. E. Chambers,* 1; W. J. Taylor,* 2; M. W. Pierce,* 3; E. E. Foreman, 4; G. M. Sayer,* 5; F. Hunt,* 6; G. A. Ranson (conductor, birthday), 7; W. G. Lucas, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Messrs. Pierce and Sayer belong to Canterbury; Taylor and Hunt, Ospringe; the others to the local company. [* First peal. † First peal in the method.]

At St. Michael and All Angels', Basingstoke, Hants.

ON Monday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. H. Lawes (first peal), 1; T. Curtis, 2; F. Wilson, 3; J. Ballard, 4; C. Hansford, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; G. Gasson, 7; A. Knight, 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss May and Miss Leila May, daughters of the late Thomas May, Esq., of Brook House, and nieces of Lieut.-Col. J. May, of Hawkfields, Basingstoke.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 272.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On a Tuesday, six members of the local society rang 2160 BOB MINOR (being three 720's) in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Albrough, 1; W. Blake, 2; R. Blake, 3; A. Curson, 4; G. Moore, 5; S. Moore (conductor), 6. This is the longest length ever rung in the method by a purely local band.

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S, READING, BERKS.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 504 STEDMAN CATERERS in 25 mins. C. Foxell, 1; A. Pike, 2; E. Reeves, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Stone, 6; J. M. Routh, Esq., 7; W. Newell, 8; W. J. Williams (conductor), 9; C. Chapman, 10. First touch of STEDMAN CATERERS by all except J. M. Routh, Esq. On a Sunday, before evening service, a date touch of 1893 GRANDSIRE CATERERS in 1 hr. 16 mins. A. Watmore, 1; W. Holloway, 2; C. Foxell, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Stone, 6; F. Hopgood, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Robins, 10. Composed by E. Vinen. Also, on a Sunday, for practice, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 45 mins. H. Egby, 1; C. Foxell, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hern, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; W. Newell, 6; W. J. Williams (conductor), 7; J. Maskell, 8. On a Tuesday, a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; J. H. Maskell, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Composed by F. Hopgood.

AT ST. JAMES'S, QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Harris, 1; W. Brown, 2; F. Brunsdon, 3; H. Ford, 4; J. Austin, 5; F. Knight (conductor), 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. J. Austin and F. Brunsdon came from Gloucester, the others belong to the local band.

AT WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On a Saturday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung by the following members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (also members of the Essex Association) in 37 mins.:—W. Doran, 1-2; G. Pearl, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 5-6; H. Randall, 7-8.

AT GIGGLESWICK, YORKSHIRE.—On a Sunday, the following peal of 720 changes (viz., 360 COLLEGE SINGLE, 180 PLAIN BOB, 180 GRANDSIRE MINOR) was rung in 27 mins. H. Monk, 1; J. L. Bulcock, 2; W. Fell, 3; S. James, 4; J. Parker, 5; J. Morphet (conductor), 6. First peal for all.

AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S, ENFIELD, LONDON.—On a Thursday, three peals (120) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, each called differently. W. Jackson, 1; W. Budd, 2; W. Jones, 3; F. W. Bines (conductor), 4; R. Johnson, 5; M. Turner, 6. The first peals by the local band.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, TWYFORD, BERKS.—On a Tuesday, for practice, a peal of 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. A. Smith, 1; J. Ashford, 2; E. Hewlett, 3; G. Smith (conductor), 4; A. Ashford, 5; G. Brown, sen., 6. First peal in the method by all the band.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, GLOUCESTER.—On a Monday, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES. R. J. Wilkins, J. Austin (conductor), F. E. Hart, W. T. Bennett, G. L. Brunsdon, A. Roberts, Rev. H. A. Cockey, H. W. Fussell. This was rung on the occasion of the anniversary meeting of the Gloucester Association. This is believed to be the first quarter-peal in this method rung on the bells.

AT ST. PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 41 mins. W. Latter, 1; P. Brooker, 2; S. Perkins, 3; J. Muggeridge, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; E. Mankelov, 7; C. Goble, 8. Composed by N. Spindlow.

AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, at St. Gregory's, a date touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1893 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Howell, sen., 1; W. Bacon, 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; A. Scott, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. Tenor, 16 cwt. Also, on a Tuesday, at All Saints', a touch of 1008 BOB MAJOR in 46 mins. J. Campin, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; H. Brackett, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. This is the longest touch that has been rung single-handed on these bells for some years.

AT ST. MARY'S, GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, the Glemsford Company (with Messrs. C. Sillitoe and W. Howell, sen., of the Sudbury Company) rang a peal of 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR in 28 mins. W. Howell, sen., 1; C. Honeybell, 2; G. Slater, 3; O. Garwood, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. A peal of 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR was also rung by C. Honeybell (conductor), 1; G. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; R. Theobald, 4; W. Howell, 5; R. Gowers, 6. A peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was also rang by S. Slater (conductor), 1; R. Gowers, 2; C. Adams, 3; G. Slater, 4; J. Bradman, 5; R. Theobald, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On a Tuesday, 720 WARMHAM COURT BOB MINOR (thirty singles), with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Sir William Barttelot, M.P. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; K. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On a Sunday, 720 BOB MINOR (twenty-two singles). W. Jupp, 1; R. Summersell, 2; W. Pierce, 3; H. Tourle, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And 720 OXFORD BOB (thirty singles). W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; J. H. Blake, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on the back eight. A. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. Andrews, 4; J. Batts, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor, about 30 cwt. This is the longest length yet rung by the newly-formed Cathedral Society.

AT ST. BOTOLPH'S, ALDGATE, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 51 mins., taken from Holt's Original. T. Bernardin, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; S. Joyce, 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Farmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; W. Prime, 7; J. Scholes, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S, ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.—On a Saturday, an attempt was made for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but it ended after ringing over two hours. G. Reading (longest touch), 1; H. Withers (conductor), 2; A. Smith, 3; W. Withers, 4; F. Barnett, 5; W. May, 6; C. Forder, 7; J. Goodall, 8. Messrs. Barnett and Smith came from Farnham, the rest belong to the local company.

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TENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. WILLIAM HUNT, The Grove, Newton Abbot, November, 1892.

Among the many people in Newton Abbot who have received marked benefit from Mr. Congreve's treatment for Consumption is Mr. William Hunt, of the Grove, who is in the employ of a well-known firm in the town.

This young man seems to have enjoyed fairly good health until a year or two ago.

'Then,' he says, 'I became seriously ill. My chest was affected. The doctor told me that my lungs were very weak indeed, that it was likely I should go into Consumption. He gave me medicine, but it did me no good.'

'How long were you ill altogether, Mr. Hunt?' I asked.

'About twelve months; but during a part of that time I was able to go to work. But by-and-by I caught a chill, and I became very bad indeed. I had a great deal of pain about the chest; I raised a quantity of expectoration, sometimes with traces of blood. I lost flesh, and became so weak that I was compelled to give up work. Then I took to my bed, and remained there three weeks.'

'Was it then that you applied to Mr. Congreve?'

'Just about that time.'

'I suppose you commenced to take the medicine directly—what was the result?'

'It picked me up at once. I got stronger. In time I was cured, and able to go to work again.'

'Was it long before you were able to start work?'

'From three to four months.'

In answer to my next question he said:

'I have kept well ever since, and have kept at work.'

'What is your occupation, Mr. Hunt?'

'I am engaged at a large business house in the town. Sometimes I have to lift heavy weights—not very often; and, of course, I am exposed to the weather a great deal.'

'Now, Mr. Hunt, if you knew any one who had any disease of the lungs, what advice would you give them?'

'I should strongly advise them to go to Mr. Congreve.'

NOTE.—This case has not been published before.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE Hon. Secretary begs thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of contributions, in accordance with Rule V., from the following sixteen societies, up to the date of the present notice:—Ancient Society of College Youths, Waterloo Society, North Lincolnshire, Essex, Norwich, Kent, Midland Counties', Durham and Newcastle, United Counties', Worcestershire and Yorkshire Associations; Devonshire, Oxford, Salisbury, St. Martin's, and Chester Guilds. The Hon. Secretaries of the remaining seventeen societies which elect representatives are earnestly entreated to forward their respective contributions without further delay, and are respectfully reminded that by Rule V. their representatives are not entitled to vote at the meeting until the amount of their fees has been paid.

The third annual meeting of the Council will be held at the Clarendon Hotel, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, at 1 p.m. punctually, on Easter Tuesday, April 4th. A dinner will be provided at 2s. 6d. a head immediately after the meeting. To facilitate arrangements for the dinner, those who attend the meeting are requested to obtain dinner tickets from the Hon. Secretary at the time of assembling for the meeting.

The bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Merton and New Colleges, and of St. Peter's-in-the-East will, by kind permission of the authorities, be at the disposal of members of Council during the evening. Those who visit the Cathedral and College towers will kindly provide themselves beforehand with the Hon. Secretary's card.

A meeting of the Standing Committee will be held at the same place at 11.30 a.m. Gentlemen serving on this Committee are specially requested to attend. The Agenda will be published next week.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, March 6th, 1893.

The Lancashire Association.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, February 11th, a meeting of this branch was held at Holy Trinity Church, Darwen. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Hoddleston, Darwen, and Oswaldtwistle. Ringing was commenced at 3.30 and kept up until nine o'clock. Mr. J. Walker, President of the Branch, presided at the meeting, which was held at 5.30, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 8th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and ringers terminated the business.

The Bells of Croyland Abbey.

SIR,—On the 28th August, 1889, you inserted in *Church Bells* an article, written by me, on the history of Croyland bells. I regret to state that the bells have not been rung for nearly five years. The estimated cost for needed repair is 248*l.*, and I have in hand only 17*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*

May I trespass further on your valuable space by asking your kind assistance in further making known Mr. Taylor's report on the bells, and so strengthen my appeal for funds, which are indeed urgently needed.

T. H. LE BŒUF, *Rector of Croyland, near Peterborough.*

MR. TAYLOR'S REPORT ON CROYLAND BELLS.—'To the Rev. T. H. Le Bœuf,—Reverend Sir,—Mr. Taylor had the honour of making an inspection on Thursday last of the ring of five bells in the tower of Croyland Abbey, and we now respectfully beg to report that all the bells appear sound, but are becoming much worn at those places where the clappers strike and require quarter-turning so that the clappers may strike on fresh places. Some of them are not of good tone, especially the 4th, which bell also appears too sharp, and one or two of the others are not quite perfectly in tune. The fittings, *i.e.*, the wheels, headstocks, gudgeons, bearings, clappers, &c., are in a very dilapidated condition and thoroughly worn out, and must be entirely new before the bells can be in safe and good ringing order again. The frame work too is extremely ancient and in many places quite rotted away, and must also be new. We do not include in our estimate the tuning of the peal. It would necessitate the removal of the bells here, but, beyond the carriage from and to, the expense would not be much. In accordance with the foregoing we respectfully beg to submit to you the enclosed estimate for restoring the ring of five bells and trust to be honoured with your esteemed commands. Any further information we are able, we shall be pleased to supply.—Your obedient servants, JOHN TAYLOR & Co.—Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

'Estimates for Bells and Bell-Chamber.—Mr. Taylor's estimate for the bells, 111*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*; Mr. John Thompson's estimate for beams of the bell-chamber, 87*l.*; total, 198*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* N.B.—Mr. Taylor's estimate does not include carriage of goods from the railway station, nor Mr. John Thompson's repair of the stonework and scaffolding, *i.e.*, about another 50*l.*'

The Bells at Aberavon, Glamorganshire.

THE Church people of Aberavon have issued circulars announcing their intention to hold a grand bazaar in June next, which is under the patronage of Mrs. Lewis, The Palace, Llandaff; Mrs. Llewellyn, Baglan Hall; Lady Vivian; Miss Talbot; Mrs. R. W. Llewellyn, and Mrs. S. H. Byass. The object of the bazaar is to raise a sum of 500*l.*—amongst other purposes, to provide new bells in place of the present cast steel bells.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 290.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Chief Office—HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, held on 2nd March, 1893.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 56,912, assuring the sum of £5,836,839, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £319,948.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,655,611, being an increase of £222,865 over the year 1891.

The Claims of the year amounted to £418,667. The number of Deaths was 2932, and 117 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force was 301,643.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,819,167, being an increase of £160,819.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,602,816. The number of Deaths was 178,231 and 1230 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policyholders of five years' standing, who have desired to discontinue their payments, was 47,395, the number in force being 238,493.

The total number of Policies in force was 10,105,877; the average duration of them is seven years.

The total Assets of the Company, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £16,309,652, being an increase of £1,686,025 over those of 1891.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The valuation of this Branch has been made upon the same principles as those of the preceding Quinquennium.

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities amounts to £369,500.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The valuation of this Branch has also been made on the basis of a net premium valuation at 3 per cent. interest, the Table of Mortality being Dr. Farr's 'English Life Table,' No. 3.

The surplus of Assets over Liabilities amounts to £294,609.

The total surplus of the two Branches is £664,109, out of which it is proposed to carry forward £270,000 (£70,000 from the Ordinary Branch and £200,000 from the Industrial), leaving £394,109 for distribution among the participating Policyholders and Shareholders, in accordance with the Regulations of the Company under its special Act of Parliament.

The processes and results of the valuation, which has been carried out by the Actuary, Mr. F. Schooling, have been approved by Mr. A. H. Bailey.

By the adoption of an annual declaration of bonus Policyholders will obtain each year a vested increase to the sum assured, and will not have to wait until the end of a Quinquennial period. This advantage is emphasised by the fact that reversionary bonuses can be surrendered for cash.

GENERAL BALANCE-SHEET of the Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd., on the 31st December, 1892.

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	...	500,000	0	0
Ordinary Branch Funds	...	6,701,637	3	9
Industrial Branch Funds	...	9,073,414	14	9
Claims under Life Policies admitted	...	34,700	5	0
		£16,309,652	3	6
ASSETS.		£	s.	d.
British Government Securities (Consols)	...	1,599,911	1	3
Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	...	2,066,691	17	7
Loans, County Council, Municipal and other Rates	...	4,119,423	9	7
Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	...	2,275,668	18	4
Mortgages	...	2,233,042	13	5
Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	...	362,145	13	0
Bank of England Stock	...	167,337	0	1
Freehold and Leasehold Property	...	937,766	5	2
Indian and Colonial Government Securities	...	855,387	18	7
Reversions	...	122,359	19	2
Railway and other shares	...	600,310	0	9
Loans on the Company's Policies	...	161,075	14	6
Rent Charges	...	22,090	16	8
Loans upon Personal Security	...	710	0	0
Outstanding Premiums	...	269,388	14	0
Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	...	49,880	1	0
Outstanding Interest, and Rents	...	149,402	18	6
Cash—On Deposit, on Current Accounts, and in hand	...	317,029	1	11
		£16,309,652	3	6

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the Accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1892, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above Account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1892.

15th February, 1893.

THOS. C. DEWEY,
WILLIAM HUGHES,

Managers.

W. J. LANCASTER, *Secretary.*

The Full Reports can be obtained upon application to the Secretary.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

THE usual monthly ringing meeting of this Society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, February 25th, and was fairly attended by members and ringing friends from the following churches in union: Armley, Calverley, Leeds, Holbeck, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley, Horbury, Woodlesford, and the local company. Ringing in the TREBLE BOB method (Major and Minor) was indulged in for about three hours, followed by the business meeting, at which the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presided, supported by the Vice-President, Mr. C. Pratt. The minutes of the last meeting being read and passed, three new members were elected. The nominations were then made for the various offices for the ensuing year. The next business was the lettering of the head-stone which marks the resting-place of the late Mr. Henry Hubbard and his son, the latter name being yet omitted, and the space at disposal being rather limited, it was decided to place a foot-stone to the above bearing the necessary inscription. The design will take the form of a bell, and is intended to be in position at as early a date as possible. The work is entrusted to Mr. A. Naylor, of Headingley, and the expense is being met by a voluntary penny subscription. Any ringers or friends who are desirous to assist in this object, may forward donations to the Secretary of this Society, and which will be thankfully received and acknowledged in *Church Bells*. A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and local ringers for the use of the bells and other arrangements, was passed. The usual vote to the Chairman concluded the meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell-ringing (the bells being kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by Mr. John Chapman, of Rothwell), touches of GRANDSIRE being rung to a late hour.

CHANGE-RINGING.**At St. Mary's, Twickenham, London.**

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the All Saints' (Fulham) Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. W. T. Elson (first peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES), 1; W. S. Smith (first peal with a bob-bell), 2; J. Baden, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; R. Pearson, 5; G. Woodiss (conductor), 6; A. H. Taber, 7; T. Beadle, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. The ringers heartily thank the Rev. R. Tahourdin, the Vicar, for the use of the bells.

At All Saints', West Ham, London.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5004 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 18 mins. G. Newton (composer and conductor), 1; A. Jacob, 2; J. H. Cheesman, 3; B. Foskett, 4; G. Smith,* 5; C. Wilkins, 6; A. Tennant,* 7; A. Pittam, 8; H. Randall, 9; W. F. Meads, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. [* First peal in the method and also on ten bells.]

At All Saints', Edmonton, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. Springall, 1; S. Joyce, 2; J. I. Crouch, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; H. Barnett, 5; W. Prime, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; C. J. Davidson, 8. It is believed to be the first peal of STEDMAN ever rung on the bells, which were opened on May 8th, 1788, with a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, by eight members of the Society of Cumberland Youths. The 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th bells date back as far as 1734; while the treble and 2nd were erected in 1788, and the tenor, which is a comparatively new one, in the year 1866.

At St. Michael's, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Percival Heywood's variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Frank Biggs, 1; E. Gadsden, 2; S. Goodchild, 3; H. Stratford, 4; Fred. Biggs, 5; Ralph Biggs, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; Jos. Evans, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. This peal was rung in honour of the twenty-sixth birthday of Coningsby Disraeli, Esq., M.P., who has now come into possession of Hughenden Manor.

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

ON Monday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Essex Association (Saffron Walden Society) rang a peal of 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 14 mins. J. Freeman (57th birthday), 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; E. Pitstow, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; N. J. Pitstow (composer), 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The first peal in the method rung in the county, and also the first by the Association.

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

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang Hubbard's peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. S. Taylor, 1; F. Jakeman,* 2; W. Jakeman (conductor), 3; Ed. Brown,* 4; J. Crabtree, 5; J. H. Brierley, 6; W. Ingham (Oldham), 7; J. Harrison, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* First peal in the method.]

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 DUFFIELD MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2 mins. G. Winter, 1; G. Dawson, 2; W. Clarke, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Hickling, 5; B. Sugden, 6; J. Flower, 7; A. P. Heywood (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Axminster, Devon.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., Hollis' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following members of St. Sidwell's Society of the Devonshire Guild in 3 hrs. 8 mins.—B. Mundy, 1; C. Carter, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; F. Davey, 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; E. Sargent (first peal), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Davey, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

At the Parish Church, Edenbridge, Kent.

ON Sunday evening, the 5th inst., for Divine service, a peal of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 80 mins. J. Edwards, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Eastman (conductor), 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; R. J. Jenner, 6. This is the first peal by each of the ringers, and also the first peal ever rung on the bells by local men. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

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ELEVENTH INTERVIEW

With Mrs. BOYD. Case of Mr. JOHN BOYD, of Six-Rows, Warwick-Hill, Irvine, N.B.

[This case was published in the weekly papers, in May of 1892.]

It was one bright day in early autumn that I had a pleasant drive from the Ayrshire town of Irvine to Six-Rows, Warwick-hill, where I hoped to find Mr. John Boyd, the subject of the present brief sketch.

Mr. Boyd, however, was away for a few hours, so I had to hold converse with Mrs. Boyd, who very readily gave me all the information I require.

I had the advantage of knowing something of Mr. Boyd. It may not be out of place to reproduce here the information I had received as to the patient's illness and his marvellous recovery. Mr. Boyd had been a patient of Mr. Congreve's, and this is what he has to say about himself:

'I had been twelve months laid by from work when I first wrote to you. My illness began with a cold and cough, followed by inflammation of the lungs. For this I was bled repeatedly without effect. I lost flesh, and became exceedingly weak. All the doctors said my lungs were so diseased I should never get any better, and that no hing more could be done for me. Afterwards I saw my late uncle's doctor, at Lanark, who also said there was no hope for me. My uncle had read of you in the *Christian Herald*, and we resolved that your means should be tried; and, by the blessing of God, it has saved me from an early grave. With the first bottle the spitting of fluid blood was stopped, the cough ceased. Then I got stronger every day. I should like this known throughout the world, that any sufferers may, through this, be encouraged to apply to you.'

This account Mrs. Boyd confirmed, and when I asked her what, in her opinion, would have been the result if her husband had not placed himself in Mr. Congreve's hands, she replied:

'I believe he would have been in his grave long ago, and so does his.'

'Then I may take it that you are a staunch believer in the efficacy of Mr. Congreve's treatment in cases of consumption.'

'Aye, that I am;' adding in her broad Scotch vernacular: 'It helped him an awfu' lot.'

'I understand Mr. Boyd is able to follow his employment now?' I said.

'Yes,' answered Mrs. Boyd, 'He does not go down the pit, but works at the pit-head. For years before he applied to Mr. Congreve he had done very little work, but now I am glad to say he keeps at work. He's just away since this forenoon, or he'd be very glad to have seen you.'

'Of course he has no need to take the medicine now?'

'Oh no; but whenever he gets a cold or cough he takes it, and it puts him right at once.'

'Further, Mrs. Boyd told me that her husband was never tired of speaking to others about his wonderful cure, and that quite recently a widow lady, herself ill with chest disease, came some distance to ask him for parti alars. 'You should have heard how he spoke up for Mr. Congreve's medicine,' Mrs. Boyd remarked, and as I took my leave I thought to myself that, considering all the circumstances, perhaps that was not to be wondered at.

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In relation to this, we would ask, Was Professor Hort the sole author of the 1856 volume on 'Tintern?' We believe some pieces therein are by the Rev. Gerald Blunt, of Chelsea.

THE CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE continues its articles by Canon Tristram on 'Eastern Customs in Bible Lands.'

THE THINKER is very full and good. The summary of Harnack on the 'Gospel of Peter;' Mr. T. E. H. Thomson on 'The Structure of the Book of Daniel;' Prof. Haupt on 'Wendt's Position on the Johannine Question,' are only a very few out of many things distinctly worthy of note.

GREAT THOUGHTS continues its usual features, and contains among a variety of articles and papers, accounts of interviews with Miss Francis E. Willard and Lord Randolph Churchill. The editor contributes a closely reasoned reply to the question, 'Is Christianity Played Out?' and the Countess of Meath describes 'A Fortnight in California.' Maxwell Gray's story 'The Last Sentence,' continues its course.

THE March 15th issue of the RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS contains an article setting forth the best and cheapest way to reach the World's Fair. It is written by a prominent Churchman.

FRIENDLY WORK, FRIENDLY LEAVES, and the G.F.S. ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL AND ADVERTISER (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.) are fair average numbers. In connexion with the G.F.S. Reading Union, papers are supplied in FRIENDLY WORK on the Scripture portion now forming the appointed subject for study, and also on 'Undine' and 'Shirley.'

THE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MAGAZINE (C.E.S.S. Institute) has some capital notes on 'The Synagogue,' by the Rev. J. G. Ritchie, whilst a helpful chapter of Mrs. Malden's 'Spiritual Husbandry' deals with 'The Secret of Growth.' The CHURCH WORKER publishes an article on 'The Preparation of Laymen for Evangelistic Work,' by the Warden of the S.P.C.K. Training College for Lay Workers.

IN the MISSION FIELD (S.P.G.) we find reports of progress in Madagascar (where the past year has seen a satisfactory increase in the native ministry), Mashonaland, Zululand, and elsewhere. The letter from a native Kafir priest is especially interesting.

AN article from the pen of Mr. Wyke Bayliss, President of the Society of British Artists, on 'The Likeness of Christ,' illustrated by a series of most interesting portraits of our Lord, will appear in the April number of the ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE. Mr. Robert Buchanan's new story, which will be commenced in the same number, is entitled 'The Wheel of Fortune.' It will be completed probably in three or four numbers.

THE MUSICAL TIMES contains an excellent Easter anthem, 'As it began to dawn,' composed by Mr. Myles B. Foster.

THE MUSICAL HERALD gives a biography of Dr. Bunnett, of Norwich, in which it mentions that 170,000 copies of his service in F have been sold.

THE balance-sheet in THE NET is well worth studying. It shows that through this little magazine there was collected last year for foreign missions 2759*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.*

THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW asks: 'What do you think would be the effect upon the eager American mind if two or three of our great colleges—say, Christ Church and Magdalen, at Oxford, and Trinity and King's, or St. John's, at Cambridge—were to send to Chicago carefully prepared models of themselves, as in the best sense representative of the material form of our University system?' We cannot answer the question; but the effect upon the colleges themselves might be to empty their coffers. There are some good notes about women and education: e.g., a guileless student expressed much astonishment that an aristocratic fellow-traveller had chosen to journey third-class; the lady had left her book on the seat of the carriage for a few minutes, and the flyleaf bore the name 'Lady Margaret Hall.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—Nos. 1 and 2 of THE CHRISTIAN PICTORIAL (published by Alexander & Shephard); Nos. 1 and 2 of the new series of THE WOMAN'S HERALD (H. Marshall & Son); LITTLE FOLKS and THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS (Cassell & Co.); MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS, THE YOUNG MAN, and THE YOUNG WOMAN (S. W. Partridge & Co.).

THE Queen has graciously signified her pleasure in accepting copies of MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS, edited by Mrs. G. S. Reaney, and published by A. W. Hall, office of Great Thoughts, Hutton Street, Fleet Street.

MESSRS. FARRER & SONS, Broad Street, Reading, have collected some of the most artistic Easter Cards from Marcus Ward & Co., Hildesheim, and the leading publishers. They supply packets of twelve selected high-class designs for one shilling.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE third annual meeting of the Council will be held at the Clarendon Hotel, Cornmarket Street, Oxford, on Easter Tuesday, April 4th, at one p.m. punctually. A dinner will be provided at 2*s.* 6*d.* a head immediately after the meeting. To facilitate arrangements for the dinner, members attending the Council are requested to obtain tickets from the Hon. Secretary at the time of assembling for the meeting.

Permission to ring during the evening at Christ Church Cathedral, Merton and New Colleges, and at the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East, has been most kindly granted by the respective authorities. Members visiting the Cathedral and College towers should provide themselves beforehand with the Hon. Secretary's card.

A meeting of the Standing Committee will be held previous to the meeting of the Council, at the same place, at 11.30 a.m. Gentlemen serving on this Committee are specially requested to attend.

Hon. Secretaries of Societies who have not yet remitted the subscription of 2*s.* 6*d.* for each elected representative are reminded that by Rule V. their representatives are not entitled to vote at the meeting until the amount has been paid. The necessary sum should, therefore, at once be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Council.

AGENDA.

1. Statement of accounts.
2. To receive and consider a further report from the Committee appointed to obtain adequate recognition of the exercise at the hands of the Church Congress.

3. To receive and consider the report of the Standing Committee on the preparation and publication of a bibliography or catalogue of works relating to bells and ringing.

4. To receive and consider the report of the Committee appointed (a) to draw up a scheme for the classification of compositions of 5000 changes and upwards, and (b) to pronounce as to the call or calls to be deemed proper to each method. On the presentation of this report, attention will be called to the omission from many Association reports of any clue to the compositions performed by such Associations.

To be moved and discussed:—

5. That the following addition be made to the definition of a valid peal on seven bells: 'Nevertheless, a performance on seven bells, without the addition of a covering bell, is to be discountenanced and is unworthy of record.'

6. That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells, allowing the admissibility of fourteen 360's, or any greater number of true portions of different Minor methods, no two being the same.

7. That it is desirable, when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, that they should decide beforehand to which Association such peal should be credited; and that, for the future, no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association.

8. Attention will be called to the prevalent system of electing Association members in the tower, and to the desirability of limiting elections to occasions on which a business meeting of the Association is held.

Committee of the Central Council to consider a Scheme for the Classification of Peals.

SIR,—Since the appearance of the notice published in your columns in the issues of 24th ult. and 3rd inst., it has been represented to the Committee that, were they to proceed to an actual collection of peals, such a course might possibly be held to be in excess of the meaning of the letter of the resolution of Council, by which the Committee was called into existence. They have deemed it better, therefore, to abandon the collection. In announcing this decision, they wish to tender their thanks to all those who, in response to the notice, have forwarded them references to, or figures of, peals, and to assure them that all the material in their hands is being carefully preserved to be handed over to the Council at the meeting. They desire also to express the hope that this letter may be accepted as an acknowledgment of the many kind communications that have reached them; and that, as these have been so numerous, the members of the Committee may be pardoned for not having replied to them severally.—On behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Death of a Ringer.

JOHN FERDINAND KITE, bell-ringer of St. Barnabas' Church, St. Marylebone, London, who, from the day when he first rang the bell, now some thirty years ago, at the consecration of the church, until the present time, has never been absent from a single service—for the greater part of which time, until his strength began to fail so that he could no longer follow his trade as a cooper, he gave his services voluntarily out of love for the church to which he was so deeply attached—has passed away. Death to him came gently at the advanced age of seventy-eight. Strong and hearty up to the very last, his end was just what he had long hoped for and often spoken of to his friends as his one desire. On Thursday, January 27th, having done his accustomed duties at the church, he went home as usual about nine o'clock, went to sleep in his little room, and awoke in Paradise. The first part of the Funeral Service was said at St. Barnabas' Church on Wednesday, February 1st, being preceded by a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a.m. The interment took place at Finchley Cemetery, where the service was completed by the Rev. J. A. Nash.—From *St. Barnabas' Parochial Magazine*.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 308.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The twelfth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham District of the above Association was held at Great Glemham on Saturday, March 4th, when twenty members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Benhall, Sweffling, Rendham, Kelsale, and Great Glemham. The bells of the parish church were placed at the disposal of the members by the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. William Hooper, M.A., and were kept going during the afternoon and evening in the PLAIN BOB and GRANDSIRE methods. The business meeting was held at six o'clock, presided over by Mr. Fenton Thompson, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Two performing members joined the Association. On the proposition of Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. James Edmonds, it was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Kelsale on Saturday, June 10th. Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Chairman for presiding, and to the Secretary for past services, concluded the business. During the evening a member of the local company, Mr. F. W. Heffer, kindly placed his handbells at the disposal of the members. The bells were made good use of in various methods. They are a new set by Messrs. Taylor & Co., and were much admired for their perfect harmony and sweetness of tone.

The Bells at Harworth, Notts.

THE bells have returned from Mr. Taylor, Loughborough, where they have undergone a complete restoration, the fifth bell being recast and a new bell (tenor) also added. The oak beams, on which the bells have swung for so many centuries, have been removed, and cast-iron frames with wrought-iron girders put in their places. The work was lately completed, and on the same evening they once more rang out their merry peal. The formal opening of the above will in all probability be postponed until after Lent. It is to be hoped that sufficient ringers will be forthcoming in order that the whole of the bells may be constantly rung.

Harwich and Dovercourt.

A WELL-ATTENDED general meeting of bell-ringers and intending ringers took place in the vestry of St. Nicholas' Church on February 28th. The vicar (Rev. G. W. Druce) presided. The Vicar as well as those present greatly regretted the falling off of old ringers, and the feeling of the meeting was strongly in favour of forming a good workable team of ringers, with a good reserve to fall back upon. Ten ringers were thereupon elected to form the team. The Vicar was elected President, Mr. F. Knock was unanimously elected as Treasurer, Mr. J. Brewster Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Philip Ramplin was chosen as conductor. It was resolved to practice forthwith, so as to give the Bishop of St. Albans a suitable reception upon his forthcoming visit.

The Bells of Irthlingborough, Northants.

BUILDING operations were recommenced at Irthlingborough Church on Monday last; therefore, thanks to the generosity of the late Miss Lucas, the tower, with its unique lantern, will most probably be finished during this year. Then will come the question of rehanging the bells, and it is very gratifying to be able to announce that, in order to ensure the peal being in future a full ring of eight instead of six only, as in the past, Mr. William Woolston, of Westlands, Wellingborough, has most kindly offered to provide the two additional treble bells, with their fittings, to complete the octave, at a cost of about 100l.

Mr. Woolston is a member of the Society of Friends. It was he who gave the new chimes to Wellingborough Parish Church in 'Jubilee year.' Irthlingborough bells are at present a ring of six, cast by Mears, 1829. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G. William Chettell, the noted Birmingham ringer, was born at Irthlingborough.

THE *Gentleman's Magazine* for the current month contains an article of nine pages, by W. B. Paley, entitled, 'The Bells and their Makers.' Though not containing much that is new or original (the writer owning his or her source of information to be chiefly Dr. Raven's book), it is pleasantly and agreeably written, and is characterised by a thorough absence of the patronising tone often assumed by ignoramuses in approaching the subject of change-ringing. The writer has taken the pains at least to find out the proper names of the various methods, in consequence of which we are spared the usual rubbish about 'TRIPLE BOB MAJORS,' &c. We rejoice to find our author endeavouring to dissipate the common fallacy that silver improves the tone of bells, remarking that our ancestors were not so foolish as to waste their money in that way. The writer, we think, is not quite correct in speaking of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank as having been in business for 'less than 100 years.' They inherited, we have always heard, the business as well as the patterns of the very old firm of the Rudhalls. In just one point, the tuning of bells, the writer is distinctly behind the times. Bells, nowadays, are not tuned by chipping, but by turning in a lathe. On the whole, we heartily commend the article.

CHANGE-RINGING.**At Harthill, Sheffield, Yorkshire.**

A SIXTH bell was recently added to the old ring of five, and a local company of change-ringers was formed at the same time. On the 9th inst., for practice, six members of the North Notts Association rang 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. Rev. B. Darley (first 720), 1; J. Guest, 2; W. E. Glossop, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury, 5; T. Lakin, 6. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Danes' peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. G. Baker, 1; K. Hart, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; H. Weston, 4; W. Collison,* 5; C. Smart,* 6; G. Gatland,* 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. This is the first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells, has the 6th twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right, and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at course-ends. Tenor, 10½ cwt. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH, and who came from Steyning; the rest of the band from St. Peter's, Brighton.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—E. P. Debenham; Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny; Speldhurst; and others.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

TWELFTH INTERVIEW.

VISIT to MISS BAMBER, Marlborough College, Exeter, relative to cases in that locality, &c.

Miss Bessie Bamber is well known in Exeter as the principal of Marlborough College, and while in that town in November last I decided to call upon her. My visit, however, was not well timed, and Miss Bamber was unable to see me; but rather than that I should be disappointed, she commissioned Miss Churton (a lady residing with her) to give me the information I sought.

My first question had reference to a lady who came under Mr. Congreve's treatment a number of years ago, and whose case was published in Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption, page 48. At that time she was a pupil at Marlborough College, and during one of the vacations spent at home took a severe cold. This was accompanied by a terrible cough. Other distressing symptoms were present—loss of appetite, considerable pain, great loss of flesh, and intense weakness. Her own medical attendant had (Miss Bamber states) pronounced her case hopeless. Under these circumstances she commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment, and was restored to comparative health in the course of a few months. This happy state of things continued, and in 1887 Miss Bamber was able, when writing Mr. Congreve upon another matter, to report that her old pupil was in robust health.

In answer to my question, Miss Churton, having referred to Miss Bamber, told me the latter lady had for some little time lost sight of the patient, but when she last heard of her she was thoroughly well.

Similar results followed another case which came under Miss Bamber's notice—a lady, aged 26, who had severe inflammation of the lungs, which resulted in serious disease. Here, again, the report of the physician was of an alarming character, but she was cured by Mr. Congreve's Balsam, and I have the testimony of Miss Bamber that for several years she has been in perfect health.

To the foregoing Miss Churton added that a sister of her own, who suffered from chest disease, was restored to health by the same means.

'Miss Bamber desires me to tell you,' said Miss Churton, 'that she has recommended the treatment for many years, and has seen marvellous results wrought by its use. Quite recently she has induced the local captain of the Salvation Army to give it a trial, and it has been most successful in his case. But a short time ago he appeared to be very ill, but now he seems quite to have recovered, and is able continually to play his wind instrument.'

Thanking Miss Churton for her kindness, I resolved to obtain an interview with the captain referred to, and on a future occasion may have something to tell of him.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

MEMBERS are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at headquarters on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 8 p.m. The Central Council Agenda, among other important matters, will then be discussed.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open for ringing in the morning from 10 to 12.15, and in the afternoon from 3.30. Special service at St. Peter's at 12.30; preacher, Rev. Canon Wigram. Dinner in the Town Hall at 1.30—cost to members 1s. 9d. each—followed by a meeting for the election of officers and other business. Notices of motion have been given for altering Rule 9 with respect to entering Minor Peals in the Peal-book, and also for arranging an additional meeting at Hatfield on August Bank Holiday. Members and visitors intending to be at the dinner are kindly requested to send me word not later than Wednesday, the 29th. As this meeting will be an important one, members are invited to come as early in the day as possible, and it is hoped that they will make a special effort to be in time for the service.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans, March 21st, 1893.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE annual meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Local Secretaries are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary in accordance with Rules 6 and 10. The meeting will take place in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Rev. Canon Claughton will preside. Tea will follow business meeting, 9d. per head being allowed to all members sending in their names for the same not later than Monday, March 27th. The Cathedral bells will be at the disposal of the members from 5 till 7 p.m. Business: Election of Officers, adoption of Annual Report, Balance-sheet, &c. All subscriptions due should be paid at this meeting.

Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE next Annual Festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers is to be held at Crewe early in August.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.

THE usual monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at Tunstall, over thirty members being present from the following towers:—Hanley, Wolstanton, Leek, Longton, Bucknall, Kidsgrove, and Tunstall. Ringing commenced shortly after four o'clock, and consisted of short touches of BOB and GRANDSIRE MINOR. At six o'clock tea took place in the schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Penny, who with the Churchwardens had kindly defrayed the expense. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their kindness was proposed and carried unanimously by the members present. An adjournment was then made to the tower and the evening was spent in ringing.

The Midland Counties' Association.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—A meeting of this branch was held at Long Eaton on Saturday, the 11th inst. Ringers were present from Nottingham, Lenton, Willaton, and Sandiacre. Some touches of TREBLE BOB, STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, were rung, amongst which was 420 STEDMAN TRIPLES. S. Burton, 1; T. Cope, 2; J. Woolley, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; E. W. Holroyd, 5; E. Robinson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; W. Flinders, 8. The next meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, April 15th.

The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was recently held at Helmshore, and was attended by members from Bacup, Rawtenstall, Ramsbottom, Waterfoot, and Helmshore. The chair was taken by Mr. H. H. Nutter, in the absence of the Vicar. Three new members were elected, and votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the Chairman were passed. Touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, COLLEGE SINGLE, and 720 BOB MINOR were rung. J. Sutcliffe, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; Z. Lord, 4; H. H. Nutter, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above Association was held at St. Thomas's, Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, the 4th inst., when a number of members and ringing friends were present. Mr. S. Stott was voted to the chair. One new member was elected, and the place of next meeting was fixed for April 8th, at St. Mary's, Balderstone. Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Chairman. Touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOB MINOR, TREBLE BOB MINOR, and 1248 of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, brought a successful evening to a close.

Dedication of Bells at Higham Ferrers, Northants.

THE ceremony of dedicating the bells of the parish church of Higham Ferrers, after rehangng, with the addition of two trebles to complete the octave, and recasting of two of the old bells, by Taylor & Co., Loughborough, took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough officiated, and there was a crowded congregation. The service commenced about half-past three, and as the procession of the choir and robed clergy proceeded towards the belfry from the vestry the 121st and 122nd Psalms were sung. On arriving at the belfry the Bishop read the

dedicatory prayers, and at the conclusion of these proceeded to the chancel, the congregation standing whilst a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by ringers from Higham Ferrers, Raunds, and Rushden. Following this, the *Te Deum* was sung, and the hymn before the sermon was 'Angel voices, ever singing.' His Lordship took as his text Isa. xxx. 21, 'And thine ears shall hear a voice behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it.' In the evening the Rev. A. E. Oldroyd preached.

The inhabitants of the ancient borough of Higham Ferrers may justly consider that they now possess a ring of bells of grandeur and beauty of tone, well fitted to hang in the noted church of Archbishop Chicheley's birthplace. The total cost of work done amounts to about 450l. Various improvements have been effected both in the bell-chamber and the belfry below. It is intended to place a new clock in the tower very shortly. The Rev. J. Dun, vicar of Higham Ferrers, is treasurer to the Raunds Wellingborough and District Association, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester (curate) is a practical ringer and takes great interest in all appertaining to the belfry.

The Bells of Rothbury, Northumberland.

A RING of eight bells, the gift of a lady parishioner, is being placed in the town of Rothbury Church, Northumberland. The bells will be consecrated and formally opened on April 17th by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle and a party of bell-ringers from the Association of Durham and Northumberland. The bells are from the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is a curious coincidence that the old bell of 1682, (Bartlett), the next bell, 1850 (Mears), and the new ring of 1893 (Mears & Stainbank), have all been cast in the same foundry.

Prize Ringing on Church Bells.

AT the quarterly meeting of the Totnes (Devon) Decanal Chapter, held lately at Totnes—the Rev. J. B. Hughes, rural dean, presiding—the subject of bell-ringing for prizes was discussed at great length, and it was almost unanimously resolved 'That while bell-ringing in church steeples under proper regulations is deserving of every possible encouragement as a means of attracting and retaining young men as members of the Church, yet it is the opinion of this Chapter that prize-ringing for money should be discouraged by every possible means.'

The Curfew Bell.

WE hear that the Vicar of West Haddon, Northants, purposes to revive the ringing of the Curfew Bell in his parish every night at 8 o'clock. It was discontinued in 1888, amid universal regret.

An Ancient Bell.

THERE is at the present moment at a farmhouse in a Midland county an interesting old bell bearing the initials 'H. S.' and the date, 1590. These refer to Henry Sacheverell, of New Hall, Warwickshire, who purchased that ancient place from Gybons, the first Warden of Sutton Coldfield. A descendant of this gentleman was the Mr. Sacheverell who was the patron of, and was claimed as kinsman by Dr. Henry Sacheverell, so noted in Queen Anne's time. It is a pity that so fine a relic, weighing about two hundred-weight, should be broken up and sold for old metal, as it is feared may be the case. It ought to be secured as a church bell.

WE have received a copy of the *Eleventh Annual Report of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers* (Bemrose, Derby). We can only repeat our estimate of its predecessor, by saying that as a complete and concise summary of the work of this most flourishing Association it leaves nothing to be desired. We always preserve the current volume of this *Report* for reference, and we cannot do better than recommend all other Guilds and Associations to take it as a model.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. C. Willshire (conductor), 1; E. Holladay, 2; E. W. Allen, 3; C. L. Graham, 4; W. Haigh, 5; E. Foreman, 6; G. Ransom, 7; W. Walker (first peal), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Messrs. Holladay and Graham came from Faversham; Haigh, Gillingham; Foreman and Ransom, Boughton-under-Beau; the others belong to the local company.

At St. Michael's, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. F. Boreham,* 1; J. Evans, 2; E. Gadsden, 3; Frank Biggs,* 4; Frederick Biggs, 5; R. Biggs, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; Jos. Evans, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* First peal in the method.]

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

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang H. Johnson's peal of 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7½ mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; H. Springall, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; M. A. Wood, 5; W. Cockerill, 6; E. Horrex, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the same Society rang the late H. Johnson's peal of 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 19 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cooter, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; H. Springall, 4; F. W. Butler (first peal in the method), 5; I. G. Shade, 6; E. Horrex, 7; W. Prime, 8.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 326.

At St. Andrew's, Hingham, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Peter Mancroft Society rang 5024 changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. It is over sixty years since a peal in the above method was rung upon the bells, and is the first peal upon the bells since the rehanging a year and a half ago.

At the Parish Church, Crawley, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., the following members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Parker, 1; G. Gatland, 2; K. Hart, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Williams, 6; W. Collison, 7; G. Paice, 8. Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Parker.

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, London.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 37 mins. H. Springall (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; E. Horrex, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; S. Hayes, 5; W. Burkin, 6; Y. Green, 7; E. Hall, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; W. T. Cockerill, 10. Composed by Messrs. Y. Green and N. J. Pittsow. Tenor, 32 cwt. The above composition has the 6th its extent at home in nine courses, and is the only original peal that has been published containing these qualities.

At Holy Trinity, Long Melford, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, 11th inst., a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins. S. Slater (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; H. Smith, 3; T. King, 4; A. Symonds, 5; F. Wells, 6; J. Bradman (first peal in any method, 7; O. Garwood, 8. Composed by the late W. Garrard, of Ipswich. Tenor, 16 cwt. Messrs. Smith, King, and Symonds came from Lavenham; the others from Glemsford.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Speldhurst, Kent.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., in memory of Mr. George Mash, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (half muffled) was rung in 48 mins. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Turley, 4; F. Still, 5; J. Maynard, 6; F. Still, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Edwards, 8.

At All Hallows, Tottenham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberlands rang 5044 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins., being the first peal in the method on the bells. M. Meads, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; B. Foskett, 4; G. Lucas (first peal in the method), 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson, 8. Composed and conducted by G. Newson. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., a mixed company of ringers belonging to the Liverpool Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. T. Jenkinson, jun. (first peal, aged 16, Aughton), 1; E. Bentham (Wigan), 2; W. Major (Wigan), 3; J. Gardner (first peal, Aughton), 4; W. Bentham (conductor, Aughton), 5; E. Prescott (Hindley), 6; G. Prescott (Ormskirk), 7; N. Gregory (Hindley), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by eight members of the Waterloo Society in 2 hrs. 50 mins. A. R. Davis, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; W. C. Hasted, 5; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 6; E. P. O'Meara (first peal with a bob-bell), 7; T. Coxhead, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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

By the permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 33 mins., with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. Thomas Pugh, who died at the age of eighty-four years, having held a curacy and parish clerkship for thirty years in the above parish. J. Rogers, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; E. Harrison, 3; W. R. Whiffin, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; H. Stubbs, 8; E. T. Edridge, 9; W. F. Meade, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. This peal was composed and conducted by Mr. John Rogers, and rung for the first time. It contains fifty courses undisturbed from Tittums position, being the greatest qualities that have, or ever will be, contained in a peal in this method by bobs alone in a limited number.

[*'Or ever will be!'* It is best not to be over-confident.—Ed. C.B.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Thursday, the 9th inst., four ringers from Welshpool, one from Whitechurch, and Messrs. M. J. Morris, Ted Jones, and T. Rogers, of Oswestry, started for Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES conducted by Mr. Bratton, of Welshpool, but the peal came to an end after ringing 3760 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins. The funeral of the late Bandmaster Alfred Wright took place the same day, and the local ringers and some of the visitors being Volunteers, the bells were muffled.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS.—On a Monday evening, the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins.:—W. Rodway, 1; T. Recketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Iles, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; O. W. Laing (conductor), 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, ROCHESTER, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for service, a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in 26 mins. W. Ashbee, 1; G. Chantler, 2; E. Raynor, 3; A. Sullivan, 4; A. Osbourne, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. The bells were rung half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Peter Weller, late verger of the church, and who for many years was one of the ringers.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

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NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

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THIRTEENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. ALEX. RITCHIE, Draper and Clothier, East High Street, Forfar.

[This case was published six years ago in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Treatise on Consumption, page 71.]

No one, to look at Mr. Alex. Ritchie to-day, would be prepared to hear that six years ago, according to high medical opinion, he was suffering from an incurable disease, from which death was the only relief.

Mr. Ritchie states that in May, 1886, the doctor told him that 'he could do no more for him.' This was borne out by the evidence of others who knew him and witnessed the condition to which he was reduced.

Mr. Ritchie, whom I visited in August, 1892, is a strong, healthy man, looking fit for any kind of labour, and giving one the impression that any reasonable amount of exertion would have no ill-effect upon him.

To tell briefly how this patient became ill, and how, in spite of all prognostications, he became well again.—Mr. Ritchie has had to mourn the loss of several relatives by Consumption, and therefore it may well be supposed there was in him some predisposition to the same disease. However this may be, it is certain that, following an attack of pleurisy, the symptoms of consumption made themselves evident. In addition to the weakness, palpitation, loss of flesh, and pain, Mr. Ritchie had a most distressing cough, which nothing could relieve.

When I was talking to him I asked him how he came to apply to Mr. Congreve. 'Just about that time,' he replied, 'one of Mr. Congreve's patients gave me a copy of that gentleman's book. The chapter headed, "The Sad Reality—All Doubts Confirmed," seemed exactly to describe my condition. The doctor who was attending me had told me that one of my lungs was diseased, and that he could do no more for me. So, after talking the matter over with my wife, I decided to apply to Mr. Congreve.'

'Do you mind telling me what the result was?'

'I will do so with pleasure. In a few weeks I was better. I continued to take the medicine, and before long was cured.'

'Do you mean to say that you became quite well?'

'Certainly—well in every way, and the cough which had been such a terrible trouble to me entirely disappeared.'

My conversation with Mr. Ritchie was held at his place of business. He has a draper's shop in East High Street, Forfar. I had been told that in carrying on his trade he often visited adjacent villages. I asked him as to this.

'Yes,' was the reply; 'I get over a great deal of ground. But it is no trouble to me—indeed I have never had any trouble since the time I mentioned, when Mr. Congreve cured me. That is more than six years ago, and I have never had a doctor in the whole of that time.'

'How far can you walk with comfort, Mr. Ritchie?'

'I really don't know how far. I am constantly walking; but I walk twenty miles with perfect ease. At the time I was ill I was employed in a factory; but now my occupation takes me into the open air very much. I consider that I am a better walker than I ever was in my life.'

In reply to a further question of mine, Mr. Ritchie told me he had no objection to my publishing our brief conversation, in the hope that the facts therein detailed might prove of benefit to other sufferers, and then, with a hearty handshake, we parted.

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other Bishops within the rails. The Archbishop then returned to the north side of the holy table, and the solemn ceremony was concluded by the Archbishop administering the Holy Communion to the Dean and to two of the Assistant Bishops, and then with the Dean to the newly consecrated Bishops and to the other Assistant Bishops.

REVIEWS

WE have already referred to the picture of 'The Return from Calvary,' which is the frontispiece of the ART JOURNAL for April; there is also a fine illustration from Briton Riviere's 'Giants at Play.' Among the articles and papers are 'A Painter's Pilgrimage,' by Herbert Schmalz, and "Becket" at the Lyceum,' by Joseph Hatton.

ASTRONOMY FOR EVERY-DAY READERS. By E. J. Hopkins. (London: George Philip & Sons. Price 1s.)—This is an interesting and useful little work, and reflects much credit on its author, who is a self-taught scientist, and whose knowledge has been acquired under particularly difficult conditions. He is young and an engraver on brass; but these circumstances have not prevented him from adding 'his mite to our knowledge of the beauties of the visible universe.'

THE FINAL PASSOVER. Vol. III. The Divine Exodus. Part I. By the Rev. R. M. Benson. (Price 5s. Longmans & Co.)—This book is one of a series of meditations upon the Passion of our Lord. It is written in a truly devotional spirit, and is suitable either for private use or for public reading aloud. There is a growing demand for such books, and this is one of the healthiest and most useful published. Mr. Benson has the power of graphic description, and the gift of true spiritual insight.

THE CHURCHMAN'S HOUSEHOLD PRAYERS, compiled by the Bishop of Ripon (Nisbet & Co., price 3s. 6d.), is a useful book of home devotion, modelled on the liturgical plan, and avoiding the too often dreary monologue which is apt to let the thought of worshippers wander, because they have no part or lot in the utterance of the words of prayer. The services are brightly arranged, they are of suitable length, and they make ample use of that great storehouse of devotion, the Book of Common Prayer.

MESSRS. SKIFFINGTON & SON have issued a second edition of THE MOST CERTAIN FACT IN HISTORY, by the Rev. T. P. Ring, B.A. They are a course of addresses on the Resurrection which have been at various times delivered to working men, and they show that the author has wide experience of how to reach them. They are written in a clear and taking style.

PROFESSOR G. ADAM SMITH'S inaugural lecture on the occasion of his induction to the chair of Hebrew at the Free Church College, Glasgow, THE PREACHING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT TO THE AGE (Hodder & Stoughton—price 1s.) is a temperate and excellent production, full of helpful thought. Professor Smith strikes home a real truth in insisting that for preachers the supreme thing is that the Old Testament is a Revelation. 'Historical research can suggest no substitute for the prophet's own reason for his message, *Thus saith the Lord.*' Very good indeed.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

HYMN FOR THE DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS.

'In the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings, that they may be to you for a memorial before your God.'—*Numb. x. 10.*

WHEN from the sacred Tent of yore
The silver trumpets pealed,
The princes gathered, with their tribes,
To hear what God revealed.

And when, at sacrificial hours,
The smoke went up on high,
The clear, loud tones sent forth abroad
A solemn melody.

On Sabbath days, at opening months,
The silvery voices spoke;
And through the camp on Israel's ears
The sweet reminder broke.

So, when the bells with welcome tongue
Chime from the ancient tower,
The people throng the House of God
At morn and evening hour.

For prayer and praise, to hear the Word,
For Eucharistic Feast,
They come from cottage, farm, and hall,
The greatest and the least.

And when, in festal guise arrayed,
A bridal pair they greet,
The full-toned peal proclaims afar
A welcome glad and meet.

Again, the Messenger of Death
Has called away a soul,
The solemn bells with slow refrain
And mournful echo toll.

Thus, in our hours of joy or wee,
Their tuneful notes are given
To raise our earth-bound hearts above
And speak to us of Heaven.

O God, accept our work to-day,
And bless our bells, that we,
In answer to their solemn call,
May duly honour Thee.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Holy Ghost,
While endless ages run. Amen.

CARLTON GREENE.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open for ringing in the morning from 10 to 12.15, and in the afternoon from 3.30. Special service at St. Peter's at 12.30; preacher, Rev. Canon Wigram. Dinner in the Town Hall at 1.30—cost to members 1s. 9d. each—followed by a meeting for the election of officers and other business. Notices of motion have been given for altering Rule 9 with respect to entering Minor Peals in the Peal-book, and also for arranging an additional meeting at Hatfield on August Bank Holiday. As this meeting will be an important one, members are invited to come as early in the day as possible, and it is hoped that they will make a special effort to be in time for the service.

St. Albans, March 21st, 1893.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE quarterly gathering in connexion with this Association was held on the 18th inst. at Walden. Arrangements were made for the visitors to have the use of the bells of the Walden and Radwinter churches upon that day, and during the morning and afternoon these bells were ringing almost continuously, touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES being given. In the afternoon the annual tea was held at the headquarters of the bell-ringers in Saffron Walden, and the Rev. T. L. Papillon presided over a fairly good company. The usual business meeting followed, when on the proposition of Mr. N. Pitstow, seconded by Mr. E. Pitstow, Messrs. Edward Gowllett and Samuel Andrews of Radwinter were elected members. Mr. Samuel Slater suggested the desirability of the Association holding a meeting at Foxearth about July, which he thought would do good. The new Rector would be only too pleased to welcome the Association.—The Chairman asked if there was a good room in which they could meet.—Mr. Slater thought the Rector would allow them the use of the schoolroom. The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens and to the Rector of Radwinter for allowing them the use of their bells. He would also like to thank Mr. Pitstow for all the trouble he had taken in making the arrangements for the day's proceedings, and to congratulate the Saffron Walden band upon their execution of the 'record' peal of SUPERLATIVE. Mr. H. J. Tucker seconded the motion, which was carried.

A Quarter-Peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples.

By J. Barrett.

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

Repeated five times, contains fourteen 4-6's, fourteen 7-4's, fourteen 6-7's, queens and tittums.

A Peal of 5075 Grandsire Caters.

By James George, Rugby.

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2 7 3 4 5 ,, 3			4 5 3 2	6 ,, 3
3 2 7 4 5 ,, 3			3 2 5 4	9 ,, 3
2 4 7 3 9 ,, 3			5 3 2 4	6 ,, 3
4 3 7 2 9 ,, 3			2 5 3 4	6 ,, 3
7 4 3 2 5 ,, 3			5 4 3 2	9 ,, 3
3 7 4 2 5 ,, 3			4 2 3 5	9 ,, 3
7 2 4 3 9 ,, 3			3 4 2 5	6 ,, 3
4 3 2 7 9 ,, 3			2 3 4 5	6 ,, 3
3 7 2 4 9 ,, 3			3 5 4 2	9 ,, 5
2 3 7 4 5 ,, 3			5 2 4 3	9 ,, 3
7 2 3 4 5 ,, 3			4 5 2 3	6 ,, 3
2 4 3 7 9 ,, 3			2 4 5 3	6 ,, 3
4 7 3 2 9 ,, 3			4 3 5 2	7 6 9 8
3 4 7 2 5 ,, 3			5 4 3 2	6 in 3
7 3 4 2 5 ,, 3			3 5 4 2	6 ,, 3
3 2 4 7 9 ,, 3			5 2 4 3	8 ,, 3
2 7 4 3 9 ,, 3			2 3 4 5	8 ,, 3
4 2 7 3 5 ,, 3			4 2 3 5	6 ,, 3
6 3 2 4 7 5 8 9		9 in 2	3 4 2 5	6 ,, 3
2 4 3 5 7 6 8 9		8 in 2	4 5 2 3	8 ,, 3
3 2 4 5 6 in 3			5 3 2 4	8 ,, 3
4 3 2 5 6 ,, 3			2 5 3 4	6 ,, 3
3 5 2 4 9 ,, 3			3 2 5 4	6 ,, 3
5 4 2 3 9 ,, 3				

Round at hand the change before the last course-end.

At Holy Trinity, Old Hill, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Worcestershire and District Association rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. Jones, 1; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 2; G. J. Salter, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; W. Wakeman, 6; W. Short, 7; R. E. Grovers, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. This peal has only the 4th and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends.

A Peal of 5008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

By John Carter.

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

This peal has only the 4th and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends.

A CORRECTION.—In the peal of DOUBLE NORWICH rung at Tottenham, reported in last week's C.B., the composer of the peal should be given as the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, instead of G. Newson.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 38 mins. W. E. Yates, 1; E. Gadsden, 2; H. Stratford, 3; J. Evans, 4; Fred Briggs, 5; Ralph Biggs, 6; S. Goodchild (first peal as conductor in any peal), 7; Frank Biggs, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see next page.

NOTICE.—The CHARGE for ADVERTISEMENTS of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, and DEATHS is TWO SHILLINGS and SIXPENCE per insertion.

BIRTHS.

BROCKLEBANK.—On March 21, at Pampisford Vicarage, Cambridge, the wife of the Rev. C. H. Brocklebank, of a son.

EVANS.—On March 21, at St. George's Rectory, near Alberge, the wife of the Rev. D. W. Evans, of a son.

DEATHS.

DAVISON.—On March 25, at 26 Hornton Street, Kensington, Mary Anne, daughter of the late Rev. John Davison, B.D., Oriol College, Oxford, and Prebendary of Worcester Cathedral, aged 72 years.

GREENLAW.—On March 22, at 47 New King Street, Bath, Mary, fourth daughter of the late Rev. Richard Bathurst Greenlaw, Rector of Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex, aged 66.

HYNDE.—On March 23, at Rose Mount, Cosby, near Leicester, very suddenly (of acute bronchitis), Kathleen Augusta Elizabeth, widow of the Rev. William Hynde, M.A., Vicar of Cosby.

ROBINSON.—On March 24, at Hambleton Vicarage, Hull, Ann Sophia, wife of Rev. Alfred Robinson, Vicar.

SHEPHERD.—On March 22, at 25 Gery Street, Bedford, the Rev. R. Shepherd, for upwards of twenty years Vicar of Hushorne Crawley, Bedfordshire, aged 79.

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On Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., eight members of the Old Church Society rang Holt's peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 3 hrs. 13 mins. W. Matthews, 1; F. Stonely, 2; W. Walmsley (conductor), 3; J. Minshull, 4; W. Henshall, 5; W. Steel, 6; W. Carter, 7; J. Norbury, 8. This intricate composition, composed over 150 years ago, was rung as above for the second time in this tower, being conducted by Mr. W. Walmsley in 1886, and has only been rung about five times in Cheshire. The above are all members of the Macclesfield branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

At St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5008 **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR** in 3 hrs. 14 mins. F. W. Rice, 1; K. Hart, 2; F. Bennett, 3; J. Parker, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; E. Jordan, 7; H. H. Chandler (first peal in the method), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Monday, the 20th inst., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association (the Duffield Society) rang a peal of 5040 **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL** in 3 hrs. 15 mins. G. Winter, 1; J. Howe, 2; W. Clarke, 3; G. Dawson, 4; W. Hickling, 5; H. W. Wilde, 6; A. Robinson, 7; B. Sugden, 8; J. Flower, 9; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (composer and conductor), 10. Tenor, 17 cwt. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th the extent of twenty-four courses at home.

Change of Address.

MR. F. E. DAWE, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, now resides at 17 Campana Road, Fulham, S.W.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, several members of the Essex Association of Bell-ringers rang, before service, 360 **BOB MINOR**—G. Pilgrim, H. Gowers, J. Kimberley (Woodford), G. Cornell, J. Marks, and H. Scarlett (conductor, Wanstead). After service, 240 **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** were rung by H. Scarlett, H. Gowers, J. Shuttle, G. Cornell, H. Hants, and J. Marks. Also 720 **KENT TREBLE BOB** by G. Cornell, J. Nunn, F. A. Nunn, W. Manning, J. Marks, and H. Scarlett (conductor).

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On a Sunday, for service, a quarter-peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** (taken from Holt's Original) in 45 mins. S. Snelling, 1; W. Taylor, 2; E. Allen, 3; J. G. Elliott, 4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5; G. A. Ransom, 6; F. Hunt, 7; W. Walker, 8.

AT ALL SAINTS', CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On a Sunday afternoon, several peals (120's) of **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** were rung by members of the All Saints' Belfry Guild (junior Society). W. Brimly, 1; H. G. Malpass, 2; W. Farrands, 3; A. Bundle, 4; J. F. Wignell (conductor), 5; F. Holder (senior Society), 6. The first 120's by the Society.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 720 **KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR** was rung on the back six. G. Roughton, 1; E. Pye,* 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; B. Keeble, 4; G. Pye,* 5; W. Pye,* 6. [*First 720 in this method.]

AT WURNHAM, SUSSEX.—On a Saturday, eight members of the Sussex Association attempted the long peal of **CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR**, but, after ringing over 15,000 changes in 8 hrs. 15 mins., the conductor called 'Stand,' owing to a change-course. J. Cook, 1; W. Pelling, 2; T. Andrews, 3; T. H. Beams, 4; W. Charman, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; W. Short, 7; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 8. The band hope to make another attempt shortly.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY, WILTS.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 1260 **STEDMAN TRIPLES** (Thurstans'). W. W. Gifford, 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; T. F. Stevens, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 5; C. H. Watts, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. C. Dawe, 8.

AT ALL SAINTS', SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, eight members of the Sudbury Company of Change-ringers rang a date-touch (1893) of **BOB MAJOR** in 1 hr. 17 mins. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; H. Brackett, 5; W. Bacon, 6; C. Sillitoe (composer and conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.—For practice, on a Thursday, 504 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**. J. T. Walsh, 1; F. Sanderson, 2; H. Featherstone, 3; T. Whitfield, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8. On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 336 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, with C. West 1, and J. T. Walsh 2. The above is the longest length rung by the company in the method.

AT ST. MARY'S, BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Friday, the 10th inst., on the occasion of a Confirmation, eight members of Cumberland Youths rang 504, the last 742 of Holt's Original, and a quarter-peal (1260 changes) from Holt's Original, the last touch being rung in 42 mins. T. Comely, 1; S. Baker, 2; C. Hopkins, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; T. Taylor, 5; J. Mansfield, 6; G. Church, 7; G. Chesterman, 8. Other touches were rung in which Mr Meads took part.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, the 12th inst., (for service) 1056 **BOB MAJOR** was rung by eight members of the Essex Association. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Watson, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, evening for Divine service, 720 **KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR** was rung in 30 mins. I. Dear, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, (first 720 in the method), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt.

AT SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, by permission of the Rev. Canon Fraser, 720 **KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**. M. L. Myhill, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. Pye, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

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FOURTEENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. HEMBERY, relative to the Case of Mr. C. HEMBERY.

[Which appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption, page 63.]

Bournemouth has a high reputation as a splendid place of residence for those subject to attacks of bronchitis, asthma, and various other forms of disease of the throat and chest. Perhaps this is as much on account of the pine woods, which form its most distinctive feature, as in consequence of its sheltered position; but beyond all question the two things combine to make it a very desirable retreat for those who suffer from the complaints referred to. Still, in spite of this—or perhaps it would be better to say because of this—Bournemouth is a place where Mr. Congreve's remedies are in great request, and a large number of the residents use his remedies.

During a short stay there recently, I called at the house of a gentleman to whom this description would apply, and, although he was absent, his wife was good enough to reply to the one or two questions I asked.

Mr. Hembery lives in Boscombe Grove Road, Springbourne, Bournemouth, and, according to a statement he made, and which, in the brief conversation referred to, Mrs. Hembery corroborated, was some years ago in a very precarious state of health. To quote his own words, which have already been published:—

'My illness began with bad cough and spitting of green phlegm. After two weeks I threw up a large basinful of blood. I was pronounced incurable by two of the ablest physicians in the town, who could hardly credit it when they heard of my recovery. I held on to Mr. Congreve's medicine as a last hope, and it did not fail.'

I asked Mrs. Hembery if that was a fair statement of her husband's condition, and she replied:

'I know that is true, although it happened before I knew Mr. Hembery.'

'Will you tell me how Mr. Hembery is—whether he has had any return of his illness or of the blood-spitting?'

None whatever; he has kept well ever since, and has never been troubled with so much as a cough.'

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL-RINGERS.

THE third annual meeting of the Central Council of Ringers was held on Easter Tuesday, at the Clarendon Hotel, Oxford. A. Percival Heywood, Esq., the president, took the chair, and there were present between fifty and sixty members of the Council, representing the different ringing societies which are in union. Members came from very distant places, such as Newcastle, Sheffield, Manchester, Brighton, Bristol, Torrington, Devon.

The President opened with a short address, in which he congratulated the members on the excellent work being done by the committees of the Union, and the cordiality existing among the members and the many bands of ringers which they represented. He then introduced Canon Erskine Clarke, who said that he was glad to be present as a visitor, and he was thankful to have been able to do something to raise change-ringing from being looked on only as a kind of sport to being regarded as a form of Church work. He said that he must candidly admit that what *Church Bells* had done was rather an accident of the title of the paper. The paper was started in 1871 to be an organ of moderate Churchmanship, and the name was chosen simply as a popular one; but it was suggested that belfry reform was needed, and so the venerable Mr. Ellacombe, then rector of Clyst St. George, undertook to edit a column on 'Bells and Bell-ringing.' He was glad that ringers now had an organ of their own, which could give more space than he could afford. He hoped that *Bell News* would flourish, while the small section which he was able to spare in *Church Bells* would introduce the ringing science to many readers who would not see a special organ.

The Secretary then gave the financial statement of the Council, which showed a balance of 37l. Papers were read on various questions connected with the exercise by Mr. Strange, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. Hattersly, Rev. T. L. Papillon, and others. These led to lively discussions, of which we hope to give a report next week. In the meantime, we heartily congratulate the President and Council on having thus knit together in a genial brotherhood the ringing Churchmen of the country, who were so well represented by the intelligent, enthusiastic, and manly fellows who met at Oxford.

Change-ringing at Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

THE recently organized Heavy Woollen District Change-ringers' Association held their first general meeting on Saturday, the 18th ult. The meeting was a decided success, representatives being present from the following parishes, viz.:—Thornhill, Birstall, Tong, Low Moor, Liversedge, Sandal, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Batley Carr, Batley, and Horbury. Brighouse wired a satisfactory explanation for absenting themselves. Mr. Stainthorpe, of Birstall, occupied the chair. The rules of the Lancashire Association were adopted for guidance for the ensuing year. It was also resolved to have a contest for a silver cup, the date to be fixed at the next meeting to be held at Low Moor on Saturday, the 15th of April. The bells of the Parish Church rang merry peals from three o'clock to nine. During the interval in the afternoon, refreshments were served in the Parochial Hall to upwards of sixty ringers, through the hospitality of the Rector and Churchwardens. A vote of thanks was afterwards proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Wallond, of Tong, and carried with acclamation. The Rector suitably responded, and the proceedings shortly afterwards closed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 18th ult., the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 14 mins.. W. Baldry, 1; W. Motts, 2; W. G. Crickmer, 3; E. Clayton, 4; W. Grimes, 5; D. Collins, 6; J. Motts, 7; R. H. Brundle, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Composed by J. Lates, of Birmingham, conducted by J. Motts, and rung in respect of the 126th anniversary of the peal of BOB MAJOR rung at Debenham, which comprised 10,080 changes, it being the longest peal in the method at that time.

At St. Thomas's, Dudley, Worcestershire.

On Tuesday, the 21st ult., a peal of 5040 BOB ROYAL was rung in 3 hrs. 17 mins. by the following members of Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association:—A. Spittle, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. S. Pritchett, 3; J. Carter, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; H. Mason, 6; S. Spittle, 7; J. Smith, 8; J. E. Groves, 9; J. Goodman, 10. The peal, which has the 6th twenty-four times at home, was composed and conducted by John Carter, and is the first peal of BOB ROYAL on the bells, also the first by all except W. R. Small, and was rung to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of A. Spittle. At the finish of the peal the Rev. A. G. Maitland (vicar) invited the band to supper at the Vicarage. J. S. Pritchett came from King's Norton; John Carter, Birmingham; W. R. Small, Tipton; H. Mason, Old Hill; J. E. Groves, Wolverhampton; J. Smith, Netherton; the others belong to the local band, who also are members of the Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., ten members of the St. Peter's Guild rang a peal of 5165 GRANDSIRE CATERERS in 3 hrs. 17 mins. W. Jukes, 1; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; W. R. Small, 4; J. Jones, 5; J. George, 6; R. Hall, 7; J. E. Groves, 8; R. Cartwright, 9; H. Roden, 10.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 362.

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At St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 51 mins. C. Hounslow, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; A. Browning, 5; T. Payne, 6; W. C. Bastow, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. Tenor, 9 cwt. The first peal of CAMBRIDGE run in the city of Oxford, the first peal in the method by all except Messrs. Hounslow and Washbrook, and was rung at the first attempt.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5165 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 17 mins. W. Jukes, 1; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; W. R. Small, 4; J. Jones, 5; J. George, 6; R. Hall, 7; J. E. Groves, 8; K. Cartwright, 9; H. Horton, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt.

At Battle, Hastings, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., the Battle branch of the Sussex County Association rang Reeves' Variation peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. H. Elliott, 1; R. Curtis, 2; J. Mathis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; H. Franks, 7; C. Eldridge, 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. S. Curtis, brother to the ringers of the 2nd.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA, LONDON.—On Good Friday, the 31st ult., for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (third part of Holt's Original) was rung in 48 mins. by the following members of the Association:—S. Luscombe, 1; F. M. Aldis, 2; C. Hindes, 3; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 4; J. Wellshire, 5; T. E. Barber, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; G. Roberts, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On a Monday, the members of the Hagbourne Society rang 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 26 mins. A. Woodley, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Napper, 3; D. Napper, 4; T. East, 5; J. Sawyer (conductor), 6. Also two six-scores of STEDMAN DOUBLES. E. Butler, 1; H. Mills, 2; E. Napper, 3; J. Savage, 4; J. Sawyer (conductor), 5; A. Woodley, 6.

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At DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On a Sunday, on handbells, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. Miss D. Heywood, 1-2; Miss E. Heywood, 3-4; A. Percival Heywood, 5-6; Miss M. Heywood, 7-8.

At ST. PETER'S, WALWORTH, SURREY.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. O'Meara, 1; F. Perrin, 2; J. E. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; A. Davis, 5; H. N. Davis, 6; T. Langdon (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; R. C. Jameson, jun., 8.

At LEWISHAM, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 630 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 20 mins. C. Walker, 1; G. Daynes, 2; F. Thornton, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; H. Warnett, 7; F. Peters, 8. For Divine service in the evening, 630 DARIASTON BOB TRIPLES in 21 mins. A. Pheasant, 1; G. Daynes, 2; T. Deal (longest touch), 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; W. Bedwell (conductor), 8.

At MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On a Sunday evening, 720 BOB MINOR in 26 mins., with the tenors behind. T. Oldham (conductor), 1; W. Schofield, 2; E. Nuttall, 3; S. Holt, 4; D. Renshaw, 5; F. Morris, 6; A. J. Gill, 7; W. Wellens, 8. F. Morris came from Farnworth; Gill, Rusholme; the others belong to Middleton.

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FIFTEENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. DAVID CHERRETT, The Shrubbery, Newtown, Parkstone, Dorset.

In more ways than one Mr. David Cherrett is a remarkable man. In the first place, after being discharged years ago from the Royal Navy as 'beyond recovery,' he is now well, hale, and hearty. In the second, being compelled by his business to walk nearly all day every day, he counts it a privilege to walk on most regular week evenings, and mostly every Sunday, six or seven miles to hold preaching services.

At my request Mr. Cherrett came to me at my hotel in Bournemouth, and there it was we had the brief conversation which follows.

My first question had reference to the disease mentioned on Mr. Cherrett's certificate of discharge from the Royal Navy, and his condition of health at that time. In reply, Mr. Cherrett said:—

'I was in the hospital about three months, having previously been for a short time in sick quarters. The entry on the certificate shows that I was suffering from chronic bronchitis and general debility. I raised a large quantity of phlegm, and sometimes a little blood.'

'I saw your sister a month ago, Mr. Cherrett, and she told me she quite thought you were going to die. Did you share her belief?'

'Well, I certainly didn't think I was going to get better. I was very weak indeed, but I soon gained strength after I had adopted Mr. Congreve's treatment for a few weeks. My recovery was gradual, but I am thankful to say it was sure, and my cure has been permanent.'

'Then you have had no return of any of the symptoms since?'

'None at all.'

'How long ago was this, Mr. Cherrett?'

'Between nine and ten years ago; it was in January, 1883, that I left the navy.'

'Do you mind telling me what you have done for a living since?'

'For some years now I have been selling tea in the villages in the district.'

'Does not that involve a great deal of walking?'

'Yes; I walk on an average one hundred miles a week—winter and summer—all the year round.'

'That seems a great distance, Mr. Cherrett.'

'I think nothing of it.'

Here I felt compelled to say that although he might have ridden nearly the whole distance by train, Mr. Cherrett chose to walk from his residence to Bournemouth—a distance of five miles each way—and that after walking all day on his business.

In answer to a further question, Mr. Cherrett said:—

'I am a lay preacher connected with the Baptist denomination, and it very seldom happens that I have a free evening. I am conducting services somewhere or other in the villages, and I usually walk to my engagements.'

'Shall I be right in saying that since you recovered under Mr. Congreve's care you have ailed nothing?'

'I have had the best of health. Quite recently I have been examined by a doctor, who has certificated that I am quite fit for work in the foreign mission field. I have recommended Mr. Congreve's treatment largely, and I know many who have benefited by following it.'

Mr. Cherrett was good enough to accord me his permission to publish this account of our interview, and to say that he would be glad at any time to answer any inquiries from persons who may be interested in cases similar to his own.

[In a letter of Jan. 4, written since this interview, Mr. Cherrett says:—'I am constantly recommending your treatment. In going about as a local preacher I have frequent opportunities so to do.']

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THE EXPOSITORY TIMES contains a very clear 'Account of the Relation of the Gospel of Peter and the Canonical Gospels' by Mr. J. H. Moulton, Mr. R. H. Charles' suggestive discussion of 'The Book of Enoch and the New Testament,' Professor J. S. Blackie's paper on 'The Sequence of the Christian Virtues,' and Professor Strauss on 'Table Fellowship of Jew and Gentile.' All these are worth study, in addition to the always-fresh editorial 'Notes' and 'Reviews.'

THE THINKER is ahead of the times in giving us two thoughtful articles on the Labour Question, one by S. J. Marshall Lacy, on 'The Church and the Labour Problem,' and the other by Prof. W. H. Bennett on 'Labour as one of the Economic Conditions of the Hebrew Monarchy.' The Rev. S. A. Alexander contributes a paper on 'Christian Criticism,' and Prof. H. R. Reynolds on 'Cyprus and Pisidia,' the fourth of his interesting series on 'Early Contact of the Christian Faith with the Roman World.' The many other articles are all worth reading.

THE INDIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY has a first-rate paper by Mr. W. Mackworth Young on 'Some of the Tendencies of Modern Thought,' one by Dr. A. Plummer on 'Capital Punishment,' and a catena of Bishop Lightfoot's views on the Christian Ministry. There are also special Indian articles, such as Mr. O. D. Watkins on the 'Re-marriage of Converts' and 'Mixed Marriages,' and Mr. J. A. Sharrach on 'Caste and Christianity.' The reviews are very well done, and the whole speaks well for the Church in our Indian Empire.

THE NEWBURY HOUSE MAGAZINE has some good remarks on the Laity in Councils, pointing out the unreality of their present position in Church meetings. The Revised American Prayer-book receives an appreciative notice, making us wish that, in several respects, our English Prayer-book might follow the American example. Dr. Hayman deals with the Suspensory Bill, holding up to deserved execration the pious scheme of Mr. Gee.

In the April number of the QUIVER (Cassell & Co.) the Rev. John Telford commences a series of papers on 'Christ in the Home.' Mr. Raymond Blathwayt, in a 'chat' with Mr. R. M. Ballantyne, tells how the latter writes his books for boys. The Rev. E. J. Hardy's instructive papers, 'In the Footprints of St. Paul,' are continued, and Prebendary Gordon Calthrop contributes a sermon entitled, 'A Brother's Pledge.' 'The Wilful Willoughbys,' Miss Evelyn Everett Green's pretty story, is brought to a close in this number.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE contains no fewer than four complete stories and there are further instalments of the serial stories, 'A Romance of Man' and 'The Island of Six Shadows.' Amongst the many miscellaneous papers may be mentioned Mr. Alfred F. Robbins's 'In Parliament Assembled.'

FROM Messrs. Cassell & Co. we have received Part I. of the SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' BIBLE MANUAL, which is to be completed in about twelve sixpenny parts. This publication, which is compiled by the Rev. Robert Hunter, LL.D., will be very useful to teachers and all Bible students. A large coloured map of the Holy Land, from the most recent surveys, is given with the first number.

OUR OWN GAZETTE (Y.W.C.A.) brings 'Pansy's' tale of 'Scattered Verses' to a happy conclusion, and gives the commencement of a new serial by Louisa Marston, 'Jonathan Abel's Wife.' Arabella Buckley, the well-known author of 'Life and Her Children,' contributes an instructive article on 'Sponge Fisheries and Living Sponges;' and there is a paper of excellent practical advice on 'Book-keeping.' The devotional readings this month are very helpful.

FRIENDLY WORK (G.F.S.) has a pleasing frontispiece, 'Spring,' being the portrait of a sweet-looking child. Miss Bartlett's thoughts for Easter, entitled 'Daily Life in the Light of the Resurrection,' will be found worth reading; but the continued story, 'Higher than Happiness,' is sensational and poor. Neither FRIENDLY LEAVES nor the ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL AND ADVERTISER calls for special notice.

THE CHILDREN'S WORLD (C.M.S.) begins the issue of a series of 'Talks about India,' contributed by Miss Eleanor Wigram, who well knows how to interest and teach her little readers.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C.M.S.) reports the 'closing of the Chagga Mission' on the southern slopes of Mount Kilima-Njaro. The withdrawal of the C.M.S. missionary has been rendered unavoidable, owing to an action on the part of the German Government; but it is hoped that the work may eventually be resumed. Bishop Tucker's 'journal' narrates at length the finding and reverent removal of Bishop Hannington's remains, and is supplemented by a statement recently made, by a lad who was present, with regard to the manner of the late Bishop's death. Letters from Bishop Bickersteth tell encouraging news of the 'Japan Mission;' and there is a most interesting biographical sketch of 'the late Bishop Horden,' of Moosonee.

In the GLEANER (C.M.S.) we find Bishop Horden's portrait, and also a capital portrait-group, taken at Batala, and consisting of Mrs. Wigram (wife of the Hon. Secretary of the C.M.S., now on a visit to the Punjab), her son and daughter, and the Rev. H. F. Wright (son of the late Hon. Secretary of the C.M.S.) and his two sisters, all of whom are actively engaged in missionary work.

AWAKE! (C.M.S.) publishes an account of 'Mohammedanism in the Sudan,' by Dr. C. F. Harford-Battersby, whilst the chapter of 'Other Lands' is devoted this month to 'Mohammedans in Africa and the Slave Trade.'

MESSRS. CASSELL & Co.'s OLD AND NEW LONDON, Part 67, takes us to Putney and its neighbourhood.

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER (R.T.S.) offers hints on 'How to Drape,' 'How to Renovate Sofas, Chairs, &c.,' and 'Amateur Gardening for Town Girls.' There is a helpful little poem by the Rev. S. K. Cowan on the words, 'Be of good cheer.'

In the CHURCH WORKER Mr. Barnett continues his lesson notes on the Church Catechism.

THE MISSION FIELD (S.P.G.) opens with an account of the 'Growth of the Church in North China' by the Bishop, and supplies details of missionary work in Corea and Japan.

In the NET, besides the usual interesting features of this old favourite, we are glad to see an extract of nearly two pages from a paper by the Rev. F. Edwards, in the *Missionary Review of the Churches*, setting forth the absurdity of our methods of contributing to foreign missions, e.g., 'Our institutions ought no more need to ask for funds for their working than our children ought to need to ask us for their food and clothing.'

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains an excellent assortment of illustrations of all sorts, and is an interesting and entertaining number.

'A CONTINENTAL Chaplain's Correspondence,' by Emeritus, in this month's ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE is amusing and interesting.

RECEIVED ALSO:—THE SUNDAY CLOSING REPORTER; THE SCOTTISH STANDARD BEARER; THE BANNER OF THE TRUTH IN IRELAND; THE CANTERBURY DIOCESAN GAZETTE; THE ELECTRICAL REVIEW; THE MUSICAL TIMES; THE NEWCASTLE DAILY JOURNAL; LITTLE FOLKS.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bells at Easton Maudit, Northamptonshire.

THE bells of the parish church have been partially restored, and the fourth bell recast with an additional weight of metal added. A chiming apparatus has also been fixed, so that one person can chime all the bells. This machine is on an improved principle. The clappers of the bells have been refitted, and the fittings generally repaired, so as to tide over till a more convenient time for further improvements. The work has been carried out under the supervision of the Clerk of Works to the Marquis of Northampton, in conjunction with Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough.

The Bells of Harworth, Rotherham.

THESE bells, having been rehung and a new tenor added by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the opening service was held on Friday, April 7th, when Canon Gray, vicar of Blyth, officiated as representative of the Lord Bishop of Southwell and preached the sermon. There was an evening service, at which the preacher was the Rev. J. J. Christie, vicar of Pontefract. Both services were well attended. The collections amounted to 14*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* The Blythe ringers rang changes during the day. The cost of the bells was 207*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*, the greater part of which has been either received or promised.

A New Bell at Wickham, Essex.

A TENOR bell, weighing 10 cwt., a recast of the old broken treble by Miles Grave, 1641, with additional metal, has just been given to St. Paul's Church by the Rev. C. Deedes, lately rector, who has also provided the other three bells with new clappers, headstocks, wheels, &c. The whole work has been carried out most satisfactorily by Mears & Staintank, and the new bell was dedicated on Low Sunday, the sermon on the occasion being preached by the Rev. H. A. Lake, vicar of Castle Hedingham and rural dean.

The Ringers at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

LATELY, on a Monday, the annual dinner of the St. Peter Mancroft Society of Change-ringers took place, under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. F. Knights, who was faced in the vice-chair by Mr. Smith. After dinner the usual loyal toasts being duly honoured, the handbells were brought out and a pleasant hour was spent in tune and change-ringing. In the morning a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL was attempted at St. Peter's, but was unfortunately lost after ringing two hours and a quarter. E. Ward, 1; C. E. Barrett, 2; R. Stackwood, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Howchin, 5; P. Sadler (conductor), 6; G. Moy, 7; F. H. Knights, 8; F. J. Howchin, 9; F. Knights, 10. Tenor, 41 cwt.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 380.

Dedication of Bells at Llandudno.

THE Bishop of St. Asaph dedicated on Thursday week the ring of bells presented to Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, by the late Mr. Keeling.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Monday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Lee, 1; H. N. Davis (first peal of MAJOR as conductor and first attempt), 2; D. W. Griggs,* 3; J. E. Davis, 4; H. Warnett,* 5; H. Stubbs, 6; A. Dean (first peal of MAJOR), 7; F. J. Pitts, 8. Composed by C. H. Martin, of Hendon. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F. [* First peal in the method.]

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., ten members of the All Saints' Society rang H. Hubbard's peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 17 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. G. Green, 2; J. Basden, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; W. Elson, 5; W. B. Smith, 6; S. Luscombe, 7; J. W. Driver (conductor), 8; C. Charge, 9; S. How, 10. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Brighton.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. N. Frossell (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 1; H. Weston, 2; G. A. King, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; K. Hart, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; C. Tyler, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. This composition contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place; the 2nd and 3rd never there at course-ends. F. G. Newman came from London; the others belong to the local company.

At Aston-juxta-Birmingham, Warwickshire.

On Friday, the 7th inst., was rung upon handbells retained in hand, at Mr. J. Carter's, Forward Villa, Park Road, 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 2 hrs. 47 mins., by the following members of the Midland Counties' Association:—T. Russam, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; B. Witchell, 5-6; W. Kent, 7-8; J. Jones, 9-10. Composed and conducted by J. Carter. Contains the 6th 24 times right and behind the 9th. Now rung for the first time.

At St. Giles's, Ashtead, Surrey.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 43 mins. T. Page, 1; A. Arnold, 2; A. Collins, 3; H. Brooker (conductor), 4; G. Burt, 5; W. States, 6; T. Verrall, 7; W. Hill, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F. It is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

At St. Luke's, Chelsea, London.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., ten members of St. Luke's Society rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 20 mins. C. F. Winney,* 1; W. H. Rowland, 2; S. Luscombe,* 3; J. Willshire,* 4; C. Hinds, 5; C. Charge,* 6; J. Barber, 7; W. Barber, 8; E. Adams,* 9; E. Chesterman, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt., in F flat. Composed by John Cox, and conducted by C. F. Winney. [* Honorary members.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung—

AT ST. ANDREW'S, HORNBURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, the 9th inst., 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in 30 mins. I. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat.

AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original, in 41 mins. H. Porter, 1; A. Welsh, 2; W. Porter, 3; J. Muggridge, 4; S. Perkins, 5; W. Latter (conductor), 6; T. Groombridge, 7; G. Smithers, 8. Also on a Sunday evening, for service, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 42 mins. G. Smithers, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; A. Welsh, 3; T. Groombridge, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8.

AT BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On a Thursday, a date touch of 1893 STEDMAN CATERS in 1 hr. 13 mins. E. Bennett (composer and conductor), 1; F. Holder, 2; C. Bance, 3; G. Welling, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; T. King, 6; J. Plowman, 7; J. Harding, 8; C. Gordon, 9; W. Grey, 10.

AT SALISBURY.—On a Tuesday, on handbells retained in hand, 2688 BOB MAJOR. R. W. J. Gollop, 1-2; T. Blackbourn, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7-8.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

SIXTEENTH INTERVIEW.

With Rev. W. M. BATTERBEE, Victoria Street, Ely,
relative to a number of patients.

THERE was a time when I inclined to the belief that in the lives of ministers, and particularly ministers of country churches, there must be a vast amount of leisure, but I know better now. If I had not altered my opinion I should have been compelled to do so after making the acquaintance of the Rev. W. M. Batterbee, a Primitive Methodist minister at Ely, who, in addition to the arduous duties connected with his own circuit, is in great request in many parts of the country. At an hour when most men consider the business of the day at an end, Mr. Batterbee was just 'off to a meeting,' and, as he was as anxious to spare me the half-hour I craved as I was to secure it, we agreed to meet on the following morning early—unreasonably early, some people would have said—because Mr. Batterbee had to leave for Stowmarket for some services there.

At the hour agreed upon I found Mr. Batterbee waiting for me, and in reply to a question as to how long he had been acquainted with Mr. Congreve's treatment, he said:

'For the last sixteen years. During that period I have obtained medicine for patients in different places—altogether a large number.'

'Then I want you, please, just to call to mind a few of the cases of which you have personal knowledge, and tell me what there is to tell about them.'

'The first case was that of my own daughter. At the time I applied to Mr. Congreve for her, she showed all the signs of Consumption, and was very ill. She recovered entirely through his treatment. She is perfectly well, and has been for years. She is here with us now.'

'That is very satisfactory. Do you remember any other?'

'Oh, yes, plenty. There was a case which Mr. Congreve published—a lady at Silfield, Wymondham. She had, at the time I speak of, been long under medical treatment, but received no benefit. She had a very bad cough, couldn't sleep, and was reduced almost to a shadow. In spite of the prognostications of her doctor, who said all medicine was useless, and that she must soon die, she consented to take Mr. Congreve's remedies, with the result that, as I wrote Mr. Congreve at the time, the cough greatly decreased, the expectoration of blood, the hectic fever and night sweats had nearly disappeared, appetite and strength increased to the as-

tonishment of all who knew her. Moreover, her late medical adviser pronounced her to be a walking miracle.' (See Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Work on Consumption, p. 67).

'This, I take it, was some years ago, Mr. Batterbee?'

'Yes, in 1886. I have no recent information about this lady, but when last I heard she was doing well.'

'Can you tell me any more recent case than that?'

'When I was at Walton I knew a woman named Thurling—about twenty years of age. She was laid up; her condition was very serious. I believe that if she had not taken Mr. Congreve's medicine she would have died. But under his treatment she became, and is to this day, strong and well. Her people attribute her recovery entirely to Mr. Congreve. Another case that may interest you is that of Mrs. Brown, of Isleham, Suffolk. Our committee found her the medicine. The doctor who attended her himself told me that she was not likely to recover—he didn't think it possible she could get out again. That was a year and a-half ago. Thanks to Mr. Congreve, she is about now, and in good health.'

'Does that exhaust the list, Mr. Batterbee?'

'Oh, dear, no. Here is a quite recent case—that of the wife of the Rev. W. S. Spencer, Primitive Methodist minister at Loughborough. His wife had been very ill indeed up to the time of taking Mr. Congreve's medicine. Now she is much better—getting on splendidly, so her husband says.'

'I suppose that really is the last? I asked.'

'Well, our time is short, otherwise I could, without difficulty, have told you of at least six or seven other cases where to my own personal knowledge Mr. Congreve's treatment has been successful—sometimes after all other means had failed, and the patients are alive to-day.'

I could not detain Mr. Batterbee longer; so thanking him heartily for his kindness in devoting so much time to me, I left him. I should just like to add, however, that on his recommendation I called upon Mrs. Morris, of Churchgate Street, Soham, Cambs., who has had some experience also of Mr. Congreve's remedies. 'That lady, who often, in the kindness of her heart, obtains medicine for poor patients in the locality, told me that she considered the medicine splendid in cases of bronchitis and asthma. She knew of several cures—one of a person who obtained great relief after suffering for twelve years.'

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of Africa. To abandon it to anarchy and bloodshed would be more than a blunder; it would be a crime.'

INDIA.

SPEAKING at his Diocesan Conference the other day, the Bishop of Bombay said he had noticed, in a good many cases, that some of his brethren who were working for European congregations were sometimes in danger of allowing themselves to adopt what was by no means the highest of conventional attitude towards the natives around them. There was a certain feeling of impatience and of race prejudice given way to, instead of the thought being ever present that those they had to deal with were those for whom Christ died, however little they knew of Him. He had noticed sometimes with great pain, and he had spoken of it to some of his brethren, that there was a contemptuous way of treating those by whom they were surrounded, just because they were not Europeans. He thought that, at all events, what every native in the country should look for in the clergyman—may we not add in every Christian?—was a very special sympathetic courtesy. He was not mincing his words, because he had observed it to be wanting, and sometimes very conspicuously wanting. If a more sympathetic attitude to the natives were observed, and more real trouble taken to make the mission work which was going on known in quarters where people were quite ignorant about it, they would have gone a long way towards solving the problem which faced them. This is a view of mission work which we have frequently tried to keep before the Church, and we are glad to have it endorsed by so high an authority as Bishop Mylne.—*Indian Churchman*.

On the 28th of February the Bishop of Bombay delivered his charge to the clergy of the diocese. After a few graceful references to those of the clergy who had been removed by death, or had left the diocese, his Lordship explained the resolutions passed by the Bishops of the province at their recent Synod at Calcutta; the main portion of the Charge was, however, taken up with an exhaustive statement of the attitude his Lordship considers the clergy ought to take up towards what is called the Higher Criticism, with a clear declaration of his own position.

REVIEWS.

THE PEOPLE'S BIBLE. Vol. XIX. St. Matthew, xii.-xxviii. By Joseph Parker, D.D. (Hodder & Stoughton. Price 8s.)—A vivid and powerful commentary, most clear and useful, upon the second part of the first of the four Gospels. The explanations are all so clear, and the teaching is so direct and plain, that the volume will find a steady welcome from those—and they are many—who want plain teaching on the morals and history of the New Testament story.

THE BOWER OF DELIGHTS. (London: Elliot Stock.)—This is the third book of the 'Elizabethan Library.' The two foregoing were the works of Sir Philip Sidney and Sir Walter Raleigh. In this we have the verse and prose of one Nicholas Breton, of Oriol College, Oxford, who is reckoned to have been born about A.D. 1542, and to have died in A.D. 1626. It appears from the preface of Mr. Grosart, who has made this selection from Breton's larger works, that both George Herbert and Thomas Fuller seem to have owed something to the earlier poet and thinker. Breton was only a minor worthy in 'the spacious times of Great Elizabeth,' yet he had a style and manner of his own, and said many things quaintly and well. This prettily printed and bound little book gives a selection of his poems, sketches, and proverbs, which are very interesting. In an extract from Breton's *Fantasticks* we have his notes on the several hours of the day, which give us some idea of the earlier hours which were kept in those old times. A brief extract will give an example of his style:—

'At three of the clock.—It is now the third hour, and the windows of heaven begin to open and the sun begins to colour the clouds in the sky before he shows his face to the world. Now are the spirits of life, as it were, risen out of death. The cock calls the servants to their day's work, and the grass horses are fetched from the pastures. The milkmaids begin to look forward to their dairy, and the good housewife begins to look about the house. The porridge pot is on for the servants' breakfast, the sparrows begin to chirp about the house, and the birds in the bushes will bid their welcome to the field. The shepherd sets on the pitch on the fire and fills his tar-pot ready for his flock. The wheel and the reel begin to be set ready, and a merry song makes the work seem easy. The ploughman falls to harness the horses, and the thrushes begin to look toward the barn. The scholar that loves learning will be hard at his book, and the labourer will be walking toward his work. In brief, it is a parcel of time to good purpose, the exercise of Nature, and the entrance into art.'

CASSSELL'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND. The Jubilee Edition. Vol. VI. Price 8s.—The new volume of this admirable work embraces the period from the death of Sir Robert Peel to the illness of the Prince of Wales in 1871. It brings us, therefore, quite within reach of present days, and is of exceeding interest to old and young. The Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny are very fully dealt with. The illustrations are good, the printing is very clear and readable, and the whole matter of the volume

is presented in a thoroughly bright and interesting manner. A vast amount of instruction is contained in the book, and we very heartily commend it to students of history, and to all who desire to know the stirring doings of Englishmen during the present eventful century.

MESSRS. LONGMANS & Co. have lately issued (at 5s.) Part II. of the interesting, gossiping geography entitled *FAR OFF*, wherein are described Oceania, Africa, and America. This is a third edition (largely corrected and revised) of the work. The writer of the first edition was the author of the once popular *Peep of Day*. With its two hundred illustrations, its maps, and its lively anecdotes, this new volume (albeit somewhat old-fashioned in appearance) forms an excellent compendium for young folk.

JILL, by L. T. Meade (Isbister & Co. 2s. 6d.), is the reprint in volume form of the last Christmas number of the *Sunday Magazine*. This love-story of a London flower-girl is pleasantly told, but we do not feel a large amount of sympathy either with Jill or the man who weds her. The most admirable character in the tale is that of Silas Lynn, the man who unselfishly gives up his promised wife to another, and one cannot help feeling slightly vexed with the heroine for accepting the sacrifice so readily. The illustrations are by F. H. Townsend.

A CAPITAL little pamphlet by the Rev. J. E. Samuel, of Blackburn, entitled *THE CHURCH IN WALES AND HER ENEMIES*, has just been published at the office of the *Blackburn Standard*. It is one of the best on the question which has been issued in a popular form. Its price is 2s. 3d. per 100, post free, from the *Standard* office, Blackburn.

WE have received the most interesting and valuable OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE AT ARMAGH last September, which is edited by the Rev. A. Lockett Ford, rector of Christ Church, Bessbrook. It is published by Messrs. Olley & Co., Belfast; price 1s. net.

FROM the CRYSTAL PALACE HANDBOOK for 1893 we learn that the Church Sunday Schools Industrial Exhibition will be held on Saturday, the 13th May. The Church Sunday School Choirs Festival and Jubilee Fete will be on the same day. The chief musical event of the season will be a performance of Sir Arthur Sullivan's sacred cantata, 'The Golden Legend,' on Saturday, June 24th.

MAGAZINES.

IN the REVIEW OF REVIEWS Mr. Stead fascinates us with his vivid account of his new experiences in telepathy, and the supposed success in photographing an astral body. The frontispiece, Mr. Robert Fowler's forthcoming New Gallery picture of 'The Temptation,' is very striking.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS contains some good reminiscences of Phillips Brooks, but the portrait is badly done, though it is from the best original ever taken of him. The Editor's article on 'The Art of Reading' is very good.

ALL loyal folk will turn to the article on 'The Prince of Wales at Sandringham' in this month's *STRAND MAGAZINE*. It is well written, and gives to the outside world a peep into the real home life of the second personage in the realm. The article has a peculiar interest, which is not lessened by the fact that it is published by the special permission of H.R.H. There are plenty of the excellent complete short stories for which the magazine is famous; another adventure—a thrilling one—of Sherlock Holmes; and more of the 'Zigzag' at the Zoo, and also of the interesting chat, 'From behind the Speaker's Chair.' The graver side of the magazine is represented by articles on 'Weathercocks and Vanes' and 'The Royal Humane Society.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—ST. NICHOLAS, THE ENGLISH CHURCHMAN, and THE CONTEMPORARY PULPIT.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Herts County Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday. Between fifty and sixty ringers mustered during the day. Service was held at St. Peter's Church at half-past twelve, the attendance of ringers at this ceremony being larger than in previous years. Dinner was afterwards served in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall. Leonard Proctor, Esq., occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Wigram and many others.

Immediately after the repast the Rev. Canon Wigram rose and said: 'Squire Proctor—I can only address you as "Squire Proctor," that being the only name and title by which I have ever known you—a great honour has been conferred on me; it is to ask your acceptance from your brother ringers, as we are proud to call ourselves, of this address and the clock which stands before you. You may have among those present personal friends of longer standing than myself, but, at all events, I believe I can claim a personal friendship of two generations, not only with your house, but with yourself, and therefore, perhaps, from that point of view I may be the most suitable person in this room to discharge this duty. But there is also another reason which I may venture to quote. I feel quite certain there is

nobody who has tasted the hospitality of Bennington more than I have, and no one has tasted the kindness of the Bennington belfry, or learnt more from the ringers, than I have. I have never known Bennington belfry to fail me, or any of its ringers, and I have never known it to be other than what we have always known it to be—a belfry with bells second to none for their weight, and with ringers second to none in the knowledge of the methods of striking, and, I might venture to add, second to none in the welcome I have always received from them. For all these reasons I venture to stand before you as the person who asks your acceptance of these gifts, and I ask it, not for their intrinsic value—although many have had the privilege of subscribing—but I ask you to accept them as a mark of our esteem, a tangible sign that we have not forgotten the many acts of kindness we have received from you and yours. Without doubt, they have, some of them, faded from your memory, but there are others whose memories they have not faded from, and I only hope for many years to come you will still be able to fill your place in Bennington belfry, and have round you a band of ringers of such calibre as you have had so long, and that at the end of your time you may carry away the assurance of the goodwill of your ringers, and the assurance that the kindness and goodness we have received from Bennington will not be forgotten here. I have one more word, and that is to quote the familiar title, and ask “Squire Proctor” to accept this gift.

Mr. Proctor, in replying, said: ‘There are several here I have known for many years. I began ringing when I was thirteen years old; I rang in a great peal at Eton College for George the Fourth’s funeral in 1830, and I have kept it up ever since. We have always endeavoured to have a good company of ringers at Bennington, but the changes of life have resulted, unfortunately, in many of our men failing us; but we can only do what we can, and whenever we are able to meet any of our friends we have always the greatest pleasure in seeing them. As for this most magnificent gift, which I am entirely surprised at seeing, I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart for the great kindness and liberality you have shown me, and it will be a pleasure to me so long as life is spared to me to see these beautiful presents, and then to hand them down to posterity as a mark of the great kindness of my fellow-ringers. I thank you all very much indeed.’

The Hon. Secretary then read the text of the handsomely illuminated address, which had been mounted in a dark oak frame, and the reality of the sentiments expressed therein was testified by the applause which greeted every portion of it. The clock presented with the testimonial is a handsome fourteen-day marble timepiece, striking the hours and half-hours on a Cathedral gong, and was supplied by Mr. Hills, of St. Albans.

This was followed by the Secretary’s statement, election of officers and members, and other business.

The Lancashire Association.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 8th inst., a meeting of the above branch was held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Darwen, and Oswaldtwistle. Ringing commenced soon after three o’clock, and was kept up until 8.30. At six o’clock the meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Moffat. Seven new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Church Kirk, on Saturday, May 13th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, and ringers of Holy Trinity Church, for the use of the bells, &c., terminated the business of the meeting.

A Visit to North Cadbury and Queen Camel, Somerset.

LATELY the Ditcheat ringers visited the above places. The weather was everything that could be desired, and the drive was most enjoyable. Cadbury was reached at 12.30, after which the belfry was visited, and a few changes were rung. If the ropes could be ‘tufted,’ the bearings of the bells seen to, and the whole machinery overhauled and repaired, the hidden music of at least the first four bells would be brought out, and ringing would be a pleasure. With blistered hands, and feelings of regret that such a fine ring of bells should be allowed to remain in bad working order, the visitors again got on the road for Camel, where they found a model belfry. Two hours were spent in the belfry, and ringing was done with much pleasure and profit. The visitors afterwards returned to Ditcheat.

A New Tower and Ring of Bells.

IN memory of the late Earl Granville, a tower and ring of bells have been erected at the new Parish Church, Walmer, and lately, in the presence of a large company, the Archbishop of Canterbury conducted a special dedicatory service. In the course of his address, the Primate remarked on the great interest which Lord Granville took in the church, with all its historical associations. Lady Herschell unveiled a memorial tablet, the inscription on which, read by the Lord Chancellor, was as follows:—‘This church was completed, with the tower, and spire, and peal of bells, A.D. 1892, to the glory of God, and in memory of the late Right Hon. Granville George Leveson-Gower, second Earl Granville, P.C., K.G., for over a quarter of a century the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and a resident at Walmer Castle. Born May 11, 1815; died March 31, 1891. The cost was defrayed by the public subscription of the numerous friends and admirers of the late Lord Warden.’ The tablet, which is surmounted by the Cinque Ports arms, is of mosaic work, beautifully executed in Sicilian alabaster, and bordered by the Cinque Ports colours.

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North Notts Ringers' Association.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., ringers from various parts of the district visited Worksop on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association of Ringers at Worksop Priory Church, by permission of the vicar. The following towers were represented: Anston, Harthill, Blyth, Shireoaks, Retford and Ordsall. The bells of the Priory Church were set in motion about three o'clock. The Oxford method was first tried, and in 26 mins. 720 changes were brought round by the following band: D. Russon, 1; G. Barrowcliffe, 2; C. Crawford, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; C. Smith, 5; C. F. Fowler, 6. Places were again taken at the ropes, and 720 changes of Woodbine were well got through by E. Russon, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; B. Hall, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; C. F. Fowler, 6. The ringers then adjourned for tea, which was served in the infants' schoolroom. 720 of Kent changes were afterwards rung by E. Russon, 1; H. Haigh, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbery (conductor), 5; B. Hall, 6. This was followed by 720 of Oxford changes, with the back two covering, by R. Beeston, 1; C. F. Fowler, 2; B. Hall, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; S. Smith, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6; D. Russon, 7; G. Clark, 8. 720 Duke of York was then rung by J. Fitzjohn, 1; C. F. Fowler, 2; B. Hall, 3; F. Hargreaves, 4; S. Smith (conductor), 5; D. Russon, 6. The bells were then lowered, and this concluded the most successful meeting of any which has been held, taking the number of peals into consideration. The next meeting will be the annual one, and will take place at Retford on Whit Monday.

A Meeting at Norton, Derbyshire.

THE Old East Derbyshire Association of Change-ringers held their annual meeting at Norton on Easter Monday. About thirty members attended. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. G. W. Hall, supported by the Rev. H. E. Ferry. The following officers were elected:—The Rev. H. E. Ferry, president; Mr. G. Marsden and Mr. Severn, vice-presidents; Mr. T. Lunn, hon. treasurer; and Mr. Edwin James, hon. secretary. Upwards of 7000 changes were rung during the day. Ringers were present from Anston, Bradfield, Sheffield, Wingfield, Dronfield, Staveley, Eckington, Killamarsh, and Norton.

A New Bell at Easton, Suffolk.

THE ring of bells in this parish, which has been recently increased to six by the addition of a new treble, were rung for the first time on Friday evening, the 7th inst. Ringers were present from the following places:—Wickham Market, Brandeston, Eye, Ufford, Creetingham, &c. Several peals were rung in various methods. Through the liberality of the Duke of Hamilton the ringers were afterwards provided with refreshments. The bells, which are in the key of G, are now a musical ring of six. The new bell bears the following inscription:—'This bell was presented to this parish by His Grace the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, K. T., 1893. Hung by G. Day & Son, Eye.'

The New Ring of Bells at Coleraine, Ireland.

THE fine ring of bells which has just been placed in the tower of the parish church of Coleraine were formally opened on Saturday, the 1st inst., by eight members of the St. Thomas's Society of Bell-ringers, Belfast. A fine peal was rung, the striking being very clear, and the changes, which introduced Queen's, Whittington's, and Tittums, made most evenly. The bells are eight in number, the treble weighing 5 cwt. and the tenor 20 cwt. Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, the founders, have carried out their work in a most satisfactory manner. The following was the order of ringers:—J. B. A. Hughes, 1; H. Shepperd, 2; A. G. Ward, 3; J. B. Wakeford, 4; J. K. Ward, 5; W. G. Macoun, 6; W. Rosbotham, 7; J. Rea, 8.

WE have been favoured with a copy of the *Tenth Annual Report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers*. We are glad to see that the Guild has prospered on the whole, the number of members being increased, and a fair balance being in hand. The show of peals is poor.

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SEVENTEENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. A. E. HARTNOLL, Proprietor of the 'New Quay Guardian,' New Quay, Cornwall.

[Whose case appeared in the weekly journals in August, 1889.]

MR. A. E. HARTNOLL, the Proprietor of the *New Quay Guardian*, was not always the strong man he is now. Some years ago, when he commenced business, he worked very hard, so hard that his health became unsatisfactory. While in this condition he took a chill, and before long he was very ill, showing all the symptoms of consumption—symptoms too well known to need detailing here.

Naturally, he first applied to the doctors near him, and the result of their treatment may be known from the fact that Mr. Hartnoll had to give up his business entirely ('I got so low that I could not do another stroke,' he said); that he was told there was a considerable cavity in the lung; that while one medical man recommended him to take a voyage, another said that he was too far gone; and that, finally, the two local doctors whom he had consulted told him that his case was hopeless.

'I thought it was time then that I tried something else,' said Mr. Hartnoll to me, recently, 'and so, in 1885, I placed myself in Mr. Congreve's hands.'

'And how long did you remain under treatment?' I asked.

'All through the following year and until early in 1887. The cure was very gradual, but it was also very sure. At the end of the time just mentioned—the spring of 1887—I resumed my business, and from that day have had no ill effects. I am thankful to say I can take my full share of work again.'

'What about the local doctors who prophesied your speedy decease, Mr. Hartnoll?'

'They are both dead. But there is a medical man at South Molton—the place to which I belong and which I visit each year—who makes a point of examining me every time I go there. He tells me that the disease is quite gone, that there are absolutely no signs of it in my lungs now.'

'I suppose yours is not a solitary case in this district, Mr. Hartnoll?'

'Oh, no! I know several people in the town who have received benefit from Mr. Congreve's treatment. You would be surprised at the number of people who have come to see me about my case—some townspeople, but principally visitors.'

Before I left, Mr. Hartnoll introduced me to his son and successor—a boy of eighteen months who weighed thirty-two pounds. There was certainly nothing about his appearance to suggest that his father had once suffered from Consumption and had been told that he must die.

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THE Church Agency have issued an interesting memento of the recent consecration of three Bishops at Westminster Abbey for our colonies. It is cabinet size, with photographs of the chancel of the Abbey in the centre; above it, the Archbishop of Canterbury; below it, the preacher, Canon Body, and the three new Colonial Bishops; and on each side the consecrating Bishops. The photographs are, of course, small, but they are clear and distinct, and capital portraits.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Hereford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

A DISTRICT branch of the above Guild is about to be formed in the district between Ledbury and Bromyard, to include about twelve towers. Mr. C. Edwards, of the Gardens, Bosbury House, Ledbury, is appointed district instructor. It is proposed to hold quarterly ringing meetings, in order to bring the ringers and other church-workers together and advance the art of change-ringing in the county. A meeting of the Bosbury ringers lately took place, and eight members were elected by the churchwardens. The above number are elected members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Mr. C. Edwards has kindly consented to act as ringing master, and Mr. Steven Turner as Foreman, during the absence of Mr. Edwards.

The Bells at St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., on the occasion of the restoration of Father Smith's organ (built about 1690), the bells (erected in 1693—200 years ago) were ordered by the churchwardens, Messrs. S. Twining and J. R. Dobree, to be rung during the afternoon, when GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN were rung by Messrs. Haworth, Langdon, Barry, Winney (conductor), McLaughlin, Newton, Richards, Smith, Weatherstone, and Young. Before and after evening service six courses of STEDMAN CATERS and GRANDSIRE CATERS. Messrs. Haworth, Langdon, McLaughlin, Nelms, Winney (conductor), Weatherstone, Richards, Newton, Barry, and Lovett. Tenor, 24 cwt.

The New Bells at Walmer, Kent.

THE fine ring of eight bells (tenor, 19 cwt. in E flat) which has just been placed in the tower of the Parish Church, Walmer (mentioned in our last number) was supplied and fixed by Messrs. Warner & Sons, of Cripplegate. The bells are chimed by an apparatus supplied by the same firm. By a clever, though simple contrivance, the eight small ropes attached to the lever hammers which strike the bells are all brought from the different angles through the upper and second floors on pulleys to a handsome oak case on the east wall of the belfry ringing floor, and the apparatus, by an easy movement of a wooden bar, can lower all the chiming hammers clear of the bells, so as to leave them free for ordinary chiming and ringing.

The New Church Bells at Rothbury, Newcastle.

THROUGH the generosity of Miss Dawson, of Ripon, a fine new ring of eight bells has just been fixed in All Saints', the parish church of Rothbury. On the south pier of the tower arch an inscription has been placed, which describes the circumstances under which the bells were presented. The new bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Newcastle, and were rung for the first time during and after the service of dedication by members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers, the conductor being Mr. W. Holmes; the other ringers were—W. Holmes, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; T. Clark, 4; F. Hellier, 5; N. Story, 6; F. Lees, 7; F. S. Harrison, 8. The bells were supplied by the old-established firm of Mears & Stainbank, of London. The dimensions are as follows:—Treble: Note F. Diameter, 2 ft. 3½ ins. Weight, 4 cwt., 3 qrs., 1 lb. Second: E. 2 ft. 4½ ins. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs. Third: D. 2 ft. 6½ ins. 6 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lbs. Fourth: C. 2 ft. 8½ ins. 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs. Fifth: B flat. 2 ft. 10½ ins. 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs. Sixth: A. 3 ft. 0½ ins. 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. Seventh: G. 3 ft. 3½ ins. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs. Tenor: F. 3 ft. 7½ ins. 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs. Total weight, 64 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lbs. The bells bear the following inscriptions:—Treble, 'Lead, kindly Light.' Second, 'Glory to God in the Highest.' Third, 'Peace on earth, goodwill towards men.' Fourth, 'Our voices shall with cheerful sound Make hill and valley echo round.' Fifth,

'O all ye works of the Lord, praise ye the Lord.' Sixth, 'May God bless all whom we do call.' Seventh, 'Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy.' Tenor, 'Thy will be done.' Also on the tenor an inscription reads as follows:—'To the praise and glory of God. In affectionate remembrance of the late William Dawson, this peal of eight bells was presented to All Saints' Church, Rothbury, by his loving sister, Mary Dawson. Easter, 1893.' The tone of the bells is clear and musical. They are hung in one tier, and in a massive oak frame, being provided with all the latest improvements. The comfort of the ringers has been well provided for in an excellent belfry.

New Bells for Greengates, Yorkshire.

THE dedication of a peal of bells presented by Mrs. Ibbitson to St. John's Church, Greengates, Bradford, took place lately. A special service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. E. A. Mould, curate-in-charge, who preached an appropriate sermon. Mrs. Ibbitson, at a point specially provided for, set the bells in motion, and Mr. Mould read the dedicatory prayers. The bells have been supplied by Messrs. Shaw & Co., of Bradford. Their total weight is two tons, the tenor bell weighing 11 cwt., in the key of G. The bells are fixed in an oak frame, and are rung by Ellacombe's chiming hammers. Each bell bears a Scriptural quotation, and above the entrance to the belfry is a brass plate bearing the words: 'To the glory of God this peal of bells was presented by Ann Ibbitson, in loving memory of her father and mother, Samuel and Martha Farnish: April 1st, 1893.'

The Bells at Durston, Somerset.

MESSRS. LLEWELLINS & JAMES, of Bristol, have just completed the thorough rehanging of the bells at Durston Church, near Taunton, by putting a new frame, with fittings complete, and quarter-turning the second, third, fourth, and tenor bells, also increasing the peal of five to one of six by the addition of a new treble.

St. David's, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

CONSIDERABLE progress has been made in this belfry with change-ringing, which was formally commenced on Saturday, February 20th, in last year. The leader is Mr. R. Lyddiatt, and the hon. secretary, Mr. H. L. Sowdon.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

ON Monday, the 3rd inst., ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 8009 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 5 hrs. 11 mins. A. Tipton, 1; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; W. R. Small, 4; J. Jones, 5; J. George, 6; R. Hall, 7; J. E. Groves, 8; R. Cartwright, 9; A. Griffiths, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat. The bells were muffled in memory of Mr. H. Roden, of Penn, near Wolverhampton.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., six members of the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton, rang a peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 13 mins. J. Wright, 1; W. Jukes, 2; B. Dalton, 3; C. Marsh, 4; H. Dawkes, 5; R. T. Holding, 6; A. Jarvis, 7; E. Groves, 8; G. Harding, 9; T. Marsh, 10; composed by Mr. William Kent, of Birmingham, and conducted by Mr. J. E. Groves. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Jarvis, who, with Messrs. Wright, Holding, and Harding, came from Crewe. The above peal contains the 6th twenty-four courses before the 9th in the inverted TRITRUMS, and seven courses before the 7th, and twenty-four courses behind the 8th, in the hand-stroke position.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Reading.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstan's Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; E. Menday, 2; Rev. W. G. Willett, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; Jos. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the same Guild (St. Peter's Society) rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. Jos. Hands, 1; E. Menday, 2; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman, 8. Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by T. Newman. The first peal in the method by all the band except the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and rung at the second attempt.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, London.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. W. Coldman,* 1; S. Long,* 2; W. Partington, 3; J. C. Truss, jun., 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; J. Sanderson, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Rang as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. W. Jephson on his leaving the parish. The ringers desire to acknowledge the kindness and consideration he has always shown to them, and to wish him every happiness and prosperity in the future. [* First peal.]

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Thurstan's Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. G. Gatland, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; W. Collison, 3; J. Matthews, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Smart, 6; C. Smart (first peal as conductor), 7; T. Searle, 8. Tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the same Association rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 3 mins. K. Hart,

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1; C. Smart, 2; G. Baker, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; G. Smart (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 5; G. Gatland, 6; W. Collins, 7; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 8. The first peal in the method on the bells, and in the composition the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place at a course-end.

At St. Peter's, Brighton.

ON Tuesday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang N. J. Pistow's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. N. Frossell,* 1; K. Hart,* 2; G. Williams, 3; G. Baker,* 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; G. E. Attree, 6; G. A. King, 7; H. Weston (first peal in the method as conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. [* First peal of SUPERLATIVE.]

At Norwich, Norfolk.

ON Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., four members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Peter Mancroft Society rang at 52 St. George's Middle Street, on handbells retained in hand, 5040 changes of BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 14 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett, 7-8. Composed by J. A. Trollop and conducted by Charles E. Borrett, Umpire, Mr. E. Francis. The above is only the second peal ever rung on handbells in Norwich in the method, and the third in Norfolk. It is the quickest peal of MAJOR ever rung, and is the first peal in the method by all the performers, whose average age is but seventeen and a half years, and they are the youngest band who have succeeded in ringing 5040 upon eight bells. Tenor, 13 size, in E.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Holt's Original One-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. W. Nash, 1; W. Pye, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Doran, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; M. L. Myhill, 7; J. Dale (first peal), 8. This is W. Doran's first peal for five years, and is to be congratulated on his health allowing him to once more ring a peal.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (the Duffield Society) rang a peal of 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; W. Clarke, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Hickling, 5; B. Sugden, 6; J. Flower, 7; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. The above peal, now performed for the first time, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. S. Johnson, for many years an active member of the Society.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

ON Tuesday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 36 mins. K. Payne, 1; P. Hind, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; C. Fowler, 4; W. Bennett, 5; T. Payne, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. BARNABAS', PIMLICO, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 23rd inst., after evening service, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL; also a touch of STEDMAN CATERS. E. Horrex, 1; J. Pettit, 2; C. F. Winney, 3; R. Lane (Loughborough), 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; H. Swain, 7; E. Carter, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; F. G. Newman, 10. Tenor, 20 cwt. In the STEDMAN, Langdon, 1; A. G. Ellis, 3. Messrs. Winney and Newman, conductors.

AT PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Manning, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. J. Pitts, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; J. George (composer and conductor), 5; J. Greggs, 6; J. C. Truss, 7; F. Bentley, 8.

AT STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, 854 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Gatland, 1; C. Smart, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. Collison, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. Also 504 in the same method. H. Meeters, 1; J. Smart, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; C. Smart (conductor) 4; G. Smart, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; W. Collison, 7; E. Turrell, 8.

AT ELHAM, KENT.—On a Monday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; E. Bush, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Also on a Monday, a peal (120) of BOB DOUBLES. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Bush (conductor), 2; J. Whitnall, 3; C. Richards, 4; A. Castle, 5; E. Smith, 6. Rung on the back six. And a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Bush, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Whitnall, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

AT LYMINGE, KENT.—On a Saturday, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. And 600 GRANDSIRE MINOR. J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; J. Whitnall, 3; J. Andrews, 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6. Also on a Saturday, 720 BOB MINOR (twenty-two singles). J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Whitnall, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

AT LEWISHAM, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 40 mins. A. Pheasant, 1; T. Deal, 2; A. Bedwell, 3; G. Daynes (composer), 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; A. Aviss, 8.

AT ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.—On a Wednesday, a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Greenwood, 1; S. Kershaw, 2; A. Ingham, 3; T. Buckley (conductor), 4; A. Dearnley, 5; J. Buckley, 6; J. Kershaw, 7; E. Chadwick, 8. Longest touch in any method by the 2nd and 3rd ringers.

AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—On Thursday, the 20th inst., the Cathedral band (members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers) rang a touch of 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on the back eight. A. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. North,* 3; J. Batts, 4; W. C. Lampard,* 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor, 32½ cwt., in C. [* Longest length ever rung.]

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BATH.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 42 mins. G. Kingham, 1; F. Skuse, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; W. Wells, 4; W. Eames, 5; H. Wotton, 6; C. W. Bell (first in the method as conductor), 7; J. Smith-Flower, 8.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

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in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

EIGHTEENTH INTERVIEW.

With Miss PRESS, Abingdon Street, Burnham.

[Whose case appeared in the weekly journals in August 1889.]

In introducing the case of Miss Press to the reader, I cannot do better than quote verbatim a letter written by that lady to Mr. Congreve, April, 1889, in which all particulars are succinctly set forth.

'I feel that I must write specially to thank you for your medicine,' says Miss Press. 'I fully believe that without it I should have died. I was so ill when I first took it. I had been under doctors who did me no good. As a last resort, my friends persuaded me to try your medicine. After four months' perseverance I was able to get out again. I had been examined by four doctors, who all said both my lungs were diseased, and after my recovery under you they told me the lungs were healed. Thus God blessed your medicine in restoring me so that I could see to my home duties and attend to my invalid mother.'

I had the pleasure of a short chat with Miss Press recently, and in answer to my question she told me:

'The doctor says now that my lungs have been diseased—that there were five cavities in them—but they are healed.'

'What kind of health have you had since you were cured by Mr. Congreve?'

'I have been well ever since, and the doctor tells me I may live many years. When I was talking to him he said: "You have taken something which has saved your life." That "something," of course, was Mr. Congreve's medicine—I know that, for before taking it I was so ill that I was confined to the house for many months.'

'And now, I understand, you are keeping in good health, and are able to perform your domestic duties?'

'Yes, I am glad to say that is so. My mother is an invalid, and I have to attend to her.'

'Have you any objection to my publishing what you have told me, that other sufferers may be encouraged to hope and to persevere?'

'Not the slightest. I shall be pleased to do anything I can to help in that direction.'

I thanked Miss Press for her kindness in granting me this brief interview, and bade her 'Good-day.'

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WE are pleased to note in the *EXPOSITORY TIMES* a strong protest against the reissue of Smith's 'Dictionary of the Bible' with only the first volume revised. That there should be no intention of revising Volumes II, and III, after thirty years is not quite the kind of way in which to encourage the progress of English-speaking scholarship. Professor Salmond writes an appreciative account of Professor Ryle's writings; Mr. Gwilliam reviews favourably Mr. Mayor's monumental commentary on the Epistle of St. James; there are further papers on the question raised by Mr. Halcombe's book on the date of the Fourth Gospel; and many bright reviews and notes so characteristic of this unique and indispensable magazine.

SCIENCE AND ART AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Chapman & Hall, Monthly 6d.) now appears in an enlarged and improved form, and should be very useful to students and to others wishful to keep up their scientific knowledge. We note on page 10 that the portraits are wrongly named. Those of Professor Sexton and Mr. T. T. Rankin should be reversed. The little paper is the best popular guide to Science and Art that we know of.

THE CRITICAL REVIEW is full and useful as usual. The chief items are Professor W. T. Davison on 'Kirkpatrick's Doctrine of the Prophets,' Professor Marcus Dods on 'Stevens' Pauline Theology,' Professor Kennedy's reviews of some recent Old Testament criticism literature, Professor Salmond on Schultze's 'Old Testament Theology,' and Princ. Fairbairn's review of Caird's Gifford lectures. The review is an admirable guide to modern English and foreign critical work.

GOOD WORDS (Isbister & Co.) is rather poor. Mr. Johnston's description of 'The Scilly Isles' and Helen Milman's 'Glimpse in the Coral Sea' will please lovers of travel, whilst admirers of the 'uncanny' in art may welcome Mr. Gray's account of the life and works of 'Alfred Rethel.' Of more serious papers the best is that by Dr. Dale, of Birmingham, 'At Home with the Lord.'

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE (Isbister & Co.) contains a suggestive essay by Ellen M'Dougall on 'How to Help Workhouse Girls and Women;' and Dr. James Stalker contributes an able article dealing with 'The Jubilee of the Church of Scotland Disruption,' enriched by portraits of Guthrie, Hugh Miller, Chalmers, and Duff.

IN THE LEISURE HOUR (R. T. S.) Mrs. Bishop continues her charming narrative of adventures 'Among the Tibetans;' Mr. Dennis contrasts and compares 'John Milton and Jeremy Taylor;' and Mrs. Laffan supplies a brief but brightly written memoir of her friend, 'Charles Edward Flower.'

THE MISSION FIELD (S. P. G.) sketches recent work in Natal, Madagascar, India, &c., and includes a paper on Canada, 'Our English Brothers and Sisters Beyond the Sea,' by the Rev. Canon Leigh Bennett.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C.M.S.) opens with a review of 'Nine Years' Missionary Progress in India,' from which we learn that in 1890 the number of native Christians (Protestant) stood at 559,661, of whom 193,363 were members of the Church of England. Several pages are occupied by 'Captain Lugard's Reply to Charges of French Government' relating to Uganda.

THE GLEANER, AWAKE, and CHILDREN'S WORLD (C.M.S.) are all full of interest and capably illustrated.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME (R. T. S.) is valuable as enshrining a new and beautiful little poem by the Rev. H. C. G. Moule, beginning, 'O Eternal Life!' Dr. Merk, in his series of studies on 'The Religions of India, as Illustrated in their Temples,' treats this month of 'The Car of Jagannath,' a representation of which is given; Mr. Garnett pictures 'A Sunday at Salonica;' and there is a biographical sketch of 'The Rev. Adolph Saphir, D.D.' 'When the Bour-tree Blooms,' a new tale by Leslie Keith, promises well.

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER (R.T.S.) offers hints on 'Brasses and Brass-rubbing,' 'Collections, Hobbies, and Fads,' gardening, dressmaking, &c., and devotes much space to stories; but we scarcely consider that the magazine caters satisfactorily for the deeper needs of thoughtful girls.

THE G. F. S. publications merit no special notice, except the remark that in FRIENDLY LEAVES there is a good paper on 'St. Monica,' by the Hon. Eva Knatchbull Hugessen.

THE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MAGAZINE (C.E.S.S.I.) has two sensible articles, consisting of much-required practical counsel, the first on 'The Dangers of Children's Services,' and the second on 'The Need of Definite Training for Sunday-school Teachers.' We are sorry to be unable to recommend the current 'Five Years' Course of Bible and Prayer-book Teaching,' the ground covered in many of its lessons being utterly impossible to traverse in an hour. For instance, one lesson is devoted to 'The Apostles' Creed, and Answer Following,' and another to 'The Ten Commandments!' The CHURCH WORKER is a fair average number.

RECEIVED ALSO:—THE SCOTTISH STANDARD-BEARER.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, May 8th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

ON Monday, April 24th, the quarterly meeting was held in the town of Dursley, preceded as usual with a short service in the parish church of St. James, which possesses a light and not very musical ring of eight. The Rector, the Rev. N. W. Gresley, gave an interesting and practical address, and afterwards presided at the dinner, when thirty-two members from various parishes were present, including the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, vicar of St. Augustine's, Bristol, Honorary General Secretary; the Rev. C. H. Joberns, rector of St. Stephen's, Bristol, Honorary Assistant Secretary; the Rev. R. C. Lynch Blossie, vicar of Stinchcombe; the two assistant curates of the parish, Mr. F. K. Howell, local secretary, &c. After dinner the usual toasts were given from the chair, and then the business was proceeded with. The Rev. Pitt Eykyn apologised for the absence of the Master, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who was away from home, and stated that some members had asked that the next meeting should be held at Chepstow, which was not in the diocese. He had consulted the Master on the point, and he had given a decided negative to the suggestion, which he (the speaker) thoroughly endorsed, out of no disrespect to Chepstow, but from the simple fact that though the Association had been fifteen years at work, it had not yet covered its own large and scattered diocese. Eventually it was decided to visit Northleach in the next quarter, a place rather difficult of access, and one which the Honorary Secretary suggested had better be taken in the summer months.

The Ring of Ten Bells at the Imperial Institute.

THE ring of ten bells has been hung in the Queen's Tower of the Imperial Institute preparatory to the ceremony of opening by Her Majesty on the 10th inst. They bear the royal names, respectively, of Maud, Victoria, Louise, George, Albert Victor, Arthur, Alfred, Alexandra, Albert Edward, and Victoria, R.I., 1837-1887. They range in diameter from 2 feet 4½ inches (treble) to 4 feet 11½ inches (tenor); in musical scale from D flat up to F, an octave and two notes; and in weight from 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. to 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., the total weight being 158 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. Each bell has cast round the shoulder in the olden fashion:—

'Elizabeth M. Miller gave me,
The Loughborough Taylors made me.'

On the eighth bells, on which stands the name Alexandra, there is the following additional inscription:—'The peal, of which this bell forms one, was, by special permission of the Princess of Wales, named after Her Royal Highness.'

A Meeting at Islip, Northants.

THE annual gathering of the Higham Ferrers Second Deanery Church Bell-ringers' Association was successfully held at Islip lately. Six bands of ringers rang morning and evening, and upwards of forty members were present at the dinner. A satisfactory financial statement was submitted at the business meeting, and Lowick was decided on as the place at which the next annual meeting should be held. Service was held in St. Nicholas' Church in the afternoon, when the Rev. R. M. Carrick, of Castle Ashby, preached an appropriate sermon.

New Bells at Pevensey, Hastings, Sussex.

THE three old bells have been recast, sufficient metal being added to make a fine ring of six, and a chiming apparatus has been fixed. The bells were dedicated on Thursday, the 27th ult. The work has been excellently done by Messrs. Warner & Sons.

New Bells at Denbigh.

ON Thursday, April 20th, the dedication took place in Holy Trinity Church of the peal of eight bells given by the late Mr. and Mrs. Keeling at a cost of 1000*l*. At eleven a.m. there was a special service, with sermon by the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph. During the procession to the belfry for the dedicatory prayer, the choir sang appropriate music. At this stage there was a pause, and the congregation had an opportunity of hearing a touch on the bells by the ringers of Chester Cathedral. After this the Bishop delivered a short address. At the close of the service the Chester ringers rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, the time occupied being 3 hrs. The bells were supplied by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The tenor weighs 15½ cwt., the whole weight of the bells amounting to 4 tons 10 cwt.

Raising in Peal.

SIR,—I am tenor man in a team of young ringers. I have met with a difficulty which I do not see explained either in Gosling or Snowdon. My bell weighs about 17 cwt. In raising the bells in peal (there are six bells) I find that if I have the same length of rope out as the bells above me, my bell swings slower, and therefore I get out of time. On the other hand, if I let less rope out I am too long in getting 'up.' Is the bell not hung right, or what is the fault, and what is the remedy? I may say that I can fall in peal all right, and also have perfect control over my bell when it is up.

Leigh, Malvern, April 28th.

C. ROBINSON.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 434.

At Christ Church, Southgate, London.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 24 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; B. Foskett, 2; G. Conyard, 3; A. Jacob, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Tennant, 6; A. Pittam, 7; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. W. F. Meads was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the St. Martin's Society rang J. J. Parker's One-part peal of 5050 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. S. Macey, 1; A. Pearce, 2; T. F. Stevens, 3; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 4; C. H. Watts, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; A. W. Barkus, 7; W. C. Dawe, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

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

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. G. F. Attree, 1; G. Baker, 2; G. A. King, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. Paice, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; G. B. Bleach, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. This is the first peal of STEDMAN rung with a band all of the same Christian name (George), and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Gatland and Smart came from Steyning, Paice from Crawley, the remainder from Brighton.

At Monewden, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 24th ult., six members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 49 mins. in the following methods:—DOUBLE COURT, WOODBINE, OXFORD BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE and PLAIN BOB. J. Tarrant, 1; H. W. Baldry, 2; J. Durrant, 3; E. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6.

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

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5000 DUFFIELD MAJOR in 2 hrs. 59½ mins. W. Holmes, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; F. Lees, 4; R. S. Story, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. J. Harrison, 7; W. Story, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by W. Holmes. The first peal in the method by all the above, by the Association, on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Not one of the band had rung more than 400 of the method before. This was Mr. A. P. Heywood's well-known 'No. 1' composition in this method, and great credit is due to Mr. Holmes for calling it from a non-observation bell, as he had never called a touch in the method before.

At St. Bartholomew's, Horley, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang J. J. Parker's Four-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. A. Longhurst, 1; W. Edwards, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward, 4; T. Sparks, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; T. Wicken (conductor), 7; T. Buckett (first peal), 8. Rung for the first time.

At St. Michael's, Withycombe Rayleigh, Exmouth, Devon.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., Hollis's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. by the following members of the St. Sidwell's Society of the Devonshire Guild:—W. Drake, 1; F. Shepherd (conductor), 2; C. Carter, 3; E. Shepherd, 4; F. Davey, 5; T. Mudge, 6; J. Moss, 7; E. Sargent, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E. First peal on the bells, augmented to eight by Warner & Son at Easter last, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Shepherd, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a date touch of 1893 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. J. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; C. Sampson, 4; C. Lincoln, 5; G. Wilson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E. Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield. The above, all members of the local Company, started for a peal in the method, but it was brought to an abrupt termination, owing to the 4th rope breaking, and the above was rung instead.

At ST. MARK'S, STONE NEWINGTON, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 35 mins. C. Potheary, 1; F. Bedley, 2; C. Messenger, 3; A. Williams, 4; J. Higgs, 5; T. Hockinson (conductor), 6. First 720 of GRANDSIRE by all the band.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, WITTENHAM, BERKS.—On Easter Monday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. T. Hibbert, 1; H. Mills, 2; T. Short, 3; T. East, 4; D. Napper, 5; A. Bosley (conductor), 6. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham.

At HAGBOURNE, BERES.—On Easter Sunday, for Divine service in the evening, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. T. Hibbert, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. Bosley (longest touch of STEDMAN), 3; T. East, 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; A. Thomas (conductor), 7; A. Windus, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Wednesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the occasion of the marriage of H. G. Glover, Esq. and Miss L. Johnson, of South Hill, Bromley. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphrey, 2; E. Dunn, 3; P. F. Harman, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

At BARKING, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. H. Parker, 1; A. Deards, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; F. Norris (composer and conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; E. A. Davis, 8.

At ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On a Wednesday, Thurstans' 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. W. Barkus (conductor), 1; A. Pearce, 2; T. F. Stevens, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; C. W. Watts, 5; S. Macey, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; W. Dawe, 8.

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NINETEENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. WALTER, Congresbury Mill, Congresbury, Somerset.

[Whose case appeared in the weekly journals in July, 1890.]

'My father and mother both died of consumption,' said Mrs. Walter to me, 'and I lost a sister with inflammation of the lungs. I had to work very hard when I was young. I expect that had much to do with my future illness; also the fact that there was this predisposition to chest disease in my family. I was only a young girl when the first symptoms showed themselves. The doctors said my lungs were very weak, and although I had the best advice, I gradually got worse. I coughed incessantly, and raised a large quantity of phlegm—almost black in appearance. I had much pain in the left lung, and used to spit up blood every morning.'

'How long did this continue, Mrs. Walter?' I asked.

'For three years. I got weaker, until I could scarcely walk across the room. I heard some one inquiring at the door for me, and heard them say they didn't think I could live long—indeed, that was the opinion of all those who knew me. The doctor ordered me to paint with iodine, and to take cod liver oil; but as I got no better, I wrote to Mr. Congreve on the recommendation of a friend who had received benefit. I remained under treatment for twelve months, and was then quite cured.'

'Do you remember how long ago this was?'

'It will be quite twelve or thirteen years since I first applied to Mr. Congreve. I have been married ten years, and it was several years before that.'

'And what has been your experience since?'

'With the exception of one or two illnesses, about which I will tell you, I have had good health. Once about seven years ago I had a bad attack of inflammation of the lungs. My nurse thought I should die, but I took some of Mr. Congreve's medicine, and that pulled me round. The same thing happened when I had influenza—the Elixir cured me. If I have anything the matter with my chest, I fly to it at once, and it always does me good. I give it to my children, too. My little boy had a chill while suffering from whooping cough, but I am thankful to say he soon got better.'

'When you were so ill, Mrs. Walter, what do you think would have become of you if you had not taken Mr. Congreve's medicine?'

'I believe I should have died. I consider I am a wonder, and so do all the people here—this is my native place, and, of course, every one knows me. I work hard now, for I have a large family, but I am glad to say I keep very well.'

I saw two of Mrs. Walter's little ones, and certainly they were as fine and healthy looking children as one would meet in a day's march. That Mrs. Walter is not ungrateful for the benefit received may be judged by the fact that she freely gave me permission to make any reference to her case I thought proper, and promised to answer any inquiries that might be addressed to her.

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There was a good attendance of the Society's supporters. The Chairman, in his introductory remarks, warmly commended the principles and methods of the Society, of whose work he had had ample opportunity of judging in the East End of London. Mrs. Papillon, the foundress and hon. secretary, read a paper on the objects of the Society, which is first of all to help women of all classes, both married and single, to lead good Christian lives, all benefits being a means to this end. Mrs. Robey White followed with another paper, giving an account of a very successful branch that had been started at Scissett, a large manufacturing village near Huddersfield. Colonel Barrington Foote appealed to those present to do all in their power to help forward the work of the Society, which was much in need of both personal help and money. Miss Gould gave an account of her experiences in starting a workshop in London Fields. Many were the prophets who foretold failure, and yet after hard work she could report that work was not only self-supporting, but really they were about 30s. to the good per week.

The Church Sunday-school Institute, which is one of the most useful of the Church societies, has been this week holding various services and meetings to celebrate its jubilee. Additional jubilee meetings are to be held in the autumn. On Monday evening nearly 5000 Sunday-school teachers assembled in St. Paul's Cathedral for the festival service, which was choral throughout. Dr. G. C. Martin conducted the large choir of the Lay Helpers' Union, which led the singing. The Rev. H. Montagu Butler, D.D., master of Trinity College, Cambridge, who preached, took as his text St. Luke, xxiv. 29, 'Abide with us.' He said that he imagined himself speaking to that vast army of 2,000,000 Sunday-school teachers—of whom the Church of England could reckon at least 200,000—and he asked what had been their work for the last fifty years? It had been to make Jesus Christ known to little children, so to make Him known in gentleness, in loving sympathy, as to assure His being a reverent joy for ever, and laying the foundations for Christian and Christlike lives. Sunday-school teachers represented that reserve force upon which the nation would more and more rely if it was to be brought up in faithful Christian hope and Christian love.

The annual meeting of the Institute, which was held on Tuesday evening at Exeter Hall, was well attended, and was of a most enthusiastic character. The Bishop of Rochester, who presided, was supported by, among others, the Bishop of Christchurch, N.Z., the Rev. J. C. Weldon, Rev. J. F. Kitto, J. G. Fleet, its venerable founder. The Secretary (Mr. John Palmer) read an abstract of the report, which narrated at length the origin and progress of the Institute. Founded in 1843, its many objects were to extend, improve, and to secure efficient teaching in Church Sunday Schools. In 1883 the number of Sunday scholars in Great Britain was stated to be 1,548,890. They now number 6,000,000. The total number of scholars throughout the world is computed at 18,000,000, with 2,000,000 teachers. From the *Official Year-book of the Church of England* it is learned that the total number of scholars in Church Sunday Schools is 2,628,467, and teachers 186,614. Ireland and Scotland bring up the totals to 2,750,000 and 200,000 respectively. By means of magazines, museums, text-books, and educational institutions, the Institute has greatly improved the quality of the teaching. To celebrate its jubilee a fund of 10,000*l.* was in process of subscription.

On Wednesday evening a very successful *conversazione* in connexion with the jubilee was held at the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, to which we have not space to refer in detail, and this afternoon there will be a drawing-room meeting at Grosvenor House.

Among other meetings which have been held, was that of the Church of England Scripture Readers' Society, at which a report of continued good work was read. The Society's income showed a slight increase on the preceding year.

MAGAZINES.

NEWBERY, this month, is above the average. 'How we took round the Petition,' 'Mourning for the Queen of Madagascar,' a severe criticism of 'The Organ and the Choir in the Church Service,' 'A Nonjuring Priest,' and other papers are all worth reading, and the instalment of 'The Slowly Grinding Mills,' by Mrs. Linnaeus Banks, neither grinds nor is slow.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE contains a very good paper on 'Westminster School' contributed by Mr. Raymond Blathwayt. It is beautifully illustrated.

CURTICE'S INDEX AND REGISTER is a very useful publication, and should have a wide circulation. It contains a catalogue of many thousands of references to the important subjects in daily and weekly publications, &c., and enables any one practically to see instantly all that has appeared in any one week on any subject. Its price is 6*d.* for a single copy, or 10*s.* 6*d.* per annum.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE shows no sign of falling away from the standard at which it commenced its career. It is full of a large variety of admirable pictures. This month the series of portraits of 'Editors' is particularly interesting, not only to journalists but also to the public, most of whom regard editors as a mysterious class of beings, who are as ungetatable as Mahatmas, and who possess all the powers, wisdom, and knowledge which those beings are said by some to have.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE contains a pathetic little tale by the Rev. E. E. Bradford, entitled 'Jacquo.'

THE NET gives an amusing and interesting speech by Bishop Carter, of Zululand, at a meeting at Durban, on the occasion of a visit from the Metropolitan of Capetown. Other contributions keep up the *Net's* well-established character.

THE QUIVER is a good number. We have only space to mention an interesting paper entitled 'Some Pretty Churchyards.' It is well illustrated with five dainty pictures.

RECEIVED ALSO:—ATALANTA; LITTLE FOLKS; THE MUSICAL TIMES, &c.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Middlesex Association.

A MEETING of the above Association was held at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Saturday, April 29th. The meeting was very fairly attended, and some GRANDSIRE CATERERS, TREBLE BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung. A short business meeting then took place, at which Messrs. E. Dolton, J. D. Matthews (Barnet), and J. Charlish and S. Tothill (Hendon), were elected members. The next meeting was decided to be held at Finchley on or before the second Saturday in June. The meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Prior, the steeple-keeper.

The Kent County Association.

THE annual district meeting of this Association was held at Deal on Monday, the 1st inst. Representatives were present from Canterbury, Chartham, Faversham, Lyminge, Elham, Deal, Folkestone, Chislehurst, and St. Lawrence. The St. Lawrence band of ringers were unanimously elected full members of the Association. Messrs. H. Wellard and G. Ralph, jun., represented St. Lawrence. Several touches of BOB MINOR and GRANDSIRE MINOR were successfully rung after the meeting, and the members subsequently partook of a meat tea.

Cheshire Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

MOTTRAM and BOWDEN BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 22nd ult., the members of this branch held a meeting at Mottram. About thirty were present, including ringers from Northenden, Cheadle, Mobberley, Bowden, Mottram, &c. The proceedings commenced with service at parish church, and an appropriate discourse was given by the Rev. H. H. Mallory, of Mobberley. At the conclusion of the service the ringers adjourned to the National School, where tea was served, and the business of the meeting afterwards transacted. It was decided that the next meeting of the branch should be held at Northenden a fortnight after Whit Saturday. Votes of thanks brought the gathering to a close. During the evening a few peals were rung on the parish church bells.

Ringers' Dinner at Basingstoke, Hants.

On Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., a dinner was given to the St. Michael's bell-ringers, through the generosity of Colonel May, in celebration of the marriage of his two daughters, and was preceded by a merry peal on the church bells in honour of the event. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. W. St. J. Danbury, and the company numbered twenty-one, and included Mr. F. Wallis, churchwarden (in the vice-chair), the Rev. T. B. Tatham, Mr. H. White (conductor), Mr. C. W. Jacob, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. F. J. Rogers. After dinner the chairman proposed the time-honoured and historic toast of 'Church and Queen,' followed by the toast of the evening, proposed by the reverend chairman in fitting terms. It was the health of the donor of the feast, Colonel May, and his two nieces, Mrs. Robert Allen and Mrs. Gilbert Allen. The handbells were afterwards introduced, and selections given under the direction of John Ballard.

St. Mary Magdalen, Hewelsfield, Gloucestershire.

SIR,—I give below the inscriptions, &c., on our bells. On the fourth bell whose initials are 'WE?' And also on the fifth bell, what do the numbers in brackets stand for? I should be glad also for an explanation of the figures in the first and last columns; of '40' and the capital 'D' given between 2 and 3.

16½	1	...	...	...	...	...	30
	2	Soli Deo detur gloria.	1684	...	...	...	30
	3	...	...	...	...	...	34
	4	Peace and Good neighbourhood.	WE.	...	...	...	= 48
	5	+ [40] Virginis ☞ [33] Egredi ☞ [33] vocor ☞ [33]					
		Campana ☞ Maria ...	...	...	...	...

Hewelsfield Rectory, May 6th, 1893.

W. S. ...

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 452.

Raising in Peal.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. C. Robinson, who has a difficulty in raising his 17 cwt. tenor bell in peal, permit me to draw attention to the following points:—A tenor-man must be prepared and able (in moderation of course) both to check the swing of his bell and put on weight at every pull. If he does this, and still cannot keep in time with the others, then the fault unquestionably lies with the treble-man who 'leads up' badly. Now first-rate leading up is an accomplishment and requires considerable practice. I remember an inexperienced treble-man who, after having made an abominable mess of a rise, tried to put the blame elsewhere by telling the tenor-man—who had of course come in for the biggest share in the tug-of-war—that he (treble) had been most particular, first in going up very slowly, and secondly in letting his rope out quite evenly inch by inch. Unfortunately both these points may be attended to and yet the rise may be cruel to those at the heavy end; simply because the little treble may be easily (very easily, in fact far too easily) checked at every stroke, and that in a manner far and away beyond the power of the tenor-man to follow with his slower swinging and heavier bell. Now let me quote from my brother's *Rope-sight*: 'A light bell can be so easily altered in its swing that the treble-man should (in leading up), to a very great extent, if not altogether, be guided by the swing of the tenor.' It is the careful way in which the treble-man, after quietly starting the intermediate bells, watches the tenor, and the corresponding ability with which he (treble) keeps his rope at 'opposite ends' to that of the tenor, that constitutes the foundation of a good rise. Some treble-men, instead of watching, listen; the most careful do both. We often, at our parish church, raise our back ten in peal (the tenor, 36 cwt., being the only bell requiring extra help, and two manage it easily), but the result depends upon the clever guidance of the man handling the treble, who, of course, sees that the heavy-end men are not unduly put upon. These latter can only just about get their bells up, and certainly could not follow in any cross-swings, such as an inexperienced treble-man might bring about. To sum up, a clever treble-man in reality lets the tenor (after it has got under swing) lead up without making any further ado.

Wm. SNOWDON.

9 Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, Yorks.

SIR,—The difficulty of which Mr. C. Robinson desires some explanation is easily dealt with. The wheels of ringing bells, generally and properly, vary in size or circumference, so that, in the case of a tenor bell, more rope is required to cover the wheel than with those of the bells above it. It necessarily follows that, to keep in time, the speed of the traverse of the rope of the tenor must be faster than with those above it. In raising the bells in peal, this entails more work with the tenor than with the other bells. In falling, it is obvious that there is not so much work as in raising, and the speed can be easily regulated without great exertion. By practice, the speed in peal-ringing can also be easily regulated. Without having full particulars of the diameters of the wheels of the ring in question, it would seem probable that the wheel of the tenor may be out of proportion to the others. It is not an unfrequent event to find bell-wheels too large for the requirements, and out of proportion the one with the other, to ensure the best results in peal or change-ringing.

S. B. GOSLIN.

Bishopsgate Foundry, London, E.

The Bells at Hepworth, Suffolk.

ON Sunday, the 16th ult., the Ashfield company of ringers visited Hepworth, and rang several peals in various methods upon the bells before and after the service in the afternoon. The bells were rehung some months ago, with new fittings, and these were the first peals rung upon them after the restoration. The work was carried out by Mr. G. Bullock, of Ixworth.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Ardleigh, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Norwich Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs., being the first in the method on the bells. J. Motts (Ipswich), 1; G. M. Rashbrooke (Colchester), 2; F. L. Bumpstead (Colchester), 3; H. J. Button (Leiston, Suffolk), 4; R. W. Stannard (Colchester), 5; W. Motts (Ipswich), 6; A. J. Lincoln (Leiston), 7; W. Cobbett (Wingfield, Suffolk), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. Composed by Sam Marsh, and conducted by James Motts. It was rung on the fifth anniversary of the greatest number of changes that had been rung (at that time), viz., a 10,304 of BOB MAJOR, which was rung at Leiston, Suffolk, Messrs. Motts, Button, Stannard, and Lincoln, of the above company, also ringing in the long peal.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Friday, the 28th ult., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association rang Haley's peal of 5001 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 13 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Hardy, 2; A. W. Matthews, 3; W. H. Inglesant, 4; W. Willson (Leicester), 5; E. W. Cartwright, 6; T. H. Coulbourn, 7; E. Robinson (Nottingham), 8; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 9; T. Grundy, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. G. Williams, 1; K. Hart, 2; J. Jay, sen., 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; G. Paice, 5; J. Searle, 6; G. A. King, 7; J. George, 8. Composed by A. Knights, of Chesterfield, and conducted by G. Williams. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F. The above composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in the 6th's place, the 2nd never being in 6th's place at a course-end.

At All Saints', Gravesend, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5104 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 17 mins. E. Edridge, 1; J. H. Cheesman, 2; W. J. Reeve, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; G. Conyard, 5; E. Barnett, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

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

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 20 mins. E. I. Stone, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; A. Wakley, 3; L. Bullock, 4; G. Robinson, 5; H. Wakley, 6; W. Wakley (conductor), 7; T. Holmes, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. It was rung, with the bells half-muffled, on the ninth anniversary of the death of Mr. M. T. Bass, founder of St. Paul's church and parish.

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TWENTIETH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. EDMUND THOMPSON, Draycott, Weston-super-Mare.

[Whose case appeared in the weekly journals in February, 1891.]

Draycott is one of the most quiet and peaceful spots, situate in the Cheddar Valley, a few miles from Wells—and seemingly knowing little of the bustling world, though only a short distance from Bristol—one of the busiest cities in the kingdom.

'The last house in the village, on the left hand side,' was the direction of the station master, whom I had asked for Mr. Thompson. Arrived there, Mr. Thompson himself gave me a hearty greeting, and expressed his readiness to supply all the information in his power on the subject of my quest.

Asked as to his health when young, Mr. Thompson said:—

'I was always delicate. Thirty years ago a doctor gave me cod liver oil, and sent me to Torquay for a lengthened stay. That did me good for a while, but I had to be patched up a good many times after that.'

'I think when you first applied to Mr. Congreve, you were very ill, Mr. Thompson?'

'Yes; I had had two very bad attacks of inflammation of the lungs—one on top of the other—and the doctors told me both my lungs were diseased.'

'What were the symptoms?'

'I had a great deal of pain, much weakness and prostration, hectic flushes, and a heavy expectoration. I also lost a great deal of flesh. The hæmorrhage, too, was very bad.'

'Your condition was evidently very serious.'

'Yes; I thought I was going to die when I placed myself under Mr. Congreve's treatment; but I found I was mistaken. Almost from the first there was a gradual improvement—I got stronger and better in every way, and in about a year was restored to fairly good health.'

'I see, Mr. Thompson, that in 1891 you wrote to Mr. Congreve saying that since recovery your health had continued satisfactory, and added: "By God's blessing, your valuable medicine has prolonged my life, so far, for seven years." I suppose what was true then is true now?'

'Quite so. I consider I have had fairly good health ever since. Naturally I am careful about exposing myself in cold weather.'

Mrs. Thompson came into the room while we were chatting, and she gladly corroborated Mr. Thompson's account of his illness and recovery, adding that Mr. Congreve's medicines had certainly saved her husband's life.

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example of unswerving attention to duty to do their duty, and by the conviction that he has earned his reward. Of such men as Aubrey Cutting the words may well apply which speak of many of the parochial clergy as centres of light and learning, sweet influences for all that makes for peace and righteousness in our agricultural districts. J. R. C.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bells at the Imperial Institute, London.

Our illustration shows the ten bells cast for the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, before they were raised into position in the 'Queen's Tower.'



A description of the bells appeared in our issue of May 5th. They were cast in the celebrated Loughborough Foundry of Messrs. John Taylor & Co.

The Kent County Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th, in the Isle of Thanet. The following towers open during morning and after four p.m.:—Birchington (6); St. Lawrence (8); St. Peter's (8); St. John's, Margate (8); Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12). Members wishing to be conveyed between Birchington and Quex Park and St. Lawrence must apply to the Hon. Secretary before May 27th.

Central Committee Meeting, 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Lawrence's Church, with address by Rev. A. Whitehead (vicar of St. Peter's and rural dean), at 12.30 p.m. Dinner in St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate, at 1.45 p.m. General business meeting after dinner.

Nominations of candidates for Central Council, and notice of any other business must be sent in before May 27th. Dinner tickets will be sent on application, and railway vouchers, if required; but members are advised to inquire as to excursion tickets before using vouchers.

Subscriptions for the year 1893 must be paid before dinner tickets are issued. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Secretary.

The Cheltenham and District Guild.

THE following are the officers for 1893:—President, Mr. G. Phillott; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Humphris; Committee, Messrs. F. Musty (Cheltenham); W. Davis (Prestbury); C. Hamblett (Charlton Kings); W. Townsend (Leckhampton); J. Baldwin (Bishops Cleeve); E. Deane (St. Mark's); C. W. Dyson (Tredington); J. Wallace (Ashchurch). Auditors, Messrs. Pruett and Ward. Meetings are held on the first Thursday in each month at St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheltenham, when all ringing friends are welcome. A. W. HUMPHRIS, Hon. Sec.

Uckington, Cheltenham.

Representations of Ringers in Illustrated Papers.

STR,—I wonder when the illustrated newspapers will learn to depict ringers with some regard to accuracy? Notwithstanding the protests that have been made from time to time when ringers have been represented pulling with all their might at what look like clubs or pieces of cable, or have been depicted ringing bells in full swing with their feet in the ropes looped up, or when other absurdities of a like nature have appeared, the *Graphic* for Saturday last gives us a picture of ten men, with their hats and coats on, tugging vigorously at some thick, short ropes, with appendages at the extreme end—which might be sallies, or might be pieces of wood—as if their main object was to pull the roof down about their ears. This is supposed to represent the opening of the new peal of bells at the Imperial Institute.

Surely, if artists take the trouble to represent other occupations with such accuracy as they generally do, they might do the same with regard to ringers, and not outrage our feelings with such atrocities as these.

The Close, Salisbury, May 13th, 1893.

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Anniversary Meeting at Braughing, Herts.

SINCE 1746 ringing festivals have been held at Braughing, but it was not until May 10th, 1779, that the Braughing ringers accomplished the famous feat of ringing 12,240 BOB MAJOR in 7 hrs. 34 mins., and ever since this anniversary has been marked by a ringing festival. On Wednesday, besides the local ringing Society, ringers assembled from Beddington, Sawbridge-worth, Ware, Hertford, Hunsdon, and Baldock. The local ringers rang a capital touch at 6 a.m. The Bennington band, under Mr. Leonard Proctor, the President of the Hertfordshire Ringing Society, and others, also rang about 2000 changes, comprising touches of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN TRIPLES, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. At 2 p.m. there was an adjournment for dinner, when the Rev. P. G. Ward occupied the chair, Mr. J. W. Leader the vice-chair, and the company, numbering about thirty-five, included Mr. L. Proctor, Mr. Haworth (Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. Rivers, Mr. Rochester, Mr. Martin, and Mr. F. G. Crawley, of Hertford, who first attended the anniversary in 1846. After dinner there was some good handbell-ringing by Mr. Proctor, Mr. Ketchener, the Messrs. Miles, and Mr. Crawley. Other touches, too, were given on the church bells.

Re-dedication of Bells at Wichenford, near Worcester.

THE three bells have lately been rebung by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, and were rededicated (two of them having been silent for nearly thirty years, owing to the unsafe state of the timbers) by the Bishop of Coventry on Wednesday, May 10th. One bell is pre-Reformation, the others are dated 1664 and 1673.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Staveley, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday evening, the 29th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire and the Old East Derbyshire Association of Change-ringers rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. S. Palmer, 1; W. Worthington, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price (Eckington), 5; A. Knight (conductor, Chesterfield), 6; J. Harriss, 7; H. Mottershall, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Brighton.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2½ mins. J. Jay, sen., 1; G. A. King, 2; K. Hart, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton.

ON Thursday, the 4th inst., C. H. Hattersley's peal of 5037 STEDMAN CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 11 mins. G. A. King, 1; K. Hart,* 2; E. C. Merritt,* 3; C. Tyler,* 4; W. Palmer, 5; F. Morris, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. Searle, 8; G. Williams (conductor), 9; H. Weston, 10. Tenor, 17 cwt. The composition has the 6th fixed in 2nd's place throughout. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Friday, the 5th inst., a peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL was rung by the following members of the Midland Counties' Association in 3 hrs. 23 mins.:—W. H. Inglesant,* 1; J. Smith, 2; S. Cooper, 3; J. Hardy, 4; W. Willson,* 5; A. W. Matthews, 6; T. H. Colburn,* 7; E. W. Cartwright, 8; W. T. Billingham, 9; J. W. Taylor, jun., 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. Composed by Mr. H. Dains, and conducted by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun. Messrs. Cooper and Willson came from Leicester. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 6th inst., ten members of the Surrey Association rang Johnson's peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 11 mins. A. J. Plowman (birthday), 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; H. Brooks (first peal of CATERS), 3; R. Sewell, 4; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 5; G. Welling, 6; F. Holden, 7; J. Harding, 8; J. W. Trappitt, 9; J. Fayers, 10. Tenor, 10½ cwt. The composition has the 6th her extent in both courses behind the 9th and 8th.

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

ON Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Johnson's peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. E. Gibbs, 1; R. French, 2; W. Burkins, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; E. Carter, 5; J. Pettit, 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—ON Sunday, the 30th ult., the following changes were rung:—720 PLAIN BOB MINOR: F. Rice (conductor), 1; C. Smart, 2; F. Dench, 3; H. Turrell, 4; R. Jordan, 5; W. Denman, 6. 720 WARRHAM COURT BOB: C. Smart, 1; W. Pearce, 2; R. Summersall, 3; F. Dench, 4; B. Payne, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. 360 OXFORD TREBLE BOB: R. Summersall, 1; F. Dench, 2; W. Denman, 3; C. Smart, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. 360 COURT BOB: W. Jupp, 1; W. Pearce, 2; B. Payne, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Messrs. Dench, Jordan, and Payne came from Crawley; Rice, Three Bridges; Smart, Steyning; the rest are local men.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS.—ON Tuesday, the 2nd inst., for practice, the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 23 mins. T. Lawrence,* 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence,* 3; G. Iles, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6; T. Ricketts,* 7; T. Robinson,* 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [* First half-peal.]

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

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TWENTY-FIRST INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. WEEKS (Mother of Mrs. MILLS), Holborn Place, Jubilee Street, Plymouth.

The case of Miss H. F. Weeks (now Mrs. Mills) was first published in the appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption (page 18), and the subjoined account of it, and a conversation I had recently with her mother, Mrs. Weeks, will serve as a striking illustration of that permanence of cure which usually follows perseverance with the treatment which Mr. Congreve advocates.

Eleven years ago—on the first day of 1882—the patient (having then been ill ten months, and although at different times attended by no less than five medical men, having obtained no benefit) applied to Mr. Congreve.

The statement of the case was as follows: 'The expectoration consisted of greenish matter with blood; there were great pains in the left side; the breathing was very short; all the secretions were sadly wrong; the heart was subject to severe palpitations; the legs and feet swelled; the body was wasted; the strength had declined; added to which there was great prostration of the nervous system.'

'The beginning of her illness was a cold caused through getting wet,' said Mrs. Weeks. 'It did not seem to matter what advice she had, or what we gave her, nothing seemed to do her good. One doctor told me that one lung was gone and the other was going. I had a medical man in the house for three months, but she got worse instead of better.'

'How came you to apply to Mr. Congreve?' I asked.

'It was her uncle, Mr. Kelley, of 14 Chapel Street, Devonport, who sent to Mr. Congreve without saying anything to us about it. I had no hope of her getting better.'

'And what was the result, Mrs. Weeks?'

'Well, for the first month there was not much change, but after that Mr. Congreve sent her a special prescription, to be taken in addition to his other medicine. Her appetite improved, and she made rapid progress towards recovery. As the weather got better she was able to go out a little, increasing the length of the walk each day, and so she gradually got well again.'

'What! after the doctors here had told you one lung was gone, and the other going, and after ten months of an illness such as you have described, she really quite recovered?'

'She did, and she has since been examined by a doctor, who reported that her lungs were healed. The neighbours, who are all acquainted with the circumstances (for we are well known in this part of Plymouth), say she is a wonder. I never heard of so bad a case as hers.'

'And will it be correct to say that, after eleven years, she is still keeping well?'

'Quite correct. She is married, and has a fine little girl!—and here true grandmotherly pride made itself very evident—the finest baby in the neighbourhood. She does all her household work. I only wish you could see her. She will be here some time this morning.'

The exigencies of the train service, however, would not permit of my remaining longer in Plymouth; but before I bade her good-day Mrs. Weeks told me of another case—the daughter of the proprietor of a steam laundry near, 'who was ill just like my daughter'—also cured by Mr. Congreve's treatment.

Mr. Kelley, whose address is given above, and upon whom I called, also corroborated the account here given, and added that his own son, who was at one time very ill with chest affection, recovered under Mr. Congreve's care, and now, strong, healthy, and well, is employed in a large house of business in the City of London.

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Dissenting endowments must be confiscated also. No tenure of property can be safe, no landowner can feel secure, the Crown itself is endangered, if Church property can be taken away.

(4) No stronger Church defence can be adopted than the commencement at once to form a Church Endowment Fund everywhere.

It would show the needs of the Church are great. It would prove that so far from being in a position to lose property, she stands in need of all she has, and of very much more, in order to secure Christian doctrine and practice amongst all the people. It may be that terrible times are for a season upon us. It may be that God hath a controversy with His Church; and who is not astonished that she does so little 'to set in order the things that are wanting' (*Ta Leiponta of St. Paul*), that she permits a 'cramping conformity' where she ought to be 'truly Catholic' in the freedom and variety of her offices and services, and that a *narrow uniformity* renders unity practically impossible? But she is the Church of God in this land, and there is abundance of wealth and ability amply to provide for every want, if only there is the desire and the will to do so. And therefore is it most respectfully but very firmly urged upon Church people everywhere, and as a great and important principle of action in the extension of the Church of God, to begin on the first Sunday next after Trinity, viz. June 4th, by just securing the offertories of that one day, and by opening an account during the week at the neighbouring savings' bank, everywhere, whether by a shilling or by many pounds, as the endowment fund of the parish, or else for the diocesan episcopate extension fund. And then let this be renewed once every year on the same Sunday.

If Churchmen will reflect, it is probable that they will recognise that this suggestion is wise and practical, and deserves to be universally adopted quite irrespective of any and every other schemes which it may be prudent to call into action.

GEORGE VENABLES.

REVIEWS.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY APPLIED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF WOOLLENS. By Edward Everett Hale, D.D. (London: Cassell & Co., 1893, 1s.)—Dr. Hale has attempted, in the form of a readable tale, to set forth the advantages to both masters and men of the system of 'profit-sharing.' The special and valuable point of his treatment is his insistence on the necessity and advantage of the office of manager coming between the capitalist and the workmen. He says, (1) the management is a special profession, which must be well paid; and (2) management involves permanence, or there will be no permanence or security. We have enjoyed his book very much, and hope it may have some practical results.

THE GATES OF HEAVEN OPENED. By James Davis, Professor of Natural Philosophy. (London: Houlston & Sons. 1893.)—We do not know where the author is professor at, but the following extract from his preface will suffice to show the nature of his book:—'It will therein be fully established that terrestrial magnetism, set at liberty from the ground we stand on by the sun, the appointed ruler of the world, affords life and energy to all creation. By which means mankind on earth are enabled to make known their desires to their Almighty Father in heaven.' Mr. Davis's knowledge of science appears to be on a level with his knowledge of Scripture, for we find him basing a serious argument on 1 John, v. 7, which even Wesley declared to be spurious. The book is a mass of blunders.

CHRIST MYSTICAL; OR, THE BLESSED UNION OF CHRIST AND HIS MEMBERS. By Joseph Hall, D.D., bishop of Norwich, A.D. 1654. (London: Hodder & Stoughton. 1893. 3s. 6d.)—The second volume of the 'Devotional Library.' The interest attaching to this reprint of a well-known book is that it was a special favourite of General Gordon, and his marginal marks are here reproduced. There is also an essay on Gordon's theology by Rev. H. Carruthers Wilson, Gordon's friend.

THE INCARNATION: A REVELATION OF HUMAN DUTIES. A Charge by Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Durham. (London. 1892. 6d.)—Deserves to be read and re-read by every clergyman and layman throughout the world.

FIRST STEPS TO FAITH AND PIETY; or a Manual of Doctrinal Instruction, Prayer for the use of Members of the Church of England

who have little leisure time. By Rev. J. Fenwick Laing. Fourth edition. (London: Masters. 1892.)—A fourth edition implies that this little book meets a much-felt want.

CROCKFORD'S CLERICAL DIRECTORY. (London: Horace Cox, Breams Buildings, E.C. Price 15s.)—*Crockford*, as this book is called in clerical parlance, has, by gradual growth, become in its twenty-fifth annual issue a book of above 2000 pages. It differs from other Lists of the Clergy in that it fully, but succinctly, summarises their professional record. It thus enables patrons and others to learn the extent and nature of any clergyman's experience, and to trace his antecedents both as an assistant curate or as an incumbent. This is often most necessary, and is the greatest possible help to those who have to fill some vacant parochial niche. The experience of a quarter of a century and the annual revision have enabled the editor to make the arrangement of *Crockford* very clear and convenient, and it is now almost perfection as a book of clerical reference. In testing its accuracy, we did not detect any error in the personal portion of the volume, which was brought closely up to date. In the 500 pages of tabulated small type, which deals with the benefices, curates, incomes, populations, &c., we did spot some small mistakes, but, if the clergy neglect to fill up the forms which are sent them, the editor cannot be aware of changes in the assistant curates and the like. The editor's preface, in which he deals with a variety of small clerical vanities in titles, addresses, and so on, is both racy and reasonable.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Bushey, on Saturday, June 10th, when the towers of the parish church and Oxley will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Further particulars next week.

E. J. DEBENHAM, Hon Sec.

The Lancashire Association.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, when about thirty members attended, representing Manchester, Pendleton, Whitefield, and Flixton. Ringing commenced shortly after four o'clock and the business was transacted shortly before seven, when T. G. Downs was elected to preside. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Swinton, on June 17th. Two names were added to the list of members. A vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens brought the business to a close. **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR** was rung for service. The methods rung during the evening were **GRANDSIRE** and **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, **BOB MAJOR**, **KENT TREBLE BOB**, and **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**.

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.

THE eighteenth annual meeting of the above Society was held lately in the belfry of the parish church. The President, the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A., occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. S. Herbert (vice-president), F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, J. Moss, T. Mudge, E. Sargent, W. Carnell, C. Carter, W. Drake, B. Mundy, A. C. Bird, and F. Davey. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, S. Herbert, Esq. offered a peal-board to the St. Sidwell Society, provided they rang a peal of **CATERS** by themselves. The total number of changes rung by the Society amounted to 35,152. The places visited were St. Thomas's, St. David's, Thorverton, Alington, Ide, St. Edmunds, Cheriton Bishop, Drewsteignton, Crediton, Exminster, Axminster, Sowton, and Cheriton Fitzpaine. S. Herbert, Esq., on behalf of the vice-presidents, thanked Mr. Mundy for the kindness shown him and his brother vice-president, H. Hems, Esq. As all the officers promised to retain their respective posts, they were put and carried in a body. Mr. E. Sargent was then transferred from an honorary to an ordinary member, and Mr. T. Halse was elected an honorary member. Before closing the meeting the chairman was asked to kindly present a volume of *Church Bells* and a volume of *Bell News* for the past year to three members who had put in the most attendances at practice during the year. Miss Temple, who kindly gives the Society a *Church Bells* bound volume annually, was accorded the best thanks of the Society for her kindness. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a successful meeting to a close.

Death of a Ringer at Knutsford, Cheshire.

MR. THOMAS HAMMAN, who for about twenty years has been a bell-ringer of Knutsford parish church, died at his house in King Street on Friday. After the evening service on Sunday, a muffled peal was rung by his comrades on the parish church bells. The deceased was highly respected by the ringers.

Church Bell-ringers.

The number of church bell-ringers in the diocese of Exeter is larger than is to be found in any of the other dioceses in England and Wales, with the exception of that of Oxford. The bell-ringers in Devon are said to number 2121; those in the diocese of Oxford, 2200.

The Bells of St. Michael and All Angels', Chiswick, London.

THE *West London Church Chronicle* says:—'It is not often that we find a modern church possessing five bells, but St. Michael's, Chiswick, is in that happy position. There is the metal bell that calls the faithful to vespers, and a very cranky-sounding bell it is; and there are also four other bells which do good work and true for the church and the faith. On all great festivals, such as Easter last, might be seen the familiar face of Mr. Thomas Bell, either acting as server or assisting in some other way in the services of the sanctuary; two of his sons are servers and acolytes, and a third son sings in the choir. If every Churchman brought up his family in this way, and made them love their church and faith as Mr. Bell has done, the Church of England would never have to fear attacks from without, and would certainly be stronger in every way. Mr. Bell has served at the altar for over a quarter of a century—first, at that old citadel of the faith, St. Mary's, Soho; then at St. Mary Magdalene's, Chiswick; and for the last seventeen years at St. Michael's. Mr. Bell was admitted a licensed reader in the diocese of London some years ago by Bishop Jackson, and for many years read the lessons at St. Michael's. Mr. Bell says he has another boy, who will be old enough to join the choir next year, and then St. Michael's will possess six Bells.'

Hewelsfield Bells.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Shawcross' letter (May 12th, p. 450), it seems to me that the copy of the bell inscriptions is a bungling transcript from Mr. Ellacombe's *Bells of Gloucestershire*, the figures on the right referring to the diameters of the bells, and those in the first column on the left having nothing whatever to do with the bells at Hewelsfield.

The initials 'W.E.' are probably those of William Evans of Chepstow, Bell-founder. The numbers in brackets refer to certain woodcuts in Mr. Ellacombe's book.

HENRY T. TILLEY.

Smethwick.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Milverton, Somerset.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Bath and Wells Association rang the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part peal (No. 2) of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. G. Atkins, 1; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 2; A. Chilcott, 3; J. Pugsley, 4; J. Grabham, 5; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, 6; A. E. Mills, 7; H. Moore, 8. Rung on the occasion of the reopening of the parish church bells after their augmentation to eight.

At St. Nicholas', Halewood, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. C. Williams, 1; J. Aspinwall, 2; A. Grace, 3; G. Callan, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; R. Williams (composer and conductor), 6; J. Houghton (first peal in the method), 7; R. Briers, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Peter's Cathedral, Liverpool.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 5056 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. R. Williams, 1; J. Brown, 2; C. E. Wilson,* 3; J. H. Moore,* 4; W. R. Williams, 5; J. Booth, 6; W. Booth, 7; T. Hammond, 8. Composed by J. R. Pritchard and conducted by W. Booth. The first peal in the method by the Association, and the second peal in the method rung* in Lancashire. [* First peal in the method.]

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the All Saints' Association rang a peal of 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 16 mins. E. H. Adams, 1; J. Basden, 2; W. T. Elson, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; W. Bumpstead, 5; A. H. Faber, 6; H. Kenten, 7; J. W. Driver, 8. Composed by J. Reeves and conducted by J. W. Driver. Tenor, 21 cwt. The first peal of TREBLE BOB by the Fulham Society and the first peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR by all of the band.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, W. G. Archer, 1; E. W. Brook, 2; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 3; J. Tarrant, 4; E. Wightman, 5; J. Hunt, 6. On Wednesday, the 10th inst., on handbells retained in hand, 720 BOB MINOR. Rev. J. H. Pilkington (first 720), 1-2; J. Tarrant, 3-4; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 5-6. On Monday, the 15th inst., 720 BOB MINOR in 18 mins. on handbells. R. H. Hayward, 1-2; J. Tarrant (conductor), 3-4; W. G. Archer (first 720 double-handed), 5-6.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, the 7th inst., being the Sunday School Anniversary, for early service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB in 27 mins. by the following members of the Lancashire Association:—W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. Also for morning service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 25 mins.—J. Worthington, 1; Jos. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 24 mins.—J. Worthington (conductor), 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. And after service, 720 BOB MINOR in 23 mins.—J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

AT ST. DAVID'S, MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Ascension Day, the 11th inst., six of the local ringers (members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) rang ten six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES in 50 mins. E. Cassell, 1; J. Butler, 2; R. Lyddiatt (conductor), 3; A. R. W. White, 4; C. L. Betteridge, 5; W. H. Cassell, 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, a mixed band of the Essex Association attempted to ring a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, but after ringing about 1000 changes the rope of the 6th bell broke, and so caused a stoppage. A. Clarke (Stanstead), 1; W. Howell, sen. (Sudbury), 2; C. H. Howard (conductor, Braintree), 3; Z. Slater (Glensford), 4; Harper (Sudbury), 5; R. Theobald (Stanstead), 6; N. Hawkins (Belchamp), 7; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 8. After mending the rope, a touch of 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. A. Clarke, 1; W. Howell, 2; C. H. Howard, 3; Z. Slater, 4; H. Harper, 5; S. Slater, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; R. Theobald, 8.

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TWENTY-SECOND INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. OTTO, 29 Alexandra Road, Colchester.

[Whose case was published in the weekly journals in August, 1889.]

A good many worthy people cling to the belief that, whatever hopes there may be of the recovery of persons who have become consumptive through cold or other pre-disposing causes, there is absolutely none for those who have an hereditary taint, that those who have been so unfortunate as to inherit a tendency to Consumption must inevitably succumb to its attack. According to this dictum, Mrs. Otto should have done so long ago; but yet when I saw her recently she was undoubtedly in the enjoyment of good health.

I may say that I knew nothing of the case of this lady previously. I had learnt that she had always been delicate, that after taking cold for several months, she had a severe cough, coupled with palpitations, acute pains, wasting of flesh, and swelling of the feet and legs. I also knew that having arrived at this critical condition she commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment, under the advice of Captain Henslowe, of Colchester. What happened after that Mrs. Otto shall tell. When I called upon her at her house recently I asked her how many of her family had died of Consumption. Her answer startled me.

'I have lost five sisters—four of them grown up and one younger, as well as my mother; all died of Consumption.'

'May I ask how many of the family are now alive?'

'Myself and my brother are the only two left. Naturally when I became so ill myself I got very anxious, knowing the family tendency, and so I readily followed Captain Henslowe's advice, and applied to Mr. Congreve. At that time I was so bad that the slight change of atmosphere in going from one room to another affected me seriously.'

'What was the result, Mrs. Otto?'

'Well, from the first I got relief from the pains, but I had taken the medicine quite three months before I got any marked benefit beyond that. After the first three months I seemed to take a turn for the better, and gradually progressed to recovery.'

'I see Captain Henslowe, writing to Mr. Congreve about the middle of the year 1889, said "your health had been wonderfully sustained."'

'That is quite right. Captain Henslowe showed me the account of my case, as published by Mr. Congreve, and everything in it was correct.'

'And does that still remain true? Will it be correct to say the same now?'

'Oh, yes; since that time I have enjoyed much better health, and am now quite able to do all my household work.'

In reply to a further question Mrs. Otto gave me her permission to publish this account of our chat, and expressed her gratitude to Mr. Congreve for his skilful and, happily, most successful treatment of her case.

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GREAT THOUGHTS presents its readers with a plate of the Duke of York and Princess May. It contains, as usual, a large variety of papers and articles, and its new serial story, 'Dr. Quixote,' is rapidly becoming strongly interesting.

OLD AND NEW LONDON, Part 69, completes this excellent, well-known work of Messrs. Cassell & Co.

WE have received the first number of the ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER. This new mid-monthly journal is under the editorship of Dr. E. J. Hopkins, Dr. C. W. Pearce, and Dr. C. Vincent, and will be entirely devoted to the interests of Church music. We wish it success. The publishing office is at 139 Oxford Street, W., and the price is twopence.

THE INDIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY (Masters & Co.) is a strong number this time. The Rev. F. A. P. Shirreff writes with acumen on 'Old Testament Criticism,' and Mr. E. S. Foulkes on 'Recent Works on the Same Subject.' Prof. Swete contributes 'A Critical Text of the Gospel of Peter,' and promises some articles thereon, to which we shall look forward with interest. There is an able discussion by Rev. M. Goreh, on 'God's Foreknowledge and Man's Freewill.' Rev. J. J. Lias gives a vivid account of the recent Old Catholic Congress at Lucerne. There are several minor articles and many well-written reviews.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS has for its character sketch Sir F. Leighton, and an excellent summary of news and magazine articles.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS contains an excellent portrait of Bishop Pelham, late of Norwich, and many interesting extracts from current literature, along with some not very bright original matter.

THE YOUNG GENTLEWOMAN is an excellent number. This magazine contains a great variety of interesting and useful papers, stories, &c., for young people.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The seventeenth meeting of the above Guild was held at Gawsworth on Saturday, the 13th ult., when representatives were present from three out of the four towers which comprise the branch—Macclesfield, Gawsworth, and Bollington. The journey to this beautiful spot was much enjoyed, as fine weather prevailed. Tea was provided at five o'clock in the Church Room, the Rector (the Rev. J. T. Penrose) presiding. Afterwards the business meeting was held, when the Rector, on taking the chair, gave a hearty welcome to all, and addressed the members as to their duty to God and man, the Church, and their noble art, urging them to be closely united, to go forward and persevere, and success was sure to follow. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Macclesfield was selected for the next place of meeting. It was also arranged to have a ringing meeting at Prestbury on Saturday, September 2nd. A pleasant meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Rector. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob and GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung on the fine ring of six bells. Tenor, about 11 cwt., in G.

The Society of Framland Ringers at Waltham, Leicestershire.

THE annual meeting of the Society took place on Thursday, the 18th ult., when a visit was paid to Waltham. The proceedings were on much the same lines as in previous years, comprising a service in the church, a dinner and tea, and the annual business meeting. In addition to these, continuous peals were rung upon the bells from 8.45 a.m. until eight o'clock in the evening, with intervals, which the above-mentioned gatherings necessitated. The number of members present was not quite so large as usual, the Buckminster and Stathern ringers being absent. The total was fifty-four.

At three o'clock evensong was said in the parish church, when, in addition to the members of the Society, a number of the parishioners formed the congregation.

The business meeting took place after tea. The Rev. C. H. Lacon said they would see, from the statement of accounts, that they had got a balance in hand of 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* It was not so large as last year, because one or two subscriptions had fallen off, as they would see by comparison with last year's balance-sheet. That day he believed he had paid something over 3*l.* for conveyances, so that they would see that was a serious item. However, he thought the Society might be congratulated upon having something in hand, and not being in debt.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting terminated, after a few more peals by two or three of the teams.

Dedication of Bells at Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.

On Saturday evening, May 27th, an interesting service was held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge, the occasion being the dedication of a new peal of six bells, given by Mr. and Mrs. Harker, of Harefield, and their family. By 6.30 p.m. a large congregation had assembled, and the clergy and choir entered by the principal door and took up their places in the porch

beneath the tower, where the first part of the service was conducted. Prayers were read by the Rev. Alex. Scott, and an address given by Canon Bardsley, vicar of Bradford, from Ps. lxxxix. 15, 16. The form of service used was that supplied from Church Bells office. A brass plate placed in the church porch bears the following inscription with reference to the new peal: 'The bells in this church were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harker and family, of Harefield, and dedicated A.D. 1893 to the glory of God and in loving memory of their eldest son, George Hodgson Harker, who died January 8th, 1892, aged 25 years.'

The following peals were rung on the Saturday evening and during Trinity Sunday:—Two 720's KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 360 each KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR and GRANDSIRE MINOR. The ringers were Jno. Buffery, Birmingham; Thos. Hudson, Bishopwearmouth; R. Broadley, Masham; T. Langley, Boroughbridge; W. Pick, A. Ingleby, A. Gibson, and T. Metcalfe, Ripon. Conductor, T. Clarke, Ripon.

The bells, which are a maiden peal and in excellent tune, were supplied by Chas. Carr, bell-founder, Smethwick, Birmingham. They are rich and musical in tone, and gave the greatest satisfaction. The tenor bell weighs 12½ cwt., and is tuned in G flat. The frame is of oak and iron, and the work of hanging has been skilfully carried out by J. Buffery.

Church Bell-ringers at Higham Ferrers.

THE annual meeting of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers was held at Higham Ferrers on Monday, when there was a large attendance of ringers. During the day the different sets rang short lengths of changes upon the peal of eight bells in the Parish Church, under the oversight of the foreman, Mr. William Parker. Ringers were present from Wellingborough, Kettering, Rushden, Raunds, Irchester, Bozeat, Wollaston, Doddington, Desborough, Warkton, Yardley, Hastings, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, and Irthlingborough. At 1 p.m. the ringers attended Divine service at the Parish Church. The proper Psalm (cvi.) was sung, and the lessons were read by the Rev. W. H. Richards and the Rev. C. J. Gordon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Dun, from the words, 'For the body is not one member, but many' (1 Cor. xii. 14). The collection was in aid of the funds of the Association. Afterwards the ringers and friends, to the number of about eighty, partook of dinner, provided by Mr. Sargent, at the Bede House. The annual business meeting was held in the afternoon, the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, president of the Association, occupying the chair. The President read a letter from the Rev. E. Biscoe, rector of Irthlingborough, in which he invited the Society to hold their Association meeting at Irthlingborough next year. Mr. E. J. Dennes, the secretary of the Society, read his report, stating that since the last annual meeting well-attended quarterly meetings had been held at Wollaston, Rothwell, and Finedon. They had now sixteen honorary members and sixty-six ringers, but at that meeting they would make the honorary members number up to over twenty and the ringers to 100. During the year they had lost three ringers—Mr. Chapman, of the Rushden belfry; Mr. R. Neville, of Irthlingborough; and Mr. F. Kirk, of Raunds. Mr. Dennes also presented the balance-sheet, showing the receipts to be 8*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, and the expenditure 7*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, leaving a balance of 5*s.* The balance at the bank, he said, had been increased by 15*s.* 6*d.*, and 1*l.* had been given to Irthlingborough. The Rev. J. Dun, treasurer, stated that they had the sum of 6*l.* 17*s.* in the bank. The following gentlemen were then elected honorary members in addition to those already elected:—The Rev. E. C. Channer, Desborough; the Rev. E. W. J. Symons, Doddington; the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, Wilby; the Rev. H. C. Beasley, Wellingborough; the Rev. B. R. Wilson and Rev. W. H. Abbot, Kettering; the Rev. E. Biscoe, Irthlingborough; Dr. Crew, Higham Ferrers; Mr. T. Jones, Warkton; and Mr. J. T. Smith, Wellingborough. The invitation of the Rev. E. Biscoe to hold the next annual meeting at Irthlingborough was accepted. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough. The meeting then concluded.

The Bells of Dumfries, Scotland.

In a paper read before the Dumfries and Galloway Antiquarian Society, Mr. Barbour, architect, states that there are six bells belonging to the town. These are: The Carliel bell (lodged in the Observatory Museum), weight 75 lbs., its note is G; St. Michael's Church bell, weight 8 cwt., note B flat; Greyfriars' Church bell, weight 9 cwt., note G sharp; Midsteeple bell (largest), weight 8 cwt., note E flat; do. (second), weight 5 cwt., note E flat (an octave higher than former); do. (smallest), weight 3 cwt., note E natural. The Carliel bell bears an inscription that it was caused to be made by William de Carliel, Lord of Torthorwald, in honour of St. Michael, the year of our Lord 1443. Mr. Barbour conjectures that it was used at the church of St. Michael, subsequently at the Tolbooth, and finally at the Midsteeple, where it was known as the fire-bell. From this position it one day disappeared, and was discovered some time afterwards in the yard of a tradesman who had picked it up as an unconsidered trifle while executing repairs on the building. It had a narrow escape of being sent to the smelting-pot. The bell at present in St. Michael's Church steeple was caused to be made by 'William, A.D. 1451; in 1818 it was recast, and in 1839 it was again recast. The cost of the operation in the former year was 125*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, of which the Town Council paid half. The 'William' of the original inscription was probably William, sixth Lord Abbot of Kelso, the church having been granted to the monks of Kelso by William the Lion. Greyfriars' bell was made in 1744. It was twice recast in Dumfries and once at Bristol. The Midsteeple bells, made in 1708 and 1764, cost 1698*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 506.

Bell-ringing in Ireland.

It is to be hoped that as rings of bells multiply in Ireland the peculiarly graceful and pleasing art of bell-ringing will be acquired and practised. Change-ringing has been brought to almost the rank of a science in England, and has become a source of great pleasure to thousands of listeners, as well as a healthy and invigorating exercise for the performers. This fact has been recently brought into prominence by the ringing of Messrs. Taylor's beautiful peal of bells at the Imperial Institute on the occasion of the opening of that building by the Queen. On Monday week some very pleasing ringing was done at Coleraine by a team composed partly of the members of St. Thomas's Association of Ringers from Belfast, and partly of some beginners from St. Patrick's Association, belonging to that town. The performance did ample justice to the eight fine bells recently hung in the church tower, and also reflected great credit on the performers. The ringing was in four 'touches,' in which the familiar changes of 'Queen's,' 'Whittington's,' and 'Tittums,' were introduced. The striking throughout was sharp and regular. The following composed the team:—W. H. Sheppard (Belfast), 1; H. G. Simms (Belfast), 2; J. K. Ward (Belfast, conductor), 3; A. Steedman (Coleraine), 4; N. Jackson (Belfast), 5; T. Henry (Coleraine), 6; A. G. Ward (Belfast), 7; Jos. Irwin (Coleraine), 8. We hope that in future there may be an interchange of ringers among places that have suitable bells, and that thus, by a healthy rivalry, this ancient art may be revived and fostered.—*Belfast News Letter.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Midhurst, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 47 mins., in four MINOR TREBLE BOB methods, being one of DUKE OF YORK, two each of WOODBINE, OXFORD, and KENT TREBLE BOB. C. Tribe, 1; F. Ellis, 2; Dr. W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. The peal was rung in the evening, after the Confirmation service, to celebrate the visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

At the Parish Church, Banstead, Surrey.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. C. Bance, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; W. P. Routh, 3; J. Harding, 4; T. Miles, 5; C. Gordon, 6; Jos. Fayers, 7; J. W. Trappitt, 8. Tenor, 21½ cwt., in E.

At All Saints', Eastmeon, Hampshire.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. F. W. J. Rees, 1; J. Staples, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Heathorn, 4; C. W. Miller, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; F. A. Hendy (first peal), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F. The first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the erection of a board to record a peal of TREBLE BOB, being the first peal on the bells.

At the Parish Church, Hanbury, Worcestershire.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association rang a peal of 7392 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 4 hrs. 27 mins. J. Paget, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. Short, 5; W. H. Smith, 6; J. Barber, 7; R. E. Grove, 8. Composed by A. Knights and conducted by R. E. Grove. Tenor, 17 cwt. The above was an attempt for a longer peal, but the bells were brought round at the above number on account of the indisposition of one of the band.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR were rung in 31 min. by six members of the Essex Association. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat. This is the first 720 on tower bells by five of the above band.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, EAST MOULSEY, SURREY.—On a Wednesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. J. Chandler, 1; E. H. Adams (conductor), 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. Strutt, 4; W. Smith, 5; G. Woodiss, 6; R. E. Pearson, 7; J. Apps, 8. It was intended to start for a peal, but owing to a case of illness, the above was all that could be rung.

At ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, LONDON.—On a Thursday, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 46 mins. W. Meaton, 1; A. H. Tabor, 2; W. J. Elson, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; J. Nichols, 6; E. H. Adams (conductor), 7; S. How, 8. Rung with the bells muffled on the occasion of the funeral of H. Brazier, an old and respected ringer of the parish.

At ST. LAWRENCE'S, MEREWORTH, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, a peal of 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. L. Newman, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; G. Butler, 3; G. Hook, 4; E. H. Newman, 5; W. Eldridge (conductor), 6.

At BOUGHTON, KENT.—On a Sunday, after afternoon service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Taylor, 1; H. Burling, 2; H. Foreman, 3; E. Bridges, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; W. Lucas, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; H. Fox, 8. 6-8 covering. It is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Taylor, Burling, and Bridges.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On a Wednesday, an attempt was made to ring 680 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but a change-course occurred within three leads of home. J. C. Truss, sen., 1; J. Truss, jun., 2; L. Hart, 3; J. Taplin, 4; E. Gadsden, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; A. W. Tubb

(composer and conductor), 7; R. Coles, 8. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th came from Great Marlow.

A CORRECTION.—In No. 1167 of *Church Bells* (May 5th) appeared an account of 'New Bells at Denbigh,' instead of 'New Bells at Llandudno.'

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TWENTY-THIRD INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. WILLIAM KNIGHT, Overy Cottage, Eccles, near Attleborough, Norfolk.

[Whose case appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption, page 20.]

Eccles is one of those places in the United Kingdom difficult of access. The approach to it being a mile or two of the dirtiest, boggiest roads it has been my lot to travel. It was winter, however, when I was there.

I found Eccles to be not a compact village, but a straggling parish with one or two houses planted here and there, and a little enquiry brought me to Overy Cottage, the residence of Mrs. Knight.

So soon as I explained my errand to that lady she expressed her readiness to afford me all the information in her power, and, in reply to my initial question as to an illness from which she suffered some years ago, said:

'When I applied to Mr. Congreve in the autumn of 1882 I had been ill for twelve years. I caught cold after a confinement. I suffered most from a bad cough and distressing breathing. I used to cough at night terribly, never ceasing for hours together. I raised a lot of very offensive phlegm. At last I got so weak that I couldn't walk across the room.'

'You must have been in a very critical condition then, Mrs. Knight?'

'Yes; my neighbour knew some one who had just the same symptoms as I had, and who died. She told me I was going just the same way. Our ministers and the clergyman of the parish came to see me, and they as well as everyone else said I shouldn't get better.'

'What induced you to apply to Mr. Congreve?'

'Seeing the announcements in one of the weekly religious journals. At first I didn't seem much better for the medicine, and my husband wrote to Mr. Congreve, who sent me some special directions. After that I began to mend rapidly. I ought to say that before applying to Mr. Congreve I had taken many advertised medicines without receiving the slightest benefit.'

'Do you remember how long you remained under treatment?'

'About six months, I think, and then I was quite recovered. Since that time I can truthfully say I have been better in health than ever I was before. I have been able to attend to all my own house-work, and in every have been strong and well.'

'That is a very fine child; is it yours, Mrs. Knight?'

'Yes; she isn't five years old yet. She looks strong and healthy enough, doesn't she?'

'She does indeed. By the way, didn't you know another case somewhere in this neighbourhood?'

'Yes, a young man who tried the treatment on the recommendation of my husband. He got well, and was able to resume his work, but unfortunately he was addicted to drink, and, morally speaking, committed suicide.'

'Mrs. Knight told me, in conclusion, that she had strongly recommended Mr. Congreve's remedies to other sufferers, and had answered many enquiries addressed to her, adding that she should always be pleased to continue to do so, for both she and her husband felt that she owed her life to that gentleman's treatment.'

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At ST. MICHAEL'S, FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, the 24th ult., being the Queen's birthday, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR was attempted by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, but came to an end after about an hour's ringing, owing to one of the clock chiming hammers slipping and getting foul of the wheel:—J. Motts (conductor), 1; H. Baldrey, jun., 2; W. Motts, 3; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, 4; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 5; W. G. Crickmer, 6; W. Flory, 7; F. Day, 8. Afterwards several courses and touches were rung of BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, DUFFIELD, and STEDMAN TRIPLES. On Thursday, the 1st inst., the anniversary of the reopening of the bells, the following members of the Framlingham company rang 1440 BOB MINOR (being two 720's called differently) in 59 mins. W. Ostler,* 1; C. Harper,* 2; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (conductor), 3; A. E. Read,* 4; S. Garnham,* 5; J. Self, 6. [* Longest length yet rung.]

At WILLESDEN OLD CHURCH, MIDDLESEX.—On Saturday, the 6th inst., a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung by members of the Society of Cumberland Youths, in honour of the marriage of Alfred Pittam (for ten years a ringer at the above church) with Mary Skinner Redman.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR in 27 mins. C. Clarke (first 720), 1; F. Jelf, 2; W. Johnson, 3; G. Green, 4; H. James (first 720), 5; G. Maxim (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 that has been rung on these bells for over twenty years. Messrs. Maxim, Green, and Jelf came from Waltham Cross. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At BARNET, HERTS.—On a Monday, an attempt for a peal failed. Afterwards some short touches were rung, including 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; J. Nixon, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. H. Martin, 6; G. Smith (conductor), 7; F. Blondell and E. Dolton, 8.

At ISLEWORTH, LONDON.—On a Friday, for practice, 644 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original, conducted by J. Basden; 322, conducted by W. Meaton; and 504, conducted by the Rev. H. Shears. The following, in addition to the above, took part in the ringing:—T. Beadle, G. Hsley, E. J. Walsom, W. Etherington, W. Fenwick, W. Bishop, and W. Stanney.

An Ancient Bell.

THERE has been brought to light at Forteviot, Perth, a bronze bell of the old Celtic type. It is of the usual quadrangular form, with a strong, heavy handle set on the round top of the bell, so that the upper part of the loop is horizontal and the sides bent inwards. It differs from other bells known in Scotland in having on the centre of one of its flat sides the letter 'M' in relief. Judging from the form of the letter, the bell, it is supposed, might date from about the beginning of the tenth century. It measures eleven inches in height, including handle, which rises two and a half inches above the top of the bell, while its width at the mouth is seven inches. It has lain in the Session House of Forteviot Church for a long time, no one apparently attaching any importance to it until the minister of a neighbouring parish discovered its real worth and antiquarian interest.

Old Ashton (Lancashire) Bell-ringers.

We have been supplied with the following notices of two old Ashton bell-ringers, who departed this life over forty years ago:—

Mr. Aaron Walker, of Charlestown, Ashton-under-Lyne, who died January 30th, 1851, in the seventy-seventh year of his age, and was buried February 5th, was the last surviving member of the Society of College Youths of Ashton, and had been a ringer of the parish church of St. Michael, Ashton, upwards of fifty-seven years. In the course of his lifetime he had rung fifty-seven 5000's and two 7000's besides his ordinary and regular ringing; he was the first man that ever rang the tenor of Ashton single-handed in a 5000. He was borne to his last resting-place by the combined societies of change-ringers of Ashton, Oldham, and Mottram-in-Longendale. On each side of the pall was to be seen hanging his favourite pair of handbells covered with crape, and followed by upwards of 100 relatives. After the interment, the above societies ascended the tower and rang, in a mournful style (the bells being muffled or capped), the last part of a peal of 7001 GRANDSIRE CATERS, the part consisting of 1565 changes, which was brought round in one hour and three minutes; the above 7001 being a peal in which the deceased distinguished himself at the Collegiate Church, Manchester, January 2nd, 1826, the latter part being his favourite peal. He rang his last 5000 in his seventy-fifth year; and, considering the weight of the bell, has never been equalled by any man of his age.

On the 9th inst. (October, 1848), Mr. Samuel Moss, of this town, departed this life, aged seventy-one years. The deceased has been a well-known ringer for the last fifty-four years, and was the last of the Moss family, who had been ringers at Ashton upwards of a century. He was a most able composer and conductor of peals, and was remarkably fond of change-ringing, even at the time of his death. His remains were interred on Monday, the 16th inst., and were followed to their last resting-place by his former colleagues in the science of ringing, who were desirous of paying their last tribute of respect by ringing a muffled peal on the bells of the Parish Church. This, however, was prevented by the churchwardens, although it has always been the custom. We are informed there has been no ringing for divine service on Sundays, at Ashton, during the last three months, the churchwardens having refused to pay the ringers their accustomed salary. It would seem that because they would not ring for nothing they were forbidden to ring on the above occasion. They, however, rang a

muffled peal on the handbells over the grave of their departed brother, and the society of change-ringers at Mottram, hearing that the Ashton churchwardens had denied them the privilege of ringing at Ashton, rang a mourning peal on their church bells to the memory of their departed colleague. Their kindness will be long remembered in thus paying that last tribute of respect to brother Moss, so unkindly denied in his native town.

RECEIVED ALSO:—T. Still, jun. (thanks); and others.

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INTERVIEW with MRS. FRANCIS, of Cherry Tree Farm, Stanway, near Colchester.

[Case first published August, 1888. The patient was then Miss Letitia Germany, of Fordham.]

The drive from Colchester to the little village of Stanway would, I have no doubt, in favourable weather, have been very pleasant; but on the day of my visit, in January, snow was falling fast, the keen north-east wind was blowing, and, in addition, I felt a little uncertainty as to my destination.

Without much difficulty, however, I found Cherry Tree Farm and its mistresses, Mrs. Francis, who, until her marriage, had been Miss Letitia Germany, and had lived at Fordham, a few miles away.

In the short chat I had with Mrs. Francis, that lady was good enough to tell me briefly the history of her illness, and her remarkable recovery.

'I had always been delicate,' she said, 'and early in 1883 had an attack of bronchitis, followed by fresh colds. After that I became very ill, and showed all the symptoms of chest disease—the cough, the shortness of breath, severe pains, perspirations, loss of flesh, great weakness, and worst of all, the phlegm mixed with blood.'

'Did you have advice Mrs. Francis?'

'Yes, and the doctor said my lungs were going. Soon I was confined to my bed, and my condition was regarded as hopeless.'

'And then I believe you applied to Mr. Congreve?'

'Yes, on the recommendation of the Rev. W. King, at that time minister of the Courtess of Huntingdon's Church at Fordham. After I had commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment I soon began to get better, and in two months was able to get about again. Of course, I kept on with the medicine some time after this—in fact, until I had quite recovered.'

'And have you had any relapse since? I see Mr. Davidson, who succeeded Mr. King, wrote to Mr. Congreve in April, 1888, saying that "Letitia Germany, whose case was considered hopeless, and who in a few months completely recovered, has continued well ever since."'

'That is quite true. I have recommended Mr. Congreve's treatment to others, and have only recently lent his book to a young man a short distance from here.'

Mrs. Francis's mother was present at our interview, and she added her testimony as to the cure accomplished.

'Mr. Congreve did wonders for my daughter after the doctor had given her up,' she said.

'She must have been very ill at that time. Did you think she would get better?' I asked.

'No, that I did not,' was the reply, 'nor did anyone else that saw her.'

Thanking the two ladies for the information they had given me, I left them to pursue the household duties which my call had interrupted, and made my way back to Colchester.

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THE RECRUDESCENCE OF LEPROSY AND ITS CAUSATION. A popular treatise, with an appendix. By William Tebb. (London: Swan Sonnenschein & Co. 1893.)—Mr. Tebb's thesis is that the unquestioned spread of leprosy during the past thirty years is mainly due to our system of vaccination. He adduces in proof of this a great number of facts from Indian and colonial documents, the validity of which and of his deductions therefrom must be tested by those acquainted with the subject. His facts are certainly very startling.

THE GOTHENBURG SYSTEM OF PUBLIC-HOUSE LICENSING: WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT WORKS. By J. Johnson. With appendix containing the Bishop of Chester's licensing proposals. (London: C.E.T.S. 1893. 1s.)—Useful in view of the Bishop of Chester's Bill lately before Parliament.

WASHING, CLEANING, AND REMOVING STAINS. By an Experienced Housewife. (London: Griffith, Farran, & Co. 1893. 1s.)—An excellent book, containing all kinds of useful wrinkles.

MAGAZINES.

FRIENDLY WORK (G.F.S.) gives some useful hints on 'Drying Plants' and 'How to Tell Flowers Apart,' and publishes explanatory articles on 'The Song of Hiawatha' and White's 'History of Selborne.' **FRIENDLY LEAVES** has a sensible paper of advice respecting 'A Girl's Difficulties,' but the allegorical essay, entitled 'Books of Lives,' seems scarcely suitable for young readers. The serial story of the magazine, 'John's Lily,' reaches a culminating point of interest this month.

THE ZOOPHILIST alludes to a growing practice of vivisection in America for purposes of class demonstration in fashionable schools—even girls' schools. The number contains reports of several recent meetings held in connexion with various anti-vivisection societies well worth perusing.

THE CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE (C.E.S.S.I.) is mainly occupied with the Institute's Jubilee proceedings, and reprints in full Dr. Butler's earnest and thoughtful sermon to teachers, preached at the anniversary service in St. Paul's Cathedral. In the **CHURCH-WORKER**, Miss Trotter's 'Thoughts for Monday Mornings,' are simple and practical.

THE C.M.S. publications are deeply interesting. The **INTELLIGENCER** (in which is enclosed the Society's Annual Report) contains full accounts of the recent gatherings at Exeter Hall and St. James's Hall (two meetings in each), of the Ladies' Meeting at Princes' Hall, and of the Gleaners' Union Conference. The **GLEANER** issues the first instalment of Mr. Stock's narrative of Travel, 'What I Saw in India,' supplemented by the Rev. T. Walker's 'Pictures from Life in Tinnevely.' Its anniversary reports, though brief, are excellent, and the paper is a wonderful pennyworth. **AWAKE!** gives portraits of several Hindu idols, with descriptive letterpress. The articles headed 'India and Hinduism' and 'At Work in Western India' are simply and clearly written. In the **CHILDREN'S WORLD** both India and China are well represented.

THE MISSION FIELD (S.P.G.) gives a summary of the work of the S.P.G. in 1892, and publishes the Archbishop of Canterbury's address at the anniversary of that Society, with a short notice of the other speeches delivered. This magazine somehow lacks the 'go' which vivifies the C.M.S. publications; but the 'Reminiscences of an Old Zulu Woman,' in the 'Children's Corner,' will be enjoyed by others besides boys and girls.

THE GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.) has an encouraging record of a year's work done by 'The Bible-women of the Ladies' Association' in connexion with Zenana missions.

CENTRAL AFRICA (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.) reports the anniversary proceedings of the 'Universities' Mission.'

THE NET CAST IN MANY WATERS gives a most stirring account of missionary work in Zululand, including a Communion service with seventy-three communicants at six in the morning. After a ten minutes' address and prayers for the heathen, about 100 of whom were present, they were dismissed; then the catechumens were prayed for and dismissed, after which the Communion proceeded.

THE NEWBURY HOUSE MAGAZINE opens with a somewhat puzzling paper, by Mr. Arnold White, on Bismarck as Philosemite. Then follows a pleasant account of the Eton Mission at Hackney Wick. Mrs. Linnaeus Banks finishes her 'Slowly Grinding Mills.' Perhaps the most interesting paper is one which gives us four hitherto unpublished letters of Henry Martyn.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE completes its first volume with this month's number, which is an excellent one, and well up to the usual standard.

RECEIVED ALSO.—**THE HERALD OF PEACE** and **MESSIAH'S KINGDOM**, two small magazines, each with the great object of promoting peace on earth.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

The next ringing meeting will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 4th, at eight p.m. A business meeting, which it is hoped will be well attended, will be held at Headquarters on Tuesday, June 20th, at nine p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Secretary.*

37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Halsall, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells open at 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 p.m.

Aughton, June 12th, 1893.

REV. W. T. BULPITT, }
W. BENTHAM, } *Hon. Secs.*

The Kent County Association.

The fourteenth annual meeting of this Association was held on Monday, June 5th, in the Isle of Thanet, and was attended by nearly 180 members. The towers of St. Lawrence (8 bells), St. Peter's (8), St. John's, Margate (8), Birchington (6), and Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12), were open to members, and ringing began in most of them at an early hour. At St. Peter's a peal was attempted early in the morning, but after fifty minutes came to an end. At 12.30 the members assembled at St. Lawrence's for service, which was fully choral, the organist and choir with several of the members of the band of ringers kindly giving their assistance. A practical address was given by the Rev. A. Whitehead, vicar of St. Peter's and Rural Dean, who also presided at the dinner afterwards held in St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate. At the business meeting the officers were re-elected, and the Revs. E. W. Carpenter and F. J. O. Helmore, (Hon. Secretary); Messrs. A. Palmer (Maidstone) and W. Bedwell (Lewisham), were elected as representatives of the Association on the Central Council. Some good ringing was done in the STEDMAN, DOUBLE NORWICH, SUPERLATIVE, GRANDSIRE, and other methods, and altogether the meeting was declared to be one of the most successful gatherings the Association has held.

The Hertford County Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Association was held at Oxhey and Bushey on Saturday, the 10th inst. There was not a numerous attendance, so the young members, whose ringing days are in their infancy, had plenty of chances for an extra pull. Tea was served in the Bushey Schools, followed by the business meeting. Mr. H. L. Waddington, of St. Albans, was voted to the chair, and called on the Assistant Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were received. The following ringing members were duly elected: Messrs. H. R. French, J. French, S. French, J. Vernon, R. Badmington, J. D. Brown, and R. Rogers, of Oxhey, and W. Tillyard, of Bushey. Mr. E. E. Huntley proposed that the next (October) meeting be held at St. Albans; this was seconded by Mr. Bennett, and carried. Mr. G. W. Cartmel proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Newton Price and Rev. T. H. Kynaston, for granting the use of belfries; Mr. J. R. Haworth seconded, and it was carried. Votes of thanks to the chairman concluded the business meeting. The belfries were revisited during the evening. An additional meeting, provided permission is obtainable, will be held at Hatfield on August Bank Holiday.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The third annual meeting of this district was held at Kelsale on Saturday, June 10th, when thirty-two members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Benhall, Great Glemham, Swaffling, Rendham, Wenhamston, and Halesworth. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in the PLAIN and TREBLE BOB MAJOR methods. The business meeting was held at six o'clock at the new Church House, presided over by the Rev. G. I. Davies, rector of Kelsale. The Hon. District Secretary (Mr. W. Taylor) read the annual report, which showed that only one peal had been rung within the district during the year, viz., 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, at Leiston, in July last. During the year three performing members, two honorary members, and six probationers had joined the Association. The total number now belonging to this district is seventy-six, sixty-one of whom are full performing members. The tower of Great Glemham has been brought into union, and six members of the Society attached thereto have joined the Association. The Rev. G. H. D. Davies, M.A., of Kelsale, was enrolled an honorary member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Peasenhall, on September 23rd. By a coincidence, the funeral of a very old and esteemed ringer took place at Kelsale on the afternoon of the meeting—Francis Sampson, eighty-eight years of age. He was the last of the old band of Kelsale ringers who rang a peal of 6016 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 1832. Some muffled touches were rung upon the bells as a last tribute of respect to him.

The Bells of Crewkerne, Somerset.

The present ring of bells having been reported to be in a dangerous state, an estimate has been obtained, showing that an expenditure of about 600*l.* would be necessary to put the bells in a proper state of repair. Major Sparks and Mr. Haslock have generously agreed to provide a new bell each at the cost of about 100*l.*, and also to subscribe 100*l.* besides between them. At a vestry lately held a committee was appointed to endeavour to carry out the proposed improvement.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 542.

Wellingborough, Northants.

THE spindle of the weather vane of the Parish Church having got out of order and thereby loosened the cap stone and top masonry of the spire, has now been attended to by Mr. Mitchell, steeplejack, of Leicester, who has carried out the work in a very prompt and satisfactory manner. The weathercock has the following inscription:—'Rev. H. V. Broughton, vicar; Charles Gill, John Marriott, churchwardens. August 10th, 1843.' Dates of previous weather vanes:—1629, 1709, 1757. Dimensions:—Height, 2 feet 10 inches; breadth, 2 feet 6 inches; weight, 16½ pounds.

The Rev. H. V. Broughton was Vicar of Wellingborough from 1841 to 1871. After a short time as Vicar of Polebrook he was offered the living of St. Mary's, Leicester, which he held for about eighteen years. He died at Bedford in January last.

The church bells were rung for the first time after the repair of the spire on Monday evening, June 12th, when the following touches were rung:—120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES with 4-6-8 covering. E. Dennes, 1; W. Hensher, 2; F. Underwood, 3; H. Wood, 4; W. Wood, 5; F. Wood, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also 252 BOB TRIPLES. E. Dennes, 1; H. Wood, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8.

Reopening of Bells at King's Lynn, Norfolk.

THE ten bells of St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, were reopened on Wednesday, June 7th, after a thorough restoration and repair of frame and fittings at the experienced hands of Messrs. G. Day & Son, of Eye, Suffolk. The work included the recasting of the eighth at the Whitechapel Foundry, the new bell turning out a very good casting and of fine tone, well in harmony with the rest of the ring. There is no doubt that the general effect of the bells in peal has been considerably improved by the alterations effected, which have included the correction of a slightly insufficient interval between the ninth and tenor, and the substitution of new and lighter clappers for the old ones. It is in contemplation, we believe, to brick up the sound windows on the north and west sides of the tower to a point above the level of the upturned bells. If this is done, it will still further improve the effect of the bells in the immediate vicinity by directing the sound well over the tops of the houses in the town.

The proceedings of the day commenced with a short service of dedication, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. G. A. Winter, immediately under the ringing-chamber floor, the central aperture of which was open, and showed the ringers standing to their ropes, enabling them to take part in the service, at a given point in which a few rounds were rung.

About fifty ringers attended the opening, coming principally from Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely, and as these were representatives of six-bell companies, it was only with difficulty that a full company for the ten could be made up, some of the Lynn Company not being able to attend till later in the day. One or two courses of BOB ROYAL were, however, obtained, as well as some TREBLE BOB MAJOR. A few representatives of the Norwich Diocesan Association were present in addition to the Lynn Company. Luncheon was provided for the visitors (as well as other refreshments during the day) by the liberality of the Vicar and Churchwardens, Messrs. W. Burkitt and C. H. Ayre. This took place in the Guildhall, the chair being taken by the Mayor of Lynn (A. Ream, Esq.), supported by the gentleman named above, the Revs. Dr. Raven, W. C. Leeper, E. J. Alvis, H. Earle Bulwer (Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. W. G. Cross (Hon. Secretary of the Eastern Counties' Guild), and others. At four o'clock a special service was held in St. Margaret's Church, the Rev. Dr. Raven being the preacher. The collection in aid of the Bell Fund amounted to over 10l.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Erith, Kent.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5376 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. A. C. Bedwell, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; W. I. Reeve, 3; G. Conyard, 4; E. Barnett, 5; H. Warnett, 6; C. Wilkins, 7; A. Abiss (first peal), 8. Composed by G. Lindorf and conducted by W. Bedwell. Tenor, 18 cwt. Messrs. A. C. and W. Bedwell, Warnett, and Avis belong to Lewisham.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, London.

On Monday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Parker's One-part peal of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. N. Oxborrow, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; H. R. Newton (conductor), 3; P. S. Bayley (first peal of STEPMAN), 4; J. Willshire, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; W. Crocker, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 40 mins. G. W. Wild (conductor), 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; E. P. O'Meara, 3; F. L. Davies, 4; T. Langdon (first peal with a bob-bell), 5; J. E. Davis, 6; A. E. Church, 7; A. R. Davis, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Old Hill, Staffordshire.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., the Worcestershire and District Association rang their maiden peal of 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. C. W. Bassano, Esq., 1; H. Mason, 2; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 3; W. R. Small, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 6; H. Smith, 7; A. E. Parsons, 8. The peal contains only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends, and is the first peal in the method rung by all except the conductor. Tenor, 23 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO —F. J. O. Helmore (thanks); G. W. Cartmel; G. W. Wild; and others.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE. — A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

TWENTY-FIFTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with Mr. JOHN PAMBY, Mount Pleasant Farm, Chatteris.

[Relative to his case—published in the weekly journals, March 17, 1892.]

If I were asked to point out an individual whose appearance denoted the possession of robust health, and more than the average amount of strength, I should at once indicate Mr. John Pamby, a young man of about twenty-three years of age, who lives with his father at Mount Pleasant Farm, Chatteris. Yet a year or two ago this young man was in such a condition of health that he didn't expect to recover, and that opinion was shared by all who knew him.

I found Mr. Pamby hard at work at his trade—he is a sadler—and he was good enough to spare me a few minutes to tell me about his illness and his wonderful recovery.

'I believe, Mr. Pamby,' I said, 'that at least one of your relatives has died of consumption?'

'Yes—my aunt—my father's sister.'

'When did you first show signs of the same disease?'

'Three years ago next month—in Feb., 1890—I had an attack of influenza—I had it pretty bad, too. The doctor who attended me said he never saw any one with it worse. I was laid up seven weeks.'

'And then you got better, did you?'

'Better of the influenza, but I had congestion of the lungs afterwards. Then the doctor told me my lungs were diseased, and treated me for it. However, I didn't get much better, and so presently, when I had a relapse, I applied to Mr. Congreve.'

'Do you remember what the symptoms were at this time?'

'Yes; I raised a lot of phlegm—sometimes it was quite green, and mixed with blood. The cough was very bad, and so was the breathing. The night sweats were very heavy, and seemed to exhaust me.'

'I suppose you got weak?'

'Very. My hair began to fall out, and I lost thirty-five pounds in weight during the time I was ill.'

'And then, being reduced to this very serious condition, you consulted Mr. Congreve?'

'Yes, and he sent me medicine and instructions at once. It sounds peculiar, I dare say, but the first three or four doses did me good—I could feel it. I brought up no more blood from the first, and I was able to eat a little—before that I hadn't had any appetite for a long while.'

'From that time did you progress to recovery?'

'Yes, I gradually got strong again. One by one the symptoms all disappeared, I regained some of the flesh I had lost, and am thankful to say that I have kept strong and well ever since.'

'When you were so ill, Mr. Pamby, did you form any opinion as to the likelihood of getting better?'

'I believe now that if I hadn't placed myself under Mr. Congreve's treatment when I did, I shouldn't be here to-day.'

'I take it your work is by no means light?'

'No; it is rather laborious, but I keep at it twelve hours a day, walking a considerable distance—four or five miles—each day, to and from work.'

'Just one more question. You know, of course, that there are many other people suffering just as you did. That they may be encouraged to hope for a similar happy ending to their troubles, will you permit me to publish an account of our pleasant chat to-day?'

'Certainly; and anything else I can do to make Mr. Congreve's treatment known I will do gladly.'

And so with a hearty handshake we parted.

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stages of their careers and more of the amusing Zoo Zigzags. Among the remainder of the contents is a paper on the 'Future Dictates of Fashion' which must not be overlooked by the reader.

THE latest of the quarterlies is THE ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST, price 2s. 6d. It is printed on excellent paper, well illustrated and the type is clear and distinct. Its contents are varied and include an interesting account of 'A Very Ancient Industry'—the making of flints—by Edward Lovett, and the story of 'The Cup of Ballafletcher,' by E. Sidney Hartland. There is a valuable paper by the editor, Romilly Allen, on the sculptured Norman capitals at Southwell Minster, and there are some interesting 'Notes' on archæology and kindred subjects.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS gives us a character sketch of Lady Henry Somerset, an account of the opening of the World's Fair, and the usual summary of the magazine literature of the month. A very full and interesting number.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS continues Canon Fleming's articles on 'The Art of Reading,' the late Archbishop Thomson on 'The National Church,' and many other items worth noting.

THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW discusses the scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the redistribution of the endowment of St. Paul's School. The author wishes to see 'the highest education open to the lowest classes,' but he deprecates any action which would do this by 'unduly handicapping the poorer middle classes.' Miss Hughes completes her scheme for payment of assistant mistresses in high schools on a sliding scale by means of capitation fees. The salaries already paid to trained graduates are very low, and to bring in the element of uncertainty would, in our opinion, be the reverse of a boon to a class of workers who need, above all things, freedom from anxiety. The notes on matters of educational interest are full and accurate.

THE 'Old Catholic Notes' in the FOREIGN CHURCH CHRONICLE AND REVIEW indicate a gratifying progress of the movement, and that there, is much reason for thankfulness at what has been already achieved.

RECEIVED ALSO:—THE SCOTTISH STANDARD BEARER.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bells at the Imperial Institute, London.

ON Saturday there was a performance on the great bells in the Queen's Tower of the Imperial Institute. From six until seven p.m. Mr. Duncan Miller's party of Royal Bell-ringers played marches and national airs, with an original valse composed for the carillon, and dedicated to the Princess May. The bells were heard at a great distance, and the performance helped to prove their excellence in tone and tune. Tuesday being the anniversary of the Queen's accession the performance was repeated.

The Lancashire Association.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 10th inst., a meeting of the above branch was held at Church Kirk. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Oswaldtwistle, and Padiham. Ringing commenced at 4.30 and was continued until 9 p.m. Mr. W. Slater, of Blackburn, presided at the meeting, at which the usual routine of business was gone through, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Whalley, on July 8th.

The Worcestershire and Districts' Association.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., a special committee and quarterly meeting of the above association took place at the village of Hanbury, members attending from Areley Kings, Dudley, Hanbury, King's Norton, Netherton, Old Hill, Tipton, Wollaston, and Worcester. The chair was occupied by the Rev. C. W. N. Ogilvy (vicar), who expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the members of the association for the first time at Hanbury and his sympathy with them in their work in connexion with the Church. The minutes of the last Committee meeting, held at Stourbridge, having been read and confirmed, the usual business was transacted. Fifteen performing members were admitted, including the company from Leigh Sinton, Malvern. The motion of the Master (Mr. S. Spittle), of which he gave notice at the annual meeting, relating to Rule 13, was a question of no small importance, and after considerable discussion it was decided to add to this rule that 'A book shall also be kept for the entry of peals without charge, at an expense to the association of 1s. each peal.' In this book the whole of the peals rung since the formation of the society are to be entered. The next meeting will be held at Feckenham on Saturday, September 9th. On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. S. Spittle, it was carried without dissent, 'That, at the January meeting in each year, the Committee fix the time and place of annual meeting, instead of a meeting being held for that purpose.' A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells. The reverend gentlemen suitably responded, and trusted they would make good use of the bells during their stay. A touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung before the meeting, after which 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES and a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR were brought round.

The Hereford Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE annual festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers took place at Ross on Tuesday, the 6th inst., when representatives were present from Tenbury, Lugwardine, Welshpool, Ross, Foy, Eastnor, Colwall, Coddington, Upton Bishop, Ashperton, Woolhope, Cradley, and other parishes. A special service was held in the Parish Church, the officiating clergymen being the Rector (Prebendary Cobbold), Rev. J. S. Maber, Rev. G. H. Barrett, and Prebendary Douglas Seaton, who preached an appropriate sermon, in which he dwelt on the work of the Guild. Mrs. Holford presided at the organ, and the offertory was devoted to the Guild funds. Dinner was afterwards provided at the Town Hall. The Rev. R. H. Cobbold presided, and in proposing the loyal toasts, expressed regret that the Master, the Rev. G. M. Custance, was unable to preside. The Rev. T. A. Ayscough proposed 'Prosperity to the Herefordshire Guild of Bell-ringers,' coupling with the toast the health of the Secretary, the Rev. A. C. Lee, who in reply said he had to thank, first of all, their worthy Rector for allowing them to come to Ross, and also their good friend Prebendary Seaton for preaching. He said there was one question they should have to decide before long, and that was about having a paid instructor. They should have some one in the autumn for two or three months. He was glad to say that several of their members were now acting as voluntary instructors, and others were ready to act in the same way. The belfries of Ross, Foy, Upton Bishop, Much Marcle, and Holme Lacy had been kindly thrown open by the incumbents for those who liked to go. After the health of the Chairman had been honoured, the members separated, some going to Ross church, while others went to Foy and Much Marcle.

A Bell-ringer's Wedding.

AFTER the weekly practice on Thursday evening, the 8th inst., the Bishop Stortford (St. Michael's) Society of Change-ringers presented to one of the members, Mr. Walter Prior, a handsome fourteen-day marble timepiece, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Rosina Sampford, daughter of Mr. David Sampford, of Stansted. The wedding took place at St. Mary's, Stansted, on the following Saturday. In recognition of the bridegroom's services as a chorister, which had extended over a period of eleven years, first as a boy at St. Mary's Church, and afterwards as a senior member at St. John's Church, the service was fully choral, the two choirs being amalgamated. Owing to the bells at St. Mary's being out of repair, the wedding was not honoured by the usual bell-ringers' salute, but at St. Michael's, Bishop Stortford, the event was signalled by a merry peal.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent.

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. F. M. Jacobs (first peal in the method), 1; C. Wilkins, 2; W. I. Reeve, 3; E. Barnett (composer and conductor), 4; G. Conyard, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; A. Peil, 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. A four-part composition on the five-lead course plan, with the 6th sixteen times wrong and twenty times right; now rung for the first time.

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

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. R. Sewell, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; W. S. Smith, 3; J. W. Trappitt, 4; J. Harding, 5; F. M. Butler, 6; J. Fayers, 7; G. Welling, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. It was rung (half-muffled) in memory of Mr. J. Drevitt, who was in his sixty-ninth year, and was buried in Mitcham churchyard on Thursday, June 1st.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. C. Walker, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; G. H. Daynes, 3; A. R. Davis (first peal with a bob-bell), 4; H. N. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; H. Warnett (first peal as conductor), 7; J. Garrard, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, Herts.

ON Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 43 mins. G. N. Price (first peal), 1; H. J. Wright, 2; A. J. Pate (first peal in the method with a bob-bell), 3; F. Edwards, 4; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; T. Waller, 7; H. G. Rowe, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. NICHOLAS', WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR was rung by the following:—T. Butler, 1; A. Mosley,* 2; E. Chaplin,* 3; A. Chalk,* 4; E. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR:—W. G. Richards, 1; A. Mosley, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; E. Garnett, 4; E. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. Messrs. Beckwith and Elliott came from Coggeshall; the rest are local men. [* First peal.]

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (taken from the Original) was rung. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Watson, 4; E. Pye, 5; W. Nash, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; G. Pye, 8.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH, BARKING, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. H. E. Parker, 1; A. Deards, 2; H. Springall, 3; E. Lucas, 4; F. Norris, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; H. Boar (first quarter-peal), 8.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, HORNCURCH, ESSEX.—On a Saturday evening, six members of the Essex Association rang 720 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR in 31 mins. W. Hall, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. This is the first 720 in this method on the bells, also the first in the method by all except the conductor. Also on a Saturday, for practice, 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR in 31 mins. W. Hall, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat. And on handbells 720 in the same method. W. Hall, 1; J. Dear, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; E. Lucas, 5; J. Dale, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

AT FARNHAM, SURREY.—On a Monday, meeting one short for BOB MAJOR, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was attempted, and all went well for 2 hrs. 15 mins., when it was brought to an end by the clapper of the tenor coming out. A. Le Clercq, 1; H. Heady, 2; F. Barnett, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; F. Bennett (conductor), 6; A. White, 7; M. Brown, 8.

AT ST. NICHOLAS', ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. D. Baker, 1; F. Luford (conductor), 2; W. G. Bull (Camberwell), 3; G. Balchin, 4; W. Short (Warnham), 5; H. Heggett, 6; C. Blackman, 7; J. Netley, 8.

AT EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On a Monday, six local members of the Norwich Diocesan Society of Change-ringers rang 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 35 mins. —F. G. Burleigh, 1; J. W. Marjoram, 2; W. Fitt, 3; J. Wells, 4; W. Leggett (conductor), 5; S. F. Burleigh, 6. Tenor, 24 cwt.

AT ST. PETER'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday morning, the members of the Sudbury Company of Change-ringers, with Mr. W. Hazell, of Bentley, rang for Divine service a touch of 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Cross, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Hazell, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Brackett, 8. Also in the evening, for service, a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB was rung, and after service a touch of 767 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Also on a Tuesday, on the occasion of a Confirmation being held, 560 BOB MAJOR. W. Cross, 1; F. Tolliday, 2; W. Bacon, 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, jun., 7; A. Scott, 8. And a touch of 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by W. Cross, 1; F. Tolliday, 2; W. Bacon, 3; M. Silvester, 4; A. Scott, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, 7; J. Campin, 8. In the evening a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and a course of TREBLE BOB was rung. Conducted by Mr. A. Scott. Tenor, 23 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, WEST MALLING, KENT.—On a Tuesday evening, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a touch of 504 BOB TRIPLES. J. Capon, 1; E. H. Newman, 2; W. Bell, 3; W. Harden, 4; D. Hall, 5; Rev. A. L. Brine, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; Mr. Bass, 8.

AT ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH, KENT.—On a Sunday, for morning service: a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 44 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; H. Hoskins, * 3; J. Lamb, * 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; E. E. Richards, 6; F. W. Thornton, * 7; Foreman, * 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by a local band. [* First quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.]

AT SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, OSPRINGE, KENT.—On a Saturday, after the Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Dover, two peals (120) of BOB DOUBLES. S. Croucher, 1; W. Willis, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6. And 180 BOB MINOR. S. Croucher, 1; W. Willis, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; F. Hunt, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt., in F.

AT LEWISHAM, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES in 43 mins. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; T. G. Deal, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; G. Daynes, 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; A. Aviss, 8. Rung as a farewell quarter-peal to Mr. Aviss, who is leaving Lewisham.

AT HATFIELD, HERTS.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 1260 CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES. J. W. Rumney, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; W. E. Powers, 3; H. Shepherd, 4; R. Shepherd, 5; J. Kentish, 6; A. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 7; H. Tharby, 8. On a Sunday, for Divine service, 504 in the same method. G. Smith, 1; H. Shepherd, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; J. Hollingsworth, 4; R. Shepherd, 5; J. Kentish, 6; A. Shepherd, 7; H. Tharby, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On a Sunday evening, before Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR. J. Bracey, 1; J. Gray, 2; P. Stratton, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; G. Munns, 5; R. Jackson (conductor), 6.

AT DERBY.—On a Thursday, eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and St. Andrew's Society of Change-ringers rang a quarter-peal of COURT BOB TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 46 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; C. Dowell, 3; S. Maskrey, 4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5; C. Draper, 6; C. Hart, 7; B. Rowbotham, 8. Rung as a mark of respect to the late Churchwardens, Mr. A. L. Charles and Mr. H. Litherland.

AT ST. PETER'S, FAREHAM, HANTS.—On a Thursday, with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Kelsall, who was interred that day, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. P. Corbett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; G. Grahnam, 3; C. Privett, 4; F. Coghlan, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; H. Dicker, 8. The deceased was an honorary member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and it was mainly through his exertions that the old bells were rehung and the two new ones added to complete the octave.

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TWENTY-SIXTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with Rev. A. C. BATTS, Baptist Minister, Upwell, Wisbech.

[Relative to three cases of cure.]

Upwell—the home of all the fastest professional skaters in England—is an awkward place to get at. The nearest railway station is at Wisbech, six miles away; the intervening distance has to be traversed either by carriage or by a steam tram (which runs at inconvenient times, and takes nearly an hour to accomplish the journey), or on foot. In the summer, when the roads are good, perhaps the latter is the best way of the three, but not when the mud is two or three inches deep the whole of the way.

At first I had some reason to fear that my visit to Upwell would be fruitless, for I found Mr. Batts' house empty. While making some enquiries, however, the gentleman of whom I was in search appeared on the scene, and together we sat down for a brief conversation.

'I first became ill during my first year in the Pastors' College,' Mr. Batts said, in answer to a question I put to him. 'My complaint was bronchial catarrh, and each succeeding winter bringing a renewed attack, I got decidedly worse.'

'What were the most noticeable symptoms?' I asked.

'A terribly bad cough, with racking pain, getting more and more severe, considerable loss of flesh, and great weakness. The phlegm was mixed with blood, and the apex of the right lung was affected. I lost flesh so rapidly that Professor Ferguson, at the College, was very much afraid I was going to make an end of it—so was I, and I don't think Dr. Brown, who examined me, thought very much of my chance of recovery.'

'Notwithstanding these gloomy forebodings, Mr. Batts, I believe you commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'Yes—in November, 1885, being then in a very low state indeed.'

'And for how long did you continue?'

'Until I was quite cured; about four months. Since then I have been well. I have not even had a cough or cold. I consider mine the most extraordinary cure, even of Mr. Congreve's. I keep wonderfully well. Do you know, I believe it is colder here than in any part of England. We never get it warm in summer like you do in the south. I work very hard. Some of my people drive five miles each way twice on Sunday, which means that when I visit them I have to walk the same distance. Yet with all the hard work and severe weather, as I have said, I am in splendid health.'

'Do you think you would ever have been so well if you had not consulted Mr. Congreve?'

'My answer to that is: if it hadn't been for Mr. Congreve's treatment, I should have been a dead man—about that there is no doubt.'

While we were talking Mr. Batts told me of a young tradesman in the village, at that time a patient, who was receiving great benefit, so when I left Mr. Batts I proceeded to the shop of Mr. William Jakens, a baker in Upwell, to see for myself.

Briefly put, Mr. Jakens told me that he had always been delicate, and a few years ago showed every symptom of decline; that he gradually got weaker and weaker, until he could no longer keep about. (His cough must have been terrible, for he could not remain in a recumbent position, but had to be propped up in bed with pillows.) He also told me that in September of last year, on the recommendation of a local preacher of the Primitive Methodist denomination (a Mr. Theobald, of Ten Mile Walk, near Downham, who had himself been cured by Mr. Congreve), he commenced the treatment, and had continued till now.

It was at the end of January that I saw Mr. Jakens, and although he had only taken four bottles of medicine, he was able to report himself in every way much better than he had been for many years. He had passed through so much of the very severe winter well, and when I saw him he certainly appeared to be in fair health.

These are three out of a number of cases successfully treated by Mr. Congreve in this locality. About some others I may have something to say later on.

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MAGAZINES.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE has an interesting paper by Harry Quilter, entitled 'Art, Eternal and Temporary,' and another by Arthur H. Beavan on 'The Historic Homes of England,' which deals with the residence of the Duke of Connaught at Bagshot Park. There is another instalment of the rather fantastic story 'Hartmann the Anarchist,' and Robert Buchanan's 'Lady Kilpatrick' is continued. The remainder of the contents include the second part of the Rev. W. K. Bedford's 'Chat about Cricket,' and also a second agreeable paper on 'The Romance of Modern London.'

THE frontispiece of the MAGAZINE OF ART is a beautiful etching by David Law, named, 'Dittisham on the Dart.' Mr. Frederick Wedmore contributes an interesting paper on the 'New Gallery,' and the Editor's papers on the 'Royal Academy Exhibition' are concluded. The illustrations of this magazine are always beautiful and pleasing.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE is as full as ever of articles, papers, stories, poetry, and the remainder of the variety of contributions which comprise its contents. The most important of the articles are Mr. George Kennan's 'A Voice for the People of Russia,' which is a trenchant reply to 'A Voice for Russia,' and Mr. Joseph Jacobs' 'Official Defence of Russian Persecution,' which is another answer provoked by the same article. The high standard of the pictures is more than maintained.

THE YOUNG GENTLEWOMAN is a good average number. Its pictures and letterpress are excellent.

THE EAST LONDON CHURCH CHRONICLE contains an interesting account of the annual meeting of the Fund.

ALSO RECEIVED:—The **BANNER OF ASIA**; eighty-second report of the National Society, and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Middlesex Association.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., the members of the above Association held their quarterly meeting at the Parish Church, Finchley. The tower was open for ringing by the permission of the Rector and churchwardens at five o'clock. The bells were in good going order. At eight o'clock the Rector (Rev. W. E. Batty) held a special service, which consisted of shortened evensong and a prayer invoking the Divine blessing on the Association. The reverend gentleman then welcomed the members of the Association to the church, and in a brief manner dwelt on the duties of the ringers, who should by their lives be an example of that which was taught in the sanctuary. The belfry was a part of God's house, and the duties they undertook should be done well and with a pure motive to advance God's work. If they did this a blessing would most certainly rest upon their individual endeavours as well as upon the Association which they there represented. The Rector exhorted his hearers to hold fast in the faith, and commended the following short prayer for their daily use, 'O God, for Christ's sake, give me Thy Holy Spirit.' The pronouncing of the Blessing concluded the service. A business meeting then took place in the belfry, Mr. C. H. Martin (master) presiding. The Rector of Finchley was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Association. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Percy Howard) presented the printed third annual report. The peal-book did not bear any record of recent peals, owing to limited financial resources. Mr. F. A. Milne, of Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, generously gave a donation to cover all expenses, and thus put the Association in working order. The donations of honorary members were announced to be due. It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Edgware, on the last Saturday in August. The meeting over, ringing was resumed. There were present during the evening representatives from almost all the towers in union with the Association, which consists of Finchley, Hendon, Edgware, Barnet, Gospel Oak, St. Stephen's (Hampstead), Hadley, Hornsey, Stoke Newington, and Tottenham. The Association claims the Earl of Strafford as president, and Mr. H. C. Stephens, J.P., M.P., as a patron.

Cumberland Association of Change-ringers.

ONE of the most successful meetings in the annals of this Association was held at Workington on Saturday, the 10th inst. Ringers were present from Carlisle, Workington, Keswick, Cockermouth, and Cleator Moor. There were also present the Rev. T. Hackworth (Workington), the Rev. W. G. Bird (Carlisle), the Rev. W. S. Unwin (Keswick), and the Hon. Secretary, Mr.

L. W. Jennings (Carlisle). At three o'clock a short service was held in the Parish Church, when the Rev. T. Hackworth delivered an appropriate address from the text 'Do all things to the glory of God.' The ringers afterwards adjourned to the Parish Room for tea, and subsequently the business was transacted, the Rev. T. Hackworth again presiding. It was resolved to forward a recommendation to the annual meeting that three district meetings be held each year, instead of two as hitherto. The Rev. R. S. Greene (St. John's, Workington) and the Rev. W. S. Unwin (Keswick) were elected honorary members. The usual votes of thanks were passed at the close.

The Brackley and District Guild of Church Bell-ringers, Northants.

THE annual meeting of this Guild took place at the schools on Friday, the 9th inst. The President, the Vicar of Brackley, took the chair. There was a very fair attendance of members from Brackley and Evenley. The principal business was to fix the date of the annual festival. The President said he had received an invitation from Mr. Willes, of the Manor House, at King's Sutton, offering to provide tea for the members, and this was most gratefully accepted for the 27th inst. It was also agreed to engage the instructor in change-ringing, Mr. Gilbert, of Raunds, for another week; if possible, the week of festival. Notwithstanding removals, &c., it is gratifying to find that the number of members is not decreasing, and that there is a substantial balance in hand.

The Bells at St. Michael's, Hyde, Cheshire.

'We propose,' says the *Hyde Parish Magazine*, 'to give some information concerning the old Parish Church which may be of interest. This month we give the inscriptions on the bells which were rehung and quartered in 1885, two of them being recast. The inscriptions are as follows:—(1) "Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. Hora fugit: ora [Time flies: pray]. Johannes R. C. Miller, vicarius, Anno Domini, 1885." (2) "Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. Our voices shall, with joyful sound, make hill and valley echo round. Church of St. Michael, A.D. 1885." (3) "Peace and good neighbourhood. A.R. 1723." (4) "Prosperity to this parish. A.R. 1723." (5) "Tho. Robinson, minister. A.R. 1723." (6) "John Heaworth and Robert Gartside, churchwardens, A.R. 1723." (7) "ABR. [Abraham] Rudhall cast us all, 1723." (8, tenor), "I to church the living call, and to the grave do summon all, 1731." The letters "A.R." stand for two Latin words, which mean "in the year of redemption," viz., the year of our Lord. It may be as well to add that the present vicar's name was inscribed on the first of the two bells when recast by the committee, to mark the time when the work was carried out.'

Dedication of Bells at Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire.

THE Charlton Kings Parish Church bells, to which two new ones have just been added to complete the octave, were, on Monday the 12th inst., dedicated to the service of God. It is about a year ago that the movement began in the parish to complete the octave of bells in the old church of St. Mary, and it has been found that the total cost of the work will be about 160*l.*, of which about half has, up to the present, been subscribed. The addition of two new bells, of course, necessitated other changes in the belfry; two of the old bells having to be recast, and all of them rehung. The casting was done by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of London, and the peal was rehung in a thoroughly satisfactory manner by Mr. White, of Appleton. The weights of the new and recast bells are as follows:—Treble, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.; second, 6 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lbs.; fifth, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.; and seventh, 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs. The church was well filled for the dedication service, which was choral. A special form of service published from *Church Bells* office was used. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Robinson. The collection on behalf of the bell fund amounted to 3*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* Directly after the service an opening touch of a quarter-peal of STEPMAN TRIPLES was rung by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Guild, as follows:—A. W. Humphries, 1; W. T. Pates (conductor), 2; F. E. Ward, 3; H. Roberts, 4; F. Musty, 5; F. White (bell-hanger), 6; G. H. Phillott, 7. Tenor, Walter James. A 'meat tea' was afterwards served in a tent on the Vicar's field, to which a goodly company sat down, the Vicar presiding. After the meal the Vicar, in a few pleasant words, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. Robinson for coming amongst them, and for his admirable and illustrative sermon—taking the opportunity to express the hope that the few remaining pounds owing on the bell fund would soon be cleared off. Mr. Bagnall seconded the vote, which was carried with acclamation. In his response, Mr. Robinson mentioned a curious instance of past abuses. Shortly before 1820 a new set of bells were placed in a village church, and one of them was placed mouth upwards in the sacred building and filled with ale, which the parishioners were invited to drink, with the result that the church was soon filled with men staggering about in a state of intoxication. Let them contrast that with the most appropriate ceremonial which they had just witnessed.

On Tuesday, the 13th inst., a band of the Cheltenham and District Guild rang Taylor's six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 18 minutes. This is the first peal of Triples ever rung on the bells, and it was a condition of the contract with the bell-hanger, Mr. F. White, of Appleton, that a peal should be rung on the bells before any money was paid. J. Midwinter, 1; W. T. Pates, 2; A. A. Humphries, 3; F. E. Ward, 4; W. Dyer (conductor), 5; F. White (bell-hanger), 6; G. Phillott, 7; W. James, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Messrs. J. Midwinter, W. Dyer, and W. James, are members of the Charlton Kings local Society of Change-ringers.—(Local Paper).

[The '18' minutes must surely be a misprint for '8.'—Ed. C. B.]

Raunds Church, Northants.

SIR.—In a very interesting article on the fine old church of St. Peter, Raunds, in your issue of June 23rd, certain information is given regarding the bells, which is decidedly incorrect. The bell-frame is dated 1663, not 1601, as you state. The bells were not increased to six in 1880, according to your article, but have been a ring of six ever since 1732. The dates of the bells at present are as follows:—Treble, 1732; second, 1723; third, 1732; fourth, 1732; fifth, 1878; tenor, 1878. The diameter of tenor is 47 inches; weight, 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. The fifth and tenor were recast and the whole of the bells rehung in the old frame by Warner & Son of London, 1878. The treble, third, and fourth were cast at the celebrated old Northamptonshire foundry of the Eayre family, at Kettering, as likewise were the old fifth and tenor, which were also previously dated 1732. Penn, of Peterborough, was the founder of the second bell. There has been a good company of change-ringers at Raunds for many years past. The late Vicar of Raunds, the Rev. Hugh Bryan (now at Stoke Golding, Leicestershire) started the 'Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell-ringers' in the year 1883. I may say that the information I give you is on the authority of North's *Church Bells of Northants*, verified by personal inspection and observation.

E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec. Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.

Wellingborough, June 24th.

We have received a copy of the *Eighth Annual Report of the Worcester-shire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association* (Bell News office). We are glad to be able to congratulate the Association on its continued prosperity in general, but especially do we rejoice to see such an excellent sprinkling of peals of *DOUBLE NORWICH*, &c., clearly indicating that the Association has thoroughly lifted itself out of the old three-method rut.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Wantage, Berks.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstan's Variation peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 10 mins. E. E. Napper, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. Bosley (first peal), 3; T. East, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; J. Sawyer, 6; A. Thomas, 7; A. Woodley, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. The first peal rung on the bells.

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang a peal of 5088 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. A. Deards, 1; W. H. Dallimore, 2; E. Lucas, 3; H. Springall, 4; F. W. Norris, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; Y. Green (composer and conductor), 7; S. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells, also the first in the method by all the band except the brothers Hayes.

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

ON Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. Pattison, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Lees, 3; J. W. Taylor, jun. (Loughborough), 4; W. Holmes, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; W. Story, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by C. L. Routledge. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G. The composition is in one part of twenty-three courses, with the 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT BUSHEY, HERTS.—On a Thursday, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's ORIGINAL. H. Heath (longest touch), 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; G. N. Price, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; F. Edwards, 7; W. Tillyard (longest touch), 8.

AT ST. MARY-IN-TH-ELMS, WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On a Saturday, ten peals (120) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, each called differently, in 45 mins. H. Jacques, 1; J. Allen, 2; W. Dexter, 3; E. Allen, 4; W. Inglesant (conductor), 5; B. Wainwright, 6. Longest touches by all except W. Inglesant and W. Dexter. And two peals: H. Jacques, 1; J. Allen, 2; W. Inglesant, 3; J. Cooke, 4; W. Dexter (conductor), 5; B. Wainwright, 6.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On a Wednesday evening, muffled touches of DOUBLE NORWICH, BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, were rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Podger, who for fifty-four years was the Sexton at the above church, and a man highly respected by all who knew him. On the same evening a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES with the bells muffled was rung at St. Thomas's.

AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 42 mins. W. Truss, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. F. Meads, 5; W. Pye, 6; G. R. Pye, 7; H. C. Alford, 8. MESSRS. Truss, Meads, and Alford came from London.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On a Saturday, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles). Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Hodge, one of the local band.

AT ST. JAMES'S, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins. F. Miller, 1; R. Crossman, 2; A. Doble, 3; J. Maddock, 4; G. E. Harbour (conductor, Portishead), 5; J. Burge, 6.

AT ALL SAINTS', MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On a Monday, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. W. Barnes,* 1; W. Mannering,* 2; A. Palmer, 3; A. Tawney,* 4; G. Pawley (conductor), 5; C. Payne, 6. On a Sunday, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR. W. Mannering,† 1; A. West, 2; G. Pawley, 3; A. Tawney,† 4; A. Palmer, 5; T. Mannering (conductor), 6. [* First peal. † First in the method.]

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TWENTY-SEVENTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with MRS. BIRD, Dersingham, near King's Lynn.

[Relative to her son, whose case appeared in the weekly journals in September, 1891.]

Dersingham happens to be the nearest railway station to Sandringham, the Norfolk Home of the Prince of Wales. At the time of my visit everyone was speaking of that terrible time, exactly a year before, when the nation was plunged suddenly into mourning for one who might, had Providence so willed, have some day become the ruler of her destinies. I allude to the late Duke of Clarence. One and another were reciting the occurrences of that sad time, or telling of little incidents within their own knowledge of the Prince and his family.

But my business in Dersingham was to see Mrs. Bird, who has a butcher's establishment in the village. As I could only obtain a few moment's conversation with her, I will briefly recapitulate the circumstances in connection with the illness and recovery of her son, which were published in the weekly journals early in September, 1891.

Mrs. Bird first applied to Mr. Congreve in May, 1890. There had been some Consumption in the family, and at this time the condition of the boy was very serious. In the previous February he had had inflammation of the right lung which had become chronic. There was also a troublesome cough, and failing appetite; body wasted, the back and ribs were said to be little but skin and bone. It is not surprising to find that he was also sleepless and fretful.

Mr. Congreve having sent the necessary remedies, they were persevered with for three months, at the end of which period his mother wrote that there was general improvement and the cough was quite gone. Although a fresh cold in the winter caused a slight relapse, he soon recovered and became quite well. This was early in 1891. Two years afterwards I called on Mrs. Bird, as above stated.

On asking her, 'How is your son keeping now?'

'He is keeping well, I thank you,' was the reply. 'I will send for him and let you see him.'

Presently the lad made his appearance, and certainly bore out his mother's statement. He is strong, healthy, and well, and looks as though little ever ailed him.

'Of course, you don't give him medicine now?' I asked.

'No, but I am giving it to a younger one who appeared to be getting ill last summer. I am glad to say he is improving rapidly, and is in every way much better than when he commenced taking the medicine. I always keep it in the house, and use it directly any of us get a cough or cold.'

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and sound counsel anent the conduct of our daily life. The chapters we like best are those on 'Making Life a Song;' 'Life Music in Chorus;' 'The Ending of the Day;' and the 'Cost of being a Friend.' Let a brief extract from this last essay show the character of the book: 'When we receive another into this sacred relation of friendship, we do not know what responsibility we are taking upon ourselves, what burdens may be ours to bear in being faithful, what sorrow our love may cost us. It is a sacred thing, therefore, to take a new friend into our life. We accept a solemn responsibility when we do so. We do not know what burdens we may be engaging to carry, what sacrifices we may unconsciously be pledging ourselves to make, what sorrow may come to us through the one to whom we are giving our heart's love. We should choose our friends, therefore, thoughtfully, wisely, prayerfully, but when we have pledged our love we should be faithful, whatever the cost may be.' Or again, from 'Life Music in Chorus:—'Our lives are harps of God, but many of them do not give out their sweetest music in calm of quiet, prosperous days. It is only in the heavy storms of trial, in adversity, in sore pain or loss, that the richest, noblest music comes from our souls. Most of us have to learn our best and truest lessons in the stress of trial. In few homes is the music of the glad, fearless days so deep and rich as it is after grief has come. The household song is sweetest when the voices choke with sobbing.' A truly suggestive and uplifting book.

BUNYAN CHARACTERS. Lectures delivered in St. George's Free Church, Edinburgh. By Alexander Whyte, D.D. (London: Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier. 1893. 2s. 6d.)—A very cheap and very delightful book. Dr. Whyte takes the various characters in the work of the 'Immortal Dreamer,' and bases on them essays of a useful and practical kind. For example, By-Ends is thus delineated: 'By-Ends was so called because he was so full of low, mean, selfish motives, and of nothing else. All that this wretched creature did he did with a single eye to himself. The best things that he did became bad things in his self-seeking hands. His very religion stank in those men's nostrils who knew what was in his head. By-Ends was one of our Lord's whitened sepulchres.' Or, speaking of 'Charity,' he says: 'And then, coming still closer up to Christian, Charity asked him whether he prayed both before and after he so spoke to his children that God would bless what he said to them. . . . Our old ministers used to lay this vow on all fathers and mothers at the time of baptism, that they were to pray both with and for their children. Now, that is a fine formula; it is a most comprehensive and, indeed, exhaustive formula, both with and for, and especially with.' These are fair specimens, and the book is an excellent guide to the *Pilgrim's Progress*. A word of praise for the way in which the publishers have got it up. It is a marvel at the price.

ESSAYS ON VEGETARIANISM. By Arnold F. Hills. (London: The Vegetarian Publishing Office. 1893. 2s.)—When Mr. Hills becomes consistent, and recommends the taking of food in its elementary mineral condition, we will listen to him. Till then we prefer to believe that organization counts for quite as much as mere constituent elements, and that chemistry is dead against his theories. We do not take pure oxygen and hydrogen to drink. We prefer water, because of the factor of organization. This is more complex in the animal than in the vegetable kingdom, and therefore more adapted to the needs of man.

THE TWO COUNTESSSES (Translated from the German of Madame Ebner von Eschenbach by Mrs. Waugh) is the twenty-seventh volume of the 'Pseudonym' Library. (London: T. Fisher Unwin, price 1s. 6d.)—The story of each countess is quite distinct, and it would be difficult to say which is most interesting. Both of them are pictures of modern life; one describing how a 'sporting' countess missed a husband, and the other how an idealist baron found a wife.

MESSRS. GRIFFITH & FARRAN have issued a new edition (price 2s.) of Miss Florence Marryat's powerful book, *THERE IS NO DEATH*. It deals chiefly with spiritualist manipulations, and, although it is sure to prove of deep interest to many adults, it would be unwise, we think, to place it in the hands of young people.

MAGAZINES.

TEMPORAL WELFARE is a new penny monthly journal of Church effort for the physical and social well-being of the people. It is carefully done and contains a variety of useful information.

In the **SUNDAY MAGAZINE** (Isbister & Co.) we find the first of a series of papers on 'Russian Dissenters and the Russian Government,' occupied mainly with the sect known as 'Old Believers,' much greater numerically than the Stundist body, which will doubtless come under notice in future numbers. Mr. Linton Bell's brief life-sketch of Dr. Phillips Brooks is enriched by an excellent portrait; whilst 'Dr. Newman Hall at Home,' a very readable article, is interspersed with views of the veteran minister's private house, of the Old Surrey Chapel, and of Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road, where his place is so ably filled by the Rev. F. B. Meyer.

THE SCOTTISH STANDARD-BEARER contains a portrait and biographical sketch of the Very Rev. Thomas Isaac Ball, provost of the Cathedral and College of the Holy Spirit, Cumbræ.

GREAT THOUGHTS gives its readers an illustration of Petrarch's 'Laura;' accounts of interviews with Archdeacon Sinclair and the Rev. Dr. Pentecost, and continues its usual popular features. Mr. Jolly's article on 'John Ruskin on Education' deserves special attention.

ALSO RECEIVED:—THE MOTHER'S OWN PAPER.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was held at Newchurch on Saturday, June 17th. Representatives were present from Bacup, Christ Church, St. Saviour's, Newchurch, Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot. Ringing commenced at 3.30. At six o'clock the company repaired to the schoolroom for tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector. The business meeting followed, the reverend gentleman presiding. He welcomed the Association, gave the members present an appropriate address, and then called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. These having been passed, two new members were elected, and Haslingden was chosen as the place for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for so kindly providing tea, to those who waited at the tables, and to the Chairman for presiding. The tower was again visited, and touches of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* and *TREBLE BOB MINOR* were rung, also 720 *COLLEGE SINGLE*.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Halsall on Saturday, June 24th, and there was a good attendance of members from the various belfries. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and several touches of *GRANDSIRE*, *BOB*, and *KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR* were rung. At 5 p.m., at the kind invitation of the Rector (Canon Blundell), the ringers sat down to an excellent meat tea. At the business meeting which followed Mr. J. Martin, who presided, submitted the rules for the benevolent fund which he had drawn up, the other business being of a routine character. Two honorary and two performing members were elected, the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

The June meeting of the above Society was held at Headingley on June 24th, and attracted a fair attendance of members and ringing friends from Armley, Birstall, Otley, Calverley, Leeds, Holbeck, St. Chad's, and the local company. A touch of *BOB MAJOR* was rung for service, and was followed by touches of *KENT TREBLE BOB*, *GRANDSIRE* and *STEDMAN TRIPLES*. The business meeting followed—the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Otley was selected by a large majority as the place to hold the July meeting. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and local company was proposed by Mr. C. Barraclough, seconded by Mr. H. Lockwood, and carried unanimously. Handbell ringing followed, some courses and a touch of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* and *GRANDSIRE CATERS* being rung. The local band finished an enjoyable evening by ringing a well-struck course of *DOUBLE NORWICH*. Any members or other ringing friends intending going to the Otley meeting should send their names at once to the Hon. Secretary of this Society if they wish to get reduced railway fares.

Reopening of the Bells at Ombersley, Worcestershire.

AFTER a long silence and thorough repair the church bells were lately reopened. A special service was held in the church at five p.m., conducted by the Rev. G. Garland (vicar) and the Rev. H. M. Marsh-Edwards (curate). At a dinner afterwards held a large number were present, including the Rev. H. M. Marsh-Edwards and Messrs. Pardoe and Pearson (churchwardens). It was intended that the bells should be 'reopened' by ringers from Worcester, but owing to a misunderstanding the arrangements were not completed, and it was done locally, with the help of Mr. Wilks, Worcester, and that of the men who had been doing the repairs. It is to be hoped that the new set of ringers lately appointed will persevere with their practising, and shortly be able to handle the bells with satisfaction to themselves and to the pleasure of the parishioners.

The Anniversary at Lavenham, Suffolk.

The eighty-seventh anniversary of Lavenham bells was held on Wednesday, June 21st. A touch of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* was rung early in the morning. During the forenoon Messrs. E. Beckwith and D. Elliott, jun., of Coggeshall, arrived at the tower, and with the company rang touches of *BOB MAJOR*. In the churchyard they were met by Messrs. Debenham and Turner, two of the St. James's company, Bury St. Edmunds. After a few touches on handbells, touches of *BOB MAJOR* and *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* were rung during the remainder of the day.

Funeral of a Bell-ringer.

On Friday, June 30th, Mr. W. B. Madge, who had been for ten years in the church choir, and for some time the ringer of the fifth bell, was buried at Leigh Parish Church, near Worcester, having died after a very brief illness. The whole choir attended and rendered the service chorally. Afterwards the ringers, who are mostly choirmen also, rang peals for an hour with the bells half-muffled. The memorial hymns and muffled peals were repeated on the Sunday following. H. Mann (conductor), 1; F. Spencer, 2; A. Mann, 3; L. Mann, 4; W. Thomas, 5; Rev. C. Robinson, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt., in E.

5000 Forward Royal.

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Four times repeated. Rung at Wolverhampton, June 24th, 1893. Conducted by the composer.

THE *Annual Report of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers* for the year 1892 has recently been issued (Goulding, 6 Nelson Street, Bristol). With the exception that the numbers of performing members and of peals rung are somewhat less than last year, the Association may be congratulated on its general position. Its organization is excellent, its finances sound, and it has every evidence of sturdy vitality. The Report is full and exact.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Worcestershire Association rang 5000 changes of FORWARD ROYAL in 3 hrs. 17 mins. J. Carter (composer and conductor), 1; W. S. Pritchett, 2; W. R. Small, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; J. Jones, 5; G. Walker, 6; S. Spittle, 7; W. Micklewright, 8; R. Cartwright, 9; J. E. Groves, 10. Tenor, 22 cwt. First peal of FORWARD ROYAL rung by the above Associations, and the first by all except the conductor.

At the Parish Church, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45 mins. J. C. Truss, jun., 1; Frank Biggs, 2; H. Stratford, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; Frederick Biggs, 7; Rhys Hawes, 8.

At All Saints', Boyne Hills, Maidenhead, Berks.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Shipway's Five-part peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Jos. J. Parker,* 1; Jos. Richardson,* 2; J. Basden, 3; G. Wilkins,* 4; R. Flaxman, 5; A. E. Hoskins,* 6; J. W. Wilkins, 7; W. A. Garraway* (conductor), 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. The first peal in the method by all the band except R. Flaxman. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, London.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. F. Pitts (first peal with the treble), 1; A. Davis, 2; W. Partington (conductor), 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; G. Smith, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; C. Baron (first peal), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. It was rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. Arthur H. Powell into the living of the above church by the Bishop of Rochester.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT HOLY TRINITY, BARKING ROAD, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, after Divine service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. A. Deards, 1; Y. Green, 2; H. Springall, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; S. Hayes, 6. And 360 BOB MINOR, with J. Waits, 1; the rest as before; conducted by S. Hayes. Also on a Sunday evening for service, 720 BOB MINOR was rung. J. Waits, 1; W. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; H. Randall, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. Pye, 6; called with 16 bobs and 2 singles. After service, 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR, and 720 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR. W. Pye, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Pye, 3; W. Doran, 4; E. Pye, 5; H. Randall, 6. All members of the Essex Association.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, TOWN MALLING, KENT.—On a Tuesday, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Smith, 1; A. West, 2; E. Newman, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; D. Hall, 8. Three courses of BOB TRIPLES. J. Capon, 1; A. West, 2; J. Worsley, 3; W. Harden, 4; D. Hall, 5; W. Bell, 6; J. W. Leonard, 7; W. Buss, 8. And 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, 2; D. Hall, 3; E. Newman, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8. Conducted by J. W. Leonard.

AT BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR on the back six. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; G. Durling, 3; F. Sanders, 4; E. Dunn, 5; H. P. Harman (conductor), 6. On a Sunday, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, being the longest in the method by all the band. G. Simpson, 1; P. F. Harman, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On a Wednesday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 27 mins. A. Crook, 1; J. Parker, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; G. Basden, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On a Wednesday, 720 OXFORD BOB in 26 mins. J. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Basden, 3; G. Newman, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6.

AT SALISBURY, WILTS.—On a Monday, on handbells retained in hand, 1260 of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstans'). W. S. Wise (conductor), 1-2; A. W. Barkus, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; S. Lawrence, 7-8. This is the first 1260 of STEDMAN rung in hand in the city of Salisbury.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

TWENTY-EIGHTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with MRS. DORA BALDWIN, 5 Higson's Court, Blanket Row, Hull.

[Case published six years ago in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Treatise on Consumption, page 68.]

The case of Mrs. Baldwin, of Hull, may be useful as an illustration of that *permanence of cure* which usually follows an intelligent use of Mr. Congreve's remedies.

It often happens that people of the working-classes remove from one place to another; so that Mrs. Baldwin must be considered quite an old resident in Blanket Row, having lived there a considerable number of years—nine or ten at least. It was here I found her recently, and asked her to give me briefly an account of an illness from which she suffered, and how she obtained relief.

'My illness may be said to have commenced from the time I lost my husband, who was killed by an explosion on board the *Empress*,' said Mrs. Baldwin. 'I had a miscarriage, and then spitting of blood, with a bad cough, much expectation, and a great deal of pain. Then I began to get weak, and the night perspiration became very trying.'

'I suppose you had some advice?' I asked.

'Oh, yes; I was under treatment in the infirmary for some time, and was painted with iodine, but I was no better. I had other medical treatment besides, with the same result. Nothing I took did me good until I applied to Mr. Congreve. At that time I was very bad—so bad that I had not been out of the house for six months.'

'I am told that you soon found an improvement after you took Mr. Congreve's medicines—is that so?'

'Yes; the first thing I noticed was that the spitting of blood ceased, and then I was able to retain food, which I had not been able to do previously. Then I gradually got better.'

'In October, 1886, you wrote to Mr. Congreve: "Your medicine is beyond all praise. It has been life to me. I am a living wonder. I owe it to you and to the mercy of my God." I suppose I may take it that that fairly represents your feelings about the matter?'

'It does.'

'And will you tell me, please, whether you have kept well since?'

'I have enjoyed much better health than ever I expected. I have been able to work for my children, of which at one time I had given up all hope.'

'By the way, Mrs. Baldwin, do you happen to know of any one else who has been under Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'I have recommended it largely, particularly among Christian people, and have known many benefited by its use.'

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THE MUSICAL TIMES contains a new anthem, 'Seek ye the Lord,' for soprano or tenor solo and chorus, by Mr. Charles Bradley.

THE July number of LITTLE FOLKS is the commencement of a new volume. The serial stories are entitled 'Fluffy and Jack,' by H. Atteridge, and 'Wolf Ear the Indian,' by Edward S. Ellis. The Rev. F. Langbridge contributes the first of a series of Sunday afternoon chats, entitled 'Hooks and Eyes,' and there is a pretty coloured frontispiece called 'Secrets.'

THE CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE (C.E.S.S.I.) has a good paper on 'The Locust' by the Rev. J. G. Kitchin, and gives the statistics of the recent examination for Church Sunday-school teachers. It is encouraging to see that of the 723 candidates only thirty-six failed, and that the Examiners' reports show an advance on former years in the quality of the answers sent in. In the CHURCH WORKER Mr. Boutflower gives a biographical notice of 'John Colet,' which is worth perusing.

THE JEWISH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE (Nisbet & Co.) deals with the fact of 'Jewish Immigration in the North of England,' and suggests how what is commonly regarded as an evil may be turned to good account by the evangelisation of these children of Israel being taken up as a special work by the clergy and lay helpers into whose parishes they come.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C.M.S.), besides letters journals, and reports of deep interest from the foreign field, contains three important articles: 'Personal Missionary Obligation,' by Canon McCormick; 'Ad Clerum: a Narrative and an Appeal,' by the Rev. A. Oates; and a thoughtful review by the Rev. G. Ensor of Professor Max Müller's 'Anthropological Religion.' The *Intelligencer* increases in excellence month by month, and ought to be in the hands of all English Church folk, and especially of the clergy.

THE GLEANER (C.M.S.) is mainly occupied with Africa, though Mr. Eugene Stock contributes a paper on 'Indian Religions.' AWAKE! publishes an appeal by Mr. Peck (now on a visit to England from 'Green, land's icy mountains') entitled 'A Voice from the Far North,' in which aid is especially asked for the Eskimos. In the CHILDREN'S WORLD is told in simple language 'The Story of the North Pacific Mission.'

THE MISSION FIELD (S.P.G.) reviews a volume recently published bearing the comprehensive title of 'Classified Digest of the Records of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 1701-1892,' and consisting of a thousand pages. There is also a sermon by the Rev. Canon Bailey, D.D., on 'The Relation of the Holy Ghost to Missionaries and Missions.'

THE GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.) tells of woman's work in foreign lands, chiefly in India and China.

THE ZOOPHILIST is truly painful reading. The 'Special Supplement' for July contains a full report of the speeches of Canon Wilberforce, Philip G. Peabody, Esq., Walter S. B. McLaren, Esq., M.P., Dr. Haughton, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Berdoe, Mr. B. Bryan, and others, at the annual meeting of the Victoria Street Society, and should be widely circulated.

FROM THE NET we are both glad and sorry to learn that the name of the 'Mackenzie Memorial Mission' has been changed to 'The Zululand Mission.' A new generation has sprung up which cannot be expected to have as clearly before their minds as we ancients have the name and work of Bishop Mackenzie and his sister. It is right, therefore, that the name of the mission should speak plainly of things that are. At the same time, the things that were dear still to some of us, and we feel a little pang at parting with the old words.

THE NEWBURY HOUSE MAGAZINE gives portraits of Dr. Pusey and other leaders of the Oxford Movement, also some curious items relating to the Non-jurors, an illustrated account of St. Mary's Oerie, a sympathetic sketch of Eugene Bersier, with various others papers.

THE HERALD OF PEACE prints a report of the House of Commons debate on Arbitration, with comments from the *Times* and other newspapers.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bedfordshire Association.

THE above Association held a successful quarterly meeting at Kempston on Saturday, the 1st inst. About forty members attended from Bedford, Biddenham, Sandy, and Woburn; and during the evening they were kindly entertained to a meat tea by Mr. Harter, of Kempston Manor, who is the donor of a new treble to complete this fine ring of six. At the meeting afterwards three new members were elected, and Potton was fixed upon as the place for the next quarterly meeting. A vote of thanks to Mr. Harter for his kindness was passed unanimously. During the afternoon and evening the following touches were brought round:—720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. T. Foote, 1; W. Hall, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; I. Hills, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. 720 BOB MINOR. W. West, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; T. Foote, 3; H. King, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. C. W. Wild, 1; H. King, 2; W. Hall, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. W. Davidson, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Wild, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; R. Shimmans, 6. 120 BOB MINOR. W. Lightfoot, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; W. Davidson, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6. Also several peals of GRANDSIRE and BOB DOUBLES.

Anniversary at Sudbury, Suffolk.

ON St. Peter's Day, the 29th ult., being the nineteenth anniversary of the augmentation of the peal of bells at St. Peter's from six to eight, the day was observed by the local ringers by ringing the bells of the three churches at intervals. Some very excellent ringing was done during the day, touches being rung in seven different methods, viz., STEDMAN TRIPLES, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOB TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, and DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR, this being by far the best day's record yet accomplished by the Sudbury ringers. Touches were also rung on the handbells, comprising STEDMAN CATERS, GRANDSIRE CINQUES, GRANDSIRE CATERS, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, GRANDSIRE MAJOR, &c. Altogether a very enjoyable day was spent, and the ringers beg to thank the subscribers who generously contributed towards the day's pleasure.

The Bells at Bunbury, Cheshire.

THE work connected with the rehanging of the bells and renewing of the framework in the belfry has been completed, and the bells were rung on Sunday, the 2nd inst., for the first time in their new positions with pleasing effect by ringers from Chester Cathedral. One bell has been recast, and the others tuned. Unfortunately the idea of adding two new bells to form the octave has had to be postponed.

Ringling Festival at Saffron Walden, Essex.

THE campanological art has been generously fostered in Saffron Walden since 1623. One Mr. Thomas Turner was the founder of the festival, the 270th anniversary of which was celebrated on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Ringing commenced at nine o'clock in the morning, and continued, with intervals for refreshment, until the evening. There were visitors present from London, Cambridge, Stansted, Mountfitchet, Romford, and Sawbridge-worth, and it was generally regretted that Squire Proctor and his trained band from Bennington could not be present. Under the leadership of Mr. F. Pitstow (principal of the home Company), there were rung during the day touches of TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, SUPERLATIVE, and STEDMAN TRIPLES. The sermon (for which also monetary provision is made) was preached by the Rev. Arthur Durrant, of Plaistow, a former curate and son-in-law of the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. Pelly, who, with Mr. H. Stear, a churchwarden, sent apologies for their unavoidable absence. Dinner was afterwards served, and the proceedings were presided over by Alderman and Churchwarden S. Leverett, J.P., and Mr. George Martin occupied the vice-chair. The reunion was thoroughly enjoyed.

An Old Scotch Bell.

THE old parish church at Oban is being taken down to make room for a new building. The bell, which is to be placed in the spire of the new church, is supposed to have been obtained from a vessel which was wrecked in the vicinity about a century ago. At first the bell was employed in an extensive shipbuilding yard on the site of the railway station for summoning the men to work. In 1821, when the chapel-of-ease, as the church was then called, was built, the bell was either presented to or acquired by the congregation. The following words, which appear in relief on the bell, seem to show that it was cast in Glasgow to the order of a congregation in America:—'Lutheran Congregation: Hagars: Toun: Washington County: Maryland: Glasgow: 1786.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Brighton.

ON Thursday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. J. Jay, sen., 1; H. Rann, 2; G. Baker, 3; K. Hart, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; H. Weston (conductor), 7; B. Hobbs, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. It was rung on the Festival of St. Peter, and to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the opening of the bells. [*First peal of STEDMAN.]

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

A. Pearce, 1; W. S. Wise (conductor), 2; F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), 3; S. Lawrence, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; S. Macey, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; S. F. Ames, 8.

At St. Mary's, Mortlake, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. Truss (first peal), 1; W. Taylor (first peal in the method with a bob-bell), 2; A. R. Davis, 3; W. Bedwell (conductor), 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; G. Lindoff, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; H. N. Davis, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. G. Lindoff came from Gillingham, Kent; W. Taylor from Leiston, Suffolk. Both were elected members of the above Society previous to starting for the peal.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. MARTIN'S, ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Saturday, the 24th ult., two peals (720 changes) of BOB MINOR were rung to celebrate the eighty-first birthday of Mr. E. Hyder, one of the oldest and best-known ringers in the county. The ringers were well pleased to see their old friend take his part with them. Also on Sunday, the 25th ult., 720 changes in the same method for service.

At ST. MARGARET'S, RAINHAM, KENT.—On a Saturday, for practice, 1260 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. W. Baxter, 1; P. Packman, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; G. Lindoff (conductor), 4; E. Dunster, 5; J. Champion and G. Inwood, 6. Tenor, 28 cwt. This is the longest length recorded on the bells, and by all except Messrs. Baxter and Lindoff.

At ST. PETER'S, FAREHAM, HANTS.—On a Monday, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Hewett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; R. Linter, 3; J. Osman, 4; C. Privett, 5; A. Tomlins, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; P. Corbett, 8. On a Sunday, for morning service, 504 STEPMAN TRIPLES. G. Williams (conductor), 1; C. Privett, 2; H. Weston, 3; F. Hill, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; E. Bishop, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Whiting, 8.

At ST. EDWARD'S, NETLEY, HANTS.—On a Monday, 742 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Barnes, 1; C. Privett, 2; Rev. C. Edwards, 3; J. Elcombe, 4; H. Jennings (conductor), 5; J. Weaver, 6; T. Groves, 7; A. Newman, 8. And 377 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Barnes, 1; T. Groves, 2; C. J. North, 3; C. Tribe, 4; H. Jennings, 5; W. Lampard, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (conductor), 7; F. Hendy, 8.

At THE CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Thursday, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 51 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; T. Groves, 2; C. J. North* (age 18), 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; W. C. Lapard* (age 18), 5; J. Weaver,* 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome,* 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. The first quarter-peal by the Cathedral band. Great credit is due to Messrs. North and Lampard, they having only commenced change-ringing since January. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. T. Groves, who is leaving for Salisbury. [* First quarter-peal.]

At ST. MICHAEL'S, BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 630 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. W. Rickett, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; G. Prior, 4; A. Tucker, 5; W. H. Dallimore (West Ham), 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. And 392 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; W. Tucker, 4; A. Prior, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On a Saturday, 720 BOB MINOR in 21 mins. W. Wilder, 1; A. C. Fussell, 2; W. F. Meads (first 720 with a bob-bell), 3; J. Cawley, 4; G. Newson (conductor), 5; A. Pittam, 6.

At ST. PETER'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday, the local company rang for evening service 576 KENT TREBLE BOB. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Cross, 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. After service a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Cross, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; F. Tolliday, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for evening service 720 BOB MAJOR. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; W. Nash, 7; W. Pye, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On a Tuesday, 752 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. E. Pitstow, 1; A. James, 2; G. Rochester, 3; G. Martin, 4; W. H. Doran,* 5; A. Pitstow, 6; W. Pye,* 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. [* Longest touch in the method.]

At HOLY TRINITY, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR. J. Waits, 1; W. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; H. Randall, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6. And after evening service, 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB and 720 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB. W. Pye, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; E. Pye, 5; H. Randall, 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, HAYES, KENT.—On a Tuesday, 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, rung for the first time by the band. H. Reader, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; J. Hack, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; E. Boxall, 6. And 720 BOB MINOR. W. Bedwell, 1; J. Hack, 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; J. Harwood (first 720 as conductor), 6. On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; T. Chandler, 2; J. Hack, 3; H. Reader, 4; H. Warnett, 5; H. Barrett, 6. And 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. H. Reader, 1; H. Warnett, 2; T. Chandler, 3; W. Bedwell (conductor), 4; H. Barrett, 5; E. Stone, 6. Messrs. Bedwell, Chandler, Warnett, and Barrett came from Lewisham.

At ISLEWORTH, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 42 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Etherington, 3; J. Basden, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; W. Meaton, 7; H. Seward, 8. On a Sunday, another quarter-peal in 41 mins. L. Copsey, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Etherington, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; J. Basden, 5; W. Meaton, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; T. Beadle, 8. Both conducted by W. Meaton.

At ST. MARY'S, OLD BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (taken from Holt's Original) in 42 mins. A. Cumley, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; S. Baker, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; J. Taylor, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; H. N. Davis (conductor), 7; A. Chesterman, 8.

At ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 1428 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 51 mins. H. N. Davis, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; A. Kelly, 3; W. Sorrell, 4; F. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; E. Adams, 7; W. Crocker, 8.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

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TWENTY-NINTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with MR. WHATTAM, 9 Grosvenor Street, Beverley Road, Hull.

[Case published six years ago in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's treatise on Consumption, page 76.]

Mr. Whattam, whose address is given above, is one of a very large number of persons who have to thank the treatment of Mr. Congreve for a good number of years of health and strength.

When I called upon Mr. Whattam recently I found him at home—his wife also—and from them I gleaned the particulars herein set forth.

I first asked Mr. Whattam if the following account of his condition at the time he made application to Mr. Congreve was correct in every particular:—‘The patient had suffered for ten years. The attacks of bronchitis were becoming more frequent and each one more severe. In the interim the cough and expectoration were most distressing. He could not lie down in bed, but was continually propped up in an armchair. Now clammy sweats came on. The patient was truly in a pitiable condition and utterly prostrate. He had several doctors, but they only relieved him slightly, and for a very short time.’

‘All that is quite true,’ was the answer of Mrs. Whattam. ‘He was so bad that he could not lie in bed, but sat in that armchair from one week’s end to another. He could scarcely breathe.’

‘I have this morning seen the lady (Miss Lambert) who recommended you to apply to Mr. Congreve, and she told me that at that time Mr. Whattam’s condition was really very serious.’

‘It was so serious that I do not believe he would have lived if he had not taken the remedy of Mr. Congreve. We had tried everything.’

‘Do you remember how long Mr. Whattam was under treatment?’

‘About a year and eight months,’ Mrs. Whattam replied, ‘and then he was restored to health and strength.’

‘Will it be correct to say that he has had good health ever since?’

(The cure, I may add, was made about seven years ago.)

‘Generally speaking, yes. He certainly never ailed anything until he took the influenza, and that threw him back. He took Mr. Congreve’s medicine and pulled round. I should like to say that I often get letters asking for particulars of my husband’s case, and I always reply to them. Here is the last I received; it is dated Jan. 25th, and came from Inverness.’

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making the plain theory of cookery and fitness for domestic life a part of the teaching of girls; but the fact remains the same, and it will be well to treat the matter as one that will never be cured by reverting to old habits, ways, or customs. Domestic service in well-conducted households may appear to most thoughtful people as the very happiest condition for steady girls and women in life, but they may make up their minds that it is rapidly ceasing, never to be renewed. And he who writes this has been unusually fortunate and happy through life in all his domestic experiences.

G. V.

REVIEWS.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA. By W. G. Blaikie, D.D. 'The Expositor's Bible.' (Hodder & Stoughton. Price 7s. 6d.)—There are very few series of books of greater value than the 'Expositor's Bible.' Individual volumes, of course, vary in excellence; but, taken as a whole, the series is admirable in tone and sound in scholarship. Dr. Blaikie's book on Joshua seems to us to be certainly one of the best of the series. He has blended in a truly instructive way the historical and ethical teaching to be gathered from the sacred pages; he has avoided the baldness of a merely natural explanation of events, and he has not run into the other extreme of assigning every trivial event to miraculous causes. He holds, and we entirely agree with him, that to delineate Old Testament history without reference to the supernatural is an impossibility. 'We are compelled,' he truly writes, 'to fall back on the supernatural, otherwise we are confronted with a long series of occurrences for which no reasonable explanation can be found.' The historical part of the book is well drawn out and carefully explained. The author has carefully traced out the history of the development of the people of Israel under the leadership of one of the ablest and noblest of Old Testament heroes, and has given us a book well fitted to interest and instruct.

WORKERS WITHOUT WAGE, by Edith Carrington (Griffith, Farran & Co. 2s. 6d.) is a collection of very painstaking and praiseworthy natural history articles, dedicated 'to all who stand up for the weak, to all who succour the oppressed, and to all who plead for the mute.' Young folk who are interested in fishes or frogs, birds or beetles, snails or spiders, earthworms or earwigs, are advised to buy this book, which, says the *Daily Chronicle*, of June 25th, has so greatly pleased the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that arrangements have been made with its author for the publication of a second similar series of sketches in the autumn.

MAGAZINES.

THE CONTEMPORARY PULPIT opens with a striking and powerful sermon by Mr. Ingram on 'New Knowledge, a Discovery of Old Truth,' and the 'Outlines' include one by Vaughan of Brighton, and another by Liddon.

THE CHURCHMAN opens with a paper on 'Recent Theories of Deuteronomy,' which forces us to pay more attention in this controversy to first principles than to details. An unconscious assumption guides the hand of the new critic in his search for a 'Natural' explanation of the narrative.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE contains an article on Buckingham Palace, by Mary Spencer-Watson, which is particularly interesting. Special permission was, we are told, given to her to examine the interior of the Palace so as to furnish an account of its treasures and decorations. There is much in the article which will be new to the public. It is well illustrated with a number of pictures from photographs. The remainder of the contents are as interesting as we have been led to expect them to be. They include another adventure of Sherlock Holmes, and the commencement of a fresh series of 'Stories from the Diary of a Doctor,' which should prove interesting.

THE CRITICAL REVIEW is very full and interesting this quarter. The two articles of first-rate importance are those by Mr. A. Wright (well known as the author of the *Composition of the Gospels*), who reviews the second edition of Mr. Badham's *Formation of the Gospels*, and Mr. Jelliffe's *Synoptic Problems for English Readers*, with severe analytical criticism and a keen eye to the real conditions of the problem to be investigated; and, secondly, Professor H. E. Ryle's review of Mr. Montagu's recent Hibbert Lectures on the 'Religion of the Ancient Hebrews.' There are, besides, a large number of notices of recent books, English and foreign, and the Editor's brief sketch of minor works and 'Record of Select Literature' are accurate and reliable. The whole is indispensable to the student.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS gives us a character sketch of the late Admiral Tryon, and an interesting article on the 'Miracle of the Maid of Orleans,' both written in Mr. Stead's well-known graphic style. The occult literature is now relegated to the Editor's new venture, *Borderland*.

St. NICHOLAS includes one specially good picture—and all its pictures are good—on page 649; and a number of other interesting illustrations of 'Festival Days at Girls' Colleges.'

A SERIAL story by A. Conan Doyle, named 'The Captain of the Polar Star,' was commenced in last week's *TIT BITS*.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE commences a new volume very well. There is the usual large variety of pictures of all sorts, including some charming reproductions of some fine-art photographs.

RECEIVED ALSO:—**THE BANNER OF TRUTH** and **IRISH MISSIONARY NEWS**.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

TO COMPOSERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE.

On FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th, will be published,

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Containing Figures of all and any Peals not hitherto published in this paper.

All communications for the Supplementary Sheet should reach our Office not later than MONDAY, JULY 31st. Those that come earliest will receive first consideration.

Should a Supplement of this description appear likely to be of real service to the Exercise, similar sheets will be issued from time to time, with the primary object of affording an opportunity for the publication and discussion of all compositions of 5000 changes and upwards.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, July 29th. Bells open, 3 p.m.; meeting, 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

The usual quarterly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, a remote corner of the ancient diocese of Gloucester, and somewhat difficult of access, which affected the attendance; but as the Association had not visited that locality for ten years it was thought right to take it during the summer months, and a hearty welcome was accorded to those who were able to attend by the Rev. Spencer Jones, the Vicar, and the church officials. The proceedings commenced with the usual short service and address from the vicar in the parish church of St. David, an anthem being sung by the choir. Amongst the congregation, besides the Vicar and curate, were the Revs. H. A. Cockey (Master), Pitt Eykyn (Hon. Secretary), and C. P. Brickwell (Hon. Local Secretary), and several ringers from neighbouring parishes. The dinner was afterwards held under the presidency of the Vicar, and a short toast-list was gone through, consisting of 'Church and Queen,' 'Success to the Association,' to which the Master responded; 'The Vicar and Churchwardens,' proposed by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, and 'The Hon. Local Secretary, the Rev. C. P. Brickwell,' who in responding humorously remarked that he hoped shortly to be connected with another kind of 'belle,' as his wedding-day was near. The members wished him every happiness, and then proceeded to the tower, where some fairly good ringing was done on the bells till late in the evening.

The Bells of Wilbye, Northants.

THE contemplated increase of this ring of four (tenor 9 cwt.) to five by addition of a treble, is now likely to become an accomplished fact before very long. The Rector, the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, has taken the matter up very heartily, a considerable sum of money has been promised, and Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, have been instructed to send in an estimate of the cost. These bells are dated as follows: Treble. 1878; second, 1705; third, 1682; tenor, recast, 1878.

Great Doddington, Northants.

THESE bells, a ring of five (tenor 6 cwt.) being out of order, the Vicar, the Rev. E. Symons, has obtained an estimate from Messrs. Taylor & Co. for putting them in thorough repair, including quarter-turning and new fittings. It would be advisable at the same time to add an additional bell (a tenor), and thus make a good peal of six. A new treble is out of the question with such a light ring. The present five bells were recast from the ancient peal of three in the year 1841, and hung in a very good new oak frame. The bells were cast by Taylor, and the frame made by J. Eaton.

Change-ringing in the United States.

In the tower of old Christ Church, Philadelphia, is a tablet, placed there many years ago, to commemorate an interesting performance. On June 9th, 1850, by a party of Englishmen, all of them experts in the art of change-ringing, 'there was rung in this steeple Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 15 minutes.' This performance is said to be the only complete peal of change-ringing that has ever been rung in the United States. Of the nine persons recorded on the tablet, but two are now living, one in England, and the other is Mr. Charles Rahill, the chime-player at the church of the Holy Trinity, in which belfry are twenty-five bells, and which were first rung at the opening of the General Convention, October, 1883.—*The Living Church (Chicago).*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Gloucester.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. E. E. Davis, 1; F. Knight, 2; A. T. Brunson, 3; E. B. James, 4; W. T. Bennett, 5; F. E. Hart, 6; W. H. Brunson (conductor), 7; E. Hayward, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. It was rung in honour of the wedding of his Royal Highness Prince George, Duke of York, and the Princess Victoria Mary.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; K. Hart, 2; F. Bennett (Guildford), 3; J. Wooldgar, 4; J. Smart, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; W. Collinson, 7; C. Smart, 8.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At BOUGHTON, KENT.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the afternoon, 720 BOB MINOR (nine bobs and six singles). A. Smith, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; H. Foreman, 4; E. E. Foreman (conductor), 5; W. G. Lucas, 6; W. Foreman, 7; G. Wood, 8.

At St. LEONARD'S, DEAL, KENT.—On Thursday, the 6th inst., in honour of the royal wedding, 720 BOB MINOR (thirty bobs and two singles), and 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). S. Mockett, 1; W. Ongley, 2; C. H. Sone, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in G.

At GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On a Thursday, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Haigh, 1; W. Cooke, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; A. Honnor (longest touch in the method), 4; W. Kings, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. Bate, 7; T. Letchford (longest touch), 8.

At SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On a Monday, for practice, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE. H. Catton, 1; W. Harper, 2; F. Hayes, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. W. Harper, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. W. Martin, 1; L. Digweed, 2; J. Broom, 3; F. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, TOWN MALLING, KENT.—On a Tuesday, the last 742 of HOLT'S ORIGINAL. W. Smith, 1; W. Harden, 2; A. C. West (conductor), 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; E. Newman, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8. And 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Smith, 1; J. Worsley, 2; A. West, 3; E. Newman, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, SHELDWICH, KENT.—On a Sunday, for evening service, two peals (120) of BOB DOUBLES. W. Willis, 1; H. Drake, 2; E. Bridges, 3; H. Burling (conductor), 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6. And after service, 360 BOB MINOR (three bobs and six singles). W. Willis, 1; C. H. Drake, 2; W. Taylor, 3; E. Holladay, 4; H. Burling (conductor), 5; F. Hunt, 6. These bells have been recently repaired by a local man, and although the 'go' is better, it is to be hoped they will some day receive the attention they deserve.

At SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, MITCHAM, SURREY.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the morning, 580 STEDMAN TRIPLES. R. Sewell, 1; F. L. Davies (conductor), 2; G. Wilde, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; G. Pell, 5; D. Springhall, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Currell, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 42 mins. J. H. Poulson, 1; J. George (of Rugby, conductor), 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Argyle, 4; W. H. Holwood, 5; J. Clarkes, 6; T. W. Chapman, 7; H. Holwood, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, July 2nd, by special request, as a farewell to G. N. Price, Esq. (second son of the Rev. N. Price, vicar of Oxhey), an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but, unfortunately, it came to an end after nearly two hours' ringing, owing to a change-course. W. E. Oakley, 1; F. Edwards, 2; H. J. Wright, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. N. Price, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; W. Hewitt, 8. Afterwards the band were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. Mr. Price was presented with a silver watch-box, suitably engraved, by the members of the Oxhey band, with their best wishes for his future success upon his leaving home for Enniskillen, Ireland.

At SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, OSPRINGE, KENT.—On a Sunday (during the octave of the Dedication Festival), after the evening service, 720 BOB MINOR, with 6-8 covering (thirty bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Willis, 1; W. Taylor, 2; C. H. Drake, 3; F. Hunt, 4; H. Burling, 5; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; S. Croucher, 8. On a Wednesday, for practice, 720 BOB MAJOR. H. Burling, 1; E. E. Foreman, 2; H. Foreman; J. D. Barnes, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; E. Holladay, 6; M. Laxton, 7; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 8.

At READING, BERKS.—On a Wednesday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. Evans, 4; F. Sweetzer, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Boddington, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; H. Coffee, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. In the evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, composed by S. W. Norris, Barking, Essex. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; C. Giles, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

THIRTIETH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with MR. J. MOODY, Anlaby, Hull.

[Case published six years ago in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's treatise on Consumption, page 49.]

Anlaby is a pleasant little village a few miles out of Hull, and I had there a short time ago to see Mr. J. Moody, a prominent member of the Primitive Methodist body, who resides there. Being disappointed in my quest, I left a message asking that if Mr. Moody should be in Hull within the next few following days he would favour me with a call at my hotel. This he did.

In complying with my request that he would explain to me how he first became ill, and from what it was he suffered, Mr. Moody said:—

'A severe cold which settled on my chest was the beginning of my trouble. Although I had medical advice there was no improvement, and when I applied to Mr. Congreve I had a very bad cough. Expectoration was difficult; there was great pain, and a sense of fulness at the chest. My breath was short. I suffered from palpitations, and lost both strength and flesh.'

'Will you tell me how long you remained under Mr. Congreve's treatment, and what was the result of it?'

'I was only under treatment about three months, I believe, but I can't be quite sure, for, as I was thinking as I came along, this must have happened eight or nine years ago.'

'Yes, about that time, for I have seen a letter you wrote to Mr. Congreve in May, 1885, in which you say, "With grateful heart I write to tell you I feel now quite a new man. My cough has left me, my voice is clear, my appetite is good. I shall be happy to give my testimony to the wonderful effect of your medicine." Also, in 1887, you wrote saying, "I have your photo in my album in remembrance of a debt of gratitude to you." I suppose, Mr. Moody, I may say that you were so thoroughly cured by Mr. Congreve that you have remained well ever since?'

'Yes, I was cured, and I have kept at my work ever since. [Mr. Moody is a gardener.] I am rather susceptible to cold, but otherwise I am all right. When you see Mr. Congreve, please tell him I am deeply grateful to him for the great good he did me.'

I readily promised to do this, and then Mr. Moody left me, to walk back again from Hull to Anlaby, which fact says something for the robustness of constitution of a man well on in middle age.

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becomes a *second conscience*? There are natures in which, if they love us, we are conscious of having a sort of baptism and consecration; they bind us over to rectitude and purity by their pure belief in us, and our sins become the worst kind of sacrilege, which tears down the invisible altar of trust.' That is a very noble kind of experience, and it is not unknown. It is a great thing to feel that we are believed in, and that by one who is an example, who becomes a kind of conscience. We have much pleasure in recommending Mr. Troup's book very warmly.

THE VISION OF ST. JOHN IN PATMOS. Version by Edward Greatorex, M.A. Oxon., rector of Coxdale and Minor Canon of Durham. (London: J. Masters & Co. 1893. 2s.)—An attempt to render the Apocalypse in verse. Granted the wisdom of the idea, the execution is not bad; but we are doubtful of the wisdom of such attempts.

A MESSAGE TO EARTH. (London: Lawley & Co. 1s. nett.)—A very striking little book purporting to be messages received from the spirit world. We cannot tell whether this explanation of the phenomena be the true one or no, but some of the things said here are worth attention. Thus, *e.g.*, 'Intense prayer bears the same relation to the spiritual universe as does pain to the animal kingdom. For is not physical pain the cry of the animal that all is not well, the effort of nature to gain its equilibrium by a powerful manifestation of feeling to animal consciousness? And is not prayer the soul's cry that all is not well, the effort of the spiritual nature to regain its equilibrium in God by a powerful manifestation of feeling to the universal consciousness?' We demur to the view of the personal Christ taken on page 15.

EARLY CHRISTIAN MISSIONS OF IRELAND, SCOTLAND, AND ENGLAND. (S.P.C.K.) By Mrs. Rundle Charles, author of *The Chronicles of the Schönberg-Cotta Family*.—Mrs. Charles discourses upon our old saints with all her wonted beautiful enthusiasm. Taking as her motto *Tria juncta in uno*, and prefacing her work with Montalembert's magnificent eulogy of English Christianity, she has striven to show how the three countries—Ireland, Scotland, and England—have been joined in one 'for endless benediction to each other and the world.' Reading these lives, it is curious to note how history repeats itself. In the life of St. Columba, for instance, we find many of the modern psychical phenomena—the telepathy and clairvoyance of which nowadays we hear so much. All these things are nothing new. Mrs. Charles lingers lovingly over the lives of the Celtic saints, and also over that of the English Winfried (*alias* St. Boniface), the Apostle of Germany. But, perhaps, the most fascinating bit of biography in the book is that of St. Margaret, queen of Scotland, translated into vivid English from the Latin of the monk Theodoric in the *Acta Sanctorum*. It was concerning this life of Margaret by Theodoric that Freeman wrote (*Norman Conquest*, iv. 510): 'It is one of the most interesting pieces that we have as a personal and ecclesiastical biography.' In her concluding chapter Mrs. Charles fittingly reminds us that the true motto of all true union in this broken and divided world is that other knightly motto, *Quis separabit?* in its oldest and deepest use. 'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?'—from Christ the Mediator between race and race, between class and class, between man and man, everywhere and for ever.' This book is a valuable addition to our stock of religious biography.

STANHURST. By Elizabeth M. Alford, author of *Honor*, &c. (S. B. Barrett. 1s.)—We can scarcely believe that any one ever said seriously such a thing as 'Will you not approximate the fire?' but a novel (unless of the highest rank) would be dull indeed if exaggerated types of character were banished from its pages. We defy the most accomplished musician (out of fiction) to get 'a burst of joy and triumph' out of that hybrid instrument aptly styled the other day in one of our musical magazines a 'moanium.' Also we must confess to thinking it extremely improbable that a girl, busily engaged in study, could find time to indite such tremendously long letters as those with which Jessie Norton favours her brother Jack. This, however, is a mere cavilling at trifles. We have enjoyed reading the story. In spite of a few improbabilities, this novel—written by a niece of the late Dean Alford—is a good and interesting one. We were about to use the adjective 'bright,' but, although the tale is brightly written, it contains in large measure the element of sadness.

MAGAZINE.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS contains some very interesting matter. Mr. E. S. Ffoulkes writes on the late Prof. C. Pritchard; Mr. Compton Reade on Church 'Architecture and Acoustics'; Canon Fleming gives us the eighth of his series on the 'Art of Reading'; and there are the usual summaries of the month's religious literature.

MR. E. ROBERTS, of 264 Camberwell Road, has brought out a useful invention called the Imperial Ice-cream Freezer, for making ice-creams at home. It is a clever little machine, and does its work efficiently and well. The price is only three shillings.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

TO COMPOSERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE.

On FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th, will be published,

SHOULD SUFFICIENT MATERIAL REACH US,

A SUPPLEMENT

(GRATIS)

Containing Figures of all and any Peals not hitherto published in this paper.

All communications for the Supplementary Sheet should reach our Office not later than MONDAY, JULY 31st. Those that come earliest will receive first consideration.

Should a Supplement of this description appear likely to be of real service to the Exercise, similar sheets will be issued from time to time, with the primary object of affording an opportunity for the publication and discussion of all compositions of 5000 changes and upwards.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

DURING the month of August is requested that all communications shall be addressed to me at the 'Rose and Crown,' London House Yard, City.

The meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 1st and 29th, and at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 15th.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.

37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The St. James's Society, London.

THE annual meeting for the election of officers, and presentation of balance-sheet, will take place on Monday next, at the 'Essex Head' Strand, after the ringing.

E. A. YOUNG, Secretary.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Hatfield on Bank Holiday, August 7th, when, by kind permission, the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Bakers' Arms at 5.30, business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets issued, under certain conditions, to members travelling on the G.N. line; but those intending to apply for such tickets are requested to communicate with me not later than Thursday, August 3rd.

St. Albans, July 3rd.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The North Lincolnshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

THIS Association held its quarterly meeting at Market Rasen, on Saturday, the 8th inst. At 2.30 a waggonette-load of ringers proceeded to Claxby, in response to the kind invitation of Canon Andrews, vice-president, where the bells were rung for an hour, and the ringers entertained by that kind-hearted gentleman to tea, to which about twenty-five ringers and friends sat down. After tea the Rev. Canon Andrews conducted the usual business, and spoke of the good work done by the Association. The Rev. D. M. Melville (vicar), the Rev. S. T. Briscoe, Mr. Councillor Nettleship, Mr. W. Cocking, and other gentlemen gave and responded to the various toasts. It was decided to leave the appointment of the next place of meeting to the Committee.

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE quarterly meeting of the Fylde branch of the above Association was held at Lytham, in the parish school, on Saturday evening. The towers represented were St. John's, Blackpool; St. Anne's, St. Annes-on-the-Sea; St. John's, Lytham; and St. Michael's, Kirkham. Previous to the meeting several peals of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and DOUBLES were rung on St. Cuthbert's Parish Church bells, which had been placed at the disposal of the visitors by the Rev. Canon Hawkins. At the meeting, over which Canon Hawkins presided, Mr. J. Fell, the Hon. Secretary to the Fylde branch, reported that the branch now had thirty performing members, three life members, and two honorary members.

The St. John-at-Hackney Society of Change-ringers. London.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., the members of this Society paid a visit to the village of Banstead, Surrey, and by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. E. Buckle), touches in various methods were rung on the recently augmented peal of eight. Tea was afterwards provided, at which the Rev. Cyril Stanley (a member of the Society and a curate of Hackney) presided, supported by the Vicar of Banstead, who said he was pleased to have been of service to the Society, and promised them a welcome at any other time. Ringers were present from Beddington, Bletchingley, Croydon, Greenwich, and Mitcham, the company numbering thirty-five in all. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Banstead for the use of the bells, and also to the visitors. The evening was passed in singing and change-ringing, and tune-playing on the handbells. It was deeply regretted that the President of the Society (the Rev. F. Evelyn Gardiner, rector of Hackney) was, owing to illness, prevented from being present. The outing was in every other respect a decided success.

The Old Bell at St. Peter's, Rome.

On the day succeeding the celebration of the Episcopal Jubilee of the Pope, the old bell at St. Peter's, called *Della Predica*, which for eight centuries had rendered harmonious service, tolled its own *Nunc Dimittis* and broke in halves. It has been replaced by another and heavier bell, from the foundry of Lucenti & Son, bearing on its surface the figures of the Virgin, SS. Peter and Paul, and St. Leo, the arms of the Basilica, the family arms of the Pope, of Cardinal Ricci, and of Monsignore de Neckere, together with a dedicatory inscription.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Leonard's, Seaford, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Goldsmith,* 1; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 2; K. Hart, 3; R. W. Hoather,* 4; R. J. Dawe, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; F. H. Beams (birthday), 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. 3 qrs. The first peal of MAJOR on the bells. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

At All Saints', Isleworth, London.

On Monday, the 17th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. E. Harris, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Etherington, 3; J. Basden, 4; Rev. H. Shears, 5; W. Meaton, 6; A. H. Taber (conductor), 7; T. Beadle, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. Messrs. Harris, Walsom, Basden, and Taber, came from Ealing; Meaton, Mortlake; the others belong to Isleworth.

At Long Crendon, Bucks.

On Monday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, rang a variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. C. Truss, jun., 1; F. Biggs, 2; T. Payne, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; J. Evans, 5; R. Biggs, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; W. E. Yates, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival of the Guild. The first peal of STEDMAN on the bells. J. C. Truss, jun., and W. E. Yates, came from Great Marlow; T. Payne, Oxford; Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton; the others came from Hughenden.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung;—

AT ST. PAUL'S, WOOBURN, BUCKS.—On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, the ringers (with their instructor, W. E. Yates, of Marlow) rang twelve peals (120 changes) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. J. Howard, J. Carrell, G. Rockell, J. West, F. Healey, F. Cousens, V. Coleman, G. Whiteman, W. E. Yates (conductor).

AT ST. MARY'S, GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Thursday, July 6th, on the occasion of the royal wedding, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original, in 42 mins. H. Dawson, 1; W. Newman, 2; H. Richell, 3; J. Newman, 4; H. Allen, 5; G. Green, 6; A. Richell (conductor), 7; F. Newman, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Monday evening, the 17th inst., the following members of the Essex Association rang several peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, PLAIN DOUBLES, and STEDMAN DOUBLES:—J. Balls (Little Bentley), 1; W. Hazell (Little Bentley), 2; J. Taylor (Bromley), 3; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 4; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 5. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., a peal of PLAIN BOB DOUBLES and a peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. H. Bowers (Bentley), 1; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 2; W. Hazell (Bentley), 3; W. J. Nevard (Bentley), 4; J. Balls (Bentley), 5. Conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe and Mr. Nevard.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ST. OSYTH, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., by the following members of the Essex Association, a peal of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. King, 1; H. Bowers, 2; W. Hazell, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; F. Balls, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6.

AT THE OLD PARISH CHURCH, CLACTON-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, the 18th inst., a peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was rung by the following ringers:—W. J. Nevard (conductor), 1; W. Hazell, 2; J. Balls, 3; J. King, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5.

AT ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST, OXFORD.—On Tuesday, July 18th, for practice, a quarter-peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 45 mins. A. Fox, 1; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 2; C. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; W. Baston, 5; T. Payne, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

AT TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 23rd inst., before evening service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 24 mins., by the following members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford:—A. H. Hill, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; W. Smith, 3; S. Atkins, 4; R. Hall, 5; W. P. Small (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the ancient anniversary of the dedication of the church, or what is commonly called 'Wake Sunday.'

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On a Monday an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but was lost after ringing 2330 changes in 1 hr. 20 mins. R. Hawes, 1; J. Evans, 2; F. Biggs, 3; R. Biggs, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; S. Goodchild, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; F. G. Biggs, 8. And three courses of BOB MAJOR.

F. Boreham, 1; F. Biggs, 2; F. G. Biggs, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; J. Evans, 5; R. Biggs, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; W. E. Yates (conductor), 8. Also three courses of DOUBLE NORWICH. W. E. Yates and J. C. Truss, jun., came from Great Marlow; the rest belong to the local band.

AT BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Thursday, 720 BOB MINOR, with the tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. On a Sunday, 720 BOB MINOR. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; G. Durling, 3; W. Fright, 4; F. Sanders, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. These touches were rung without the fifth bell, which is awaiting repairs, the stock being split.

AT ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On a Monday, a quarter-peal of CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES in 42 mins. A. J. Pate, 1; F. Edwards, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; R. Hammond, 4; W. Hewitt, 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; T. Waller, 7; H. Hallett, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On a Saturday, an attempt was made for a peal of BOB MAJOR, but it was lost after ringing 2576 changes in 1 hr. 35 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; J. Richardson, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; A. E. Hoskins, 6; W. A. Garraway, 7; W. E. Yates (conductor), 8. R. H. Hayward came from Monewden, Suffolk; J. W. Wilkins, J. Richardson, A. E. Hoskins, and W. A. Garraway, Maidenhead; G. Stanbrook, Windsor; W. E. Yates and J. C. Truss, jun., belong to Marlow.

AT ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 40 mins. J. Laws, 1; J. Rose, 2; G. H. Bowden, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett (conductor), 7; F. Davis, 8. Composed by A. G. Freeman.

AT WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On a Friday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR. E. W. Houghton, 1; A. Edwards, 2; A. Shuttleworth, 3; A. Tarbun, 4; A. Speller, 5; W. J. Piper (conductor), 6.

AT GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Moore,* 1; E. Prince,* 2; H. F. de Lisle (conductor), 3; J. Newman, 4; C. Waskett, 5; H. Brazier, 6; E. Scotcher, 7; C. Hawkes, 8. [* First attempt at TRIPLES.]

RECEIVED ALSO:—Rev. F. E. Robinson (thanks—too late for last week, as we go to press on Wednesday evening); and others.

THE PERMUTATION OF NUMBERS AND THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING.

VERY few people, indeed, have much acquaintance with what is called the permutation of numbers, and there are plenty of well-educated persons who refuse to believe the wonderful combinations that can be effected until they receive ocular demonstration that leaves no room for any further doubt.

The various ways a number of things or events can be interchanged and rearranged certainly seems almost incomprehensible at first sight.

Who could be surprised at any one, not 'up' in the subject, declining to accept the statement that, while the order of seven guests seated at a table can be altered 5040 times, no fewer than 40,320 combinations can be effected with the help of one extra individual?

Again, consider for a moment the possible changes that can be rung upon a peal of twelve bells. Exactly 479,001,600!

Now, if a dozen of the lustiest men upon this earth were to seize those bell-ropes, and do their duty, ringing for 300 days a year, it would keep them employed 300 years to complete all the variations that can be attained. This is if they worked at such a tremendous rate as about 1250 changes in an hour, which is the record!

In the manufacture of keys this system of permutation is frequently applied. By this means a manufacturer can be sure of never turning out two keys exactly alike.

The Bank of England have in their possession what is perhaps the most wonderful key in the world. Fifteen little distinct and movable arms of different lengths combine together to make up the face, which is, in the ordinary way, made solid with an irregular edge.

By means of a concealed spring this little lever can be loosened and interchanged. The advantage of such an arrangement is extraordinary, for the locks made to answer to this key are so adjusted in their mechanism that, while any arrangement of the 'bits' will lock them, only that one combination that fastened them will serve to open them again.

This means a good deal when the fact is duly considered that these 'bits' can be varied 1,307,674,368,000 times. That's all!

In other words, the chances against these locks being picked are more than a billion to one!

What such enormous figures represent will be more clearly exemplified by the following. Given a hard-working burglar whose luck was down and continued to be so. Such a man, having obtained possession of the key and trying a different combination every second, would be rewarded for his exertions by opening the lock after 30,000 years of labour, working day and night. He would deserve something after that!

The Bank of England also uses at its branches smaller keys of the same nature. They have only nine interchangeable levers, which can be varied 362,880 times. The odds, however, against the locks which answer to these being picked are longer than the average burglar would care to take on!

INSCRIPTIONS ON LANCASHIRE CHURCH BELLS.

THE Chetham Society have recently issued an interesting book entitled *Notes on the Churches of Lancashire*, by the late Sir Stephen R. Glynn, edited by the Rev. J. A. Atkinson. Sir Stephen's notes were made on his visits to the churches, which extended from 1833 to 1873, and contain much valuable information, especially on the churches which have undergone alteration, and there are few building that have escaped the restorer. Canon Atkinson has supplemented these notes by details of ancient stones, inscriptions, brasses, tombs, and monuments, and by notices of old silver communion plate and bells. As there is no separate book on the church bells of the country, the following copies of the inscriptions may be of interest to some of our readers:—

CARTMEL (ST. MARY).—There are four bells with inscriptions:—

- (1) 'Dulcedine vocis cantabo Dominum nostrum, 1661.'
- (2) 'In Jucunditate soni sonabo tibi Domine, 1661.'
- (3) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, 1726.'
- (4) '1729.'

BOLTON-LE-SANDS (ST. MICHAEL).—There are three bells:—

- (1) '1724, S. S. Ebor, gloria in altissimis Deo.'
- (2) '1692, In dulcedine vocis cantabo nomine tuo.'
- (3) 'Of older date. 'Haec campana sacra fiat Trinitate Beata,' with the representation of the Crucifixion and a lily.'

LEYLAND (ST. ANDREW).—There are six bells:—

- (1) 'Let God be feared, 1722.'
- (2) 'The Church prosper, 1722.'
- (3) '1835.'
- (4) 'Quator nos ante fuimus, 1722.'
- (5) '1835.'
- (6) 'Magisque quotidie delectabimur.'

CHORLEY (ST. LAWRENCE).—There are three bells with inscriptions:—

- (1) 'I bear my part in pleasing sound, but when alone I summons to the ground.'
- (2) 'The day is over—cease from labour, I call to rest.'
- (3) 'Our voices do with cheerful sound make valleys echo round, 1763.'

PRESTON (ST. JOHN).—There are eight bells:—

- (1) 'Venite exultemus domino, 1814.'
- (2) 'Foundation stone of this steeple laid 4th June, 1814, by Sir Henry Philip Houghton, Bart., Lay Rector and Patron.'
- (3) '4th June, 1814, 54th of George the Third, the King's birthday.'
- (4) 'Account received of the treaty of peace, 1814. Vivat Rex.'
- (5) 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.'

GOOSNARGH (ST. MARY).—There are six bells:—

- (2) 'Prosperity to the Church of England, A. R., 1742'
- (3) 'Abr. Rudhall cast us all, 1713.'
- (4) 'God preserve the Church and Queen, 1713.'
- (5) 'I to the church the living call and to the grave do summons a 1753.'

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (ST. MICHAEL).—There are twelve bells:—

- (1) 'When you us ring, we'll sweetly sing, 1779.'
- (2) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, 1779.'
- (3) 'Prosperity to the parish, 1779.'
- (4) 'Success to trade, 1779.'
- (5) 'To the church the living call, and to the grave to summon a'

FLINTON (ST. MICHAEL).—Three bells with the inscription:—

- 'Jesus be our speed.'
- The date of another is 1624.

PRESTWICH (ST. MARY).—There are six bells:—

- (1) 'Prosperity to the Church of England, 1721.'
- (2) 'Rudhall of Gloucester cast us all, 1721.'
- (3) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, 1721.'
- (4) 'When you me ring, I'll sweetly sing, A. R., 1742.'
- (5) 'Gloria Deo in excelsis, in Terra Pax.'
- (6) Names of churchwardens.

LEIGH (ST. MARY THE VIRGIN).—There are eight bells, in addition to a priest's bell (cast at Wigan in 1715), inscription, 'George Heiluton, warden, 1715, Wigan.' The inscriptions are as follow:—

- (1) 'When you us ring we'll sweetly sing, 1761.'
- (2) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, 1761.'
- (3) 'John Kighley, A. R., 1740.'
- (4) 'John Guest, A. R., 1740.'
- (5) 'John Mort, A. R., 1740.'
- (6) 'Samual Hilton, churchwarden, A. R., 1740.'
- (7) 'George Sidlow, ch-warden. A. R., 1740.'
- (8) 'William Farrington, vicar, John Heys, ch-warden. We were all cast at Gloucester, by Abel Rudhall, 1740.'

ROCHDALE (ST. CHAD).—There are eight bells:—

- (1) 'John Rudhall, fecit, 1787.'
- (2) Names of churchwardens, 1787.
- (3) 'Prosperity to the trade of the town, A. R., 1752.'
- (4) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, A. R., 1752.'
- (5) 'Abel Rudhall of Gloucester, founder, 1752.'
- (6) 'Given by Dr. Samuel Dunster, D. D., vicar A. R., 1752.'
- (7) Names of churchwardens, A. R., 1752.
- (8) 'Success to the town and trade of Rochdale.' This bell was recast by John Rudhall, Gloucester, 1812.

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THIRTY-FIRST INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with MISS ELIZA MILSON, North Back Lane, Bridlington.

[Relative to her case published in the weekly journals, April, 1889; and as to other cases.]

That favourite watering-place, Bridlington Quay, was bleak and cheerless when I visited it one day in February last. I was not therefore tempted to linger awhile there and rest, but made my way at once to the house of Miss Eliza Milson, of North Back Lane, in what is now known as Old Bridlington. I found, as I expected, that Miss Milson, a strong, healthy-looking lady, was quite ready to answer all my questions, and to afford all information in her power.

'Tell me, please,' I said, 'isn't it a fact that some of your relatives have died of Consumption?'

'Yes,' was the reply. 'My grandfather, grandmother, aunt, and several nieces have all died from that complaint.'

'And I believe you also suffered from it at one time?'

'In September of 1887 I was very ill with chest disease—so ill that I had to give up work.'

'Does this description, which I have no doubt you have seen, fairly describe your condition at that time: "She had taken severe cold four months before applying to Mr. Congreve, and this was followed by cough which had gradually become much worse, with yellow expectoration mixed with blood; loss of appetite, palpitations, declining strength, and loss of flesh?"'

'That is quite correct. The doctors here had told me that my right lung was affected. I was so ill that my neighbours never expected that I should get better, neither did I.'

'And how long did you remain under Mr. Congreve's treatment, Miss Milson?'

'Altogether nine or ten months, and all that time I was getting better until at last I became quite well and strong again.'

'You appear to be in good health now?'

'I am, I am thankful to say, and able to do all my work ever since my recovery.'

'Do you happen to know of any cases similar to your own in this neighbourhood?'

'Yes. I was recommended to apply to Mr. Congreve by a draper in this town, whose sister had received great benefit from that gentleman's treatment. Then there is Mrs. Fallows, in the market-place here—I was talking to her about it only last week. Her condition was about the same as mine. She told me when I was speaking to her that if it had not been for Mr. Congreve's medicine she should never have got better.'

Bridlington is only a small place, yet Miss Milson knew of three cases of cure almost at her own door.'

To the foregoing I should like to add that while in Bridlington I called to see Mr. Hesilton, a bookseller in the High Street, upon another matter of business, and he told me that his sister had been treated by Mr. Congreve, and restored to health. This gentleman speaks very highly of the remedy, and recommends it to sufferers. Only a short time before my visit he had strongly advised a gentleman engaged on one of the great Yorkshire papers, and who was suffering from bronchitis, to use the medicine.

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on 'The Gospels and Modern Criticism,' in which he deals with the propriety of the fourth Gospel having been written last and not first, as alleged by Mr. J. J. Halcombe. The only point in which we think Mr. Wright's criticism needs emendation is that he does not recognise (what Wendt has so accurately pointed out) the synchronism of the Synoptic and Johannine traditions, or Oral Gospels. St. John's Gospel was written last of all; but that its substance was then for the first time given to the Church we can no longer hold. There was at least a double (perhaps triple, or even quadruple) cycle of tradition, orally communicated to the catchments, as Mr. Wright so lucidly points out in his book on the *Composition of the Gospels*. And with the substance of the four Gospels thus preserved in the Apostolic Church clearly proven, we can afford to be comparatively indifferent to the relative times of their being specifically committed to writing. At least, we think the point worthy of more attention than has yet been paid to it.

ST. NICHOLAS has, on its first page, what looks like a living picture of Edison as a boy. Baltimore is the city described, and, as usual, beautifully illustrated this month. This number is up to the usual average, which is giving it the highest possible praise.

GOOD WORDS (Isbister & Co.) has an interesting description, by David Paton, of 'Tailoring by Steam,' in the Leeds factories, for the production of 'ready-made' clothes; 'Rambles in the Precincts' of the House of Commons, by 'A lazy Member'; and 'The Silver Gospels,' a history of the translator and narrative of the translation of the first Teutonic words ever written, being a considerable portion of the four Gospels, done into Gothic by Wulfila the Apostle of the Goths about A.D. 332, traced in silver letters (except the initials, which are gold), encased in a silver binding, and preserved in the library of the University of Upsala, in Sweden. 'A Noble Work' is the title of an article on the 'Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,' which is stated to have already befriended 70,000 ill-treated little ones since the year 1889, when the Children's Charter was passed, through Mr. Waugh's instrumentality.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE (Isbister & Co.) contains two biographical notices—'Dr. Stalker at Home,' the story of an interview and conversation with the present representative minister of the Free Church of Scotland in Glasgow; and 'A Pioneer in the Far West,' an appreciative life-sketch of Bishop Horden, of Moosonee. The concluding paper, on 'Russian Dissenters and the Russian Government,' includes a short but concise account of the Stundists, whose independent activity of thought and manly principles are considered by the writer to be the main causes of the unjust and cruel treatment to which they are being subjected by their country's rulers. Dr. Hugh MacMillan contributes a semi-scientific, semi-allegorical paper on 'Visible Music.'

THE LEISURE HOUR (R.T.S.) deals with 'Poitiers,' and its associations; 'The Bat Caves near San Antonio de Bexar'; 'The Way of the World at Sea: the Mails,' and other subjects of popular interest.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME (R.T.S.) gives two capital chapters of Mr. Treanor's narrative of labours 'In the Downs,' in connexion with the 'Missions to Seamen'; Mrs. Brewer treats of 'Asiatics and Africans' in London, and of the efforts made on their behalf; 'What to do with the Babies' is a plea for Crèches, by the late Benjamin Clarke; and there is a brief brightly written notice of 'A Chinese Christian Lady' (Mrs. A. Hôk) with portrait and autograph.

In the GIRL'S OWN PAPER (R.T.S.) 'A Sudden Shadow' and 'Mother's Deputy' are good short stories, and 'Blanchardyne and Eglantine: A Romance of the Middle Ages,' is commenced by Lily Watson, 'My Lady Marjorie' being concluded. 'Auriol's Coronet' is the work, we should imagine, of a young authoress; but, if the heroine is unusually successful in her literary career, she is none the worse as a model for her girl admirers. Of graver articles, 'Some Marriage Thorns and How to Avoid Them,' 'Sympathy and How to Show It,' and 'Caroline of Anspach,' may be cordially recommended.

CORRECTIONS.—In our last issue, in 'Reviews' of *A Message to Earth and The Love Letter of a Violinist*, the publisher's name should read Lamley & Co., and not Lawley & Co.

THE COUNCIL of the Hospital Sunday Fund met at the Mansion House on Tuesday, to settle the method of the distribution of this year's collection. Sir Sydney H. Waterlow (vice-president) occupied the chair. The report showed that the committee recommended the payment of awards to 181 institutions, being eight more than last year, and an increase of seventy-six since the first awards were made in 1873. The total amount available for distribution, after allowing for the usual current expenses, was 35,400*l.*, or about 3000*l.* less than in 1892. Of that total 35,066*l.* was now recommended to be given to 127 hospitals and fifty-four dispensaries. Five per cent. of the total collected—viz., about 1900*l.*—was set apart to purchase surgical appliances.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

NOTICE.

We have been compelled to postpone the Supplement until our next issue, in consequence of several valuable communications arriving too late.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Hatfield on Bank Holiday, August 7th, when, by kind permission, the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the 'Bakers' Arms' at 5.30, business meeting to follow.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

St. Albans, July 25th.

The Lancashire Association.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this branch was held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, July 15th, forty-three ringers representing the following towers:—St. Michael and St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, St. John's and unattached, Manchester, Hyde, Swinton, Worsley, and Walkden. Notable amongst the number were Messrs. Wood and Longden, the Cash brothers, with full company, the Wilde brothers, with full company, from Swinton and Hyde respectively, also Messrs. Ridyard and Derbyshire, Ringing commenced about five p.m., and was kept up until nine p.m., with the exception of a short interval for the business meeting, which was held in the open air, Mr. Samuel Wood kindly presiding. Flixton was decided upon as the place of next meeting, on Saturday, August 12th. The proceedings were brought to a close with votes of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of bells, also to Mr. Peter Brickell for having all in readiness. Some touches were brought round during the evening in the following methods:—GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

The Surrey Association.

THE annual meeting of the above Association was held at Reigate, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringers were in attendance from Beddington, Betchworth, Bletchingley, Buckland, Carshalton, Croydon, Mitcham, Reigate, London, and Warnham. About thirty sat down to a meat tea, after which Mr. W. Burkin was voted to the chair, and Mr. Erington acted as Secretary. A letter of apology was read from Dr. Carpenter, regretting his inability to be present, and stating that the pressure of business necessitated his retirement as Hon. Secretary, which the meeting much regretted. The Rev. E. G. Burr (curate of Croydon), assistant secretary of the Association, was also unavoidably absent. This being the meeting to elect officers, the Treasurer and Committee were re-elected, and Dr. Carpenter and Mr. Strange were re-elected representatives on the Central Council. The election of Secretary was postponed till the next quarterly meeting, which will be held at Bletchingley on the third Saturday in October. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the business meeting. The church tower was then visited, the bells kept going till nine o'clock, and then lowered in peal. The methods rung were GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and TREBLE BOB MAJOR. It was the anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

Death of a Church Bell-ringer.

ALFRED BEEBY, a ringer of Finedon, Northants, for over twenty years past, died, after only a few days' illness, on Saturday last, at the age of fifty-five. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the Rev. W. E. Fletcher conducting the service, the ringers acting as bearers and placing a beautiful wreath on the grave. Deceased, who generally rang the tenor bell, was much respected by the members of the belfry as a punctual, reliable man, and (what many greater change-ringers might well copy) a steady ringer and good striker, trying at all times to sound his bell carefully and well. In the evening, from eight to nine o'clock, full-muffled peals of GRANDSIRE, GOG MAGOG, RINGERS' DELIGHT, and PLAIN BOB were rung by the Finedon Company, assisted by the ringers from Wellingborough, those two old veterans of the Finedon belfry, Messrs. Moon and Manning, taking part therein. The aged Sexton, Mr. Wallis, although not able to handle a rope, was also present in the ringing-room. Alfred Beeby was a member of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association, having joined at the annual meeting at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday last.

Shocking Death in a Belfry.

A MAN named Bird died last week at Latton, Hants, from injuries received in the belfry of the parish church. He was in the bell-chamber when the ringers commenced to ring in ignorance of his presence, the bells inflicting fatal injuries.

A Query.

SIR,—May I ask, through your valuable paper, for information as to what can be done with five bells? We have a simple set of changes painted on a board which we work through. Perhaps you can tell me of a book which I could procure.

(REV.) F. B. LIPSCOMBE.

Brightstone, I.W., July 24th.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. James-the-Great, Dursley, Gloucestershire.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang H. Johnson's peal of 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. W. C. Jones, 1; T. Brunson (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 2; A. F. E. Hart, 3; J. Austin, 4; W. T. Bennett, 5; A. Roberts, 6; H. Roberts, 7; Rev. H. Law-James (conductor), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. The first peal of Major on the bells.

At the Parish Church, Cranborne, Dorset.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. C. Dawe, 1; A. Pearce, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; C. A. Clement's, 4; A. W. Barkus, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. S. Wise (conductor), 7; C. H. Watts, 8.

At the Cathedral, Gloucester.

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang J. Carter's peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 18 mins. W. C. Jones, 1; G. L. Brunsdon, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; J. Austin, 4; W. T. Bennett, 5; W. H. Brunsdon, 6; A. Roberts, 7; Rev. H. Law-James (conductor), 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D.

The Royal Cumberlands at the Imperial Institute.

On the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York to Princess Victoria of Teck on July 6th, the above society had the honour of being engaged to ring the Alexandra ring of bells. The band selected for this occasion were Messrs. W. Baron, B. Fuskett, H. A. Hopkins, T. Titchener, A. Pittam, G. Smith, E. Chapman, A. Church, A. Jacob, and G. Newson.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:

At HAYES, KENT.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, rung for the first time. H. Reader, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; J. Hack, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; E. Boxall, 6. On a Tuesday, for practice, 360 BOB MINOR. W. Bedwell, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; G. Harwood (conductor), 6. And 360 GRANDSIRE MINOR. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6.

At BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On a Sunday, after evening service, a quarter-peal was rung, consisting of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, 360 OXFORD BOB, and 180 BOB MINOR. F. Arnold, 1; R. Botting, 2; G. Huggett, 3; C. Webber, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 1008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 34 mins. W. Evans, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. N. Davis (Camberwell, London), 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Baker, 5; W. Kings, 6; C. Waterman, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8.

At THE CATHEDRAL, ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 588 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Jenkinson (longest length), 1; C. Burrell (longest length), 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; R. Hammond, 4; R. H. Weatherley (conductor), 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; L. Dryden, 8.

At BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 720 BOB MINOR (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins., tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; G. Darling (conductor), 3; T. Groombridge, 4; F. Sanders, 5; T. Harford, 6; W. James, 7.

* * We beg to remind our correspondents that for the future we must adhere to the usual rules of the press in not accepting (a) writing in pencil; (b) writing on both sides of the paper.—Ed. C. B.

INSCRIPTIONS ON LANCASHIRE CHURCH BELLS.

(Concluded from page 650.)

WIGAN (ALL SAINTS).—There are eight bells:—

- (1) 'Fear God, honour the King, A. R., 1732.'
- (2) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, A. R., 1732.'
- (3) 'Prosperity to the Church of England, A. R., 1732.'
- (4) 'Prosperity to this town and parish, A. R., 1732.'
- (5) 'We were all cast at Gloucester by Abr. Rudhall, 1732.'
- (6) 'James Laland and Thomas Lowe, churchwardens, A. R., 1732.'
- (7) 'Samuel Aldersey, rector, A. R., 1732.'
- (8) On one side 'J. H. S.,' and the other 'I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all.' On the 'ting-tang' bell, 'Come away, and make no delay, A. R., 1732.'

HORNBY (ST. MARGARET).—There are six bells:—

- (1) 'Armigero optima spei adolescenti Francisco Charteris, Junri: a Castro Hornby, An. Dom. 1761.'
- (2) 'Mo. Christophoro Skirrow & Mo. Richardo Howson sacrorum curatibus spectata Fidei & probitatis Laude insignibus, An. Dom. 1761.'
- (3) 'Honour and honesty, love and loyalty, peace and good neighbourhood.'
- (4) 'Laudo Deum verum: Plebem voco: congreco Clerum: Defunctos Ploro: Pestem fugo, festa Decoro.'
- (5) 'Honorabili Viro Francisco Charteris a Castro de Hornby, Patrono, moribus dandidis, artibus Pue [sic] Ingenuis vere Nobili An. Dom. 1760.'
- (6) 'Honoratissime Femina Domine Catharinæ Charteris Pietate Benignitate ac Morum suavi tate ornatissimæ. An. Dom. 1761.'

ECCELESTON (ST. MARY).—There are six bells:—

- (1) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, 1734.'
- (2) 'Prosperity to this parish, 1727.'
- (3) 'Prosperity to the Church of England, 1727.'
- (4) 'A. B. Rudhall cast us all 1727; recast 1737.'
- (5) 'Wm. Breers, warden, 1803.'
- (6) 'I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all. 1727.'

PENWORTHAM (ST. MARY).—There are six bells:—

- (1) 'Recast at Mary Rawstone's cost, 1891.'
- (2) 'God save Queen Ann, A. R., 1712.'
- (3) 'Prosperity to the Church of England, 1712.'
- (4) 'Abr Rudhall cast us, Anno. Dom. 1712.'
- (5) 'Ralph Loxam, minister, A. R., 1712.'
- (6) Churchwardens' names, 1712.

MIDDLETON (ST. LEONARD).—There are eight bells:—

- (1) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, A. R., 1714.'
- (2) 'Prosperity to all our benefactors, A. R., 1714.'
- (3) 'Abr Rudhall cast us all, 1714.'

4, 5, 6, and 7 have various names.

- (8) 'There shall be upon the bells Holiness to the Lord, 1891.'

MANCHESTER (COLLEGIATE CHURCH).—There are ten bells. On the seventh is inscribed 'Abraham Rudhall, bell founder—God save the Queen and the Church, 1706.' On the eighth, 'To all our benefactors [to] the Church let all say amen—prosper it. We were all cast in Gloucester, 1706.'

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INTERVIEW with Rev. W. A. HAMMOND, Primitive Methodist Minister, 3 Park Road, Dereham, Norfolk.

[Relative to cases known to him.]

Among other things for which I have to thank the Rev. W. M. Batterbee, of Ely, is his kindness in introducing me to the Rev. W. A. Hammond, a minister belonging to the same denomination as himself, but stationed at Dereham, in Norfolk. Mr. Hammond is a type of that large body of men who throw themselves heart and soul into the work of preaching and visiting. Notwithstanding an unusually large number of services each week—as a glance at the board outside the chapel testified—Mr. Hammond finds time—utilising both the rail and the road—for a large amount of visiting. Indeed, as he told me, he was well acquainted with all the villages within fifteen miles of his house.

This being the case, I consider myself fortunate in catching him at home, for Mr. Hammond, like the rest of the persons with whom these informal chats have been held, had no notice of my coming.

Mr. Hammond's knowledge of Mr. Congreve's remedies for diseases of the chest has not extended over any very lengthened period, but he was enabled to testify of considerable benefit.

Asked as to his experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment, Mr. Hammond said:

'I know a good many cases where great benefit has been received. Two brothers, who took it when almost at death's door, were wonderfully helped, but unfortunately they had left it too long before commencing. In recommending one of them to adopt it I told him he ought to have commenced it months before. I know well an old man of 70 years of age who believes that he wouldn't be alive to-day but for it; but, of course, at that age you can't expect a man to get quite well.'

'Have you had any personal experience of it, Mr. Hammond?'

'Oh, yes; I always use it myself if I get a bad cold, or if I get knocked up with overwork I always fall back upon it. Nothing picks me up and puts me right so quickly as Mr. Congreve's medicine.'

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MAGAZINES.

GREAT THOUGHTS continues its usual interesting features; among the most notable of its contents are the interviews with Madame Jane Hading and Lady Henry Somerset, and Mr. William Jolly's article, 'John Ruskin on Education.'

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED is a good number. There are some interesting Ruskin letters and an interesting article by the Rev. and Hon. J. Adderley, entitled, 'Is Slumming Played Out?' There is a short complete story by George Gissing; another instalment of the 'Romance of Modern London,' and a paper on 'Poachers and Poaching.' The fantastic story, 'Hartmann the Anarchist,' is continued, as is also Robert Buchanan's Irish romance of 'Lady Kilpatrick.'

FRIENDLY WORK (G.F.S.) contains a paper, by Miss Ada Cooke, on 'The Adoption of Invalids,' full of useful advice both to the girls 'adopted' and the branches adopting them. FRIENDLY LEAVES has two thoughtful articles, 'Tact,' by Mrs. Hallett, and 'Compensation,' by T. C. Vansittart, whilst a new story begun in its pages, 'The Carpenter's Daughter,' points out the dangers of flirtation. THE ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL AND ADVERTISER supplies full reports of the G.F.S. anniversary proceedings, including the Bishop of Ripon's sermon.

THE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MAGAZINE (C.E.S.S.I.) gives the questions set in the teachers' examinations held in April last, which may be serviceable as tests for possible future candidates. They are certainly not too difficult, but require accurate knowledge of Bible and Prayer-book. THE CHURCH WORKER has a brightly written notice of 'Princess May' and her work for the poor.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C.M.S.) publishes a most interesting article on 'Christian Efforts amongst Indian Mohammedans,' written for the 'World's Parliament of Religions' at Chicago, by the Rev. Maulvi Imad-ud-din, D.D., once a Mohammedan, now a Christian, and examining chaplain to the Bishop of Lahore. Amongst many other good contributions we note 'Uganda: a Reply,' being the Society's answer to the letter of the *Times* correspondent on Uganda affairs. Enclosed in the INTELLIGENCER's pages we find an earnest appeal for men and means.

THE ZOOPHILIST publishes a statement regarding the issue by the S.P.C.K. of a book written by a vivisector, and inculcating the idea that vivisection is useful and praiseworthy; with the protests sent in to the Society against the publication of the volume, and an outspoken letter on the subject from the Lord Chief Justice of England.

THE GLEANER and AWAKE! deal mainly with China, and the CHILDREN'S WORLD with India.

THE MISSION FIELD (S.P.G.) reports fully the 'Ramsden Sermon' preached at Cambridge University Church on May 21st by Bishop Selwyn, former of Melanesia.

THE GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED and CENTRAL AFRICA (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.) are fair average numbers.

NEW AND OLD (London: Griffith, Farran, & Co.) An interesting series of papers, by Miss M. H. F. Donne, on the 'Saints of our Native Country,' is appearing in this little penny magazine. The August number deals with St. Oswald, martyr king of Northumbria.

THE SCOTTISH STANDARD BEARER contains a portrait and biographical sketch of Canon Archibald, the author of *The Historic Episcopate in the Columban Church*—a book which is attracting some attention.

THE NEWBURY HOUSE MAGAZINE gives a good account of Buddhism, that most pathetic expression of human helplessness without Christ. An article on 'Christian Apologists and Modern Science' is well worth reading, and, on the whole, the magazine keeps up its well-known character.

THE YOUNG GENTLEWOMAN is a good average number.

H. M. S. 'IMPERIEUSE.'—The officers and ship's company of H. M. S. *Imperieuse*, flagship of the Commander-in-chief in the China seas, have again sent through their Chaplain, the Rev. W. Backwell, M.A., R.N., an offering to 'The Missions to Seamen,' which helps to maintain religious ministrations ~~aboard~~ and ashore for the crews in Hong Kong Harbour, in Shanghai River, and at Yokohama, Japan.

H. M. S. 'VICTORIA.'—Amongst the many noble acts of devotion to duty recorded of the officers and crew of the late battleship *Victoria*, as she suddenly turned over and went to the bottom of the Mediterranean, the unselfish conduct of the young midshipman, Herbert Lanyon, who stood beside the Commander-in-chief to the last and sank with him at the post of duty, will not be forgotten. The parents of the late midshipman have sent the lad's savings to 'The Missions to Seamen,' as the most appropriate destination for the remaining property of one who had set such a noble example to his brother seamen of unselfish devotion to duty.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The St. James's Society, London.

At the annual meeting of this Society, held on July 31st last, the following officers were elected to serve during the next year:—Master, Mr. E. E. Richards; Secretary, Mr. E. A. Young; Treasurer, Mr. E. Albone; Senior Steward, Mr. E. Smith; Junior Steward, Mr. J. George.

The East Lincolnshire Association.

THE quarterly meeting of this Association took place at Leake and Wrangle on Saturday afternoon, July 29th. Both churches contain a fine ring of six bells in good order, and 720 BOB MINOR (nine bobs and six singles) was rung. G. Clark, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; A. Barber, 3; G. Ladd, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5; E. Mason, 6. Also another 720 (fourteen bobs and two singles). G. Ladd, 1; W. F. Harwood, 2; C. Clayton, 3; J. Mawer, 4; A. Barber, 5; E. Mason, 6.

A meat tea was afterwards provided, and was followed by the usual business meeting of the Association. Seven new members were elected. The Vicar of Wrangle (in reply to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells) gave the Association a hearty welcome, and hoped it would not be long before they paid him another visit. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Secretary and other officers of the North Lincolnshire Association for their kindness in assisting to bring about another amalgamated meeting this year at Boston. A letter was read from the South, but the Secretary declined to take any further steps in the matter for the present. A move was then made for Leake, and 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles) was rung by Messrs. Clark, Barber, Clayton, Ladd, Rylatt, and Mason. Several peals (120 changes) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were also rung by Messrs. Dovoto, Goodwin, Glary, and others.

CHANGE-RINGING.

SIR,—Having lately discovered what I believe a new method of ringing changes on six, eight, ten and twelve bells, I send you the working of the same on six and eight bells, if not too late for the next issue of *Church Bells*, asking the ringing exercise if the said method is new or not. Thanking you in anticipation.

J. B. FENTON.

31 Winn Street, Lincoln, July 31st, 1893.

Fenton's Principle, on Eight Bells, 32 Changes.

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

Fenton's Principle, on Six Bells, 24 Changes.

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

At the Parish Church, Leckhampton, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 22nd ult., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was rung by the Cheltenham and District Guild of Ringers in 2 hrs. 48 mins. A. Hunt, 1; W. Townsend, 2; T. Hunt, 3; W. Dyer (conductor), 4; J. Midwinter (anniversary of wedding), 5; C. Caudle, 6.

At the Parish Church, West Grinstead, Sussex.

On Sunday, the 23rd ult., the following members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5040 changes, in seven different TREBLE BOB methods, in 2 hrs. 27 mins., being 720 of each of the following:—LONDON SCHOLAR'S PLEASURE, COLLEGE PLEASURE, VIOLET, WOODBINE, COLLEGE

EXERCISES, OXFORD, and KENT. F. Dench, 1; E. Jordan, 2; A. D. Mills, 3; J. Parker, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6. E. Jordan came from Capel, Surrey; the others belong to Crawley and Worth.

At St. Mary's, Painswick, Gloucestershire.

On Monday, the 31st ult., ten members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang J. Carter's peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 12 mins. H. Scrivens (first peal of CATERS on a changing bell), 1; F. E. Hart, 2; J. Austin, 3; F. E. Ward, 4; W. T. Bennett, 5; W. H. Brunson, 6; W. Hale, 7; C. W. P. Clifton* (Lincoln), 8; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 9; T. Ireland,* 10. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D. [* First peal on ten bells.]

At the Parish Church, Prestbury, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. C. Jones, 1; Rev. H. L. James, 2; J. Austin, 3; W. H. Brunson, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; W. T. Bennett,* 6; H. Roberts, 7; C. W. P. Clifton,* 8. Composed by W. Harrison, and conducted by J. Austin. Tenor, 14½ cwt. [* First peal of TREBLE BOB.]

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Monday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Annable's peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. L. Copsey,* 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Watson,* 7; W. Pye, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. [* First peal in this method.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At St. Mary's, Stoke Newington, London.—On Tuesday, the 1st inst., on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Wrightson with Miss Lee, of Lordship Park, Stoke Newington, the following members of St. Mary's local band rang 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES in 29 mins. H. Spencer, 1; J. Barry, 2; G. Chalkley (first 720), 3; H. Stubbs (conductor), 4; W. Waterman, 5; G. Blaber, 6. Tenor, 7 cwt.

At MONWEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, the 6th inst., for morning service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 23 mins. by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers:—E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; W. G. Archer, 4; H. Baldry, sen., 5; J. Tarrant, 6. Tenor, 6 cwt.

At BARKING, ESSEX.—On Monday, the 7th inst., by members of the Essex Association, 800 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Pye, 5; E. Lucas, 6; W. Doran, 7; W. Pye, 8. Also 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by W. Pye.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, TOWN MALLING, KENT.—On a Tuesday, for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Smith, 1; D. Hall,* 2; J. Worsley, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine,* 4; E. Newman, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6; W. Bell, 7; W. Buss, 8. [* Longest touch in the method with a bob-bell.]

At St. BARNABAS'S, PIMLICO, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, three courses of STEDMAN CATERS and three leads of TREBLE BOB ROYAL. F. G. Newman, 1; T. Durling (Chislehurst), 2; H. R. Newton, 3; R. Lane, 4; J. Willshire, 5; J. Emery (St. Mary's Cray), 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), 8; W. Ingham (Chislehurst), 9; J. N. Ox-borrow, 10.

At RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On a Sunday morning, in honour of the Mayor and Corporation attending Divine service at the parish church, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the borough, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 48 mins. H. Coombes, 1; P. Long, 2; W. Jennings, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. The above touch contains the twenty-four 4-6's, and six 6-7's. On a Sunday, 392 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, by the same band, standing as above.

At MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original. J. Constable, 1; A. H. Woolley, 2; A. Tawney, 3; R. Pelling (Speldhurst), 4; T. Mannerling (conductor), 5; G. Pawley, 6; A. Palmer, 7; W. Barnes and W. Mannerling, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt., in G.

At St. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; H. Randall, 5; R. Pye, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; W. Pye, 8.

At St. GEORGE'S, GRAVESEND, KENT.—On a Sunday, for evening service, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, the last 740 of Holt's Original in 27 mins. B. Spinner, 1; W. H. Royston, 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; J. W. Atkins, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; J. Allen, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Messrs. Pye and Watson came from Romford, Essex.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On a Monday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. H. Preston, 1; E. Hinton (birth-day), 2; S. Best, 3; E. Waters, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; W. Saffery, 8. On a Monday, for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 50 mins. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Waters, 2; F. W. J. Rees, Esq., 3; E. Hinton, 4; G. Vey, 5; S. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; H. Preston, 8. F. W. J. Rees, Esq., came from Guildford, Surrey.

At St. PETER'S, YATELEY, HANTS.—On a Thursday, for practice, a peal (120 changes) of STEDMAN DOUBLES, on the back six. W. Filmore (conductor), 1; T. Riddle, 2; J. Bunch, 3; W. Tice, 4; B. Hawkins, 5; H. Hilton, 6. First in the method by all. On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 532 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Hilton, 1; G. Hawkins (conductor), 2; S. Riddle, 3; B. Hawkins, 4; W. Filmore, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; C. Bradley, 8.

At OSPRINGE, KENT.—On a Thursday evening for practice, 720 BOB MINOR (6-8 covering), eighteen bobs and two singles. F. Hunt, 1; W. J. Willis (first 720 away from the treble), 2; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 3; J. P. D. Barnes, 4; H. Burling, 5; G. Wood, 6; W. Taylor, 7; J. Austin, 8.

THE Rev. F. Hayes, Staunton Rectory, Gloucester, would be glad to have some Rules for Bell-Ringers.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

THIRTY-THIRD INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with MR. FRATER, 50 Briggate, Leeds.

[Whose case was published in the weekly journals, June, 1890.]

I was saved the trouble of explaining my business to Mr. Frater. Hearing who had been making enquiries for him, and having seen some of these Interviews in the weekly journals, he rightly came to the conclusion that he had been selected as a likely 'subject.'

And I am bound to say that Mr. Frater took very kindly to the process. He evidently felt very grateful to Mr. Congreve for the good he had received, and therefore was quite ready to give me all the information in his power.

Mr. Frater told me that as a young man he was always delicate; each winter brought with it attacks of asthmatic bronchitis if he took even a slight cold. In the year 1887 he ruptured a blood-vessel, which laid him up for some months, and then his illness became of a more pronounced character, the symptoms being a night cough, expectoration, considerable pain in the chest, and difficulty of breathing. As might be expected, after the rupture just mentioned, there was considerable loss of flesh and strength.

In an informal sort of way, Mr. Frater gave me these particulars, and proceeded, in answer to a question I put, to say:—

'Yes, I had medical advice, but I was a long way from being cured. I remember well that one doctor, just as I was finishing with him, told me "Never forget that you are an invalid."'

'I believe it was about the middle of the year 1889, that you placed yourself in communication with Mr. Congreve?'

'About that time. He sent me the medicine, prescription for liniment, and full advice. I followed this closely, and persevered with the remedy. As I told Mr. Congreve, I felt better a week after. Thus encouraged, I went on, and in three months I was cured.'

'Do you think a like recovery would have happened if you had not applied to Mr. Congreve?'

'No, I believe I owe my life to the medicine he sent me in 1889.'

'You appear in good health now, Mr. Frater?'

'I am better and heavier to-day than ever I was. I began to gain flesh immediately I commenced the medicine, and now I weigh one and a half stone more than I did before. I have had no return of any of the symptoms, and have been in every way wonderfully well. Of course I take care of myself and act with discretion. I don't needlessly expose myself to any risk of cold.'

'No one should do that. After what you have told me, I shall not be surprised to hear that you have recommended the treatment to others.'

'I have. A gentleman who comes in here often, has a daughter in Consumption. When I advised her to try Mr. Congreve's treatment, she was really on her last legs. He took my advice, and the last time I spoke to him about her he told me she was much better.'

Mr. Frater is a busy man, and I could not well detain him longer; and so, thanking him for the ready way in which he had answered my enquiries, I left him to resume the business my call had interrupted.

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5040 Stedman Triples.

2 3 1 4 5 6	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 12 13
6 2 5 4 3 1	1 1 1 1 1 1
1 4 5 6 2 3	1 1 1 1 1 1
1 2 4 6 3 5	1 1 s
2 3 5 6 4 1	1 1 1 1
4 3 1 6 2 5	1 1
3 2 5 6 1 4	1 1 1 1
2 1 4 6 5 3	1 1 1 1
1 5 3 6 4 2	1 1 1 1
5 4 2 6 3 1	1 1 1 1
3 4 1 6 5 2	1 1
4 5 2 6 1 3	1 1 1 1
5 1 3 6 2 4	1 1 1 1
2 6 5 4 1 3	1 1 1 1 s
3 4 5 2 6 1	1 1 1 1
1 2 5 3 4 6	1 1 1 1
6 1 4 3 2 5	1 1 1 1 1 1
5 3 4 6 1 2	1 1 1 1
1 6 4 3 5 2	1 1
2 3 4 1 6 5	1 1 1 1
5 1 4 2 3 6	1 1 1 1
6 5 3 2 1 4	1 1 1 1 1 1
4 2 3 6 5 1	1 1 1 1
5 6 3 2 4 1	1 1
1 5 4 2 6 3	1 1 1 1 1 1
3 2 4 1 5 6	1 1 1 1
6 3 5 1 2 4	1 1 1 1 1 1
4 1 5 6 3 2	1 1 1 1
3 6 5 1 4 2	1 1
2 1 5 3 6 4	1 1 1 1
4 3 5 2 1 6	1 1 1 1
6 4 1 2 3 5	1 1 1 1 1 1
5 2 1 6 4 3	1 1 1 1
4 6 1 2 5 3	1 1
3 2 1 4 6 5	1 1 1 1
5 4 1 3 2 6	1 1 1 1
6 5 2 3 4 1	1 1 1 1 1 1
1 3 2 6 5 4	1 1 1 1
5 6 2 3 1 4	1 1
4 3 2 5 6 1	1 1 1 1
1 5 2 4 3 6	1 1 1 1
6 1 3 4 5 2	1 1 1 1 1 1
2 4 3 6 1 5	1 1 1 1
1 6 3 4 2 5	1 1
5 4 3 1 6 2	1 1 1 1
2 1 3 5 4 6	1 1 1 1
6 2 4 5 1 3	1 1 1 1 1 1
3 5 4 6 2 1	1 1 1 1
2 6 4 5 3 1	1 1
1 2 3 5 6 4	1 1 1 1 1 1
4 5 3 1 2 6	1 1 1 1
6 4 2 1 5 3	1 1 1 1 1 1
3 1 2 6 4 5	1 1 1 1
4 6 2 1 3 5	1 1
5 1 2 4 6 3	1 1 1 1
3 4 2 5 1 6	1 1 1 1
6 3 1 5 4 2	1 1 1 1 1 1
2 5 1 6 3 4	1 1 1 1
3 6 1 5 2 4	1 1
4 5 1 3 6 2	1 1 1 1
2 3 1 4 5 6	1 1 1 1

JOHN CARTER.

Canterbury Pleasure Major.

16 5184

2 3 4 5 6	W I M H
6 3 5 2 4	1 s
3 4 5 2 6	1 1
6 5 2 3 4	1 1
3 2 5 6 4	1

11 times repeated.
Single for bob first
call in the 4th and
10th parts.

17 5184

2 3 4 5 6	W I M H
5 3 4 2 6	s
3 6 4 2 5	1 1
4 6 2 3 5	1
3 2 6 4 5	1 1

11 times repeated.
Bob for single in the
6th and 12th parts.
By omitting the bob
w, and adding bobs
at I M H in the 3rd
course of one of the
parts, cuts away one
course and reduces
the peal to 5056.

18 5184

2 3 4 5 6	W I M H
5 2 3 4 6	s 1 1 1
3 5 2 4 6	1
4 6 2 3 5	1 1 1
3 2 6 4 5	1 1

11 times repeated.
Bob for single in the
4th and 10th parts.
These three peals have
only the 4th, 5th, and 6th
in 6th's place at the course-
ends.

JOHN CARTER.

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5079

2 3 1 4 5 6	1 4 5 6 16
3 1 5 6 2 4	1 1 1 1 1
5 1 3 6 2 4	1 s
5 1 4 3 2 6	1
4 1 5 6 2 3	1
4 1 3 5 2 6	1
3 1 4 6 2 5	1
3 1 5 4 2 6	1
2 1 5 6 3 4	1 1 1
2 1 4 5 3 6	1
2 1 6 4 3 5	1
6 1 2 5 3 4	1 1
6 1 4 2 3 5	1
6 1 5 4 3 2	1
5 1 6 2 3 4	1 1
5 1 4 6 3 2	1
4 1 5 2 3 6	1 1
4 1 6 5 3 2	1

Last 10 courses 3 times
repeated by adding a single
at the 12th sixth and a bob
on 89 in the last course.

Stedman Caters.

21

5079

2 3 1 4 5 6	1 4 5 6 16
3 1 6 4 2 5	1 1 1 1
6 1 5 4 2 3	1
5 1 3 2 6 4	1 1
3 1 5 4 6 2	1 1
3 1 2 5 6 4	1
3 1 4 2 6 5	1
4 1 3 5 6 2	1 1

Last 5 courses 8 times
repeated, single for bob at
16 1st course of the 6th
part, and adding a single
at the 12th sixth and a bob
on 89 in the last course of
the peal. JOHN CARTER.

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2 3 4 5 6	
4 2 3 5 6*	
2 5 3 4 6	8 with 3
5 4 3 2 6	8 " 3
3 5 4 2 6	9 " 3
4 3 5 2 6	9 " 3
3 2 5 4 6	8 " 3
2 4 5 3 6	8 " 3
5 2 4 3 6	9 " 3
4 5 2 3 6	9 " 3
5 3 2 4 6	8 " 3
3 4 2 5 6	8 " 3
2 3 4 5 6	9 " 3
4 3 6 5 2	8, 9
6 4 3 5 2	9 with 3
4 5 3 6 2	8 " 3
3 4 5 6 2	9 " 3
5 3 4 6 2	9 " 3
4 3 2 6 5	8, 9
2 3 5 6 4	8, 9
5 2 3 6 4	9 with 3
3 5 2 6 4	9 " 3
2 5 4 6 3	8, 9
4 2 5 6 3	9 with 3
5 4 2 6 3	9 " 3
2 4 3 6 5	8, 9
3 2 4 6 5	9 with 3
5 6 2 3 4	8 " 2
4 3 6 5 2	8 " 2
2 4 3 5 6†	
4 5 3 2 6	9 " 3
5 2 3 4 6	9 " 3
3 5 2 4 6	8 " 3
2 3 5 4 6	8 " 3
3 4 5 2 6	9 " 3
4 2 5 3 6	9 " 3
5 4 2 3 6	8 " 3
2 5 4 3 6	8 " 3
5 3 4 2 6	9 " 3
3 2 4 5 6	9 " 3
4 3 2 5 6	8 " 3
2 3 6 5 4	9, 8
6 2 3 5 4	8 with 3
2 5 3 6 4	9 " 3
3 2 5 6 4	8 " 3
5 3 2 6 4	8 " 3
2 3 4 6 5	9, 8
4 3 5 6 2	9, 8
5 4 3 6 2	8 with 3
3 5 4 6 2	8 " 3
4 5 2 6 3	9, 8
2 4 5 6 3	8 with 3
5 2 4 6 3	8 " 3
4 2 3 6 5	9, 8
3 2 5 4 7 6 8	with 3

These two peals have the 6th twelve times wrong and right both in the
tittums and handstroke position without singles.

JOHN CARTER.

* Call the 7th in and out at 3.

† Call the 9th in and out at 2.

Darlaston Bob Triples.

23	5056					w	5-4s	M	H
	2	3	4	5	6				
4	3	6	5	2				1	
2	6	3	5	4				1	1
3	2	4	6	5		1		1	
2	4	3	6	5		1	—	1	
4	3	2	6	5		1	—	1	
2	3	5	6	4				1	
5	3	4	6	2				1	
3	4	5	6	2		1	—	1	
4	5	3	6	2		1	—	1	
3	5	2	6	4				1	
2	5	4	6	3				1	
5	4	2	6	3		1	—	1	
4	2	5	6	3		1	—	1	
5	2	3	6	4				1	
4	3	2	5	6		s		1	1
3	5	2	4	6			—	1	1
5	4	2	3	6			—	1	1
2	5	4	3	6				1	
4	2	5	3	6				1	
2	3	5	4	6			—	1	1
3	4	5	2	6			—	1	1
5	3	4	2	6				1	
4	5	3	2	6				1	
5	2	3	4	6				1	1
2	4	3	5	6			—	1	1
3	2	4	5	6				1	

Repeat.
Contains the 6th twenty-four
times wrong and right.

27	5760					
2	3	4	5	6	5.4 ^s	M
5	4	3	2	6	—	1
4	2	3	5	6	—	1 1
2	5	3	4	6	—	1 1
6	3	4	2	5	—	
3	2	4	6	5	—	1 1
2	6	4	3	5	—	1 1
3	4	6	2	5	—	1
4	2	6	3	5	—	1 1
3	6	2	4	5	—	1
6	4	2	3	5	—	1 1
4	3	2	6	5	—	1 1
6	3	2	4	5	—	1 s
4	2	3	6	5	—	1
2	6	3	4	5	—	1 1
6	4	3	2	5	—	1 1
2	3	4	6	5	—	1
3	6	4	2	5	—	1 1
6	2	4	3	5	—	1 1
3	4	2	6	5	—	1
4	6	2	3	5	—	1 1
3	2	6	4	5	—	1
2	4	6	3	5	—	1 1
4	3	6	2	5	—	1 1
2	3	6	4	5	—	1

Twice repeated.
Contains the twenty-four courses
with the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's
place ; 2nd or 3rd never there.

24	5184			
2 3 4 5 6	W 5-4s M H			
3 4 2 5 6	1 - 1			
5 3 2 4 6	1			
2 4 5 3 6	1		1	
3 2 5 4 6	1			
5 3 6 2 4	1	1		
6 2 5 3 4	1		1	
3 6 5 2 4	1			
2 3 5 6 4	1			

Five times repeated. Single for bob first call of the third and sixth parts. Has only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends.

28		5088									
2	3	4	5	6	W	5-4s	B	M	H		
5	2	3	6	4	1		1		1		
6	5	3	2	4	1						
5	3	6	2	4	1	-		1			
2	5	6	3	4	1						
3	2	6	5	4	1						
2	6	3	5	4	1	-		1			
3	5	2	6	4	1				1		
2	3	5	6	4							

Five times repeated. Single for bob end of the third and sixth parts. Has only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends.

JOHN CARTER.

Darlaston Bob Triples.

<u>25</u>	<u>5040</u>		<u>29</u>	<u>5040</u>		<u>30</u>	<u>5040</u>	
2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3		2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2		2 3 4 5 6 7	1 3	
4 6 5 3 2	1		6 3 4 5 7 2	1 1		5 6 4 3 7 2	1	
5 2 3 6 4	1		7 3 5 6 2 4	1		5 7 4 6 3 2	1 1	
3 4 6 2 5	1		2 3 6 7 1 5	1		6 3 4 7 2 5	1	
6 5 2 4 3	1		4 3 2 7 5 6	s 1		7 2 4 3 5 6	1	
2 5 4 6 3	1 1		5 3 7 4 6 2	1		7 5 4 2 6 3	1 s	
4 3 6 5 2	1		6 3 4 5 2 7	1		2 6 4 5 3 7	1	
6 2 5 3 4	1		2 3 5 6 7 4	1		5 3 4 6 7 2	1	
5 4 3 2 6	1		7 3 6 2 4 5	1		6 7 4 3 2 5	1	
3 6 2 4 5	1		4 3 6 2 5 7	1 1		3 2 4 7 5 6	1	
3 4 2 6 5	1 s 1		5 3 2 4 7 6	1		3 5 4 2 7 6	1 1	

11 times repeated. Single for bob at 1 in the 6th and 12th parts.

11 times repeated. Single for bob at 1, 1st course of 6th & 12th parts.

11 times repeated. Single for 1st bob at 3 in the 6th & 12th parts.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 1 & 3 \\
 4 & 6 & 5 & 3 & 2 & & 1 \\
 5 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 4 & & 1 \\
 3 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 6 & s & 1 \\
 5 & 6 & 2 & 4 & 3 & & 1 \\
 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 4 & s & 1
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{c}
 5040 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{cccccc}
 5 & 4 & 6 & 3 & 2 & & 1 \\
 6 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & & 1 \\
 3 & 5 & 4 & 2 & 6 & & 1 \\
 3 & 6 & 4 & 5 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\
 4 & 2 & 3 & 6 & 5 & s & 1
 \end{array}$$

11 times repeated. Bob for last single in the 6th and 12th parts.

JOHN CARTER.

31	5040		33	5040		34	5040
2 3 4 5 6	1 3		2 3 4 5 6	1 3		2 3 4 5 6	1 3
4 6 5 3 2	1		2 6 4 3 5	1 1		2 6 4 3 5	1 1
4 2 5 6 3	1 1		4 5 2 6 3	s 1		4 5 3 6 2	1 1
5 3 6 2 4	1		2 3 6 5 4	1		3 2 6 5 4	1
6 4 2 3 5	1		6 4 5 3 2	1		6 4 5 2 3	1
2 5 3 4 6	1		5 2 3 4 6	1		5 3 2 4 6	1
2 6 3 5 4	1 1		5 6 3 2 4	1 1		5 6 2 3 4	1 1
2 4 3 6 5	1 1		5 4 3 6 2	1 1		2 4 5 6 3	s 1
3 5 6 4 2	1		3 2 6 4 5	1		5 3 6 4 2	1
6 2 4 5 3	1		6 5 4 2 3	1		6 2 4 3 5	1
4 3 5 2 6	1		4 3 2 5 6	1		4 5 3 2 6	1
5 6 2 3 4	1		4 6 2 3 5	1 1		4 6 3 5 2	1 1
2 4 5 6 3	s 1		2 5 3 6 4	1		3 2 4 6 5	s 1
5 3 6 4 2	1		3 4 6 5 2	1		4 5 6 2 3	1
6 2 4 3 5	1		6 2 5 4 3	1		6 3 2 5 4	1
4 5 3 2 6	1		5 3 4 2 6	1		2 4 5 3 6	1
4 6 3 5 2	1 1		5 6 4 3 2	1 1		2 6 5 4 3	1 1
4 2 3 6 5	1 1		4 2 3 6 5	1		5 3 4 6 2	1
3 5 6 2 4	1		3 5 6 2 4	1		4 2 6 3 5	1
6 4 2 5 3	1		6 4 2 5 3	1		6 5 3 2 4	1
2 3 5 4 6	1		2 3 5 4 6	1		3 4 2 5 6	1
2 6 5 3 4	1 1		2 6 5 3 4	1 1			
5 4 3 6 2	1		2 4 5 6 3	1 1			
3 2 6 4 5	1		5 3 6 4 2	1			
6 5 4 2 3	1		6 2 4 3 5	1			
4 3 2 5 6	1		4 5 3 2 6	1			

Five times repeated. Bob for last single in the 3rd & 6th parts.

Five times repeated. Bob for last single in the 3rd & 6th parts.

5040					
2	3	4	5	6	1 3
2	6	4	3	5	1 1
4	5	3	6	2	
3	2	6	5	4	1 1
6	4	5	2	3	1 1
5	3	2	4	6	
2	4	5	6	3	1 1
5	3	6	4	2	1 1
6	2	4	3	5	1 1
4	5	3	2	6	1 1
4	6	3	5	2	1 1
4	2	3	6	5	1 1
3	5	6	2	4	
6	4	2	5	3	1 1
2	3	5	4	6	1 1
2	6	5	3	4	1 1
5	4	3	6	2	
3	2	6	4	5	1 1
6	5	4	2	3	1 1
4	3	2	5	6	1 1

Five times repeated. Bob extra at 1 in the 2nd course of the 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts.

JOHN CARTER.

A Peal of Bob Major.

32	<u>5024</u>							
2	3	4	5	6	W	B	M	H
4	2	3	5	6				-
5	4	3	2	6	-			*
3	2	5	4	6	-			-
5	3	2	4	6				-
2	4	3	6	5	-	-	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-			-
2	3	6	4	5				-

Five times repeated, adding three bobs at the * in the third part, and substituting a single for the last bob, H, in the third and sixth parts. J. B. FENTON.

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A Peal of Bob Major.

35

5056					W	D	M	H
2	3	4	5	6				
4	2	3	5	6				—
3	4	2	5	6				—
2	5	3	4	6	—			—
3	2	5	4	5				—
5	3	2	4	6				—
5	3	6	2	4	—	2		—
6	5	3	2	4				—
3	2	6	5	4	—			—
6	3	2	5	4				—
2	5	6	3	4	—			—

Three times repeated, substituting a single for the bob, w, in the last course of the second and fourth parts. J. B. FENTON.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Duffield Major.
36 5000

1	2	3	4	5	I	B	O
5	3	2	1	4	s	-	-
2	5	3	1	4	-	-	-
3	2	5	1	4	-	-	-
4	5	2	1	3	-	-	-
2	4	5	1	3	-	-	-
5	2	4	1	3	-	-	-
3	4	2	1	5	-	-	-
2	3	4	1	5	-	-	-
5	4	3	1	2	-	-	-
3	5	4	1	2	-	-	-
4	3	5	1	2	-	-	-
4	2	5	3	1	-	-	-
5	4	2	3	1	-	-	-
1	5	2	3	4	-	-	-
4	1	2	3	5	-	-	-
5	2	1	3	4	-	-	-
4	5	1	3	2	-	-	-
1	4	5	3	2	-	-	-
2	5	4	3	1	-	-	-

The first eleven courses three times repeated, produce 35124. After which call eight courses as given; then repeat the whole, which produces 51342. At this point call a bob at n, and the bells will come round in two changes.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Duffield Major.
37 5088

1	2	3	4	5	I	B	O
5	4	2	3	1	-	-	-
2	5	4	1	3	-	-	-
4	2	5	1	3	-	-	-
3	5	2	1	4	-	-	-
2	3	5	1	4	-	-	-
5	2	3	1	4	-	-	-
4	3	2	1	5	-	-	-
2	4	3	1	5	-	-	-
5	3	4	1	2	-	-	-
4	5	3	1	2	-	-	-
3	4	5	1	2	-	-	-

Nine times repeated; singles to be substituted for the last bob in the fifth and tenth parts, and omit the three calls at n braced in any two parts, 5088 changes. If the peal be called as given, it would be 5280.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Double Norwich
Court Bob Major.
38 4040

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

Twice repeated.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Duffield Major.
39 5000

1	2	3	4	5	I	B	O
5	4	2	1	3	-	-	-
2	5	4	1	3	-	-	-
4	2	5	1	3	-	-	-
3	4	2	1	5	s	-	-
2	3	4	1	5	-	-	-
4	2	3	1	5	-	-	-
5	3	2	1	4	-	-	-
2	5	3	1	4	-	-	-
4	3	5	1	2	-	-	-
5	4	3	1	2	-	-	-
3	5	4	1	2	-	-	-
4	5	1	2	3	-	-	-
3	2	5	4	1	-	-	-
5	3	2	4	1	-	-	-
2	5	3	4	1	-	-	-
1	3	5	4	2	-	-	-
5	1	3	4	2	-	-	-
1	2	5	3	6	4	H	-

The first eleven courses eight times repeated, substituting bobs for the single, except in the sixth part, produce 45123; this peal is properly a ten-part composition, but it is brought round by a bob at n after the fifth course of the tenth part.

J. B. FENTON

A Peal of Double Norwich
Court Bob Major.
40 5248

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

Three times repeated.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Superlative Surprise
Major.
41 5056

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

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Bob Major.
42 5024

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

Five times repeated, adding three bobs at the * in the third part, and substituting a single for the last bob, w, in the third and sixth parts.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Double Norwich
Court Bob Major.
43 5088

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

Five times repeated.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Double Norwich
Court Bob Major.
44 5024

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

Repeated.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Bob Major.
45 5024

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

Five times repeated, adding three bobs at the * in the third part, and substituting a single for the last bob, w, in the third and sixth parts.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Bob Royal.
46 5040

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

Three times repeated, single for last call in 2 and 4, parts 5 and 6 only in 6th place at course ends.

J. B. FENTON.

A Peal of Double Norwich
Court Bob Major.
47 5088

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

Repeated.

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ABIDE WITH ME. Anthem for four voices by R. H. Turner, M.A., Mus. Bac. (Novello, Ewer & Co.). This beautiful hymn has been skillfully set to music of a very devotional character.

MISSA DE SANCTIS PHILIPPO ET JACOBO including the Kyrie proper, Benedictus and Agnus Dei, set to music in the key of F major by B. Agutter, Mus. Doc. (The London Music Publishing Co.) An elaborate and beautiful setting; the whole breathing a spirit of devotion as befits the highest office of the church.

THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD. A sacred Cantata. Words selected by the Rev. H. Walsham How, M.A. Music by W. Clark Ainsley, Mus. Bac. (Hart & Co., Paternoster Row.) A work of great merit, the composer displays considerable contrapuntal skill and his fugues possess the additional charm of melodiousness.

MAGAZINES.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE is a very good number. It is full of a great variety of interesting pictures, and is an excellent companion for a railway journey, especially for any one who wishes to avoid the fatigue of reading.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE contains another of Sherlock Holmes' strange adventures; a further instalment of the amusing Z-g-zags at the Zoo, and the interesting series of portraits of celebrities at different times of their lives is continued. We observe that amongst the latter the Bishop of Exeter figures this month. Harry How contributes a remarkably good account of an interview with Mr. Luke Fildes, the R.A., which is well illustrated. There are among the rest of the contents several powerful complete short stories, and a pleasant paper 'From London to Chicago.'

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE contains two papers of special interest, entitled 'Work and Play at Charterhouse School,' by Raymond Blathwayt; and 'The Care of our Eyesight,' by 'A Family Doctor.'

THE frontispiece of THE MAGAZINE OF ART is a beautiful photograph by Dujardin of Eugene de Blaas' picture, 'A Siesta on the Lido.' There is a very readable article by M. H. Spielmann on Linley Sambourne, and Professor Hubert Harkomer writes appreciatively on J. W. North, painter and poet. Among the remainder of the contents is an

agreeable paper, by T. G. Paterson, entitled 'Iceland.' The numerous illustrations maintain the high standard of excellence for which this magazine is noted.

THE Midsummer Holiday Number of THE CENTURY MAGAZINE is an excellent holiday companion. Its contents comprise a variety of papers, articles and stories which our space will not permit us to refer to in detail. Admirers of the late Bishop Phillips Brooks will be delighted with the beautiful portrait which forms the frontispiece and with the selection from his letters to children, which shows how full his love and sympathy with the little ones was. A paper which calls for special remark is T. J. Mays's 'Breathing Movements as a Cure' for consumption, in which he advances the theory that it is the full use of the lungs, necessitated by the rarity of the air in mountainous regions, which cures and checks consumption, rather than the purity of the air itself. He suggests some very simple means of chest development which should be useful. The high standard of the illustrations for which this magazine is famed is well maintained.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells open from 3 p.m.; meeting at 6 p.m.
 Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
 W. BENTHAM, }

Aughton, August 14th, 1893.

THE Monthly Meeting of the Guild was held at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, on Saturday, July 29th, when between thirty and forty members attended from Aughton, Crossens, Ormskirk, Upholland, and Wigan, besides the local company. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. and several touches of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** were rung till 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Pennington Memorial Schools, where an excellent repast was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Monks. Tea being over, the Rev. R. Bardin presided at the business meeting, supported by the Revs. T. Dillon and W. T. Bulpit. The chairman gave the Guild a hearty reception, and regretted the absence of the Vicar, as well as several other gentlemen who were unable to be present. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit made some remarks in reference to the working of the Guild. After a few words from the Chairman and the Rev. T. Dillon, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. T. Pennington for the use of the schools, and to those who had kindly provided the tea, which was seconded by Mr. E. Bentham and carried unanimously. The members afterwards adjourned to the tower, where touches of **BOB MINOR** and **MAJOR, GRANDSIRE** and **UNION TRIPLES** were rung till late in the evening.

Uppingham, Rutland.

By the invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, thirteen of the Raunds Parish Church Ringers journeyed to Uppingham on Wednesday last. On arrival they partook of an excellent dinner provided by the Archdeacon, who was, unfortunately, not able to be present, being away for his holiday. Mr. W. Compton, churchwarden, and the Rev. E. E. Law made the visitors most welcome, dined with them, and did their utmost to look after their comfort and enjoyment. After dinner a pleasant time was spent in strolling over the Rectory grounds, and in inspecting the church, and also in about an hour's turn at the bells. The ring of eight bells at Uppingham date from 1772; the tenor weighs 17 cwt., and is in the key of F. They need re-hanging by a competent bell founder. If this were done they would ring easier and sound far better. The church of SS. Peter and Paul, Uppingham, dates from the early Decorated period. The chancel was rebuilt when the church was restored and re-seated about thirty years ago. The font (modern) is carved from a solid block of serpentine. It is a beautiful piece of work. The seventeenth-century pulpit is a good example of that date and is of interest as having been occupied by Jeremy Taylor, who was Rector of Uppingham during the Civil War. He was offered the living by Archbishop Laud. During the past three years various improvements have been made at the east end of the church and the organ has been restored and enlarged at a cost of 400*l.* (borne by the churchwarden, Mr. Compton, who had held that office for thirty-seven years. The large east window has also been filled with stained glass representing the Ascension, the cost of 375*l.* been raised by subscription. At the north side of the church stands the old school house dating from the time of Charles I. The school was originally founded by Robert Jonson, archdeacon of Leicester, in the year 1584.

Some Belfry Notes.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—Messrs. Gillett & Co., of Croydon, have been entrusted with the rehanging of these bells. On examination, it has been found that the tenor bell will have to be recast, in consequence of which an additional 40*l.* will be required. An appeal is therefore made to the public for assistance, and a bazaar is shortly to be held in aid of the fund. These beautiful bells are much admired in the neighbourhood, and we hope the public will liberally subscribe to the greatly needed restoration.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—The Waltham Society of Change-ringers have been provided with the means of procuring new ropes. The old ropes, which have been in use for ten years, were nearly worn out, and were there-

fore a source of danger. The sum of 5*l*. was required for the purpose, and this amount has been collected by Messrs. D. Tarling and G. Pearce.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.—The Committee, who have in hand the restoration of the church bells, have decided not to ask for further subscriptions till next spring, as they fear summer is too far advanced to go on with the work, besides which the people have responded liberally to the Royal wedding festivities for the schools, and also to the relief fund for the Thornhill disaster. If all be well they hope to have the bells ringing merrily by next Whitsuntide.

The Halling Bell-ringers' Excursion.

On Monday, August 7th (Bank Holiday), the bell-ringers of Halling and their friends, about fifty in all, visited Canterbury, where, owing to the kindness of Canon Fremantle, they were able to see not only the general objects of interest in the Cathedral, but also the belfry and its interesting and ingenious machinery. After a climb which taxed the energies of the party, they were rewarded by a magnificent view of the surrounding country from the top of the tower. After morning service the party were conducted round the Cathedral, and visited the famous scene of Becket's murder, the crypt, and the monuments of the great and good men who rest beneath the roof of this grand and historic house of prayer. Some of the party afterwards took train to Margate and Ramsgate. All returned home by the 8.30 train, and reached Halling at 12.30 p.m., tired but contented at the close of a most successful Bank Holiday.

Fenton's Principle.

SIR,—Having seen in last week's issue a supposed new method by J. B. Fenton of Lincoln, I beg to state that it is 'FORWARD,' and a number of the same principle working by thirds and sixes instead of thirds and fourths, peals have been rung both of MAJOR and ROYAL. I have another method on which is good and touches have been rung in it, but there has not been a peal: hope to ring one shortly.

JOHN CARTER.

Forward Villa, Park Road, Aston.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a variation of Thurston's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; F. W. Rice, 2; J. Parker, 3; F. Dench, 4; R. Jordan, 5; H. Weston, 6; A. D. Mills, 7; J. Rice, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. Ward, a member of the local company. Also, on Monday, the 7th inst., by the same Association, eight members rang Dains' peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 52 mins. F. W. Rice, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; F. Dench, 3; G. Williams (conductor), 4; K. Hart, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; H. Weston, 8. This composition contains the 6th seventeen course-ends wrong, also the extent at home in the last twenty-four courses, the 2nd never there at a course-end. Messrs. Frossell, Hart, Williams, and Weston, came from Brighton, the others belong to the local band. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH with a bob-bell.]

At the Parish Church, Minehead, Somersetshire.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Guild rang Davies' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. S. Mason, 1; W. W. Thorne (conductor), 2; J. Grabham, 3; T. Doble (first peal), 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; R. E. Grove, 6; H. Moore, 7; W. Lockyer, 8. The Rev. H. C. Courtney and T. Doble came from Taunton; R. E. Grove, Kidderminster.

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

On Sunday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Middlesex Association rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; E. J. Huntley, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; F. J. Pitts, 7; J. George, 8. Composed by C. H. Martin, of Hendon, and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. Tenor, 19½ cwt. The first peal of MAJOR on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. C. Grenside and Mr. Hogg (churchwarden) for the use of the bells, also Mr. Lobb for having everything in readiness. Martin came from Hendon; Huntley, Bushey; Buckingham, St. Albans; George, Rugby; the others from London. [* Elected members of the above Association before starting for the peal.]

At St. John's, Yeovil, Somersetshire.

LATELY, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang J. Cox's peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 32 mins. W. Greenleaf, 1; T. Blackburne, 2; C. H. Watts, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; E. Bishop, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; A. W. Barkus, 8; W. W. Gifford, 9; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 10. Tenor, 44 cwt. The first peal on the bells.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 13th inst., after Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, out of respect to the memory of the Rev. W. J. Skilton, formerly curate and rector of Romford, and Mr. E. Wheatley, late sexton at St. Edward's, Romford. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; G. Pye, 6; J. Dale (first quarter peal), 7; E. Pye, 8. Composed by J. Barrett. Also on hand-bells retained in hand, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, TWYFORD, HANTS.—On a Wednesday, 720 BOB MINOR. E. Hewlett, 1; G. Smith, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; J. Elcombe (conductor), 5; C. Tribe, 6. First 720 by the first and second ringers, who are local men.

At ST. GILES'S, SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On a Wednesday, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. F. W. Kettel, 1; A. C. West, 2; S. Cole, 3; W. Steed, 4; G. H. Stonestreet, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 8. Messrs. Steed and Stonestreet came from Tunbridge; A. C. West, Wrotham; Burr, Cole, and Kettel, Seal Chart.

At WORTH, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday afternoon, two peals (720 changes) of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MINOR and 720 LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE. H. Weston, 1; G. Williams, 2; J. Parker, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. W. Rice (conductor), 6.

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THIRTY-FOURTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with MR. W. MANN, 139 Hyde Park Road, Leeds.

Once or twice in the course of my travels I have met with people who have said to me, referring to Mr. Congreve's treatment and cure of undoubted cases of Consumption, &c., 'Oh yes, I have no doubt he does cure them for a time, but I very much question whether there is such a thing as permanent cure for any kind of chest disease.' Of course those who follow intelligently the cases published week by week during recent years will at once see how utterly groundless a statement of this kind is; but I had lately such a striking instance of this permanence of cure brought under my notice, that I cannot resist the temptation to reproduce it here.

The patient is Mr. W. Mann, and the commencement of his story dates back to the year 1856, at which time (as he said when I called upon him at his office recently) 'I got cold, upon which inflammation of the lungs supervened. The report of the doctor who attended me was not cheering. After treating me for five months, he told me I was as well as I could ever expect to be. As I was then very ill, and naturally felt downhearted, another doctor to whom I went did not give me more reason to hope. His opinion was that if I had gone to him sooner he might have done something for me. As it was, I had dallied too long. I was in a decline.'

'What was your condition at that time, Mr. Mann?'

'I was very weak and ill. If I made the slightest effort I was completely prostrate.'

'Having received these very discouraging opinions, what did you do?'

'Hearing of Mr. Congreve, I went to Coombe Lodge and saw him. His report was very different to that of the other medical men. He told me that my lungs were much congested, and that I was in a very weak state through long-continued illness and want of proper treatment; but he gave me every hope, and encouraged me to persevere. This I did, with the result that I am here to-day, thirty-six years after, with the knowledge that if I had not placed myself under his care just when I did, I should not have lived. That is not only my opinion, but that of the doctor who attended me, and who was regarded at that time as the first physician in Leeds.'

'May I ask how long you were under Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'Not more than three months. Since that time I have never had the slightest symptom of my old complaint, neither have I been threatened with it in any way. I shall always be grateful to Mr. Congreve for what he did for me.'

In reply to a further question, Mr. Mann accorded me his full permission to publish this account of our chat; and then, as I knew that it was about the time he usually left business, I bade him good day and departed.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The monthly meeting in connexion with the above Association was held at Hale Parish Church on Saturday, the 5th inst. The day being fine, a large number of ringers assembled from the following places:—Garston, Halewood, Liverpool, Warrington, Woolton, &c., also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30, and the first to put in an appearance were the Warrington ringers. This company only joined the Association last April, and since that time they have mastered CANTERBURY PLEASURE and OXFORD SINGLE BOB MINOR, and are now learning COLLEGE SINGLE. They were totally unacquainted with these methods previous to joining the Association, but owing to the leaflets which have been circulated at these meetings, they are now able to ring the above methods. Much good has been done by their distribution, as individual members now come to the meetings fully prepared to ring the methods that are arranged for practice, and it is hoped they will also introduce them into their own towers. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which the Rev. R. B. Stewart presided. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Halewood, having been read and confirmed, the reverend gentleman said he would always be glad to welcome the Association to Hale, as he was sure they were doing a deal of good by visiting different churches. Every clergyman ought to appreciate the services of the ringers, and try and keep them together as much as possible. A great improvement had taken place in the church belfry since the Association was formed. Mr. Gough, of Garston, also spoke of the work that was going on, and said he could not resist the temptation of coming to Hale, as he always enjoyed a visit to that charming place. This old veteran is looking exceedingly well, and to all appearance he is likely to handle the ropes for some time to come. The next meeting is arranged to take place at Woolton, on Saturday, September 2nd. A vote of thank to the chairman for presiding, and also for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated a pleasant meeting. The methods rung during the day were as follows:—GRANDSIRE, BOB MINOR, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, and KENT TREBLE BOB.

The Herts Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of this Association was held at Hatfield on Bank Holiday, and was attended by representatives from St. Albans. Hitchin, Baldock, Bushey, and London (Mr. Haworth), besides members of the local company, and some non-resident members and visitors. Ringing commenced about three o'clock in the afternoon, and continued until half-past five, when an adjournment was made to the 'Salisbury Arms' Temperance Hotel, where a substantial tea was provided by the proprietor, Mr. Walter Smith. At the conclusion of the repast the usual meeting for business was held, and, in the absence of Mr. Proctor (the President), Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, of St. Albans, was voted to the chair. Messrs. W. Lawrence, of Little Mundon, and R. Bevan, of Haverstock Hill, were unanimously elected ringing members. On the proposition of Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. sec.), seconded by Mr. Webb, of Baldock, a resolution was passed expressing regret at the death of the Rev. W. J. Skilton, rector of Baldock, and one of the earliest clerical hon. members of the Association. A vote of thanks was accorded to the rector of Hatfield for permitting the use of the bells for the meeting that day, and Mr. Knight, of Hertford, a former member of the Association, made some remarks which were replied to by the Chairman and Secretary. After the customary votes of thanks had been accorded and acknowledged the members returned to the belfry, and ringing was kept up until nine o'clock.

The Bells of Desborough, Northants.

THE following are the inscriptions on these bells:—

1. 'J. Taylor & Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1868.' (Diam. 29 in.)
- 2, 3. 'Celorum Christi Placuit Tibi Rex Sonus Iste, 1616.' (Diams. 31, 32 in.)
4. 'principio sine dulces hic honor caterine.' (Diam. 35 in.)
5. 'God save the Quenne, 1585.' (Diam. 38 in.)

The inscriptions on the fourth and tenor bells are in Black-letter. A new clock was placed in the tower in the year 1889, by Gillett & Co., of Croydon. The bells were also rebung by the same firm. Unfortunately several of them strike very false.

Notice.

As we have already much matter in hand for the next Peal-sheet, composers who are anxious for their compositions to appear should forward them as soon as possible, preference being accorded in all cases in the order of reaching our office. Correspondence is invited as to the truth, originality, &c., of the peals which have already appeared.—*Ed. C.B.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford.

ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. A. Hawes, 1; W. C. Baston, 2; C. H. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; H. Fruin, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8.

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

ON Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang Sottanstill's peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB

MAJOR in 2 hrs. 51 mins. W. Holmes, 1; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 2; W. Fraser, * 3; J. E. R. Keen, * 4; R. C. Hudson, 5; G. Holmes, * 6; E. J. Lincoln (first peal in the method), 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. in G. Messrs. Geo. Holmes and Keen came from North Shields; Gofton and Fraser, Whitley; Hudson, Sunderland; the others are local men. The first peal rung by a bachelor band of the above Association. [* First peal.]

AT HOLY TRINITY, BARKING ROAD, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On Thursday, August 3rd, the bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Waits, mother of the head-ringer, who died on Saturday, July 29th. G. Pugh, J. Grassmeder, J. F. Greenwood, A. Woorwood, J. L. Sanderson, J. Slade, E. Dixon, and H. F. Crick.

ERRATUM.—In article on 'Uppingham, Rutland' (p. 703), for 'thirteen of the Raunds Parish Church ringers,' read Wellingborough.

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INTERVIEW with MISS BRIDEN, Cononley, near Keighley, Yorks.

[Whose case was published in the weekly journals, March, 1891.]

The case of Miss Briden, a young lady residing with her parents at Cononley, between Keighley and Skipton in Yorkshire, though in some points resembling many others cured by the treatment of Mr. G. T. Congreve, yet possesses sufficiently marked characteristics of its own, to make it worthy of reproduction in this place.

It is nearly five years ago since this young person became ill with, to use her own words, all the symptoms of Consumption. The gentleman who first applied on her behalf particularly mentioned that her breathing was very bad—she could scarcely speak; her appetite had vanished, and she appeared to be rapidly sinking.

This description, Miss Briden told me, was quite correct, and her mother, who was present, corroborated.

She appears to have been under medical advice, and the doctor's opinion, as given to the patient, was that one lung was affected, and that with care she might pull through—to the parent, however, he held out no such hope, so that it may with truth be said that 'the doctor had given her up.'

Miss Briden was at this time a member of a choir in connection with a place of worship at Cononley, and two gentlemen, lay preachers of the Baptist denomination, feeling great interest in her, communicated on her behalf with Mr. Congreve. As a result, the proper remedies were sent and taken, unknown to the local medical man who still remained in attendance.

'The doctor examined me,' said Miss Briden, 'and was surprised to find I was getting better'—probably those who were in the secret would have been more surprised had she not shown signs of improvement.

The case was watched with intense interest by all who knew the young lady, and it is a great pleasure to be able to record that the faith of these good people, and the efforts put forth by Mr. Congreve, were rewarded by success, and Miss Briden recovered her health. She certainly appears to be strong and well, and she exercises a wise discretion in keeping some of the medicine by her, resorting to it if she takes cold, or feels in any way run down.

But this is not the only—or, indeed, the most striking case I heard of at Cononley; the other, which has reference to a Mr. Parker, must have an article to itself.

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Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

A QUARTERLY meeting of the above Society took place at Desborough, on Saturday, August 26th. By kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Channer, the ancient ring of five bells (tenor about 10 cwt.) at the Church of St. Giles, were at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ringers were present from Kettering, Rushden, Wellingborough, Warkton, Wilby, Doddington, Rothwell, Weekley, Earls Barton, and Desborough. Tea was provided in the schoolroom at five o'clock, to which about thirty sat down. The Vicar was present, also the Rev. W. Parker of Rothwell. Mrs. and Miss Channer, Mrs. and Miss Coe kindly prepared the repast and presided at the tables. Heartly votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. E. C. Channer for use of bells and schoolroom. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should take place at Irchester, on Saturday, October 21st.

The Desborough ringers very much need a good set of handbells for practising change-ringing and tune playing.

The Church of St. Giles, Desborough, is cruciform, with fine tower and spire in the Early English style. It has been restored by degrees. Portions have been reroofed, the galleries removed, new lectern, prayer desk, and pulpit provided, and the entire building refloored and reseated. Last year the top of the spire was restored at a cost of 50l. (Some account of the bells appeared in our last issue.)

Visit of the Sudbury (Suffolk) Ringers to London.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., the Sudbury Company of Change-ringers had their annual holiday. London was the place selected, and arrangements were accordingly made by their conductor, Mr. C. Sillitoe (who is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths), with the authorities of some of the churches to have the use of the bells. Mr. C. F. Winny, one of the St. Paul's Cathedral ringers, kindly met the visitors and acted as guide throughout the day. The first church visited was St. Mary's, Putney, which place was reached after an enjoyable ride on the top of a 'bus through the heart of London. After raising the bells (the tenor weighing 16 cwt., in F), a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung by—F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; A. Scott, 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Bacon, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. A touch of 336 STEDMAN TRIPLES was also rung, in which Messrs. J. Bonney (late of Sudbury), H. Brackett, and W. Howell, jun., took part. This concluding the ringing here, a move was made to the tower of All Saints', Fulham, where there is a fine ring of ten bells (tenor, 21 cwt., in E). A touch of 504 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung with the assistance of Mr. E. H. Adams, of Fulham, the band standing thus:—F. Tolliday, 1; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 2; M. Silvester, 3; J. Campin, 4; W. Bacon, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; A. Scott, 8; H. Harper, 9; H. Brackett, 10. This is the first time that a Sudbury company of ringers has attempted to ring a peal of ten bells, and great praise was given them by some of the head ringers in London, who were listening outside, for the excellent time and regularity of the ringing. A course of STEDMAN CATERS and a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL were also rung before leaving the church. After dinner the visitors were conducted to the Imperial Institute, where permission had been obtained by Mr. Winny to enable them to inspect the 'Alexandra' ring of bells, and also to explore the tower and interior of the building. As these bells are only permitted to be rung about four times a year, ringing was not allowed; but a set of handbells was obtained, taken up to the tower, and a course of GRANDSIRE CINQUES rung by—F. Tolliday, 1-2; A. Scott, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; C. F. Winny (London), 7-8; W. Howell, 9-10; J. Campin, 11-12. This is the first time that handbells have been rung on the top of this tower, the Sudbury Company thus gaining that honour. After inspecting the bells, a look round the interior of the building concluded the visit, and an adjournment was made to the South Kensington Museum and the Brompton Oratory. After tea, the Underground Railway took them to Bethnal Green, where the bells of the parish church of St. Matthew were placed at the disposal of the visitors, and touches of KENT TREBLE BOB and BOB MAJOR were rung by—F. Tolliday, 1; J. Bonney, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Bacon, 4; H. Brackett, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. This concluded the ringing for the day, which was conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe. The party reached Sudbury about 12.10 p.m., after spending a most successful and enjoyable day, thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of the town and neighbourhood who so liberally subscribed towards the expense.

St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, Herts.

THE tower of this church contains a fine ring of eight bells, supposed to be one of the best peals of that number in the country. The bells were rehung about five years ago by Mr. Grey, of Hertford. There are several tablets hanging in the belfry with records of completed peals of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES rung many years ago. Several attempts have been made of late years by various members of different guilds to complete a peal of 5040 changes, but without success. The last true peal rung on the bells was on Thursday, March 25th, 1819, which was completed in 3 hrs. 1 min.

'Could not Mr. Washbrook and his band, or some other noted change-ringers, pay a visit to this church and attempt a peal? I feel sure the vicar (Rev. A. E. Northey) would freely grant them the use of the bells.'

The following are the accounts of the peals in the belfry, with the names of the ringers:—

'Sunday, May 7th, 1797, 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (being the first in that

method on these bells) was completed by the Senior Society of Cumberland Youths in 3 hours 16 minutes. John Hints, Treble; John Lake, Second; John Tomkins, Third; Charles Robinson, Fourth; Thomas Freeth, Fifth; Henry Symondson, Sixth; Samuel Cowling, Seventh; Thomas Pagot, Tenor. Called by H. Symondson.'

'Sunday, November 25th, 1798, the Watford Youths did ring in this steeple 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hours 12 minutes. Performers: Rd. Jee, Treble; Jno. Tomkins, 2nd; Jos. Gilbert, 3rd; Thomas Bygrave, 4th; John Mann, 5th; Jno. Heathcote, 6th; Wm. Cartwright, 7th; Thomas Pagot, Tenor. The peal called by J. Tomkins.'

'Rickmansworth Youths after having twenty-two weeks' practice, Friday, 6th Sept., 1805, was rung in this belfry a true and complete peal 5040 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hours and 7 minutes by the following persons, viz.:—John Mayles, Treble; Joshua Leaper, Second; Henry Tomlinson, Third; John Willgoss, Fourth; Philip Everitt, Fifth; William Everitt, Sixth; Henry Sedgewick, Seventh; John Edwards, Tenor. Called by H. Sedgewick. Thomas Howard, Jno. W. Pindar, Wm. Sedgewick: Churchwardens.'

'Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 1807, 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was completed in this steeple in 3 hours and 8 minutes by the following persons, viz.:—William Goodman, Treble; Joshua Leaper, 2nd; Henry Tomlinson, 3rd; Thomas Bygrave, 4th; Philip Everitt, 5th; William Everitt, 6th; Thomas Pagot, 7th; William Halsey, Tenor. Called by W. Goodman.'

'Rickmansworth Youths on Thursday, Mar. 25th, 1819, did ring in this steeple a true and complete peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hours and 1 minute. Performed by Henry Woodbridge, Treble; Ephraim Ellingham, 2; Henry Tomlinson, 3; Charles Watson, 4; Philip Everitt, 5; William Everitt, 6; William Ivory, 7; Joseph Gristwood, Tenor. Called by Henry Woodbridge. P.S.—The weight of the Tenor is about 25 cwt.'

The Church Bells of Staunton, Worcestershire.

The bells of this parish, after having been repaired and rehung, and one recast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were again used on August 15th. A special service was held at 3 p.m., when the church was well filled with parishioners and friends. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. Hayes; the lesson was read by the Rev. W. A. Strong, vicar of Pendock; and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Lonsdale Bryans, M.A., rector of Quedgley, Gloucestershire, from Deut. xxxiii. 19. At the close he addressed a few words of advice to the ringers. The collection amounted to 3l. 11s. 6d., which was given to the bell fund. The estimated cost of the work was 160l., the whole of which has now been collected.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.

THE August meeting of the above Association was held at Batley Carr on Saturday, August 19th, members attending from Ossett, Dewsbury, Liversedge, Mirfield, Thornhill, Batley, &c. At the business meeting it was decided to have the rules printed, as agreed upon at the last meeting, and to distribute them at the next meeting at Brighouse. Other business connected with the Association having been gone through, several companies visited the tower and rang some touches. It is to be hoped that as many members as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity of being present at Brighouse, as there will be some important business.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Giles's, Killamarsh, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday evening, the 12th ult., six members of the Old East Derbyshire and Yorkshire Association rang 5040 changes, consisting of the following, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.:—720 COLLEGE TREBLE, 720 ARNOLD'S VICTORY, 720 CITY DELIGHT, 720 COLLEGE PLEASURE, 720 DUKE OF YORK, 720 VIOLET, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. The ringers were Fred Ancock (Eckington), 1; W. Price (Eckington), 2; H. Emson (Killamarsh), 3; T. Bettison (conductor, Killamarsh), 4; H. Turton (Killamarsh), 5; Tom Lund (Eckington) 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Brighton.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. E. C. Merritt, 1; K. Hart (conductor), 2; W. Palmer, 3; H. Rann, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; J. Jay, jun., 6; J. Jay, sen. (90th peal and birthday), 7; E. Butler, 8.

At St. John's, Deptford, London.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Rose (first peal in the method), 1; C. Wilkins, 2; B. Foskett, 3; G. Conyard, 4; E. Barnett, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Michael's, Framlingham, Suffolk.

ON Wednesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 2; J. E. Burton,* 3; G. P. Burton,* 4; S. Wightman, jun., 5; A. S. Wightman, 6; W. Flory, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8. Composed by N. J. Pitow. Tenor, 19 cwt. The Rev. J. H. Pilkington is rector of Framlingham. Messrs. Burton came from Norwich (St. Peter Mancroft); Hayward, Monewden; and the rest from Cretingham. [* First peal on tower bells.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.—On Friday, the 25th ult., for practice, 720 VIOLET TREBLE BOB in 27 mins. J. Foulds, 1; Rev. B. Darley, 2; R. Smith, 3; T. Smith (conductor), 4; W. Newbury, 5; C. F. Fowler, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. This was the first 720 in this method, and first on an inside bell for No. 2. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. S. Smith, 2; the rest as before. The Rev. B. Darley and Messrs. T. Smith and Newbury came from Harthill, the others belong to the Anston Association.

AT SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, the 6th ult., for Divine service, 279 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. R. Hill, 1; T. J. Fielding, 2; D. E. Rimmer, 3; J. Heald (Manchester), 4; T. Idle (Rusholme), 5; W. Hamer, 6; J. George (conductor, Rugby), 7; J. W. Rimmer, 8. Also 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by R. Hill, standing as before, except L. Tyldesley, 6. And 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. R. Hill, 1; J. Rimmer, 2; T. J. Fielding, 3; W. Hewitt, 4; D. E. Rimmer (conductor), 5; L. Tyldesley, 6; J. W. Rimmer, 7; J. George, 8.

AT BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR (thirty bobs and two singles), with the tenor covering, in 26 mins. J. Town (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Fright, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling (conductor), 4; W. Smith, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8.

AT HERNE HILL, SURREY.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 covering. W. Foreman, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; F. T. Harris, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; G. Wood, 6; H. F. Foreman, 7; T. Head, 8. And 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (thirty-eight bobs and two singles), with 6-8 covering. W. Foreman, 1; G. A. Ransom, 2; W. Taylor, 3; H. F. Foreman, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; S. Curling, 6; F. T. Harris (conductor), 7; W. Hilton, 8.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Thursday, eight members of the Cathedral Society rang, for practice, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 51 mins. W. J. Sevier, 1; G. Smith,* 2; C. J. North, 3; W. Andrews,* 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. This is the second quarter-peal rung by the newly formed Society, in which six members have rung their first quarter-peal. [* First quarter-peal.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On a Sunday afternoon, a touch of 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, was rung by S. Slater (conductor), 1; W. G. Crickmer, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans, 5; H. Thompson, 6; A. Symonds, 7; G. Maxim, 8.

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S, SEAL CHART, KENT.—On a Saturday, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25½ mins. W. Innes, 1; C. Seager, 2; S. Cole, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; W. Wash, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6. Also several peals (120 changes) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, T. Collier taking part. Messrs. Collier, Innes, and Wash came from Hynesford, the rest being local men.

AT CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. D. Mills, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; G. Williams, 4; H. Weston, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; P. Tyler, 8. On a Monday, 576 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. J. N. Frossell, 1; H. Weston, 2; F. Dench, 3; K. Hart, 4; R. Jordan, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; G. Williams, 8.

AT ST. NICHOLAS', ABINGDON, BERKS.—On a Wednesday for practice, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR. A. R. Bosley, 1; A. Burgiss, 2; W. Higgs, 3; W. Fisher, 4; A. Kimbrey, 5; T. Short, (conductor), 6.

AT ST. PETER'S, CROYDON, SURREY.—On a Monday, for practice, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Burkin, 1; W. Dolton,* 2; J. Larbey,* 3; W. Gammon, 4; W. Sadler, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6; G. Burt, 7; B. Blake, 8. [* Longest touch with a bob-bell.]

AT ALL SAINTS', CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 500 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 18 mins. W. Bromby (first 500 in the method), 1; J. Wignell, 2; E. Lee, 3; E. Walker, 4; F. Holder (conductor), 5; E. Hollands, 6; C. Bance, 7; A. Bundle, 8.

AT BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On a Wednesday, in honour of the twenty-first birthday of Miss Bessie Walford (handbell family), a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. J. Tidey, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Maynard (first quarter-peal), 3; W. Mayne, 4; G. Potter, 5; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 6; T. Boniface, 7; G. Brown, 8.

AT HOLY TRINITY, MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday evening, a touch of 480 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung. C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; W. G. Crickmer (Worlingworth), 3; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 4; A. J. Clarke (Stanstead), 5; R. Gowers (Stanstead), 6; R. Brett (Stanstead), 7; S. Slater (Glemsford), 8. Other touches were also rung, with A. Ambrose and J. Bird, of the Melford Company.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Rev. J. Holme Pilkington (thanks); Rev. B. Darley (thanks); and many others.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

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NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

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THIRTY-SIXTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with Mr. WILLIAM B. PARKER, 40 Rowland Street, Middletown, Skipton, Yorks.

[Case referred to last week, in the Thirty-fifth Interview.]

No one, to look at Mr. William B. Parker, late of The Terrace, Cononley, Keighley, and now of the above address, would suppose that at one period of his life—and that not very remote—he had been pronounced, on high medical authority, to be suffering from Consumption, without hope of recovery. But such is the fact.

Before I met Mr. Parker I had had some conversation with at least three or four people who were aware of his illness and his recovery; nevertheless I was not prepared to see a man in such robust health, or one in appearance so strong and well.

Mr. Parker kindly called upon me at my hotel at Leeds, and expressed himself very pleased to come and tell me all he could about that period in his life in which I was particularly interested.

'My illness,' he said, 'commenced with an attack of pneumonia, or inflammation of the left lung. I had the usual medical advice, and in addition to my own doctor, another was called in for the purpose of consultation.'

'And what was their report?' I asked.

'A very serious one for me,' said Mr. Parker. 'They told me plainly that there were cavities in the left lung, which was much decayed, and gave me no hope of recovery.'

'A very black outlook, indeed! I suppose they treated you?'

'Yes; I remained under the doctor's care for three months, but I cannot say the result was satisfactory. Instead of getting better I got worse. The doctor examined me and told me that my lungs were worse, and that no more could be done for me.'

'May I ask if you shared this very doleful opinion?'

'I didn't think there was a chance for me. I had got so weak that I couldn't walk—I couldn't even get out of bed by myself, and was carried downstairs and back again. I brought up large quantities of phlegm, and that very offensive.'

'I believe it was while you were in this condition that you applied to Mr. Congreve. Do you remember how you came to do that?'

'I had been strongly recommended to do so by a gentleman named Kershaw, who resides in Haworth. His daughter had been cured by Mr. Congreve. Then, again, I had seen something of the treatment for myself in the case of Miss Briden, of Cononley, where I then resided. She was a member of the choir to which I belonged.'

'Then from what you had seen and what you had been told, you communicated with Mr. Congreve. What happened next?'

'I took the first bottle of medicine, but still believing there was no hope for me, I said I wouldn't have any more. A relative, however, insisted that I should, and I persevered. When the doctor examined me again he told me my lung was clearer, and the cavities were healing a little.'

'I have here some extracts from the letters you wrote, and I see that in less than two months after commencing you report yourself as "certainly benefited."'

'Yes, that is so. And I think soon after I was able to say that I had gained a great deal of strength and ten pounds in weight, and that the cough and spitting were much less. From that time I gradually got better. One by one the symptoms disappeared, and in six months' time I was quite recovered, and able to resume my occupation.'

'It was just at that time you wrote to Mr. Congreve: "Never better in my life. My recovery is due to your valuable medicine by God's blessing. All who saw me before said that my days on earth were few?" I may take it that that fairly represents your feelings both then and now?'

'Just so. I have enjoyed better health since than ever I did before. I should like to add that since then I have recommended Mr. Congreve's treatment to several persons, who have derived great benefit from it.'

On the morning of the day on which Mr. Parker called upon me, I had had some conversation about him with the station-master at Cononley, to whom he was well-known. That official told me the change in Mr. Parker was wonderful—almost beyond belief. No one who knew him thought he would get better again.

Every story has—or should have—some sort of moral. Surely the lesson of this one is that all persons who suffer as Mr. Parker did should lose no time in placing themselves under the one treatment which has proved itself so efficacious in all forms of chest disease.

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THE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MAGAZINE (C. E. S. S. I.) publishes a good address on 'Esprit de Corps,' given by the Superintendent of the well-known Jesus Lane Sunday School, Cambridge. Mrs. Malden's thoughts on 'The Harvest' (in her series of chapters on 'Spiritual Husbandry') will repay perusal. The CHURCH WALKER supplies an account of a 'Ladies' Settlement,' recently started in North London as a training home for women in the various branches of work amongst the poor, Miss Magee, daughter of the late Archbishop of York, being Lady Superintendent.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C. M. S.) reprints the Bishop of Ossory's able sermon, preached at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, upon 'Christ's View of the Mission Field.' The review of Miss Gordon Cumming's *Ceylon* is largely composed of extracts, and will be especially welcome to many who cannot afford to buy the two-volume work itself; the picture given of Buddhism is in sad contradiction to the ideal view of that religion set forth by Sir Edwin Arnold.

THE GLEANER (C. M. S.) has capital portraits of the three new Bishops for Western Equatorial Africa, and contains a forcible article, 'Africa: a Retrospect and an Appeal,' by Bishop Hill, who thinks the present a special time of opportunity for effectual labour in the Dark Continent. There are several most interesting letters from workers in India.

THE QUIVER (Cassell & Co.) has for a frontispiece a very good portrait of the Duke of York. A new serial story entitled 'Four Old Maids,' by A. B. Romney, is commenced in this number. There are now three serial stories running in the magazine. Two complete stories and several miscellaneous papers complete an interesting number.

IN addition to two serial stories and three complete tales, CASSELL'S MAGAZINE has the usual supply of useful and interesting papers. One of the serial stories, 'So Very Commonplace,' a romance of this workaday world, is commenced in this number. Both of these magazines are noted for the excellence of their illustrations.

ATALANTA is a good number, and concludes a volume this month. We have the closing chapters of the two serial stories, 'David Balfour' and 'Can this be Love?' and there is a complete story, entitled 'The Home Land.' An article called 'By Mere and Tarn' has some capital illustrations of Yorkshire scenery.

THE MUSICAL TIMES is as interesting as usual, and contains the principal musical news from all parts of the country, and several columns of 'Foreign Notes.' The musical contribution is a four-part song by Mr. A. Wellesley Batson, Mus. Bac.

THE MISSION FIELD (S. P. G.) has a review of 'The Last Seven Years,' by the Bishop of Nassau, and an interesting account of the Society's efforts in Ceylon.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., the members of the above Society held their annual holiday at Warwick. On arrival the party were met by Mr. Hardy, steeple-keeper of the parish church (St. Mary's), who had arranged a dinner. Seventeen sat down. Afterwards the tower of St. Mary's Church was visited, and three courses of GRANDSIRE CATERS and a short touch of STEDMAN CATERS were rung. Also a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS on handbells. G. Walker, 1-2; J. Jones, 3-4; W. Kent, 5-6; J. T. Perry, 7-8; R. Hall, 9-10. The following toasts were proposed:—By Mr. Walker: 'The Church and State, and the President, the Bishop of Coventry.' By Mr. W. H. Godden: 'The ringing papers, *Church Bells* and *Bell News*.' By Mr. Walker: 'The Birmingham and Leicester Amalgamated Society,' coupling with it 'The Ringing Master, Mr. J. Carter.' A vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. Jennings to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Hardy for the kind assistance he had given in making the holiday a success. Birmingham was reached at 9.45, all having spent an enjoyable afternoon.

The Sussex County Association.

CENTRAL DIVISION.—A district meeting of the above was held at Horsham on Saturday, the 26th ult., when members attended from Brighton, Steyning, West Grinstead, Lower Beeding, Worth, Crawley, Warnham, Horsham, Arundel, Capel, and Angmering. Tea was provided at the Park Street Coffee Tavern at 5.30 p.m. Touches of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE NORWICH, and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, were brought round on the fine ring of bells at St. Mary's Church. Tenor, 24 cwt.

The Ringers at Netley, Southampton.

THE ringers at St. Edward's Church are now suffering from the loss of some of the members, and at an early date the able foreman, Mr. T. Marsh, will be leaving the neighbourhood for Wales, and to fill his onerous post will cause some trouble. It is difficult to find suitable persons to fill the ordinary vacancies, and it will be much harder to select one capable and willing of undertaking the leadership. It is pleasing to hear that Mr. P. Murphy, who is no stranger with the ropes, has been elected a member, and Mr. J. Kiel hopes to become a ringer. A vacancy on the committee has been filled by the election of Mr. Edward Hone.

St. Clether, Cornwall.

THESE bells have for several years been silent, the timber and fittings being decayed and the tenor broken. The peal has now been augmented by two additional bells, and all are rehung on massive oak frames, with new fittings complete. The new bells bear the following inscriptions:—'Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,' 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo.'

The Bells of St. Peter's, Northampton.

THE ring of eight bells in the low tower of the old Norman church of St. Peter, Northampton, was cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1734. There is a tradition that the bells were actually cast at Kettering. This might have been at the bell-foundry of the Eayre family, then located at Kettering. During the present summer a local engineering firm has rehung the bells in the old frame. The result is not satisfactory from a ringer's point of view, as the bells 'go' no easier than they did before, and (what is a most unpardonable defect in such light bells) they all 'go up wrong side.'

St. Peter's bells are generally considered the lightest and sweetest-sounding ring in Northampton. The diameter of the tenor is forty-two inches, and it weighs probably about fifteen hundredweight. There is no record of a 5040 ever having been rung on these bells. According to Bridges, the county historian, there were only four bells at St. Peter's previous to 1734.

New Bells at Tadlow, Cambridgeshire.

ON Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., at a special service, two new bells (replacing some that were sold seventy years ago) were dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. P. Stevens. The old bell, made at least three hundred years ago, bearing the inscription, 'Sancte Andrie, ora pro nobis,' has been quarter-turned; its note is B flat. 'Praise ye the Lord' is the inscription on one bell, and 'Quit you like men' on the other. The C bell weighs 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 31 lbs.; the D, 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs. The bell-frame has been entirely renewed, and the tenor thoroughly repaired. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank cast the new bells, which are very sweet-toned. Downing College, Cambridge, (the lay rector and owner of the parish) has ceiled the chancel in wood. The repairs to the tower, as well as the new bells, are the gift of a non-parishioner.

St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, Herts.

SIR,—Kindly permit me space to correct an error in the interesting account of the grand peal of bells in this church. The last true peal was rung on them about ten years since, in which Mr. W. H. George took part. I am afraid your correspondent has not rung on the bells since Mr. Grey rehung them, or he would not question why the attempts of late have been fruitless. Half an hour is quite sufficient for one man to ring the tenor, while the other bells all more or less 'go' badly. I am quite sure any band will be welcomed by the Vicar, but I advise them to be prepared with two good men to ring the tenor. I took a band over last winter, hoping to score a peal, but soon found it out of the question with one tenor man. The tenor weighs 21 cwt., and was cast by the well-known Whitechapel firm.

Bushey, Herts, September 5th.

E. E. HUNTLEY.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Holy Trinity, Privett, Hants.

ON Thursday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. G. Reading,* 1; H. Sutton (conductor), 2; W. Read,* 3; A. Baker, 4; N. J. Sutton,* 5; W. C. Hasted, 6; H. E. Withers, 7; J. Goodale, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt. Messrs. Reading, Goodale, and Withers came from Alton. [* First peal.] At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 45 mins. B. Foskett, 1; W. H. Barber (age 16), 2; T. Salter, 3; A. Pittam, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; W. Short, 6; T. Titchener, 7; J. Barber, 8; H. Davies, 9; G. Newson, 10. Composed by J. Cox and conducted by G. Newton. Tenor, 34 cwt. The brothers Barber and W. Short came from Clent, Worcestershire; T. Salter, Kidderminster; and this is their first peal on ten bells.

At the Cathedral, St. Albans, Herts.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang H. Hubbard's peal of 5040 CANTERBURY TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. J. Pate, 1; R. Shepherd,* 2; H. Shepherd, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor),* 4; A. Shepherd, 5; W. Battle, 6; T. Walker, 7; A. Hallett,* 8. [* First peal.]

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, Herts.

ON Monday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. W. Oakley, jun., 1; A. J. Pate, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; H. Wright, 4; E. E. Huntley, 5; W. Hewitt, 6; T. Waller, 7; A. Hallett, 8.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — On Thursday afternoon, the 31st ult., on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Pendered, youngest daughter of Mr. Thomas Pendered, the following touches were rung:—252 BOB TRIPLES, 168 BOB TRIPLES, 120 BOB DOUBLES, and 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. It is worthy of note that the bride is a descendant of the John Pendered whose name was placed on the sixth bell as churchwarden, when it was recast in the year 1764, and a niece of Mr. William Pendered, who gave the new treble bell nine years ago, when the ring was increased to eight. The family is one of the oldest in the town. A 'John Pendered' was, according to the parish registers, one of the town officers in the year 1686.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, the 3rd inst., for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR on the back six. J. Waits (Barking Road), 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; G. Pye, 6. Also for the afternoon service, 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR; and for evening service, a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR (1280 changes) in 48 mins., being the longest touch brought round in this method by five of the band. W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Pye, 6; H. Randall, 7; W. Pye, 8. Also recently, 714 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on handbells (retained in hand), being the longest touch double-handed by three of the band. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday evening, a peal of 720 BOB MINOR was rung for service by A. Symonds, 1; O. Garwood, 2; A. Clarke, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 6. And a half-peal of 360 DOUBLE COURT BOB was also rung by S. Slater, 1; O. Garwood, 2; A. J. Clarke, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Theobald, 5; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 6. Also on a Wednesday evening the bells were rung in honour of the birthdays of Messrs. G. Maxim and J. S. Page, of the Cavendish Company of Ringers. A peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB and a peal of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB was rung by S. Slater (conductor) 1; C. Honeybell, 2; H. Thompson, 3; O. Garwood, 4; J. Brandmen, 5; G. Maxim, 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, GLIMS福德, SUFFOLK.—On a Monday morning, a half-peal of 360 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE was rung by A. J. Clarke, 1; W. G. Crickmer, 2; G. Slater, 3; O. Garwood, 4; C. Honeybell, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Also on a Tuesday, on the occasion of the annual Horticultural Show being held, a peal of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB was rung early in the morning by S. Slater, 1; J. Slater, 2; C. Honeybell, 3; Z. Slater, 4; J. Bradmen, Esq., 5; O. Garwood (conductor), 6. Other touches were rung during the day, in which C. Adams and A. J. Clarke took part.

AT SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On a Thursday evening, a touch of 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. H. Randall (West Ham), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; W. Bacon, 3; J. Bradley (West Ham), 4; H. Smith (Lavenham), 5; W. Snell (Lavenham), 6; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 7; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 8.

AT STANSTEAD, MONTFICHET, ESSEX.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, a peal of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. J. Clarke, 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, 720 OXFORD BOB. W. Pierce, 1; R. Summersell, 2; H. Warnett, 3; H. Tyrrell, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman, 6. And 360 BOB MINOR. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tyrrell, 4; H. Warnett (London), 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.—On a Sunday, 720 OXFORD BOB was rung for morning service in 26 mins., and 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE in 25 mins. J. Marriott, 1; F. Stout, 2; A. Oxley, 3; G. Bebbington, 4; W. Brammer, 5; E. Edwardson (conductor), 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On a Saturday, 720 BOB MINOR. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; T. Duxbury, 2; E. A. Baker, 3; W. Slater, 4; G. Lord, 5; J. Smith, sen., 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.—On a Monday, 720 BOB MINOR. J. Alston (first 720), 1; J. Horrocks, 2; G. Lord, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

AT COLWALL PARISH CHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On a Tuesday evening, a peal of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 26 minutes. E. J. Beatley, 1; C. Grening, 2; the Rev. G. M. Custance, 3; F. Vayer, 4; J. Rudd, 5; C. Edwards (conductor), 6. The peal is the composition of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and is a six-part peal, containing the 5-6's. This is the first peal of MINOR by the Rev. G. M. Custance, founder and Master of the Herefordshire Guild, and he is believed to be the first Herefordshire clergyman to take part in a peal of MINOR. This makes the twentieth peal of MINOR that Mr. C. Edwards has rung during the present year.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for morning service, a peal of 720 BOB MINOR in 24 mins. W. Maxim, 1; J. Lee, 2; W. P. Gridley, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans, 5; Geo. Maxim, 6. And for the afternoon service a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. W. P. Gridley, 1; J. Lee, 2; Geo. Green, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans, 5; Geo. Maxim, 6. Both peals were conducted by Mr. Maxim. The above were rung to oblige Messrs. G. Maxim and Green, of Waltham Cross, Herts, and Mr. J. Lee of London.

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On a Friday, to welcome home the Vicar from his absence of some ten weeks in Switzerland for the benefit of his health, 503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and 630 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. W. Rickett, 1; T. Newman, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; A. Tucker, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6; H. Prior, 7; J. Sampford, 8. On a Tuesday, an attempt was made for a peal of GRANDSIRE MAJOR, but it was lost owing to a change-course, and 528 in the same method and 630 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES were rung. T. Newman, 1; R. C. Hudson, 2; G. Prior, 3; A. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; C. Prior, 6; H. Prior, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. R. C. Hudson came from Sunderland, and was elected a member

of the Ancient Society of College Youths previous to starting for the peal. On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 294 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. W. Rickett, 1; T. Newman, 2; A. Tucker, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; J. Ansell (Betchworth, Surrey), 5; F. W. Chapman, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Also 167 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in which J. Knight rang the 6th and F. W. Chapman the 2nd.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

THIRTY-SEVENTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with Mrs. EDWARDS, 4 Charles Terrace, Derby Street, Beverley Road, Hull.

Of all Mr. Congreve's patients with whom I have met, certainly Mr. Edwards is one of the most enthusiastic. The intelligent reader will readily admit that he has good and sufficient cause for his enthusiasm. His tale is a very simple one.

Mr. Edwards believes that in a special and wonderful way he was led to make an application to Mr. Congreve on behalf of his wife, at a time when it seemed as though she was past human aid.

In the course of a conversation with both husband and wife, I gleaned the following information:—

'My wife was in a sad state at this time. She had had children very rapidly, and her illness seemed to commence from the bursting of a varicose vein. She bled for three-quarters of an hour. This made her very weak, and not being of strong constitution, she took a chill, which was followed by a cough and loss of appetite. This went on, the symptoms increasing; the cough became more severe, the phlegm profuse and offensive. She gradually got very weak and thin, and dropsical swellings made their appearance.'

'I suppose you had not allowed her to get into this condition without taking some steps for her relief?'

'She had medical advice, but got very little good. Then she went into Hull Infirmary for three weeks, under the care of the first physician in Hull; and although she seemed a little better when she came home, it was only for a very short time. She was soon as bad as ever. The night sweats were terrible; you might have thought water had been poured over the bed.'

'Well, this being the condition of matters, you applied to Mr. Congreve, and he sent you the medicine he thought necessary?'

'Yes, and the result was wonderful. Two days after commencing it, my wife ate a mutton chop: she hadn't been able to eat anything substantial for a long while. Aye (said Mr. Edwards, in true Yorkshire vernacular), I was pleased to see her eat that chop! Soon the cough got better, and she lost the pain in the chest; the liniment Mr. Congreve ordered seemed to relieve that wonderfully. Gradually she got stronger (I ought to have told you that when I wrote to Mr. Congreve she was so weak that she couldn't walk. The night sweats disappeared, and in every way she was improved. Her strength came back to her, she was able to do her household work as before, and she gained a stone in flesh. As I wrote Mr. Congreve at the time, I considered it a most wonderful cure of a very bad case of phthisis.'

'You think that was the complaint from which she suffered, then?'

'Well, when she was in the infirmary the card at the head of her bed had on it the word "Phthisis," so I don't think there can be much doubt about it.'

'Having recovered as you have told me, has Mrs. Edwards kept in good health?'

'Yes, she has been quite a different woman. Sometimes she gets a cold, and that pulls her down, but she takes some of the balsam and she is soon all right again.'

Earlier in our conversation Mrs. Edwards had made some reference to a little boy living near, so before I left I asked her for particulars, and she told me:—

'The son of one of my neighbours here in this terrace was suffering from Consumption, so the doctor said. On my recommendation his mother got Mr. Congreve's medicine and gave it to him, and the last time I saw him he was very much better.'

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

NOTICE.

PEAL SUPPLEMENT.

In future we hope to be able to publish the Supplement on the first Friday in each month, unless prevented by special press of other matter, as will be the case in October, owing to the meeting of the Church Congress. We purpose therefore issuing the next Peal-sheet on November 3rd. Peals and Correspondence for insertion should always reach the Office by the 15th day of the previous month.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

THE monthly ringing meeting of the above Society was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at St. Chad's Church, Far Headingley. Ringing commenced with BOB MAJOR, followed by OXFORD MINOR. The business meeting was then opened, the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding, being ably supported by the Vice-President, Mr. John Thackray. The following places were represented:—Bradford, Calverley, Rothwell, Leeds, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Michael's), Armley, and the local company. On the motion of Mr. G. Barraclough (Leeds), seconded by Mr. A. Haste (Headingley), it was proposed and carried that the minutes be passed as read. The invitation from the Harrogate ringers to hold the next meeting there was unanimously accepted. A discussion took place respecting the Society sending a representative to the next meeting of the Central Council, and was postponed for further consideration. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and local ringers for the use of the bells were passed at the conclusion of the meeting. Tower-ringing was again started with a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB. DOUBLE NORWICH was next tried, but no touch was successfully brought round. The Committee earnestly hope members will endeavour to make this one of the popular methods rung at these meetings. A well-struck 720 of VIOLET MINOR concluded the tower-ringing. Afterwards, upon the handbells, touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, CATERS, and ROYAL were rung, and, as a finish to the day's ringing, a capital touch of 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Craven, 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; J. Whitaker, 7-8. The same band attempted Hollis's Five-part Peal a few days previous, but it came to an end just past the first single.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Guild was held at Southport on Saturday, August 26th, when fifty members attended from Aughton, Bootle, Croston, Crossens, Crosby, Manchester, Hindley, Upholland, Wigan, besides the local Company. Ringing commenced about three p.m., and kept on at intervals till five p.m., when the ringers sat down to an excellent tea. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. J. Fairhurst, who presided, was supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Messrs. J. Martin, W. Shortt, and others. The Chairman then addressed the meeting, and gave the Guild a hearty welcome, expressing his warm sympathy with the ringers as Church officials. Mr. J. Martin then spoke of the financial state of the Guild, and reported that the benevolent fund had a good substantial balance in hand. He also urged the enrolment of honorary members. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit urged the members to perfect themselves in their work, and supported the enrolment of honorary members. Mr. W. Shortt then gave a practical address on utilising the bells at their meetings. Several practical suggestions were also discussed, which were of interest especially to the younger members present, after which two honorary and three performing members were elected, and, after the usual vote of thanks, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Association was held at Cheadle on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when there were present the Rev. E. S. Carlos, rector of Cheadle, the Rev. H. E. Beech, rector of Kingsley, and about thirty members from Cheadle, Bucknall, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Stoke, and Tunstall. Several short touches of BOB MINOR were rung on the bells of the parish church, after which the members were invited to the Rectory, where a substantial repast had been generously provided by the Rector. The reverend gentleman, in welcoming the Association to Cheadle, said that he was pleased to see so large an assembly, being many more than he expected, as he had only received notices from three or four towers; but he hoped all had had sufficient, although he had been taken unawares, and if not, the blame was their own for not giving him notice. A vote of thanks was then proposed to the reverend gentlemen for his liberality, and assuring him that all had fared well. One section of the members then made their way to the parish church, where several more touches were rung, while seven or eight, at the kind invitation of the Rev. Father Morris, proceeded to the Roman Catholic church with the intention of ringing 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, which failed after ringing half-way. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Father Morris for the use of the bells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

The Old Bell and Belfry of Kettins Parish Church, Scotland.

THE exterior of this interesting church having undergone considerable alteration, by the addition of a square tower and spire, in memory of the late Mr. Carmichael, of Arthursstone, it was deemed advisable to remove the old belfry from its position above the west gable. The interest, however, attaching to the belfry, and still more so to the old bell, was such as to render the careful preservation of both a matter of much consequence.

Thanks to the kindness of the Misses Carmichael, this has been attended to, and the belfry has now been taken down and re-erected in a prominent position in front of the west window of the church. The belfry, which is of a chaste design in purely Scotch character, is placed on a pedestal of two flights of steps, and is enclosed by an iron railing in tongue of fire design. The belfry measures eight feet in height from base to apex of stonework, is three feet nine inches in breadth, and two feet nine inches in depth, and is built of two kinds of stone.

The old bell is hung in the belfry, and it is to this that the greater interest attaches. How or when this bell became the property of the Church of Kettins is not exactly known, but tradition relates that it was found in the bog of Baldinny while the ground was being trenched. It was then presented to the church, the donor stipulating for the right of sepulture beneath the belfry, where at that time the west entrance stood.

The date of its presentation cannot be found, but it must have been prior to 1744, for in the Session records reference is made to the 'big bell,' in contradistinction to a small handbell, bearing date 1718, previously in use, and still preserved in the vestry of the church. This 'big bell' has done duty at Kettins, therefore, for at least 150 years, and now gives place to a sweet-toned sister, presented by the munificence of the ladies already named. The legend of the bell, which is as distinct and clearly cut as on the day it was cast, is as follows: 'Maria Troon is minen naem Meester Hans Popen Reider gaf me Anno Domini MCCCCCXIX.' The lettering is topped by a border of fleur-de-lis pattern, and the terminal point between the beginning and the end of the inscription is a neat figure representing St. George and the Dragon. The bell is further ornamented by bands of raised lines near the lip, is still entirely free from damage, and carries its age amazingly well. For many years the inscription baffled all the efforts of eminent antiquaries—Jervis among them—to explain, and at the present moment but little light can be cast on the subject. The Rev. Mr. Fleming, the respected minister of the parish, to whom we are indebted for much of this information, has all along been assiduous in his inquiries regarding the bell and other antiquities preserved in the church, and has been able to identify Meester Hans Popen Reider as the Hans Popenruyter, a gunfounder of Mechlin, mentioned in page 7 of Smiles' *Men of Invention and Industry*, where he is described as one of those skilled artisans invited from abroad by King Henry VIII. to stimulate the art of shipbuilding and other industries. 'Popenruyter seems to have been the great gunfounder of the age. He supplied the principal guns and gun stores for the English navy, and his name occurs in every ordnance account of the series, generally for sums of the largest amounts.' The supposition that Popenruyter gave this bell of his manufacture to a ship named *Maria Troon* has long been entertained, but can hardly be borne out by ascertained facts. Mr. Fleming has examined closely the State papers of the period, and though reference is made to many ships bearing the name Maria, such as Maria Rose, &c., the name Maria Troon is never met with. Some prefer the theory that the bell may have been gifted to some church in England, and was christened Maria Troon in compliment to some fair friend of the donor. How the bell, however, found its way to Baldinny Bog is only accounted for by the most flimsy theories, and this is probably one of the things that will never be explained. There are also several articles of great antiquarian interest which are preserved in the vestry; among them the handbell alluded to above.

Irthlingborough Church Bells, Northants.

THE diameters and weights of these bells, as given by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, when rehung and increased to eight this month, are:—Treble, diameter, 2 ft. 1½ ins.; 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. Second, 2 ft. 2½ ins.; 4 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs. Third, 2 ft. 5½ ins.; 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs. Fourth, 2 ft. 6½ ins.; 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 0 lbs. Fifth, 2 ft. 8½ ins.; 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs. Sixth, 2 ft. 10½ ins.; 7 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs. Seventh, 3 ft. 0½ ins.; 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 2 lbs. Tenor (note G), 3 ft. 4 ins.; 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. On the two new treble bells is the following inscription:—'Given by William Woolston, of Westlands, Wellingborough, Member of the Society of Friends, on the completion of the Rebuilding of this Tower, 1893.' The tenor bell is inscribed:—

'T. Mears of London Fecit 1829. The five old bells exchanged for this peal of six, A.D. 1829.

THE REV. GEORGE WARCUP MALIM, Vicar.

CHARLES GROOME } Churchwarden.'

The tower being newly rebuilt, the bells will simply be chimed until the architect deems it safe for them to be rung.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., eight members of St. Michael's Youths' Society rang a peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 15 mins. W. Gaves, 1; F. Stoneley, 2; J. Kenny, 3; W. Matthews, 4; J. Minshall, 5; W. W. Steel, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. This is the first peal in the method by all the ringers, and the first peal of MAJOR for all except the conductor (W. Walmsley), and was rung at the first opportunity as a 'welcome peal' to the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. Boyd. All the above are members of the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Foxcarth, Essex.

ON Thursday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang Sottanastall's peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 52 mins. S. Slater, 1; E. Herbert (age sixteen, first peal in the method), 2; F. Wells, 3; Charles

Herbert, 4; S. Evans, 5; Cyril Herbert (first peal), 6; J. Lee, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Messrs. Herbert came from Woburn, Beds; Slater and Wells, Glemsford; Lee, London; Sillitoe, Sudbury; and Evans, Foxearth.

At the Parish Church, Aylesford, Kent.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. G. Pawley,* 1; A. Palmer, 2; C. Waterman, 3; T. Mannering,* 4; W. Easter, 5; W. Haigh, 6; A. C. West,* 7; G. Lindoff (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. This composition, which is the first peal in the method on the bells, contains the 6th twenty-two times in 6th's place at a course-end, without the 2nd or 3rd ever being there. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. A. J. Perkins, 1; G. Smith, 2; B. Foskett, 3; G. Newman (conductor), 4; W. Doran,* 5; C. Wilkins, 6; H. Randall,* 7; A. Jacob, 8. This peal was rung on the occasion of placing a peal-board for the first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH rung on these bells by the same Society in September of last year. [* First peal in the method.]

At Southover, Sussex.

LATELY, eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. A. Trusler, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; J. Jay, sen., 3; A. J. Turner, 4; R. Hoather, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; T. Butler, 8. Trusler came from Eastbourne; Turner, Lewes; the others are Brighton men.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Monday the 11th inst., 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR. B. Moss, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 2; H. Moss, 3; A. E. Read, 4; R. H. Gretton (first 720), 5; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 6. Also 720 DOUBLE COURT. H. Last, 1; J. Tarrant, 2; G. Wightman, 3; E. Wightman, 4; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (first 720 in the method), 5; A. S. Wightman (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, HAVERSTOCK HILL, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 720 BOB MINOR (twenty bobs and ten singles) in 24 mins. R. Bevan, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Cawley, 3; D. W. Griggs, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. After service, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. G. Smith, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Cawley, 3; R. Bevan, 4; N. Alderman (conductor), 5; D. W. Griggs, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

AT SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On a Sunday, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB and 720 KENT. L. Digweed, 1; W. Martin, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On a Monday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. H. Catton (first 720 in the method), 1; L. Digweed, 2; J. Broom, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Harper, 5; F. Hayes (conductor), 6. On a Sunday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB and 720 BOB MINOR. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 BOB MINOR. H. Milhams, 1; W. Clifford, 2; L. Digweed, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

AT HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On a Saturday, the following touches were rung on the occasion of the District Meeting:—288 TREBLE BOB MAJOR. J. Rice, 1; F. Dench, 2; C. Hills, 3; K. Hart, 4; A. D. Mills, 5; F. W. Rice, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; J. Parker (conductor), 8. And 168 SPEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Parker (conductor), 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; K. Hart, 5; A. D. Mills, 6; F. Rice, 7; P. Tyler, 8. A course of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; A. D. Mills, 5; K. Hart, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. W. Rice, 8. And 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. King, 1; G. Williams, 2; A. Feist, 3; W. Pelling, 4; F. Cripps, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; H. Chandler, 7; J. Cook, 8. And 448 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. J. Rice, 1; F. Dench, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; K. Hart, 4; R. Jordan, 5; J. Parker, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; F. W. Rice, 8.

We have received from the publishers (Messrs. Macmillan & Bowes, Cambridge) a copy of a pamphlet by Mr. W. H. Thompson, entitled, *A Diagram of a System of Peals of Union Triples* (price 1s. 6d. net). It is a work of fifty pages, forming a thorough and detailed description and explanation of the Diagram itself, which is engraved on a larger sheet folded in at the end. To those acquainted Mr. Thompson's mode of argument, as pursued in his classical *Note on Grandsire Triples* (1886), the reading of the present work will be simple and easy. In the preface the author ascribes the original idea of the undertaking to a sentence in the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to consider a scheme for the formation of a catalogue of peals. In the case of peals of continuous triples in the Union method the Committee recommend the use of a plain lead of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the proviso that there should not be more than one such lead in each part of the peal. Following the course thus suggested, Mr. Thompson gives the actual calling of no less than 100 five-part peals, showing most clearly each step in the production of these from the diagram; and, further, giving full instructions for the production of no less than 1500 additional peals on similar lines. The whole essay is a brilliant example of the great results that may be accomplished by a scientific system of procedure, and will place the exercise under very great obligations to Mr. Thompson. It goes without saying that the ringing library of any composer or conductor will be incomplete without it.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with Mrs. SISTERSON, of 6 Buddie St., Delves Lane, Consett, Durham, relative to the case of her daughter, Miss M. S. SISTERSON.

[This case appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Treatise on Consumption, page 46.]

Mrs. Sisterston has lived in the same house at Consett (which, I believe, has the reputation of being the highest town in the United Kingdom) for twenty years, and is evidently held in high esteem by her neighbours, with one of whom I had some conversation.

Of course, Mrs. Sisterston had seen the report of the case of her daughter, which appears in the Appendix to the work on Consumption, and by way of opening the conversation, I asked her if the account was true. (By the way, it may be well for me to add that it was not until nearly the close of our interview that I gave Mrs. Sisterston any information about myself; and, for all she knew, I was simply a person anxious to enquire into the truth of a statement I had seen in print.)

In reply to my question, Mrs. Sisterston said:

'Yes, it is quite true—indeed it is not half strong enough, for I could not express how ill my daughter was, and how miraculously she recovered.'

'I understand that she had been ill a long time before you applied to Mr. Congreve for her.'

'She had been ill and under the local doctors for nine months. But she made no improvement, gradually getting worse, until, as her father said in one of his letters, she was "mere skin and bone; in a state of prostration heartrending to see." At that time she was bringing up a lot of blood and offensive matter. I have known her to bring up two quarts in the twenty-four hours many a time.'

'Did the doctors tell you what was the matter with Miss Sisterston?'

'One of them—as good a doctor as one need wish to be under—told me she was suffering from tubercular Consumption, and quite gave her up. He said he was very sorry to tell me, but there was really no hope.'

'Although events have proved that he was mistaken in that, I suppose there is no doubt that she was very ill?'

'She was ill indeed—I couldn't tell you how ill she was. Many a time I have called the neighbours in, believing that she was dying.'

'How came you to apply to Mr. Congreve, Mrs. Sisterston?'

'We heard of his treatment by someone who had benefited, and applied at once. I well remember the first bottle of medicine arriving.'

'I suppose it did her good?'

'More than I can tell you. She persevered with it, and very soon began to improve. After she had been under treatment a few months, Dr.—— examined her, and said her lungs were healing. Gradually she got better, and to-day she enjoys perfect health. She can do a day's washing or cleaning, or walk to Black-hill' (a neighbouring town, a visit to which necessitates the climbing a long and steep hill) 'and be none the worse for it.'

'I am very sorry I cannot see her to-day.'

'And I am sure she will be sorry to have missed you. She is in Newcastle, but will be back to-night. I can show you her photograph, however—one taken when she was so ill, and one taken after her recovery.'

I saw these photographs, and certainly the change depicted in them was little short of the marvellous. The first, taken at the age of 16, appeared to be a woman getting into middle age, so worn and wan did the face appear; the other, taken a year or two later, after Mr. Congreve's medicine had done its work, depicted a bright, sprightly young woman, evidently in possession of robust health. Had it been possible, I should have liked to have reproduced the photographs here; they would have given more eloquent testimony than anything I can say.

Before I left Mrs. Sisterston told me of one or two other cases which had come under her notice—one a lady in Newcastle, who is fast recovering her health, and her neighbour added her testimony to the efficacy of the remedy in whooping-cough; and then, as the train service from Consett is not all that could be desired, and I felt I had taken up quite as much of Mrs. Sisterston's time as I ought, I bade both ladies adieu and returned to Durham.

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CREATION'S HOPE. By Marcus S. Rickards, M.A., F.L.S., of Merton College, Oxford. (J. Baker & Son, Clifton, and 25 Paternoster Square, London.)—The idea of Mr. Rickards' poem is to show the unity of plan in Nature leading to a hope of the 'redemption of the Creation' in the full sense of St. Paul's words. The idea is well worked out and sound. The verses are of varying merit. Few poets can hold an argument in verse, and even these do not always succeed.

MAGAZINES.

THE original matter in the RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS consists of a further instalment of the Editor's articles on 'The Art of Reading,' Mr. A. L. Salmon on 'English Clerical Poets,' No. VIII. of the series of 'Home Missions of the Church,' an account of the London Orphan Asylum, Watford, and the Home for Little Boys at Farningham.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS is (may we say it?) beginning to fall off a little. There is a character sketch of Mr. Walter Besant by Mr. John Underhill, the usual excellent 'Progress of the World,' and the customary clippings. But we feel that Mr. Stead is not doing his best at present. The 'interview' idea is worked out, and we are rather tired of interiors and chats about modes of work and a man's ideas in general, especially when we find almost every magazine full of them, and sometimes dealing with the same people. Mr. Stead has a fertile brain. Let it evolve something better than this. Only we enter a preliminary caveat against the Vatican and the delusive Civic Church.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE is well up to its usual mark. The variety of its illustrations is as large and interesting as it has ever been.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE contains a most agreeable paper on 'The White Lodge,' which is admirably illustrated, and a capital account of an interview with Mr. Hamo Thornycroft. There are several of the complete, short, powerful stories for which the magazine is noted, another adventure of Sherlock Holmes, more portraits of celebrities, and, in short, all the other well-known distinctive features which have made this monthly so remarkably popular. Its illustrations are numerous and good.

H.R.H. PRINCESS CHRISTIAN is publishing an article on the 'Royal British Nurses' Association' in the October number of *Atalanta*.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

MEMBERS are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th inst., when business of the utmost importance will be brought forward. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.
37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of the Guild will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells open three p.m.; meeting, six p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.
W. BENTHAM, }

The Lancashire Association.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting in connexion with the above Association took place at Woolton, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. Members attended from the following places: Garston, Halewood, Liverpool, Prescott, Southport, Walton, Warrington, and the local company. The business meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, at which Mr. R. Hill, of Southport, presided, and said it gave him very great pleasure to preside at the meeting, as nothing pleased him better than to be in the company of change-ringers; he was glad that the Liverpool branch was in such an excellent condition, and hoped it would continue so. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Hale were read and confirmed. Mr. T. Byron, of Prescott, was nominated to serve on the General Committee for the year 1893-94. The next meeting is arranged to take place at St. Helens, on Saturday, October 7th. A vote of thanks to the Rector for granting use of bells, and to the chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this Branch was held at St. James's Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, the 2nd inst., when about thirty members attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Flixton, Heywood, Manchester, Northenden, Pendleton, and Worsley. Ringing commenced about four p.m., and continued until seven, when the visitors adjourned to the schoolroom for the business meeting. The President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, presided, and the chief business was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Messrs. Longden and Ridyard were again nominated to serve upon the Committee on behalf of the Manchester Branch, and Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, was nominated for the post of Vice-President. Other nominations will be sent forward from other branches, the appointments being made known at the annual meeting, which takes place at Rochdale on October 7th. Three new names were added to the list of members. Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, which brought the business to a close. Among the methods rung were GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.

THE quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Welshpool on Thursday, the 7th inst. There were numerous visitors, and ringing took place in St. Mary's tower at intervals from 12 o'clock to 8 p.m. A special service was held at 3 p.m., when an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. E. W. Brown, M.A., rector of Montgomery. A first-class meat tea was served at the cocoa rooms at 5 o'clock, when a large number sat down, including the Rev. E. Lee, Hon. Secretary (Lugwardine), Rev. E. W. Brown, Rev. T. Hughes, Rev. J. S. Lewis, J. G. Buchanan, Esq. (Clun), &c., and a very pleasant day was spent.

The Bells at Stony Stratford, Bucks.

THE bells of St. Giles's have recently been tuned and rehung, a new top frame being provided, by Messrs. Blackbourne & Greenleaf, of London, and their release from some weeks of enforced silence was very welcome after the monotonous ringing of the small bell which has been in use during the past month. There is reason to believe that a thorough and permanent restoration has been effected, the estimate of the firm above mentioned being over 112*l*. The bells were again rung for the first time on the eve of the dedication festival of the Church.

A New Bell at Norton Subcourse, Suffolk.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 7th inst., the bells of St. Mary's Church, which have just received a new treble, thus completing the ring of six, were reopened. Change-ringing was carried out during the afternoon by ringers from St. Peter's, Maneroft, Norwich; Blofield, Haddiscoe, Raveningham, Norton, and Beccles, amongst the latter being Mr. Hopson, hon. secretary of the diocesan club of ringers. The new bell, which was cast by Messrs. Warner, of London, bears the following inscription: 'Given by A. Thackeray, M.A., Vicar, 1893; hung by G. Day & Son, Eye.' This is the second bell given by the Vicar during the year, by whose kindness a dinner was provided for the Norton ringers, at which about eighteen were present, and a vote of thanks was proposed to the reverend gentleman. In the evening Divine service was held in the church. There was a large congregation; the service was fully choral. After the dedication of the bell to the glory and honour of God, the processional hymn, 'May Jesus Christ be praised,' was sung.

The Holiday of the Newchurch (Manchester) Parish

Bell-ringers.

THE ringers, with wives and friends, had their annual picnic and drive on August 12th. Numbering twenty-three, they started in a waggonette at 6.30 a.m., and drove through Ramsbottom and Bolton (where they had breakfast, and a ring at the parish church bells), and so on to Chorley. The views along the road were beautiful, and all were interested in seeing the Horwich Railway Works and the Liverpool Corporation Waterworks. After dinner the ringers had another turn at the bells, again being allowed the use of the parish church tower; others took a walk, and all contrived to see something of the town. The return journey was through Whittle Springs and Blackburn (where tea was provided), and Acerington (where another pause was made for a visit to the Market), and Rawtenstall. It was 10.30 p.m. when they reached home, and all agreed that it had been a most pleasant and happy day. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the Rector and Wardens for their kindness. The weather was beautiful all day.

A Visit to Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

LATELY, on a Saturday, the bell-ringers from Crawley paid a visit to Speldhurst, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Parke, where they rang the following methods: STEDMAN TRIPLES, TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE NORWICH, and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE, being assisted by some of the Speldhurst ringers. Dinner was served in the old oak room at the 'George and Dragon.' The visitors returned to Tunbridge Wells at 5.30.

Death of an Old Suffolk Ringer.

THE death of Mr. Stephen Tolliday, of Sudbury, took place lately. The deceased was for many years one of the ringers of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's Churches. He had not, however, been able for many years to indulge in the art, owing to an affliction which deprived him of the use of his hands. He was always acknowledged to be a good ringer, both on church bells and handbells. He was in his eighty-fifth year. Muffled peals were rung on St. Peter's bells before and after the funeral, and half-muffled peals in the evening.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Peasenhall, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 5040 changes in three methods upon five bells, being fourteen six-scores of each—GRANDSIRE, PLAIN DOUBLES, and OLD DOUBLES—in 3 hrs. 45 mins. W. Nicholds, 1; W. Goddard, 2; J. Mills, 3; F. Rodwell, 4; W. Bacon (conductor), 5. Tenor, 9½ cwt. The above are all resident members of the Peasenhall Society. It is the first 5040 by all the band, was rung at the first attempt, and is believed to be the first 5040 on the bells.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, London.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Pettit, 1; York Green (composer), 2; W. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; G. Lindoff (Chatham), 5; E. Hale, 6; H. Springle (conductor), 7; S. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The composition has the 4th her extent

in 6th's place, the 5th her extent right, and the 6th her extent wrong and right at six course-ends. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. James's, Hull, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 46 mins. G. T. Miller, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; J. Dixey, 3; G. Marshall (first peal with a bob-bell), 4; H. Jenkins, 5; H. W. Needham, 6; C. Jackson, 7; W. Marshall, 8. Composed by E. B. James, and conducted by H. W. Needham. A ten-part composition, containing 128 bobs and 22 singles.

At St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Ten-part peal (No. 8) of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. J. W. Ash, 1; J. B. Fenton (first peal as conductor), 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; F. W. Walker, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At THE PARISH CHURCH, BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, the 12th inst., for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. by the following members of the Battle Branch of the Sussex Association of Change-ringers:—J. Curtis, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; J. Mathis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; W. Thomas, 5; R. Curtis, 6; H. Franks, 7; H. Elliott, 8. The above was composed by the ringer of the sixth and published by him in *Bell News* of July 29th, as No. 2.

At EWELL, SURREY.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 812 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 32 mins. J. Beams, 1: John Beams (conductor), 2; C. Read, 3; H. Beams, 4; W. Chantler, 5; W. Worsfold, 6; F. Grove (longest touch with a bob-bell), 7; J. Read, 8. For evening service, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Ayling, 1; S. Wilson, 2; J. Beams, 3; H. Beams, 4; G. Chantler, 5; F. Grove, 6; W. Chantler (longest length as conductor), 7; J. Reid, 8.

At BUSHEY, HERTS.—On a Thursday, for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. A. H. Heath, 1; W. E. Oakley, 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; W. I. Oakley, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; T. Hussey, 8. And 350 in the same method. W. E. Oakley, 1; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 2; A. J. Pate, 3; A. H. Heath, 4; E. P. Debenham, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8.

At ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY, WILTS.—On a Saturday, 1008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. A. Pearce, 1; S. Lawrence, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 6; R. W. J. Gollup, 7; W. S. Wise, 8.

At ALL SAINTS', SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, eight members of the Essex Association attempted to ring a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but after ringing 2 hrs. the conductor brought the bells home, owing to the seventh bell becoming unmanageable. J. Lee (London), 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; J. Campin, 4; A. Scott, 5; H. Harper, 6; H. Bracket and C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; W. Howell, sen., and C. Herbert (Woburn), 8. On a Tuesday, on handbells retained in hand, 1333 BOB MAJOR in 40 mins. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7-8.

At ST. MARGARET'S, LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, for practice, 704 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Wilson (longest length in the method as conductor), 3; C. Sampson, 4; F. Cooper, 5; A. J. Lincoln, 6; E. Cooper, 7; J. Button, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E.

At ST. MARY'S, WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 26 mins. S. Frost, 1; R. Moss, 2; G. Byde, 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Garratt (conductor), 5; G. Thompson (Ipswich), 6. On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB (nine bobs). G. Byde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Byde, 3; J. Parker, 4; G. Thompson, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. On a Tuesday, for practice, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB (fifteen bobs). G. Byde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Byde, 3; G. Thompson, 4; A. Garratt, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6.

At HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On a Monday the local company rang several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to their old friend Mr. F. Napper, who died on Thursday, August 31st, aged sixty-two years, after a long illness. He was formerly one of the ringers, and was very proud to speak of the quality of Hagbourne's fine bells. E. Butler, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. Bosely, 3; D. Napper, 4; E. Napper, 5; T. East, 6; J. Sawyer, 7; J. Hickman, 8. Messrs. East and Sawyer, conductors. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM, SURREY.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins. W. Worsfield, 1; A. Gower, 2; C. Read, 3; H. Beams, 4; J. Groves, 5; F. Crawford, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 6th, and 8th.

At DRAYTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.—On a Saturday, by eight members of St. James's Society, Taunton, a half-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 30 mins. F. Millard, 1; J. Burge, 2; A. Doble, 3; H. Poole, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; W. Thorpe, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. First half-peal by all.

At ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday afternoon, for the men's service, the last 700 of Holt's Original in 26 mins. J. Basden, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; W. Meaton (conductor), 5; A. H. Tabor, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; W. Ward, 8.

At BARNET, HERTS.—Lately, on a Monday, a band met and attempted a peal, but, owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor bell, it had to be abandoned, and the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Carroway, 3; C. H. Martin (conductor), 4; J. Cawley, 5; G. Lucas, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; F. J. Pitts, 8.

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Interview with Mr. THOMAS JAMES, Northgate, Darlington.

It was quite incidentally, in the course of a conversation I had with a well-known bookseller in Darlington, that the name of Mr. Thomas James was mentioned to me. My informant had himself been under Mr. Congreve's treatment some years ago, and had received great benefit.

In consequence of this I sought an interview with Mr. James, who carries on a flourishing business in Northgate, Darlington. He received me very pleasantly, and after a few words of explanation he gave me all the information I required.

I told Mr. James what I had heard, and asked him to give me the benefit of his experience of Mr. Congreve's medicines.

'That is somewhat difficult to do on the spur of the moment,' he replied, 'but I will do what I can. The most remarkable case I ever knew was that of my own wife. When I first became acquainted with her, the doctor (who has since removed from here) told her that one lung was nearly gone. I said that if she would follow Mr. Congreve's treatment for a few months I would guarantee that she would get well. But before this I had written to the late Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, whom I knew, and asked him his opinion. In his reply he spoke very highly both of Mr. Congreve and his treatment, and verified several cases among his students where he had seen great results achieved.

'Acting on this advice (for the doctor took up a neutral position, neither saying, "Don't take it," or "Take it"), my wife took the medicine for six months, and recovered. She was very weak before she commenced it—so weak that at first she could not retain the medicine on her stomach, but she got over that, and became well. All affection of the lungs seemed to vanish.

'A long time afterwards, when she had an attack of bronchitis, I asked the doctor who examined her if there was anything the matter with her lungs. He said, "No; they were in a very fair condition, except the top of the right, which was congested. There had evidently been a cavity, which had healed." He added that there was no reason why she should not live many years. She has, for she is fifty years of age. We are never without it in the house. Whenever my wife takes a cold she flies to it at once. For myself, I have strongly recommended Mr. Congreve's treatment for the last twenty years.'

'If she hadn't taken the medicine when she did, what do you think would have happened, Mr. James?'

'She never would have lived—I feel confident of that; in fact, the doctor said so.'

'And is this the only case you are acquainted with?'

'Oh, no; I have known of many other persons who have received benefit. As I said just now, I have known the medicine for twenty years, during which time I have disposed of a large quantity—supplying some at cost price, and giving a great deal away.'

I thanked Mr. James for his kindness in giving me a portion of his busy morning, and, having received his permission to place these facts before the reader, I bade him good-day.

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SCOTLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Representative Church Council of Scotland will be held in Dundee next Wednesday and Thursday. The Council will be preceded on Tuesday by a conference, of which the varied and interesting programme is as follows:—Afternoon sitting, 2.30 to 5 p.m. Subject 1—'The Sacramental System;' reader, Archdeacon Richmond (Macclesfield). Selected speaker, the Rev. J. G. Simpson, vice-principal, Theological College, Edinburgh. Subject 2—'Aids to Devotional Life;' reader, Canon Lloyd, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Selected speaker, Canon Keating, principal of Theological College, Edinburgh. Evening sitting, 8 to 10 p.m. Subject 1—'Relations of the Church to the World;' reader, Canon Scott Holland. Selected speaker, the Rev. J. H. Skrine, warden, Trinity College, Glenalmond. Subject 2—'The Church's function to provide for the whole man;' reader, Canon Body (Durham).

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

CANADA.

THE Bishop of Ontario is now Metropolitan of Canada, Bishop Sullivan having complied with the requirements as to voting which rendered the election incomplete.

UNITED STATES.

It has been stated that the Rev. A. C. A. Hall would have been elected Bishop of Massachusetts if he had not been connected with the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

THE difficulty in connexion with the sinking of the foundations for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, has not yet been disposed of. Nothing, it appears, can be done until there has been a meeting of the Building Committee.

THE Rev. William Lawrence, D.D., dean of the Theological School, Cambridge, U.S.A., was to be yesterday consecrated Bishop of Massachusetts in Trinity Church, Boston.

AUSTRALIA.

THE Bishop of Sydney, in his address at the recent meeting of his diocesan Synod, referring to the settlement of the Kilburn Sisterhood in the diocese, said: 'Without either invitation or sanction from myself as Bishop, certain members of the Kilburn Sisterhood in London having been encouraged to take up work in this diocese, which has occasioned much discussion and division of opinion. I feel bound to say something on this matter, although, if I consulted my personal inclinations, I would rather be silent. I am anxious to maintain, as far as possible, administrative impartiality, and to welcome all philanthropic and religious work that is honestly done, even when I am unable entirely to sympathise with the methods adopted for doing it; nor am I desirous of any undue limitation of the comprehensiveness and tolerance of variety which obtain in our historic branch of the Church Catholic. But, as Bishop of the diocese, I have responsibilities of jurisdiction which I cannot evade; and I must say that the sudden introduction into the diocese of members of an Anglican Sisterhood, bound by vows and rules which have not been submitted to my inspection—rules which must be presumed to claim from members of the community an allegiance that is independent of our diocesan conditions here—looks like an ecclesiastical intrusion of a somewhat anachronical tendency. When this aspect of the "emigrant band," as they style themselves, is combined with the patent fact that the Sisterhood is associated with doctrine and ritual of an extremist section in the Church, I think that there is sufficient reason for my abstaining from directly and in my official capacity sanctioning or approving of their operations. What I have now said (and it is painful to me to have felt obliged to say this) does not involve a withdrawal of genuine sympathy on my part with any good and philanthropic work which the Sisters may be able to do; but I desire to give what appears to me to be a requisite caution against the view that these Sisters are an authorised diocesan agency. Having said this, I would add that I hope it will not be thought that any personal antagonism or want of courteous toleration need be anticipated from me in this matter. I have no intention of arbitrarily interfering with the right of any clergyman or Churchman to make use, if he deems it well to do so, of an agency which has approved itself to bishops and clergy in England and in other Australian colonies; and although I may disapprove of the manner of their introduction into the diocese, and be dissatisfied with their ecclesiastical standpoint, I shall rejoice if by their means the faith of Christ is in any ways advanced, or human misery in any way diminished.'

EASTERN EQUATORIAL AFRICA.

BISHOP TUCKER, of Eastern Equatorial Africa, has appointed the Rev. R. H. Walker to be Archdeacon of Uganda. The Archdeacon is one of the most heroic of the band of missionaries which is evangelising Central Africa. He went to Uganda shortly after the cruel murder of Bishop Hannington, and through many times of peril resolutely remained at his post.

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IRELAND.

The new Bishop of Killaloe is likely to be chosen from outside the See unless the Venerable H. V. Daly, archdeacon of Clonfert, who has been working for nearly thirty years in the diocese, should be chosen. The Archdeacon is the rector of St. Coleman's, Gort, and holds various official positions in the united diocese.

The Rev. Canon Richard Babington, rector of Clooney, Waterside, Londonderry, died suddenly last Friday afternoon from heart disease. He had only just returned home, when he experienced severe pain and died within a few minutes.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above Association will be held at Stanfords-Hope on Saturday, October 21st. Further particulars will be sent next week. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assoc. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The fourteenth quarterly meeting of this district was held at Peasenhall on Saturday, September 23rd, when twenty-one members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Sibton, Peasenhall, Wenham, Bramfield, and Halesworth. The bells of the Parish Church, as also those of the adjoining towers of Sibton and Yoxford, were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening in the PLAIN BOB, TREBLE BOB, and GRANDSIRE methods. After a substantial meat tea had been done full justice to, the cloth was removed and the business meeting followed forthwith. Mr. F. Cooper, of Aldeburgh, was voted to the chair, and called upon the Hon. District Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed. Letters from several members regretting their inability to attend were laid before the meeting. The Rev. Ernest A. Cooke, vicar of Peasenhall, was enrolled as an honorary member, and one probationer was admitted. It was reported that one 5040 had been rung in the district since the last meeting, viz., at Peasenhall on September 9th. On the proposition of Mr. A. Lincoln, seconded by Mr. C. Lincoln, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Benhall on Saturday, November 25th. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of Yoxford, Sibton, and Peasenhall for the use of the bells of the respective towers, and to the Chairman for presiding, which concluded the business of the meeting. During the evening a set of hand-bells, belonging to Mr. A. Lincoln, was kindly placed at the disposal of the members, upon which several touches were rung.

The Lancashire Association.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The members of the above branch held their monthly meeting at Moorside on Saturday, the 9th ult., members being present from Rochdale, Heywood, Oldham, and the local company. Touches of ROCHDALE MAJOR, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and COLLEGE SINGLES were rung. At the meeting there were two nominations for a committee-man—Mr. F. Barwise and Mr. J. Shaw, the former being elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Crompton. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars, wardens, and the local ringers for the use of the bells.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

On Friday, the 15th ult., the annual election of officers took place at the Society's new headquarters, the 'Bedford Head' Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, when the following persons were unanimously returned:—Master, Mr. B. Foskett; Treasurer, Mr. W. Baron (retaining office); Stewards, Mr. J. Davis, Mr. W. Meads; Secretary, A. Jacob (retaining office).

Death of an Old Ringer.

LATELY there died, after a very short illness, an old and respected bell-ringer, Mr. J. Carter, of St. Mary's parish church, Henley-on-Thames. At the funeral, the bell-ringers of St. Mary's showed their respect for their old comrade by ringing a muffled peal during the funeral, and in the evening they also rang a long peal with the bells half-muffled. The deceased had been a ringer at the parish church about fifty years, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Bishop's Sutton Parish Church, Alresford, Hants.

A NEW peal of bells has just been placed in the belfry of this church, the gift of Mr. C. G. Duff, in memory of the late Mrs. Duff. The dedication service was held on Friday, September 15th, at four o'clock, when the Vicar, the Rev. G. Ohlson, officiated. The bells are a peal of five, of a full, mellow tone, ranging from E flat to A flat, and were recast, the three old bells being included, by J. Warner & Sons, of London. The first peals were rung by the New Alresford ringers, who kindly gave their services.

The Bells at Sowerby, Yorkshire.

FOR the last seven months the bells at St. Peter's Church have been silent, the reason being that at the time mentioned the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. W. Bean, M.A., proposed to reduce the allowance granted to the ringers from 20l. to 10l. a year. To this alteration the ringers refused to submit. An understanding has now been come to, the remuneration to remain as before, at 20l. per annum. The bells were rung for the first time when the church was lately reopened, after having been closed for a number of years for painting and cleaning.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 844.

Dedication of Bells at Hartlip, Sittingbourne, Kent.

The sweet ring of six bells at St. Michael's Church has been thoroughly put in order recently. The treble, founded by Messrs. Mears a century ago, has been recast by them. The framework was repaired by Messrs. Whiting of Ospringe, under the supervision of Mr. R. P. Day, diocesan architect. The bells were re-dedicated on St. Matthew's Day by the Vicar, who used the service published at *Church Bells* office. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Basil Rust, vicar of All Saints', Buxton Street, London, E. He took six points of duty for ringers and all Christians, connecting one with each bell, showing how they had to be refined from the ore, speak out clearly, and do their work in the appointed order.

St. Mary's Church, Bletchley, Bucks.

This fine peal of eight bells, having been out of repair for some years and almost unringable, have now been rehung, the first seven being quarter-turned and the tenor recast; all the fittings being new throughout, with the exception of the framework, which was in good order.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett & Johnson, of Croydon, and the bells were reopened on Friday, September 8th, at 1.30 p.m., a dedication service being held at 2.30 p.m., after which the bells were rung several times.

The following ringers took part:—James George, Rugby (College Youths' Society, London); Newland Alderman, London (Royal Cumberlands); R. Sear, Bletchley; H. Tompkins, Newton Longville; V. and J. Sear, Bletchley; J. Young, Newton Longville; Thomas Hartup, Fenny Stratford.

A Ringer's Annual Holiday.

DURING the past month the writer has had an enjoyable holiday, and took part in the following peals:—On Saturday, September 9th, at Horsham, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was brought round in 3 hrs. 1 min. On Tuesday, September 12th, at Henfield, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54½ mins. On Wednesday, September 13th, at Southover, Lewes, a peal of BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. On Thursday, September 14th, at St. Nicholas', Brighton, an attempt was made for a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, but it failed after 30 mins. On Friday, September 15th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. On Saturday, September 16th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. On Tuesday, September 19th, at Ashton-under-Lyne, an attempt was made for a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, but it failed after 45 mins. On Thursday, September 21st, at St. Peter's, Oxford, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 43 mins.

It will be seen that eight peals have been attempted, six of which came to a successful issue.

The writer desires, through the medium of *Church Bells*, to thank Messrs. Williams (Brighton), Chandler (Warnham), Gatland (Steyning), Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), Washbrook (Oxford), and others, for the arrangements so kindly made.

JAMES GEORGE.

Rugby, September 23rd, 1893.

CHANGE-RINGING.**At St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex.**

On Saturday, the 9th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. K. Hart, 1; F. R. Rice, 2; I. G. Shade, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. J. Bratton (first peal of STEDMAN and first attempt), 5; J. George, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. H. Chandler, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex.

On Thursday, the 12th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54½ mins. T. J. Bratton, 1; J. George, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; K. Hart, 4; I. G. Shade, 4; G. Gatland, 6; G. A. King, 7; C. Tyler, 8. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

At St. Mary and All Saints', Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

On Wednesday, the 13th ult., eight members of the St. Mary's Society (Kidderminster) and the Worcestershire and District Association rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. Pagett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; T. Griffiths (first peal of TRIPLES), 5; R. E. Grove (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

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

On Wednesday, the 13th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. J. Goldsmith, 1; K. Hart, 2; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 3; T. J. Bratton, 4; T. H. Beams, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; H. Weston, 7; J. George, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. Rung with the bells half-muffled, for Dr. Nigden, of Lewes.

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

On Thursday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society (Burton-on-Trent) rang a peal of 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 32 mins. G. Pitt, * 1; W. J. Smith (first peal in the method with a bob-bell), 2; A. Wakley, 3; G. Robinson, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; H. Wakley, 6; L. Bullock, * 7; W. Wakley, 8. Arranged from Thurstans' Thirty-course peal of TREBLE BOB by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by W. Wakley. Tenor, 26 cwt. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

On Thursday, the 21st ult., eight members of the above rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 21 mins. G. Pitt, 1;

W. J. Smith, 2; A. Wakley, 3; G. Robinson, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; H. Wakley, 6; L. Bullock, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and conducted by W. Wakley.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

On Friday, the 15th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. G. Williams, 1; C. Stuart, 2; K. Hart, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. Collison, 5; J. George, 6; T. J. Bratton (Welshpool, conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS

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MR. CONGREVE.**Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.**

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

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in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

FORTY-FIRST INTERVIEW.

Interview with MRS. WEBBER (formerly MISS DOLBY), Sydney Cottages, Reedhaven Road, Plumstead.

[This case was published in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Treatise on Consumption, page 37.]

Some months ago, when at Peterborough, I visited a small hamlet a few miles out, called Orton Longueville, in order to make some enquiries about the lady whose name appears above, and found that with her husband she had removed to her present address at Plumstead; and thither, recently, I made my way.

By way of prelude, I asked if Mrs. Webber had seen the account of her case already published in the Appendix, page 37. As I found she had not, I read it to her.

It briefly relates how the patient—at that time Miss Dolby—having lost her mother and one sister in decline, had herself shown symptoms of Phthisis, losing flesh and strength, and in addition suffering from dropsical swellings. She came to Coombe Lodge, where medical examination showed that both lungs were diseased. In spite of the inherited predisposition to the disease—in spite of her undoubtedly serious condition at the time she applied to Mr. Congreve, Mrs. Webber recovered, and I found her evidently in good health and engaged in the performance of her domestic duties.

Having assured me the account I read to her was perfectly correct, Mrs. Webber said:—

'At the time I was first ill I was in a situation near Oundle; somehow I managed to keep at work. Then my cousin recommended me to get medical advice. The doctor who attended the family with whom I lived, examined me and said both lungs were affected. I went home and remained there eleven months, ill.'

'I believe you came for advice to Coombe Lodge—I suppose you followed the instructions given you?'

'Yes. I took the medicine for some time, commencing with one of the large-sized bottles. That really cured me. The doctor in Peterborough examined me and pronounced my lungs free from disease, and added that great credit was due to whoever had been treating me.'

'And some time afterwards you married?'

'Yes, at the end of 1886.'

'Have you had good health since (as you say), Mr. Congreve cured you?'

'The best; I have not had a day's illness since my marriage. I have often thought how much I should like to see Mr. Congreve and tell him how grateful I am for what he did for me. If it had not been for his treatment I don't believe I should have lived.'

After I had noticed and admired a fine chubby child in the room—a sample of four fine children who call Mrs. Webber mother—I thanked that lady for her kindness and returned to London.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

NOTICE.

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The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, October 21st. A carriage will be at the station at 1.30 p.m., to convey ringers to Laindon Hills or Orsett. Tea will be provided at Stanford-le-Hope at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Ringers intending to be present must give notice to the Association Secretary, not later than the Monday previous. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Association Secretary.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when upwards of a hundred ringers attended. Peals were rung during the day on the Ipswich bells, and at noon a service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower, the preacher being the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, of Framlingham. This was followed by a dinner at the Co-operative Hall, over which Canon Raven, D.D., presided, supported by a number of friends of the society. The Rev. H. E. Bulwer read the annual report, from which it appeared that there was a net increase of forty-six in the number of subscribers, the roll now standing as follows:—Hon. members, 124; performing members, 554; probationers, 53; life members, 13; total, 744. The report having been adopted, the name of Sir Lawrence Jones was added to the list of vice-presidents, and the officers were re-elected. It was resolved that the first three quarterly meetings of next year should be held at Coddensham, Yarmouth, and Kelsale, respectively.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Upholland, on Saturday, September 30th, when over thirty members attended from the various bellfries, viz., Aughton, Crossens, Hindley, Wigan, and Ormskirk, besides the local ringers. Several touches of GRANDSIRE and BOB MINOR were rung during the course of the afternoon, and at 5 p.m. the ringers sat down to an excellent meat tea provided by the Vicar. At the business meeting afterwards held, the Vicar presided, being supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Mr. J. Martin, and Mr. James, &c. The Vicar gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Upholland, and spoke of the good work being done, as nothing gave him greater pleasure than to hear the bells being rung by the various companies, and though not yet a practical change-ringer, he hoped to be one very shortly. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit said he had very great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. F. Wills for his kind hospitality, and said he was glad to see so good a number of ringers and the heartiness with which the work was being taken up by all interested in the Guild. Mr. J. Martin had very great pleasure in seconding the proposition, and spoke of the steady increase of the Guild. Three honorary members were elected; the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close. Several 720's of MINOR methods were afterwards rung.

The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., the above Association held their annual festival at Sheffield, at which between three and four hundred ringers took part. Permission to ring at their respective churches had been obtained from the Venerable Archdeacon Blakeney, vicar of Sheffield; the Rev. H. J. Shaw, of All Saints', Pitsmoor; the Rev. J. G. Williams, of St. John's, Rammoor; and the Rev. Canon Walshaw, of St. Mary's, in Norfolk Row. At these various churches peals of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, and TREBLE BOB MAJOR were rung. The annual service was held in the parish church. The Venerable Archdeacon was to have been present, but was unable to attend owing to indisposition. The Rev. F. G. Sandford, vicar of St. Andrew's, Sharrow, who is a ringing member of the Association, preached an interesting sermon, treating the subject of bell-ringing from a practical point of view, and enlarging on the manner in which the services of the members of the Association could be best utilised in forwarding and assisting the worship in church. At a later hour, the members and friends sat down to tea in the St. James's Hall, under the presidency of Mr. William Snowdon (of Leeds), the President. There were also present the Rev. H. J. Shaw, the Rev. F. G. Sandford, the Rev. J. G. Williams, Mr. A. P. Heywood, J.P., president of the Central Council of Change-ringers; Messrs. W. H. Howard (York), and J. H. Bolland (Tong), vice-presidents; Messrs. T. Hattersley (Sheffield) and J. H. Hardecastle (Bradford), stewards; nearly the whole of the officers and many visitors from as far away as Birmingham.

The Association has been in existence since 1875, and the report gave details of the most important peals rung during the year, stating that the first peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE had been rung by the Sheffield Parish Church Branch, who had also scored another of DOUBLE NORWICH. These

had been composed and conducted by Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield. The President, while alluding to the success they had attained during the year, mentioned that they had now 200% invested with the Leeds Corporation, the interest of which went to free members from subscription after ten years.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the officers, on the proposition of Mr. Heywood; and Brighthouse was selected for the annual festival next year. The vote of thanks to the preacher was coupled with one to Archdeacon Blakeney, and to the organist and choir at the parish church. In reply to a vote of thanks to the clergy who had lent the use of their peals of bells, the Rev. H. J. Shaw said the ringers at his church worked so hard for him all the year round that he was only too glad to be of this little use to the Association on an occasion like that.

The President and Vice-Presidents were re-elected; the retiring members of the Committee, Messrs. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield), Tom Lockwood (Leeds), and William Gill (Keighley), reappointed; and the representatives to the Central Council, Messrs. W. Snowdon, W. H. Howard, B. T. Copley, and C. H. Hattersley, also re-elected. It was agreed that Leeds should be the headquarters during the forthcoming year.

A Muffled Peal at Aylsham, Norfolk.

LATELY, on a Thursday, the remains of the late Mr. William Stackwood of the above town, and late of Carbrooke, were interred in the cemetery. Being a ringer of this company several years, a muffled peal was rung in the evening as a tribute of respect. The deceased was eighty-five years of age.

On a Tuesday, through the kindness of the churchwardens, Messrs. F. Little and C. R. Dewhurst, the Aylsham ringers had their annual holiday at Ipswich, and, after ringing on the various towers, they adjourned to the Co-operative Room, where a repast was provided. Home was reached at 10 p.m., all having enjoyed the day's holiday, for which they wish to thank the donors.

Dedication of Bells at St. Katherine's, Felton Common, Somerset.

SOME thirty years ago there was no church in this village. The late Dr. Hardman at that time had a small wooden church erected, which was succeeded by a pretty little structure built on the lower end of the common at Felton, to which he gave the name of St. Katherine, and improvements have been added by successive incumbents.

On the death of Dr. Hardman it was thought desirable to start a fund to erect some permanent memorial to him at the church in whose welfare he had always taken so keen an interest. As the subscriptions did not flow in very rapidly, the vicar determined to have the memorial carried out in its entirety, and he has had a new tower built, in which has been placed a set of eight of Harrington's tubular bells; and, though they may not be so loud and resonant as the average church bell, they possess a very musical and sweet tone. The whole of the work has cost 240l., of which some 40l. has been raised. Bishop Bromby dedicated the tower and bells on the 26th ult., and afterwards preached the sermon from Prov. xviii. 10, 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower.'

The Re-dedication of the Tower and Bells of Irthlingborough, Northants.

THAT which was a marked feature in the landscape of the valley of the Nene from the early part of the fourteenth century, the lantern tower of Irthlingborough church, and which has been lost to view for the past three or four years, has now been completely rebuilt and restored to its former character in every respect, Miss Lucas, whose family was formerly associated with the village having offered to erect the lantern, which was estimated to cost over 500l., at her own expense. The tower has now at length been erected, and is the exact counterpart of the old structure; it is ninety-nine feet in height, and formerly contained six bells, but that number has been increased by the gift of two bells by Mr. W. Woolston, of Wellingborough. The ceremony of the re-dedication of the tower and bells by the Bishop of Peterborough, in conjunction with the Harvest Thanksgiving, took place on Wednesday last week. Morning service was held at eleven o'clock, the church being crowded in every part. The Bishop read the usual short service on such occasions under the tower and porch, and afterwards proceeded to the altar. The ordinary service, which was fully choral, then proceeded. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Peterborough. The celebration of the Holy Communion followed, and the concluding hymn of the service was, 'Now thank we all our God.' A collection was made in aid of the Tower Restoration Fund, and amounted to 29l. 13s. 9d. The diameter and weights of the bells were given in our issue for September 15th.

The Church Bells at Coughton, Warwickshire.

THE necessary repairs to the bells being satisfactorily completed they were rung on Sunday, October 1st. The bells have been rehung, with new head-stocks, gudgeons, bearings, and new ironwork throughout. They have also been 'quartered,' which means being turned a quarter round, so that the 'clappers' may strike in different parts to what they have done for the past 200 years. The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—1. 'Matthew Bagley made me;' 2. 'Cantato domino canticum novum;' 3. 'Matthew Bagley made me, 1686;' 4. 'Henry Bagley made me, 1686;' 5. 'Fear God, honour the king;' 6. 'Campana gravida peperit filias, 1686.' Upon Nos. 5 and 6 there are coins representing half-crowns, but which have been proved to be spurious. From the inscription on No. 6 it may be inferred that prior to 1686 there existed only one bell, which was then melted down and recast into six, which now make one of the finest rings in the country districts of the diocese.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 868.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, October 28th. Further particulars next week. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 16th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. K. Hart, 1; G. A. King, 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. George, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Weston, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in G.

At St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford.

On Thursday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a Variation of Thurstons' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 43 mins. J. George, 1; A. Dubber, 2; C. H. Fowler, 3; W. Bennett, 4; W. Baston, 5; E. Trandell, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; A. Fox, 8. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., ten members of the All Saints' (Fulham) Association rang Hubbard's peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 15 mins. E. H. Adams (conductor), 1; W. Sorrel, 2; J. G. Green, 3; S. Luscombe, 4; J. Basden, 5; J. Willshire, 6; J. Tompson, 7; A. H. Taber, 8; J. W. Driver, 9; S. How, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Cooter, 2; J. Borny, 3; J. Pettit, 4; A. H. Baily, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; S. E. Joyce, 7; W. Prime, 8. The above was rung in honour of Mr. Wood's birthday.

At St. Thomas's, Dudley, Worcestershire.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins. by the following members of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Association and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford:—A. Spittle, 1; J. Pagett, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; J. Carter, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. S. Pritchett, 6; S. Spittle, 7; J. Smith, 8; A. E. Parsons, 9; J. Goodman, 10. Tenor, 22 cwt. Composed by H. Johnson, and conducted by J. Carter. The above is a two-part peal, and was rung at the first attempt, and is the first peal of ROYAL in this method by both Associations; also the first by all the above ringers, except J. Carter and W. R. Small. J. Carter came from Birmingham; Small, Tipton; Pritchett, Kings Norton; Smith, Netherton; Parsons, Old Hill; the rest are local men.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang G. Lindoff's peal of 5152 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 1; Frank Biggs, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; Frederick Biggs, 4; H. D. Davis, 5; S. Goodchild, 6; R. Biggs, 7; W. E. Yates, 8. Messrs. Truss and Yates came from Marlow; Fussell, Slough; Davis, London; the others belong to Hughenden.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, London.

On Saturday evening, the 7th inst., after a futile attempt at Holt's Original, by eight members of the Royal Cumberlands, 5168 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR were rung. W. Meads, 1; A. Jacob, 2; B. Foskett, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; H. Stubbs, 6; H. Randall, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. Longest touch in this method on these bells.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. MARY'S, MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, the 13th ult., 720 BOB MINOR. R. H. Hayward, 1; W. G. Archer, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Miller (Otley, first 720), 5; J. Tarrant, 6. On Sunday, the 17th inst., being the third anniversary of the opening of the new bells, also the Harvest Festival, the following touches were rung:—For morning service, 360 OXFORD TREBLE BOB; for evening service, 720 DOUBLE COURT, and after service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, also 720 WOODBINE TREBLE BOB. The ringers were R. H. Hayward, E. W. Brook, J. Tarrant, W. G. Archer, H. Moss, J. Hunt, B. Moss, S. W. Martin, A. S. Wightman, G. Wightman, E. Wightman.

At ST. PETER'S, WALWORTH, LONDON.—On Sunday morning, the 17th ult., for Divine service, 240 GRANDSIRE MINOR. W. Langdon, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; T. Langdon, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. And 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (non-conducted). W. Truss, 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; T. Langdon, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; A. R. Davis, 6. On Sunday evening, September 23rd, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 24 mins. W. Langdon, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by this society, which has recently been formed in connexion with the above church, and was rung on the back six.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 23rd ult., the following 720's were rung by members of the Essex Association:—720 BOB MINOR. J. Waits, 1; A. Deards, 2; H. Randall, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. Deards, 1; H. Randall, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Doran, 5; J. Dale, 6. 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR. A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; H. Randall, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Doran, 5; J. Dale, 6.

At SPELDHURST, KENT.—On a Wednesday, an attempt was made to ring Hollis' Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but after ringing about 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins. a change-course occurred and the conductor called 'stand.' E. Mankelow, 1; W. Latter, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Porter (conductor), 6; W. Collinson, 7; C. Coble, 8. G. Stonestreet came from Tonbridge, the rest belong to Tunbridge Wells.

RECEIVED ALSO:—E. P. Debenham (will be there); F. E. Dawe (thanks); and others.

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FORTY-SECOND INTERVIEW.

Interview with MR. HENRY MILLICAN, Merchant, Newcastle-ton, near Hawick.

[This case appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Treatise on Consumption, page 56. Reference to this case appeared also in the weekly papers, August, 1888.]

Although Newcastleton is only between twenty and thirty miles from Carlisle, there is no train to that city between ten in the morning and seven in the evening, so that the 'going to Newcastleton' generally means spending a day there. By starting very early in the morning I managed to avoid this, and yet to leave myself plenty of time for a very interesting chat with Mr. Henry Millican.

This gentleman is a merchant in a large way of business, and being of an enterprising disposition, is about to add farming to his other pursuits. He has my best wishes for his success.

Mr. Millican's story is of great interest, particularly to those well-meaning but wholly mistaken individuals who still hold on to that almost exploded theory, that there is no cure for Phthisis. This is what Mr. Millican has to say:

Nine years ago, when engaged in a ploughing competition for youths under eighteen, he was taken seriously ill. As frequently happens, the first warning of what was to follow took the shape of a severe cold, which developed into inflammation of the lungs. Like many another, he sought medical aid, and was under a doctor of considerable repute in Penrith, whose report was to the effect that the right lung was in a very bad state.

All the usual symptoms which characterise well-marked cases of Consumption were present—the cough, the pain, the blood-spitting, the terribly exhausting night-sweats, the weakness and emaciation. In these circumstances he returned home, and there he providentially heard of the good results of Mr. Congreve's treatment of some one who had had practical experience of its benefits. This encouraged him to apply, and the best results followed.

At this time his condition, as described by his brother, was 'that he was confined to his bed, and could not lift his head from his pillow. It was said that he would not live a fortnight.' Seeing Mr. Millican to-day, lithe, active, strong, and well, it is difficult to realise that those words could ever have been applied to him.

I asked him how the great change came about.

'In a week after commencing with Mr. Congreve's medicines and carrying out his instructions I began to improve. I felt stronger, and lost some of the pain. As time went on I gradually got better, and in three months after I started I was well again.'

'That was, as you have told me, in 1884. What have you to say about the intervening years down to the present?'

'I have kept well; indeed, I may say that I have never been in better health although, of course, I am often exposed to the weather.'

'And I dare say, Mr. Millican, even in this little place you have heard of others who have also been cured by Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'I have. A lot of people here have got the medicine and received benefit. One man living opposite was very ill. He took it; indeed, I paid for the last bottle of medicine for him, as he was poor. He got better, and is working on the roads.'

I could not linger in Newcastleton longer, and bidding Mr. Millican good-day, I returned to Carlisle.

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At St. Peter's, Brighton.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang A. P. Heywood's peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 9 mins. G. Williams, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. A. King, 3; G. Baker, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; K. Hart, 7; H. Weston (conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. The composition contains the extent of combinations of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6; the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at a course-end.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks.

On Friday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 39 mins. W. E. Yates, 1; J. C. Truss, jun., 2; H. Stratford, 3; F. Biggs, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 5; S. T. Goodchild, 6; F. G. Biggs, 7; R. H. Biggs, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G. Messrs. Yates and Truss came from Great Marlow; the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton; the rest are local men.

At the Abbey Church, Romsey, Hampshire.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 21 mins. H. White, 1; J. Staples, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. S. Wise, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. Composed by C. H. Martin, and conducted by H. White. The first peal of MAJOR on the bells since 1791.

At All Saints', Edmonton, London.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Davidson, 1; J. Pettit, 2; R. Goodchild, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; H. Barnett, 5; J. I. Crouch (conductor), 6; W. Prime, 7; C. Davidson, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At St. PETER'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday evening, the 1st inst., on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a touch of 464 BOB MAJOR was rung before service by W. Cross, 1; M. Silvester, 2; F. Tolliday, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. And after service a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by N. W. Taylor, 1; M. Silvester, 2; F. Tolliday, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Both touches were conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe.

At OLD WINDSOR, BUCKS.—On a Saturday, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. G. Hoare, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; T. E. Harwood, 3; A. W. Garraway (conductor), 4; R. Flaxman, 5; J. Guttridge, 6. Also several peals (120 changes) of STEDMAN DOUBLES. On a Sunday, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 40 mins. G. Hoare (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Ware (first quarter-peal with a bob-bell), 2; T. E. Harwood, 3; G. Williams, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8.

At St. PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. Welsh, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; C. Coble, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Porter, 5; W. J. Collison, 6; W. Latter (first 504 as conductor), 7; G. Smithers, 8. For Divine service in the afternoon, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Coble, 1; J. Muggridge, 2; S. Perkins, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter, 6. W. J. Collison (first 504 as conductor), 7; J. Latter, 8.

At ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 720 BOB MINOR. J. Waits (West Ham), 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; G. R. Pye, 6. For afternoon service, 576 KENT TREELE BOB MAJOR; for evening service a quarter-peal in the same method (1280 changes). W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; H. Randall, 7; W. Pye, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. On handbells retained in hand, 714 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8. Also recently, by four members of the Essex Association, on handbells, 1008 and the last 742 of Holt's Original. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

At St. JOHN'S, PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.—On the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving Services the following touches were rung:—In the morning, 210 BOB MINOR, 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES; and after service, 720 BOB MINOR. W. Bamber (conductor), 1; T. H. Mark, 2; A. E. Wilson, 3; J. M. Salt-house, 4; C. H. Kerr, 5; J. Fell, 6. For the evening service also several 120 STEDMAN and 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung. All the above-named ringers are members of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

At St. GEORGE'S, GRAVESEND, KENT.—On a Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 50 mins. B. Spinner, 1; J. W. Aitkins, 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; H. D. Davies, 5; G. R. Pye (conductor), 6; W. Pye, 7; C. Ablitt, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, REIGATE, SURREY.—On a Tuesday, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Farquhar and Mr. Sladen, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 46 mins. F. Linter, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; E. Dewy, 3; F. Hoad, jun., 4; J. Brown, 5; W. Argent, 6; E. Kenward, 7; F. F. Errington, 8. Tenor 21 cwt., in E flat.

At WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday morning, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. E. W. Houghton, 1; W. Newman, 2; A. Edwards, 3; W. Rowland, jun., 4; C. Waskett, 5; T. Brazier, 6; A. Speller (conductor), 7; C. Porter, 8. Messrs. Waskett and

Brazier came from Galleywood; Newman, Great Baddow; Rowland, Chelmsford; the rest belong to the local company.

ERRATUM.—In the touch given at St. Paul's, Shadwell, on page 868, for 5168 read 1568.

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With MRS. LODGE, 15 Catherine Street, Liverpool.

[This case has not been published before.]

For twenty-three years Mrs. Lodge has lived at 15 Catherine Street, Liverpool, and so may be said not only to be an old resident, but also to be well-known in the neighbourhood, which, by the way, is one of the best in Liverpool.

I was permitted, recently, to have a few minutes' conversation with her, and to hear the story, brief but striking, of what happened to her fourteen years ago—of how she was brought very near the gates of death, and of how she was providentially brought back again to her useful, busy life.

I asked Mrs. Lodge when she was first taken ill, and she replied: 'My first long serious illness was about fourteen years ago. In addition to the usual symptoms of lung disease, I vomited considerable quantities of blood.'

'Did you have medical advice?'

'Yes; two doctors attended me during the seven months I was laid up, and practically said there was no hope for me; they had done all they could. One of them told my husband he could see no chance of my recovery. No one thought I should get better; certainly I did not myself. My skin was as white as a piece of china—I was absolutely bloodless. I couldn't walk across a room without assistance, or speak above a whisper, and then only a word or two at a time.'

'And this state of things continued for seven months, during which time you showed no signs of recovery?'

'Yes; during the whole of that time I was not able to wash or dress myself.'

'How did it happen that you communicated with Mr. Congreve?'

'I heard of his treatment from a friend who had seen its good results in a similar case. She strongly recommended me to try it, and I followed her advice. I communicated with Mr. Congreve, and sent him all the information for which he asked. He replied that it was a very serious case, but he had every reason to hope that his treatment would benefit me.'

'Then will you tell me the result of your commencing with the medicine?'

'For the first two months I cannot say I was much better, but after that time I mended rapidly. I persevered, and at the end of twelve months I was as well as ever I had been. I had quite recovered.'

'Will it be right to say that you have been free from the complaint since?'

'With the exception of last winter, when I had a bad attack of bronchitis. Then I consulted a local doctor, who said he didn't think I should get better. Certainly his medicine did me no good, so I sent for Mr. Congreve's Elixir, and soon got well.'

'I understand that you use the medicine also in your family?'

'For more than twelve years I have used nothing else for coughs and colds.'

'I may take it, then, that from your experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment you would recommend it to any one suffering from chest disease?'

'Certainly. I do recommend it whenever I have the opportunity. I can at least say that at a time when neither myself or any one who knew me believed it possible that I could live, it cured me and gave me renewed health. I am fifty-three years of age, and am as well and strong as I was at thirty, notwithstanding that I work hard—in my household duties, I mean.'

'And you won't object to my publishing what you have told me, that others may benefit by your experience?'

'I shall be pleased for you to do so.'

Mrs. Lodge was good enough to say, further, that she would answer any enquiries, or see any one who cared to call upon her; but, warned by the trouble imposed on others who have been ready to show their gratitude in the same way, in publishing this permission, I hope that none but those who have a real and personal interest in the matter will trespass on her time.

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INSPIRATION AND OTHER LECTURES. By T. George Rooke, B.A., late President of Rawdon College, near Leeds. Edited by two of his Students. (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. 1893. 7s. 6d.)—There are in this volume lectures on three subjects—Psychology, Inspiration, and Pastoral Work, delivered to the students of Rawdon College by Mr. Rooke when president, prefaced by a brief memoir, which shows how thoroughly he won the hearts of his men as well as instructed their heads. Confining ourselves to the two latter subjects, we are much pleased to find how sound the teaching on Inspiration is, Mr. Rooke, in contradistinction to usual vague theorising on the question, making a very clear antithesis between inspiration as the subjective side, and revelation as the objective side of 'the Divine movement or operation within a human soul, by which that soul gains an intuition of Divine truth.' Here he is in thorough accord with what, *e.g.*, the Bishop of Durham has so well pointed out. The whole of this set of lectures are worthy of exact study. The lectures on Pastoral Theology were, of course, delivered to Nonconformist students, but we may learn a good deal from them, particularly, perhaps, from those on 'The Pastor's Care of the Young.'

THE THUMB PRAYER-BOOK. (London: Henry Frowde, Clarendon Press Warehouse, Amen Corner.)—Mr. Frowde's *Finger Prayer-book* is a marvel of minute typography and filmy paper. His *Thumb Prayer-book* of this season is even more charming. As its name implies, it is a square book with rounded corners, something less than two inches each way, and weighing less than three-quarters of an ounce. It contains, in its 576 pages, all the contents of the Prayer-book up to the Psalms except the occasional services. The type is perfectly clear, and on the India paper, thin as it is, it does not show through, so that for those with good eyesight the book is pleasant to use. As the worshipper has to sing or read the Psalm while he only has to listen to most of the other parts of the service, it might have been well to use the rather larger type for the Psalms and the smaller for the offices; but, perhaps, that would have made the book too bulky. There can be no prettier little present for a gentleman with good eyes than a *Thumb Prayer-book*, which he can put in his waistcoat pocket even more easily than he could a *Finger* one.

MAGAZINES.

THIS month's number of *THE QUIVER* ends the volume, and the pretty serial stories, 'Not Beyond Remedy,' by Mary Capes, and 'Pemberton's Piece,' by Scott Graham, are brought to a happy conclusion. In the list of miscellaneous papers, the interview with Archdeacon Sinclair, by Mr. Raymond Blathwayt, entitled 'An Archdeacon's Day,' is particularly interesting.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE is a good average number. Mr. Alfred F. Robbins contributes a very good paper, the fifth of a series, on 'In Parliament Assembled,' telling how members work.

ATALANTA for October is the first number of a new volume, and contains a short but interesting paper by H.R.H. Princess Christian, on 'The Royal British Nurses' Association.' Mrs. Oliphant contributes the opening chapters of a serial story called 'Sir Robert's Fortune.'

THE first yearly volume of *CHUMS* (Cassell & Co.) has made its appearance, and would be a capital gift-book for a boy. Boys of all ages will rejoice in its serial stories, short stories, adventures, games, and an almost endless supply of pictures, both serious and comic. *Chums* may be read with instruction and edification, and we have no doubt it already has a wide circulation.

AMONGST the contributors to *Nye's Illustrated Church Annual*, to be published by Griffith, Farran, & Co., are Lord Selborne, who will contribute an original article on 'Tithes,' showing how the clergy are supported; the Bishops of Bedford and Southwark, Mr. T. G. Talbot, M.P., Alderman Phillips, the Dean of Manchester, and Archdeacon Emery, who will write the story of the Church Congress since its commencement.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 256th anniversary of this Society will be celebrated on Saturday, November 18th, 1893. Tickets (3s. 6d.), for the dinner to be held at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, may be had of any of the following Committee: Messrs. Dawe, W. D. Smith, Pettit, H. S. Ellis, Langdon, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, Winney, McLaughlin, Butler, Horrex, Burkin, Garrard; or W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE autumn quarterly meeting was held at Wolverhampton on Saturday, the 7th inst. There was not a large attendance, in some measure due to the coal strike in the district. Ringing on the ring of ten at the old Collegiate Church of St. Peter took place until five o'clock, when the usual service was held, the address being given by the Rev. T. C. Keble. At the Committee meeting, six new members were elected, and the next meeting was arranged to be held at Perry Bar on January 13th, 1894. Tea followed at a neighbouring coffee-house, and the annual reports were distributed to the members present.

The Lancashire Association.

THE above Association held their annual assembly in Rochdale on Saturday, the 7th inst. The gathering comprised over one hundred members connected with the different branches of the Association, and accompanying them were the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Manchester) and Mr. J. Redford, of Bolton. Shortly after two o'clock the members commenced ringing, by kind permission of the authorities, at the Parish Church, where there are eight bells, St. Alban's (eight bells), Balderstone (eight bells), and All Saints, Hamer (six bells). Service was also held in the Parish Church, and an appropriate sermon was preached by Archdeacon Wilson. Mr. Redford read the Committee's report, which showed that the Association comprised sixty-six life members, twenty-nine honorary members, 637 performing members, and twenty-eight non-resident members, making a total of 760 members. The expenditure account included an item of 15l. 9s. for a new certificate; but, as some copies of this had been sold, it was thought that the expenditure under this head would be largely defrayed. The other business transacted comprised some slight alterations in the rules of the Association. Mr. H. H. Nutter, of Rossendale, was elected Vice-President. It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held at Bolton in October, 1894.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at Shaw, when members were present from Rochdale, Oldham, and the local band. It was decided to have the next meeting at Newhey on November 11th. Eight new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the ringers for having everything in readiness, brought the meeting to a close. During the afternoon touches of BOB MINOR, GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and MINOR, and OXFORD TREBLE BOB were rung.

Bi-centenary Peal at St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Thursday, the 19th inst., a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS was successfully performed by eleven members of the St. James's Society (which has had its headquarters for ringing at the above church for upwards of half a century) in 3 hrs. 19 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; W. Langdon, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; J. Wiltshire, 5; E. E. Richard, 6; E. Butler, 7; J. Smith (first peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS), 8; C. F. Winny, 9; J. Barry and W. Lovett, 10. Tenor, 24½ cwt., in E flat. Composed by Mr. J. Cox, and conducted by Mr. C. F. Winny.

The present ring of ten is an augmentation of the old peal of eight placed in the Tower in 1693, and there is a well-designed brass recording, in the quaint lettering of the period, the above date, together with other particulars, of which the following is a copy:—

'THE EIGHT BELLS IN THIS STEEPLE WERE CAST BY WILL & PHILL WIGHT—
—MAN THEIR MAJ'TIES FOUNDERS: ANO. DOMI. 1693, IN THE TYME OF
WM. DAVIS } church EDWARD CLARKE and } church
& AND FINISHED WHEN
EDWD. CLARKE } wardens HUGH MILLS were } wardens.
WEIGHT TOTAL . . . T O U P THE GIFT OF EDWARD CLARKE, 93.'

Peal-boards in the tower record the further history of the bells in the cases: one a peal of Triples, date Wednesday, January 3rd, 1844, with the foot-note, 'Being the first time of ringing the bells since the new frame was fixed and the recasting of the third bell;' and the other the first peal of CATERS, with the foot-note, 'N.B. This is the first peal on the ten bells;' and the date, 'Easter Monday, March 24th, 1845.' It is interesting to note that Mr. J. B. Haworth, who rang the treble on Thursday week, was in both the above peals, ringing the 7th and 9th respectively. Our vigorous old friend is the only one living who has stood in a band for a peal on the old eight bells. It may be added that he rang his first long peal in the tower in 1842, and was elected one of the parochial ringers in 1838, fifty-five years ago, when Mr. G. Stockham was steeple-keeper.

Mr. Samuel Twining, the senior churchwarden, in entertaining the ringers after the peal, expressed his great satisfaction at its success; and further, on behalf of his brother-warden, Mr. Dobree and himself, invited them to a supper to be held shortly to celebrate the event.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 910.

The Hertford Association.

DISTRICT MEETING at St. Albans on Saturday, October 28th. The Cathedral tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. Business Meeting to follow, to elect a representative to serve on the Central Council and other business.

St. Albans.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Society took place at Irchester on October 21st. By the kind permission of the Rev. J. G. Gibson, the ring of five (tenor about 23 cwt.) at the church of St. Catharine were at liberty for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. There was a business meeting of delegates at the Coffee Tavern at 4 o'clock, at which the Rev. E. C. Channer, vicar of Desborough, presided. Amongst other matters discussed were the recent rehanging of the ring of eight at St. Peter's, Northampton, the addition of a new treble bell at Wilby (now being carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough), and the question of the duty of ringers to attend regularly and punctually for Sunday ringing or chiming for service, according to the custom of the various towns and villages connected with the Association. The Vicar of Irchester consented to become an honorary member of the Association, and expressed his regret that he was not able to be present at the meeting.

A kind invitation from the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, rector of Wilby, to hold the next quarterly meeting there, was unanimously accepted. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens of Irchester for the use of the church bells, and for getting various repairs done, ready for the meeting.

Over forty ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, from Warkton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Weekley, Earls Barton, Wilby, Raunds, Desborough, Wollaston, and Irchester.

Irchester Church is of various dates, including portions of Early English (Decorated and Perpendicular) work, with signs of a previous Norman building. The elegant tapering spire is accounted one of the best in this county of spires, being of great height and most graceful proportions. The church was restored a few years ago, and it is to be hoped that the bells may be rehung and a treble added to make a ring of six before long, as the frame and fittings are very old, and for the safety of the bells and tower should not be allowed to remain in use much longer.

The tenor at Irchester is a very musical old bell, of exceeding softness and dignity of tone. It was cast in the year 1792, by Arnold of Leicester. Its diameter is 50 inches; note, E flat. The third and fourth bells are not dated, but are what is termed 'Alphabet bells,' cast probably about 300 years ago by one of the Watts family. The second bell was recast by Eayre, of Kettering, 1729; and the treble by Taylor, 1846. The quarter chimes were made by William Perceval, one of the ringers, in the year 1868. They strike on all five bells.

The Sussex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above was held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, the 21st inst. Owing to difficulty of access from the G.E.R. system, but few were able to be present; however, contingents arrived from the following places: Boreham, Prittlewell, Romford, and Tottenham. The Hon. Secretary, the Rev. T. Papillon, and the Association Secretary, the Rev. H. Eyre, were both present. Some touches were rung upon the Stanford ring after dinner; a light peal of bells recast out of the ancient ones by the firm of Mackenzie, Redenhall. At its conclusion a wagonette was chartered which took the party to Orsett, where a kind welcome was accorded by the Rector, Canon Whittington, who had just returned from a prolonged absence on the Continent. Tea was served at five p.m., when the Rector of Stanford, the Rev. J. N. Sedgwick, was present; after which the usual business was transacted. The next meeting will probably take place at Waltham Abbey.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, as a wedding peal, 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 44 mins. J. Pettit, 1; E. Horrex, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; R. French, 5; W. Burkin, 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; F. M. Butler (first peal of CINQUES), 8; W. D. Smith, 9; G. J. Smith, 10; W. Prime, 11; W. T. Cockerill, 12. Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by J. Pettit. Tenor, 28 cwt. The above peal was rung after the wedding of Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, with Miss E. Sarah Wright, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (of Drayton, Berks), Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Immediately after the wedding the bells were 'fired' three times with 'rounds' between, and then, with Mr. Flowers in the place of Mr. Coombs, four courses of STEDMAN CINQUES were rung. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cooter, 2; E. J. Comb, 3; J. R. Haworth, 4; R. French, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; E. Horrex, 7; F. M. Butler, 8; W. D. Smith, 9; G. J. Smith, 10; W. T. Cockerill, 11; W. Prime, 12. After five o'clock the same afternoon the above peal was rung to celebrate the event.

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

ON Thursday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang N. J. Pittsow's peal (in the Burton Variation) of 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 25 mins. G. Robinson, 1; W. J. Smith, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Jagger, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; H. Wakley, 6; L. Bullock, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Speldhurst, Kent.

ON Wednesday, the 11th inst., W. Harrison's peal of 5008 BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. O. Baker (first peal), 1; J. Baker, 2; W. Porter, 3; W. Latter, 4; G. Turley, 5; F. Still, jun., 6; G. A. Card, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. W. C. Dawe, 1; A. Pearce, 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; W. Greenleaf, 4; S. Lawrence (conductor), 5; S. Macey, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; S. Ames, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

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FORTY-FOURTH INTERVIEW.

With MRS. THOMPSON, 1, Great Richmond Street, Liverpool.

[Case published in the weekly journals, September 27, 1888.]

At the date given above the lady who is now Mrs. Thompson was a Miss Smith, and resided at 48 St. Andrew's-road, Anfield, Liverpool. When I called upon her recently, she expressed her ready acquiescence in my proposal to refer to her case in this form and place, and answered at once the questions I put to her.

As Mrs. Thompson had not seen the brief reference to her illness and recovery published five years ago. I read to her the account, which I reproduce here for the benefit of those who may not be able to refer to it.

The first application to Mr. Congreve was made in November, 1887, at which time the patient, a dressmaker, had been laid up for three years. The illness commenced with a cold, then bronchitis, which became worse, causing the general health to fail. Other symptoms were—offensive phlegm, great pain in the left side, breathing very bad, night perspirations; the strength became more and more reduced, until the patient was unable to get up stairs without help.

Mrs. Thompson was under Mr. Congreve's treatment six months and then announced herself as 'quite cured,' adding that the medicine had been the means of saving her life, and that her friends regarded her as a miracle.

In answer to my question, Mrs. Thompson replied. 'It is all quite true. Before I wrote to Mr. Congreve (after seeing his announcement in the *Protestant Standard*) I had attended for years at the Consumption Hospital in Liverpool. For six months in each year I was ill; the doctor who attended me gave me up. I have seen him since, and he could hardly believe that I was the same person.'

'Since then you have married?' I said.

'Yes; I have three children—two of them are here. They are just recovering from measles; ordinarily they have good health.'

'And what do you say as to yourself.'

'I am strong and well. I never enjoyed better health than I have had since Mr. Congreve's treatment cured me. Instead of being six months in each year under the doctor, since I was married I have not spent a penny on medical advice, with the exception of my confinements.'

I should like to add to this that on the previous day I had seen an old neighbour of Mrs. Thompson—a Mrs. Barlow—who had seen her during the whole of the time she was ill, and who was therefore well able to bear testimony to the marvellous cure effected.

Among other persons whom I saw in Liverpool who had received great benefit from Mr. Congreve's treatment was Mr. T. W. Bates, of Liscaud, whose case will be found on page 31 of the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption. Mr. Bates has enjoyed good health for many years, and has recommended the treatment to many other sufferers.

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the towers, eight. The ritual choir is of the same number, five of St. Hugh's work and two belonging to the Angel choir, which stretches three bays further east beyond the reredos. The western transepts, intermediate in date between the choir and the nave, are of four bays each, with chapels to the east. Each has a large circular window or 'eye,' the 'Dean's Eye' to the north, a fine example of plate tracery, and the 'Bishop's Eye' to the south, a graceful flamboyant design. Each is filled with rich ancient stained glass. The whole church in every part is vaulted with stone. Nearly all the capitals are carved with foliage, and the sculptured work throughout makes it an inestimable repository of thirteenth-century detail. The choir has a very rich fourteenth-century rood screen, and contains wooden canopied stalls of exquisite lightness, the work of Treasurer Welbourn, 1350-1380. The monuments were chiefly destroyed by the Parliamentary soldiers in the Civil Wars. The most noteworthy that remain are those of Bishop Bayherst and his father and brother, and Sir Nicolas Cantelupe and Sub-dean Wymbush, all in the retro-choir. There are chantry chapels with monuments to Bishops Fleming, Russell, and Longland. A beautiful sculptured figure by Westmacott commemorates Bishop Keye, and a magnificent canopied tomb with recumbent effigy has been erected in memory of the late Bishop Wordsworth. More recently still, the monument of Queen Eleanor, destroyed in 1644, has been re-erected with a graceful full-length figure in gilt bronze, by Mr. J. Ruston, a leading Congregationalist of the city.

The cloisters lying to the north of the church, between the two transepts, are a very lovely work of the end of the thirteenth century. The north walk, which had fallen down, was rebuilt by Dean Honynwood after the Restoration, from a classical design by Sir Christopher Wren. It supports the library. The chapter house, which opens out of the east wall of the cloisters, is a noble specimen of the Early English period. It is a decagon with a groined roof rising from a central shafted pillar.

There are few cathedrals in England which have attained so important a position of wide and continuous usefulness as that of Lincoln under its present vigorous and indefatigable Dean.

MAGAZINES.

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES, in addition to the editor's interesting and pregnant 'Notes of Recent Exposition,' and reviews of books, contains three articles that should be read by students. Professor Margoliouth on 'Christ in Islam,' a collection of sayings attributed to our Lord by Mohammedan writers; Mr. W. E. Barnes on 'The newly found Gospel in its relation to the Four Canonical Ones;' and the second of Professor H. H. Wendt's very suggestive discussion on the 'Kingdom of God in the Teaching of Jesus.'

THE EXPOSITOR for November is not quite so striking as usual, but very solid and useful. Mr. F. Rendell on 'The Pauline Collection from the Saints;' Mr. Cope Whitehouse on 'Where was the Land of Goshen?' Professor G. G. Findlay on 'Fellowship in the Light of God,' and the first part of Canon Driver's attempt to decide as between Professor Marshall and his critics on the question of the Aramaic Gospel, are the chief items.

THE THINKER grows in interest and importance. The original matter is good, and the selections from foreign sources full and accurate. The best thing this month is Dr. W. L. Baxter on 'One God, one Sanctuary: Is Wellhausen right?'

THE CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE contains Canon Tristram on 'Eastern Jurisprudence,' and Mr. G. P. Proctor on 'God is Love: a Reply to the Suicide.'

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE continues to maintain its high reputation. This month a new volume is commenced with a number containing an even greater variety than usual of stories, articles, papers, poetry, and illustrations. There are, in addition to many other things, several complete powerful short stories; the second and concluding instalment of the remarkable paper on the deportation of Napoleon to St. Helena; a graphic account of the hardships and perils through which Mr. Judah P. Benjamin, the Confederate Secretary of War, passed in making his escape on the downfall of the Confederacy; some fine fragments of early lectures by James Russell Lowell, entitled 'Humour, Fun, Wit, and Satire;' and an account of Bismarck at Friedrichsruh. The department of the magazine in which contributions 'in lighter vein' appear is delightful reading. The pictures are veritable 'jewels.'

THE MAGAZINE OF ART for this month is the first part of a new volume, and contains three plates of a high order of artistic merit. There is a photograph of Dante Gabriel Rossetti's picture, 'Veronica Veronese;' an etching by H. Macbeth-Raeburn of 'The Alhambra,' and an engraving of F. Walter's painting, 'The Harbour of Refuge.' The other illustrations are well up to the usual high standard, and among the varied contents is an appreciative 'In Memoriam' article on the late Cecil Gordon Lawson.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bells of Kinnaston (Kynaston) Chapel.

(From the 'Hereford Journal'.)

SIR,—I have been awaiting with interest a reply to the request of the Rev. P. J. Oliver Minos, as to the probable date of the digging out of the two bells of this buried chapel, and also as to their present locality. As no reply has been given, I am inclined to believe that no one knows any more about them than the vague tradition that they were dug up at some time or other. Perhaps if I record all I have been able to discover about their history, some local and better-informed authorities will add their own information and correct any of my mis-statements.

Let us start with the date and the extent of the landslip at Marcle Hill. On page 206 of the Rev. W. S. Symonds' *Records of the Rocks*, a quotation is given from Camden, page 578, fixing the date of the occurrence in 1575. Some error has here crept in somehow, for, on reference to the first edition of Camden, we find the date given as the thirteenth of Queen Elizabeth, or 1571. Again, my manuscript notes taken from a short address given by Mr. G. H. Piper, of Ledbury, give the time very precisely upon the authority of Sir Richard Baker, who was living at that period, and who fixes it at six o'clock in the evening of February, 1571. The extent of this landslip is also variously given. One author gives forty feet broad and fourscore ells in length, which would be a length of 100 yards. Another authority, acquainted with the present broken condition of the ground, computes its area at as much as twenty acres.

A recent record of masonry having been found amongst the irregular heaps dates from about 1830, when Mr. Matthews obtained for his farm buildings at Hoar House, close to this locality, stones from the precipitated chapel. The late owner of this farm recollects his father building with these dug-out stones; he cannot, however, testify to any other relic likely to be associated with the chapel beyond some pieces of coloured glass, exceedingly thick, which were in his father's possession.

As regards the two bells, through the President of the Woolhope Naturalists' Field Club, the Rev. W. H. Lambert, I have obtained the following information:—Lady Emily Foley gives the following tradition:—The bell at Stoke Edith was one of two in Kynaston Chapel, Much Marcle, which fell down in the landslip in 1571. They were dug up; one was brought to Stoke Edith, and the other was taken to Colonel Money-Kyrle. The tradition amongst the garden men at Stoke Edith, is that the bell was originally hung in the Middle Park (at that period called the Deer Park), and that it was rung as an alarm bell when the miners from the Forest of Dean came to poach the deer. Quite recently it was brought from the Middle Park to the garden. The Deer Park was emparked in 1688. Mr. P. H. Foley, after inspecting the bell, reports that it is corroded, and bears on a border near the top, in raised letters, the date 1690. If, therefore, this ever was one of the bells from Kynaston Chapel, which fell in 1571, it cannot be other than a recast from the ancient metal. On this point, it is recommended that the opinion of an experienced campanologist should be obtained.

With reference to the bell in the possession of Colonel Money-Kyrle, Mr. P. H. Foley reports as follows:—Colonel Money-Kyrle has a similar bell, on which is no date, nor any lettering, and his tradition is that it was dug up in his grandfather's time from among the precipitated heaps covering Kynaston Chapel.

Such is the nearest approach to the date of digging up the two Kynaston bells.

It would be very satisfactory to have the opinion of a campanologist who had inspected both bells. Mr. W. H. Jones, who lives, or used to live, at Cherbourg, Malvern, is the nearest with whom I am acquainted.—Yours truly,
H. C. MOORE.

26 Broad Street, Hereford.

St. John's, Waterloo Road, London.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. Burkin, 1; F. L. Davies, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; H. R. Newton, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Composed by H. Dains. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. The first and only peal rung in London was in 1850 by the St. James's Society. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Powell, M.A., for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells at such short notice. Messrs. G. T. McLaughlin and G. Wild (Royal Cumberland Society), who heard the whole of the peal, complimented the ringers for their excellent striking.

The Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Association was held at Blechingley on Saturday, the 21st ult., the tower being open for ringing from two till nine p.m. Notwithstanding a limited number of members present, several touches were rung, including GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN, and TREBLE BOB. Tea was provided at six p.m. Unfortunately neither Dr. Carpenter nor the Rev. E. G. Burr were able to attend, so Mr. Cole kindly took the chair, and Mr. F. F. Errington did the secretary's work. As regards the secretaryship, which Dr. Carpenter finds he is unable to carry on, owing to so many calls being made upon him, Mr. R. Blanchard, of Streatham, will hold that post till the next annual meeting, when it will be settled as to who will be permanently appointed. Mr. Blanchard has promised to do all he can to keep the Association going while in office. Lately the Association has been

far from flourishing, and perhaps if some members would take more interest, attend more practices, and try and help young beginners on with their work more than is now the case, the Society would greatly improve. The minutes of the last meeting being read, and the new members elected, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Mr. E. Cole and Mr. F. F. Errington for acting as chairman and secretary. The ringers then adjourned to the church, where two or three more touches were rung, finishing up with a good touch of STEDMAN.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE first quarterly meeting was held at Woodstock on Saturday, the 21st ult. Evensong was said in St. Mary's Church at three p.m., and was followed by ringing in the tower: 489 and 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by the Master, and some courses of STEDMAN TRIPLES being rung. At six p.m. the ringers sat down to tea, and, as the meeting was the first of its kind, a large attendance was, perhaps, not to be expected. Among the twenty-two who formed the party there were representatives of the following towns:—Woodstock, Bladon, Kidlington, Chipping Norton, Great Tew, and Wantage. The Master, the Guild Secretary, the Rev. A. Majendie (rector of Woodstock), the Rev. T. E. E. Chataway (organizing secretary of the meeting), and others spoke after the tea, and a general hope was expressed that the next meeting, on Saturday, January 13th, at Wantage, would be better supported, and that one result of these meetings might be the formation of new branches. In addition to those already mentioned, the Revs. J. F. Kendall, J. B. Jerwood, and C. S. Rowland were also present.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association was held at St. Albans on Saturday, the 28th ult., and was attended by representatives from Hatfield, Hitchin, and Oxley, besides a goodly muster of the local ringers and several unattached members. Owing to St. Peter's Church being under restoration, that tower was not available, so ringing was confined to the cathedral, where a start was made, soon after three o'clock, with a touch for the afternoon service. At half-past five an adjournment took place to the coffee tavern where tea was provided, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held, the Rev. T. T. Blockley (one of the clergy of the cathedral) presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Lewis proposed the re-election of Mr. N. N. Hills (St. Albans) as a ringing member, which was carried unanimously; and Mr. Hills responded in suitable terms. The next item on the agenda was the election of a representative to serve on the Central Council; but, before this was brought forward, notice was given that, at the Annual Meeting on Easter Monday, the members would be asked to authorise payment out of the funds of the

Association of the railway fares of the representative to and from the place of meeting. Mr. H. Brewer (St. Albans) proposed, and Mr. Hills seconded, the election of Mr. Debenham (Hon. Sec.) as such representative, which was carried unanimously. On the proposition of Mr. Waller, the next district meeting was arranged to be held at Hitchin. The usual votes of thanks having been accorded and acknowledged, the members made their way back to the tower, where ringing was continued until nearly nine o'clock.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45 mins. S. Goodchild, 1; Frank Biggs, 2; Fred Biggs, 3; R. Biggs, 4; F. Boreham (first peal in the method with a bob-bell), 5; H. Buckingham, 6; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 7; J. Evans, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. It was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. Stratford to Miss F. M. Brooks, of Hughenden.

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. J. Searle,* 1; H. Dains (composer),* 2; F. Dench, 3; K. Hart, 4; R. Jordan, 5; H. Weston, 6; J. Parker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. The first peal of SUPERLATIVE on the bells; and the composition, in one part, has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6th's place, 2nd and 3rd never there. [* First peal of SUPERLATIVE.]

At St. Peter's, Aylesford, Kent.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. C. Waterman, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; T. Mannering, 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Kings, 5; G. Lindoff (composer), 6; A. C. West, 7; A. Palmer (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. H. N. Davis came from London; Messrs. Mannering, West, and Palmer, Maidstone; the rest from Gillingham. This is a six-part composition, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time.

At St. Mary's, Slough, Bucks.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. N. Wilder, 1; A. Buckingham, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3; A. C. Fussell, 4; W. E. Yates, 5; W. A. Garraway, 6; J. C. Truss, jun., 7; A. Perryman, 8. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

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At St. Mary's, Thaxted, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. N. J. Pitstow, 1; A. E. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; E. A. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. The composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place only, and is the first in any method on the bells.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 22nd inst., being the twenty-seventh anniversary of the opening of the above church, there was rung Holt's Ten-part of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. by the following members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild:—R. Calland, 1; E. Prescott, 2; J. Brown, 3; S. Tickle, 4; W. Bentham, 5; T. Tickle (conductor), 6; J. W. Hall, 7; J. R. Park, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire.

ON Sunday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. T. Barnes, 1; T. J. Bratton, 2; J. S. Pritchett, 3; W. R. Small, 4; H. Mason, 5; J. George, 6; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 7; J. E. Groves, 8. This composition has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th ten times right, and is now rung for the first time. It is the first peal of BOB MAJOR rung in Wales, and the first peal of MAJOR on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 2nd reside at Welshpool; the 3rd came from King's Norton; 4th, Tipton; 5th, Old Hill; 6th, Rugby; 7th, Birmingham; the tenor man, Wolverhampton.

At St. Andrew's, Hagbourne, Berks.

ON Monday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. E. Windus, 1; T. East (first peal as conductor), 2; A. R. Bosley (first peal in the method), 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; E. E. Napper, 6; J. Sawyer, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Staveley, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5312 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 14 mins. A. Worthington, 1; W. Price, 2; T. Sadler, 3; J. Harris, 4; S. Smedley, 5; H. W. Wilde, 6; A. Knights (composer and conductor), 7; W. Biggin, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, LONDON.—On a Saturday, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS was attempted, but after ringing about 4000 changes, a mistake in the slow work terminated what had promised to be a peal. J. W. Driver (conductor), 1; W. E. Gattard, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; W. Sorrell, 4; J. Basden, 5; H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford, Herts), 6; C. Charge, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; E. H. Adams, 9; S. How, 10.

AT ST. MARY'S, WIVETON, NORFOLK.—On a Tuesday, five members of the Wells Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association (with Mr. F. Powell, the churchwarden) rang 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. F. Powell, 1; — Savory, 2; T. Wright, 3; C. Alderton, 4; A. E. Redding, 5; J. Skinner (conductor), 6.

AT TOWN MALLING, KENT.—On a Tuesday, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. Capon, 1; J. Worsley, 2; E. Newman, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; A. C. West (conductor), 7; D. Hall, 8.

AT ST. PETER'S, WALWORTH, SURREY.—On a Sunday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 42 mins. W. Langdon (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Truss (first quarter-peal with a bob-bell), 2; H. Langdon, 3; G. Bull, 4; A. Davis, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 6; F. G. Perrin (conductor), 7; H. Barton, 8. This is the first quarter-peal by the Society.

AT SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On a Saturday, for Divine service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; M. Digby, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. In the evening, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. W. Harper, 1; F. J. Ring, 2; L. Digweed, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

AT FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On a Tuesday, for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. H. Burling, 1; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 2; F. Hunt, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; E. E. Foreman, 6; W. Arnold, 7; G. Wood, 8.

AT ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. W. Foreman, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Warnett, 3; G. H. Daynes, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; S. Gibbs, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, HARLOW, ESSEX.—On a Wednesday, for practice, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. Perrin, 1; H. Perrin, jun., 2; R. Tabor, 3; H. Jerney, 4; C. French, 5; W. Morris (conductor), 6; T. Ellis, 7; E. Parish, 8. And three courses of BOB MAJOR by the same band, with W. Morris, Sawbridgeworth (conductor), 8. On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 714 BOB TRIPLES. H. Perrin, jun., 1; F. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; G. Dent, 4; C. French, 5; T. Ellis, 6; H. Perrin, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Parish, 8.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Thursday, on the back eight, for practice, 532 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Macey, 1; G. Smith, 2; C. J. North, 3; W. Andrews, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On a Wednesday, for Divine service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 44 mins. A. H. Cocks, Esq., 1; W. E. Taylor (first quarter-peal), 2; J. R. Soley (first quarter-peal), 3; E. Jones, 4; W. J. Taplin, 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; A. W. Truss, 8.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE. Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,
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FORTY-FIFTH INTERVIEW.

With REV. P. CARROTTE, of Swinton, near Manchester

[Relative to several cases,—one of which has not been published before.]

Swinton, at the time of my visit was in a sad state of poverty and wretchedness, consequent upon the crisis in the coal trade. I considered myself fortunate in securing the attention of the Rev. P. Carrotte, who, in association with the other local ministers, has taken a prominent part in organizing a system of relief for the women and children reduced almost to starvation through the enforced idleness of the bread-winners.

As Mr. Carrotte had seen the previous interview published in this journal, he knew at once what was required of him, and proceeded to give me particulars of some cases which had come under his personal notice.

'I first became acquainted with Mr. Congreve's remedy for Consumption,' he said, 'when I was a student at Rotherham. In a village near Doncaster, there was a lady whose condition appeared to be hopeless—all hope of her recovery had been given up. The students at Rotherham obtained medicine from Mr. Congreve for her, and the result of the treatment was that the patient was a new woman. She took the medicine for six months, and the effects were marvellous. That was some years ago. The last account I heard of her was that she was enjoying good health.'

'Can you call any other case to mind?' I asked.

'Yes; that of a lady at Sleaford, who was in a very weak state, and quite unable to go out in the winter. She had bad night-sweats, and was greatly emaciated; she obtained no relief from medical treatment. On my recommendation she placed herself under Mr. Congreve's care, and the following winter she was able to teach her class in the Sunday-school, and to go about as usual.'

Those are two very satisfactory cases; are they the only ones of which you have personal knowledge?'

'Oh dear, no. I have known many other instances in which Mr. Congreve's remedy has given relief where doctors had failed. I may say I have known scores of cases, and among them all there is not one where benefit was not received. Perhaps the most remarkable was that of Samuel Johnson, who lived here until recently. He had had a violent cough for twelve months, pains between the shoulders, great expectoration, considerable raising of blood, and in addition he had lost nearly two stones in weight. He was unable to go out, except in the brightest weather. At last he was confined to his bed, and had a doctor attending him, with no good results. I induced him to try Mr. Congreve's medicine, and obtained it for him just before Christmas of last year. Altogether he had five or six large bottles.'

'I understand that the result was satisfactory?'

'Yes; by April he was so far recovered that he was able to be out attending to business, and at the end of May he left for America with his family. He was then in good health, and from letters since received from him I have learnt that he is fully occupied. He says he was never better in his life, and yet I have known him to raise a pint of blood at a time.'

'He must have been in a serious condition.'

'He was. Knowing what I do of the marvellous cures effected by Mr. Congreve, I was really afraid, nevertheless, that he was too far gone; but the result has proved that even in such a case as his, there is every hope of recovery. I feel absolutely certain that Mr. Johnson would have died had it not been for Mr. Congreve's treatment.'

Before I left, the Rev. Rev. P. Carrotte was good enough to accord me his permission to publish an account of our brief interview.

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MR. A. P. HEYWOOD sends the following:—“Peal 35 will not run to 5056. Peal 37 is the reverse of peal by H. Dains, No. 2 in “Duffield.” Peal 39 is the same as peal 37, but shortened in a different way. Peal 43 was rung at Duffield on September 29, 1890, composed and conducted by me, and commencing a course-end later, which produces better music (see Mid-Counties’ Report, 1890).”

A Peal of Bob Major. 48 5056

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 5th twelve and the 6th twenty-two times in 6th's place. First rung at Speldhurst, Kent, on October 20th, 1891. Conducted by Tom Card.

C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon*.

A Peal of Bob Royal. 49 5040

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

This peal has the 2nd and 3rd never in 5th's or 6th's place at a course-end.

C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon*.

Two Peals of Treble Bob Major.

50	5024								
	2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
	3	2	6	5	4	2	-	2	
	2	4	6	5	3	2	-	1	2
	2	6	5	4	3	1	-	2	2
	4	2	6	3	5	2	-	2	2
	4	6	3	2	5	1	-	2	
	2	3	6	4	5			2	2
	5	4	6	3	2	2	-	2	1
	5	4	3	2	6	-	-	1	
	2	5	4	6	3	-	-	2	
	2	5	6	3	4	-	-	1	
	5	2	4	3	6	-	-	1	2
	5	2	3	6	4	-	-	1	
	5	3	6	2	4	1	-	2	2
	2	5	3	4	6	-	-	2	
	2	3	4	5	6	1	-	2	2

51	5120						
2	3	4	5	6	B	W	H
5	2	3	6	4	-	2	
3	2	6	5	4		2	1
6	2	5	3	4		2	1
3	6	5	2	4		1	
2	3	6	4	5	-	2	
6	3	4	2	5		2	1
4	3	2	6	5		2	1
6	4	2	3	5		1	
3	6	4	5	2	-	2	
4	6	5	3	2		2	1
4	5	3	6	2		1	2
6	4	5	2	3	-	2	
5	4	2	6	3		2	1
2	4	6	5	3		2	1
2	4	5	3	6	-	1	
2	5	3	4	6		1	2
2	3	4	5	6		1	2

This peal is without calls at the middle.

C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon*.

Peals of Treble Bob Major.

52	5088	53	5088	54	5184	55	5184
23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H
36452	1 2	36452	1 2	63542	1 2 1	24536	1 - 2 2
34562	1 2	62453	1 2	46325	2 2 2	32465	2 2 2
42563	1 2	26354	2 2	35264	2 - 2 2	26435	2
23564	1 2	65243	-	54263	2 - 1 2	56342	1 2 1
32465	2 2	34256	1 1	24653	1 - 1	25463	2 1 2
64235	2 2	32546	1 - 2 2	32546	2 1 2	64352	2 - 2 2
62345	1 2	45236	1 - 2	45236	2 2	32546	2 - 2 2
63425	1 2	34562	- 2	Repeated, 6th its extent in 5-6.		Repeated, 6th its extent in 5-6. By the use of alternate calling in the 2nd course of either part the peal is reduced to 5056.	
26354	- 2	42563	1 2				
62453	- 1 2	23564	1 2				
34256	2 - 1 1	32465	2 2				
52643	1 1	64235	2 2				
45236	- 2	62345	1 2				
32546	2 2	63425	1 2				
35426	1 2	35426	1 2				
23456	1	23456	1				
5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.		5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.					
56	5088	57	5376	58	5056	59	5280
23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H
32654	- 1 2	36452	2 - 1 2	54632	2 - 2	65432	1 1 1
53246	- 2	34562	1 2	53462	2 2	34562	2 2
45362	- 2	63425	2 2	36524	2 2 2	56342	1 - 2 1
56423	-	25346	2 - 2	34256	2 2	62345	2 - 1 2
23645	2 - 2	42356	1 - 2	46253	2 - 1 2	25346	1 2
34256	-	52643	2 2	52643	2 2	42356	1
Twice repeated, 6th its extent home.		Twice repeated, 6th its extent home.		Semi-three-part peal with the 6th its extent home.		Repeated, produces 34256	
						56423	
						63425	
						35426	
						23456	
						J. S. WILDE.	
60	5152	61	5184	62	5280	63	5280
23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H
24536	1 - 2 2	36452	1 2	24536	1 - 2 2	36452	1 2
65432	1 1	34562	1 2	35426	1 - 2	23564	- 2 2
26354	- 2 2	63425	2 2	36524	2 1	34562	1 2
23564	1 2	35426	1 2	63425	- 1 2	46532	1 -
36524	1 -	24536	2 2	64235	1 2	64235	- 1 2
63425	- 1 2	32465	- 2	65432	- 1 1	62345	1 2
35426	1 2	64235	2 2	26354	- 2 2	65243	- 1 1
46253	1 1 2	62345	1 2	64352	1 2	54632	-
42563	1 2	46253	- 2	46253	2 2	35426	- 2
64235	- 2	42563	1 2	42563	1 2	24536	2 2
36452	- 2	23564	1 2	23564	1 2	25346	1 2
34562	1 2	53624	1 - 1	34562	1 2	42563	- 2
43265	2 2	26354	2 2	43265	2 2	24365	2 2
62345	2 2	52643	- 2	62345	2 2	63425	2 2
25346	1 2	25346	- 1 2	25346	1 2	26354	- 2
23456	1 2	23456	1 2	23456	1 2	62453	- 1 2
5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.		5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.		5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.		23456	
						5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.	
						JAMES S. WILDE.	
64	5376	65	5024	66	5056	67	5280
23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H
46532	1 1 2	46532	2 - 2 2	52364	2 2 2	23564	2 2 1
52364	2 - 2 2	52364	2 - 2 2	34625	1 1 2	43265	- 1
25463	2 2	63425	1 1	52643	2 - 2 1	36452	-
62453	1 - 2	25346	2 - 2	52643	2 2	65324	-
34256	1 1	42356	1 - 2	42356	1 - 2	52643	-
35642	- 2 1	Repeated, produces 34256		Repeated, produces 34256		45236	- 2
53246	- 1 2					34256	1 - 2
45236	1 - 2					Repeated, produces 42356	
Repeated.							
6th its extent in 5-6, at two courses wrong, and three courses right, in each part.							

68 5088

23456	M B W H
24536	1 2
25346	1 2
36452	2 - 2 2
34562	1 2
42563	1 2
23564	1 2
32465	2 2
64235	2 2
62345	1 2
63425	1 2
35426	1 2
53624	2 2
26354	2 2
62453	- 1 2
23456	2 - 1 2

5th and 6th their
extent each way
in 5-6.

69 5056

23456	M B W H
24536	1 - 2 2
35426	1 - 2
65243	2 - 1 2
36452	- 2 2
62453	1 2
26354	2 2
23564	1 2
34562	2 - 1 2
42563	1 2
24365	2 2
34255	2 2
64235	1 2
62345	1 2
25346	1 2
23456	1 2

5th and 6th their
extent each way
in 5-6.

70 5024

23456	M B W H
36452	1 2
63254	- 1 2
56234	1 2
64235	2 - 1 2
45236	1 2
34562	- 2 2
42563	1 2
24365	2 2
35426	1 2
23564	- 2 2
64235	2 2
62345	2 2
25346	1 2
62453	2 1 2
23456	2 - 1 2

5th and 6th their
extent each way
in 5-6.

71 5056

23456	M B W H
54326	2 2
53246	1 2
36245	1 2
25463	2 - 2 2
24653	1 2
43652	1 2
65432	1 1
52436	2 - 1 2
35264	- 2 2
53462	- 1 2
32465	2 - 1 2
34625	1 - 2 2
26435	1 - 2
32654	- 2 2
23456	2 2

5th and 6th their
extent each way
in 5-6.

JAMES S. WILDE.

72 5088

23456	M B W H
24536	1 - 2 2
35426	1 - 2
53624	2 2
26354	2 2
23564	1 2
34562	1 2
42563	1 2
24365	2 2
63425	2 2
64235	1 2
62345	1 2
25346	1 2
36452	2 - 2 2
62453	1 2
23456	1 2

5th and 6th their
extent each way
in 5-6.

73 5152

23456	M B W H
24536	1 2
25346	1 2
36452	1 1 2
63254	- 1 2
52364	2 2
25463	- 1 2
24563	1 - 2 2
53462	2 - 2
32465	1 2
34625	1 - 2 2
36245	1 - 2 2
42635	1 - 2
65324	1 1 2
54326	1 2
23456	2 2

5th and 6th their
extent each way
in 5-6.

74 5024

23456	M B W H
36452	1 2
34562	1 - 2 2
42563	1 2
23564	1 2
32465	2 2
64235	2 2
45236	1 2
32546	2 2
35426	1 2
26543	2 - 2
62345	- 1 2
63425	1 2
26354	- 2
62453	- 1 2
23456	2 - 1 2

5th and 6th their
extent each way
in 5-6.

JAMES S. WILDE.

75 5056

23456	M B W H
54326	2 2
53246	1 2
52436	1 - 2 2
35264	- 2
53462	- 1 2
32465	2 - 1 2
25463	2 - 1 2
62534	- 2
36245	- 2
42635	1 - 2
46325	1 2
24653	2 2
43652	1 2
32654	1 2 1
23456	2 2

5th and 6th their
extent each way
in 5-6.

JAMES S. WILDE.

76 5160

23456	M W H
62534	2 1 2
24536	1 2
43526	2
32654	1 2
34256	2 1
53246	1
35642	2 2
32546	2 1
64523	1 1 1
35426	1 1
23456	1

6th its extent
at seven course-
ends.

77 6000

23456	M W H
25634	2 1 1
24536	2 1
32546	1
23645	2
25346	2 1
42356	1
53624	1 1
35426	2 2
52436	2
23564	2 2
45362	1 1
64352	1
23456	1 1

6th its extent
at seven course-
ends.

78 5000

23456	M W H
62534	2 1 2
24536	1 2
43526	2
24365	2 2 2
62453	2 2 2
34256	1 1
32546	1 2
34625	2 1 1
35426	2 1
23456	1

6th its extent
right at six dif-
ferent course-
ends.

JAMES S. WILDE.

79 5120

23456	M W H
32654	2 2
34256	2 1
53246	1
34625	1 2
35426	2 1
65243	1 2 1
32546	1 1
43526	1
25634	1 1
52436	2 2
23456	2

6th its extent
at seven course-
ends.

80 5160

23456	M W H
32654	2 2
34256	2 1
65243	1 1 1
32546	1 1
24536	2
42635	2 2
45236	2 1
53246	2
34625	1 2
35426	2 1
23456	1

Sixth its extent
at seven
course-ends.

81 6120

23456	M W H
32654	2 2
25634	2
52436	2 2
35426	1
53624	2 2
54326	2 1
25346	1
64352	1 1 1
53246	1 1
64235	1 1 1
32546	1 1
62453	1 2 1
23456	1 2

Sixth its extent
at seven
course-ends.

82 5000

23456	M W H
25634	2 1 1
25346	2 2 1
34256	1 1
53462	2 2 2
42635	1 1 2
24536	2 2
32546	1
63425	2 1 2
35426	1 2
23456	1

Sixth its extent
right at six
course-ends.

83 5160

23456	M W H
62534	2 1 2
45236	1 1
34256	1
64523	1 2 1
43526	1 2
24536	1
62345	2 1 2
25346	1 2
42356	1 1
65324	1 1 1
23456	1 1

Sixth its extent
at seven
course-ends.

J. S. WILDE.

A Peal of Grandsire Caters.**84**

5184	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
4 6 7 3 8 2 9 5	7 in 3
2 3 8 5 6 4 7 9	8 „ 3
3 8 9 5 6 2 7 4	9 „ 3
2 5 6 4 8 3 9 7	6 „ 3
5 6 7 4 8 2 9 3	7 „ 3
2 4 8 3 6 5 7 9	9 „ 3
4 8 9 3 6 2 7 5	9 „ 3
2 3 6 5 8 4 9 7	6 „ 3
3 6 7 5 8 2 9 4	7 „ 3
2 5 8 4 6 3 7 9	8 „ 3
5 8 9 4 6 2 7 3	9 „ 3
S-4 2 6 3 8 5 9 7	6 „ 3
4 3 2 5 6 7 8 9	Plain

Eleven times repeated with S for
B at 3rd, 5th, and 6th part-ends.
SAM ATKINS, Willenhall.

A Peal of Grandsire Triples.**85**

5040	2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2
6 3 4 2 7 5	- s
4 3 7 6 2 5	s -
7 3 2 4 6 5	s -
6 3 2 4 6 5	- s
2 3 5 6 4 7	- -
5 3 4 2 7 6	- -
4 3 7 5 2 6	s -
7 3 2 4 5 6	s -
5 3 2 7 6 4	- s
6 3 2 5 4 7	- s
2 3 4 6 7 5	- -
4 3 7 2 6 5	s -
7 3 6 4 2 5	s -
2 3 6 7 5 4	- s
5 3 6 2 4 7	- s
4 3 6 5 7 2	- s
6 3 7 4 5 2	s -
7 3 5 6 4 2	s -
4 3 5 7 2 6	- s
5 3 2 4 6 7	- -

Five times repeated. Single in-
stead of bob half-way and end.
J. MILLETT.

Bob Major.**86**

5024	2 3 4 5 6 W B H
2 3 5 6 4	- -
5 6 2 3 4	- -
2 5 6 3 4	- -
6 2 5 3 4	- -
5 3 6 2 4	- -
6 5 3 2 4	- -
3 6 5 2 4	- -
5 2 3 6 4	- -
3 5 2 6 4	- -
2 6 3 5 4	- -
6 2 5 4 3	- s
5 4 6 2 3	- -
5 4 2 3 6	- -
2 3 5 4 6	- -
5 2 3 4 6	- -
3 5 2 4 6	- -
2 4 3 5 6	- -
3 2 4 5 6	- -
4 3 2 5 6	- -
2 5 4 3 6	- -
4 2 5 3 6	- -
5 3 4 2 6	- -

Repeated.

N. J. P.

A Peal of Superlative Surprise Major.**88**

5088	2 3 4 5 6 M W B H
4 2 3 5 6	- - -
6 5 3 2 4	- - -
3 6 5 2 4	- - -
4 2 6 5 3	- - -
3 5 2 6 4	- - -
4 6 2 5 3	- - -
4 6 5 3 2	- - -
2 3 5 6 4	- - -

Twice repeated.

N. J. P.

London Surprise Major.**89**

5184	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
6 4 3 5 2	- - -
6 4 5 2 3	- - -
3 4 6 2 5	- - -
6 2 3 4 5	- - -
3 6 2 4 5	- - -
4 3 2 6 5	- - -
5 6 2 3 4	- - -
2 3 5 6 4	- - -

Twice repeated.

N. J. P.

90

5184	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
6 3 2 5 4	- - -
5 6 2 3 4	- - -
4 2 6 3 5	- - -
3 6 5 2 4	- - -
4 2 5 6 3	- - -
6 4 5 2 3	- - -
5 4 3 2 6	- - -
4 2 3 5 6	- - -

Twice repeated.

N. J. P.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

91

5040

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

Twice repeated.

N. J. P.

A Peal of Grandsire Caters.

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5111

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Continued:

4 2 3 5 6 9 7 8 7th in and out at 3 6 2 4 3 5 8 with 2
 3 4 2 5 6 9 with 3 2 3 4 6 5 8 " 3
 4 5 2 3 6 8 " 3 4 2 3 6 5 9 " 3
 5 3 2 4 6 8 " 3 3 2 5 6 4 8 " 9
 2 5 3 4 6 9 " 3 5 3 2 6 4 9 " 3
 5 4 3 2 6 8 " 3 2 5 3 6 4 9 " 3
 3 5 4 2 6 9 " 3 3 5 4 6 2 8 " 9
 4 3 5 2 6 9 " 3 4 3 5 6 2 9 " 3
 3 2 5 4 6 8 " 3 5 4 3 6 2 9 " 3
 2 4 5 3 6 8 " 3 3 4 2 6 5 8 " 9
 5 2 4 3 6 9 " 3 2 4 5 6 3 8 " 9
 2 3 4 5 6 8 " 3 5 2 4 6 3 9 " 3
 5 3 4 2 6 8 1 4 5 2 6 3 9 " 3
 4 5 3 2 6 9 with 3 6 5 2 4 3 8 1
 5 2 3 4 6 8 " 3 5 4 2 6 3 8 with 3
 2 4 3 5 6 8 " 3 2 5 4 6 3 9 " 3
 3 2 4 5 6 9 " 3 4 5 3 6 2 8 " 9
 2 5 4 3 6 8 " 3 3 4 5 6 2 9 " 3
 4 2 5 3 6 9 " 3 5 3 4 6 2 9 " 3
 5 4 2 3 6 9 " 3 4 3 2 6 5 8 " 9
 4 3 2 5 6 8 " 3 2 4 3 6 5 9 " 3
 3 5 2 4 6 8 " 3 3 2 4 6 5 9 " 3
 2 3 5 4 6 9 " 3 4 2 5 6 3 8 " 9
 3 4 5 2 6 8 " 3 5 2 3 6 4 8 " 9
 2 3 5 6 4 9 " 3 2 3 5 6 4 9 " 3
 4 6 3 2 5 8 " 2
 6 2 3 4 5 8 " 3

Calling the 9th twice before with a double brings the bells round at hand next lead. This peal has the 6th her extent home and behind the 9th with two singles only.

WILLIAM WILLSON, Leicester.

Grandsire Caters.

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5003

2 3 4 5 6

Continued:

4 2 3 5 6 7th in and out at 3 4 2 5 6 3 9th in and out at 2
 6 2 3 4 5 1's and 8-9's 5 4 2 6 3 8 with 3
 3 6 2 4 5 9 with 3 2 4 3 6 5 9, 8
 6 4 2 3 5 8 " 3 3 2 4 6 5 8 with 3
 5 3 4 6 2 8 " 2 4 3 2 6 5 8 " 3
 4 5 3 6 2 9 " 3 2 3 5 6 4 9, 8
 3 5 2 6 4 8, 9 5 2 3 6 4 8 with 3
 2 3 5 6 4 9 with 3 3 5 2 6 4 8 " 3
 5 2 3 6 4 9 " 3 2 5 4 6 3 9, 8
 3 2 4 6 4 8, 9 4 5 3 6 2 9, 8
 4 3 2 6 5 9 with 3 3 4 5 6 2 8 with 3
 2 4 3 6 5 9 " 3 5 3 4 6 2 8 " 3
 3 4 5 6 2 8, 9 2 5 3 6 4 8 " 3 s
 5 4 2 6 3 8, 9 3 2 5 6 4 8 " 3
 2 5 4 6 3 9 with 3 5 2 4 6 3 9, 8
 4 2 5 6 3 9 " 3 4 5 2 6 3 8 with 3
 3 4 2 6 5 9 " 3 s 2 4 5 6 3 8 " 3
 2 3 4 6 5 8, 9 5 4 3 6 2 9, 8
 4 3 5 6 2 9 with 3 3 5 4 6 2 8 with 3
 5 4 3 6 2 9 " 3 4 3 5 6 2 8 " 3
 3 5 4 6 2 9 " 3 5 3 2 6 4 9, 8
 4 5 2 6 3 8, 9 2 3 4 6 5 9, 8
 2 4 5 6 3 9 with 3 4 2 3 6 5 8 with 3
 5 2 4 6 3 9 " 3 3 4 2 6 5 8 " 3
 4 2 3 6 5 8, 9
 3 2 5 6 4 9 with 3
 5 3 2 6 4 9 " 3
 2 5 3 6 4 9 " 3

Round the lead previous to the last course-end.

This peal contains the 6th her extent wrong in the Tittum and inverted home positions. A. KNIGHTS.

Peals of Grandsire Caters.

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5039

2 3 4 5 6

4 2 3 5 6*
 3 4 2 5 6 9 with 3
 2 3 4 5 6 9 " 3
 4 3 6 5 2 8-9
 6 4 3 5 2 9 with 3
 3 6 4 5 2 9 " 3
 4 6 2 5 3 8-9
 2 4 6 5 3 9 with 3
 3 2 4 5 6 9 " 3 s
 4 2 6 5 3 8-9
 6 4 2 5 3 9 with 3
 2 6 4 5 3 9 " 3
 4 6 3 5 2 8-9
 3 4 6 5 2 9 with 3
 6 3 4 5 2 9 " 3
 4 3 2 5 6 8-9
 2 4 3 5 6 9 with 3
 6 2 4 5 3 9 " 3 s
 3 5 2 6 4 8 " 2
 2 3 5 6 4 9 " 3
 5 2 3 6 4 9 " 3
 6 2 3 5 4 1 s
 3 6 2 5 4 9 with 3
 2 3 6 5 4 9 " 3
 3 5 6 2 4 8 with 3
 6 2 5 3 4 8 " 3 s

Repeated.

Commencing the 2nd part with 8th in 2, and omitting the last two courses, produces 3 2 5 6 4. Round by 9th in and out at 2, single at 2, and 8th in 3 twice.

These two peals contain the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th.

* Call the 7th in and out at 2 twice.

A. K.

Grandsire Caters.

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5057

2 3 4 5 6

Continued:

3 5 4 2 6 9 with 3
 4 3 5 2 6 7 " 3
 5 4 3 2 6 7 in and out at 3
 3 5 4 2 6 9 with 3
 5 2 4 3 6 8 " 3
 4 5 2 3 6 9 " 3
 2 4 5 3 6 9 " 3
 4 3 5 2 6 8 " 3
 3 2 5 4 6 8 " 3
 5 3 2 4 6 9 " 3
 3 4 2 5 6 8 " 3
 2 3 4 5 6 9 " 3
 4 2 3 5 6 9 " 3
 3 5 2 4 6 8 " 3 s
 5 4 2 3 6 8 " 3
 2 5 4 3 6 9 " 3
 5 3 4 2 6 8 " 3
 4 5 3 2 6 9 " 3
 3 4 5 2 6 9 " 3
 4 2 5 3 6 8 " 3
 2 3 5 4 6 8 " 3
 5 2 3 4 6 9 " 3
 2 4 3 5 6 8 " 3
 3 2 4 5 6 9 " 3
 4 3 2 5 6 9 " 3
 2 5 3 4 6 8 " 3 s

Round as usual.

This peal has the 6th the extent wrong and right in the Tittum position.

A. K.

Treble Bob Royal.

97

13,600

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

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

Four times repeated.

A. K.

These two peals contain the sixty course-ends.

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5094

2 3 4 5 6

3 5 2 6 4*
 2 3 5 6 4 9 with 3
 5 2 3 6 4 9 " 3
 3 6 2 5 4 8 " 3 s
 2 3 6 5 4 9 " 3
 6 2 3 5 4 9 " 3
 2 5 3 6 4 8 " 3
 3 2 5 6 4 9 " 3
 5 3 2 6 4 9 " 3
 2 6 3 5 4 8 " 3 s
 3 2 6 5 4 9 " 3
 6 3 2 5 4 9 " 3

This part twice repeated, substituting 8th in 2 for the calling of the first course, produces:—

6 2 4 5 3
 4 2 3 5 6 8-9
 3 4 2 5 6 9 with 3
 2 3 4 5 6 9 " 3
 5 3 4 2 6 1 s
 3 2 4 5 6 8 with 3
 4 3 2 5 6 9 " 3
 2 4 3 5 6 9 " 3
 6 4 3 2 5 1 s and 8-9's

The last eight courses repeated, substituting 8th in 3 for the 8-9, produces 5 4 3 2 6.

Round with bobs at 2, 2, 3, 2, 1.

Peals of Grandsire Caters.

99	5111	100	5147
2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6
4 2 3 5 6*	4 2 3 5 6*	4 2 3 5 6*	4 2 3 5 6*
3 4 2 5 6 9 with 3	3 4 2 5 6 9 with 3	3 4 2 5 6 9 with 3	3 4 2 5 6 9 with 3
2 3 4 5 6 9 " 3	2 3 4 5 6 9 " 3	2 3 4 5 6 9 " 3	2 3 4 5 6 9 " 3
5 3 4 2 6 1 s	5 3 4 2 6 1 s	5 3 4 2 6 1 s	5 3 4 2 6 1 s
3 2 4 5 6 8 with 3	3 2 4 5 6 8 with 3	3 2 4 5 6 8 with 3	3 2 4 5 6 8 with 3
4 3 2 5 6 9 " 3	4 3 2 5 6 9 " 3	4 3 2 5 6 9 " 3	4 3 2 5 6 9 " 3
2 4 3 5 6 9 " 3	2 4 3 5 6 9 " 3	2 4 3 5 6 9 " 3	2 4 3 5 6 9 " 3
6 2 4 5 3 9 " 3 s	6 2 4 5 3 9 " 3 s	6 2 4 5 3 9 " 3 s	6 2 4 5 3 9 " 3 s
4 6 2 5 3 9 " 3	4 6 2 5 3 9 " 3	4 6 2 5 3 9 " 3	4 6 2 5 3 9 " 3
2 4 6 5 3 9 " 3	2 4 6 5 3 9 " 3	2 4 6 5 3 9 " 3	2 4 6 5 3 9 " 3
6 4 3 5 2 8-9	6 4 3 5 2 8-9	6 4 3 5 2 8-9	6 4 3 5 2 8-9
3 6 4 5 2 9 with 3	3 6 4 5 2 9 with 3	3 6 4 5 2 9 with 3	3 6 4 5 2 9 with 3
4 3 6 5 2 9 " 3	4 3 6 5 2 9 " 3	4 3 6 5 2 9 " 3	4 3 6 5 2 9 " 3
6 3 2 5 4 8-9	6 3 2 5 4 8-9	6 3 2 5 4 8-9	6 3 2 5 4 8-9
2 6 3 5 4 9 with 3	2 6 3 5 4 9 with 3	2 6 3 5 4 9 with 3	2 6 3 5 4 9 with 3
4 2 6 5 3 9 " 3 s	4 2 6 5 3 9 " 3 s	4 2 6 5 3 9 " 3 s	4 2 6 5 3 9 " 3 s
6 2 3 5 4 8-9	6 2 3 5 4 8-9	6 2 3 5 4 8-9	6 2 3 5 4 8-9
3 6 2 5 4 9 with 3	3 6 2 5 4 9 with 3	3 6 2 5 4 9 with 3	3 6 2 5 4 9 with 3
2 3 6 4 5 9 " 3	2 3 6 4 5 9 " 3	2 3 6 4 5 9 " 3	2 3 6 4 5 9 " 3
6 3 4 5 2 8-9	6 3 4 5 2 8-9	6 3 4 5 2 8-9	6 3 4 5 2 8-9
4 6 3 5 2 9 with 3	4 6 3 5 2 9 with 3	4 6 3 5 2 9 with 3	4 6 3 5 2 9 with 3
3 4 6 5 2 9 " 3	3 4 6 5 2 9 " 3	3 4 6 5 2 9 " 3	3 4 6 5 2 9 " 3
6 4 2 5 3 8-9	6 4 2 5 3 8-9	6 4 2 5 3 8-9	6 4 2 5 3 8-9
2 6 4 5 3 9 with 3	2 6 4 5 3 9 with 3	2 6 4 5 3 9 with 3	2 6 4 5 3 9 with 3
3 2 6 5 4 9 " 3 s	3 2 6 5 4 9 " 3 s	3 2 6 5 4 9 " 3 s	3 2 6 5 4 9 " 3 s
2 5 6 3 4 8 with 3	2 5 6 3 4 8 with 3	2 5 6 3 4 8 with 3	2 5 6 3 4 8 with 3
6 2 5 3 4 9 " 3	6 2 5 3 4 9 " 3	6 2 5 3 4 9 " 3	6 2 5 3 4 9 " 3

Repeated.

Repeated.

Commencing the 2nd part of the 5111 with 8th in 2, and the 5147 with 1 s; and substituting 9th in and out at 2, and 8th in 3 for the last two courses of the 5111; and 9th in and out at 2 for the last course of the 5147.

These peals, which are in two equal parts, contain the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th.

The 5111 was first rung at Manchester Cathedral on October 1st, 1892, conducted by John Eachus.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

* Call the 7th in and out at 3.

Stedman Caters.

101	5000	102	5058
1 2 3 4 5 6 - 5.16	1 2 3 4 5 6 - 5.16	1 2 3 4 5 6 - 5.16	1 2 3 4 5 6 - 5.16
2 6 1 4 3 5*	2 6 1 4 3 5*	2 6 5 1 3 4†	2 6 5 1 3 4†
2 6 5 1 3 4 -	2 6 5 1 3 4 -	2 6 5 4 3 1 s -	2 6 5 4 3 1 s -
2 6 5 4 3 1 s -	2 6 5 4 3 1 s -	2 6 1 5 3 4 -	2 6 1 5 3 4 -
2 6 1 5 3 4 -	2 6 1 5 3 4 -	2 6 4 1 3 5 -	2 6 4 1 3 5 -
2 6 4 1 3 5 -	2 6 4 1 3 5 -	4 6 2 5 3 1 -	4 6 2 5 3 1 -
4 6 2 5 3 1 -	4 6 2 5 3 1 -	4 6 1 2 3 5 -	4 6 1 2 3 5 -
4 6 5 1 3 2 -	4 6 5 1 3 2 -	4 6 5 1 3 2 -	4 6 5 1 3 2 -
5 6 4 2 3 1 -	5 6 4 2 3 1 -	5 6 4 2 3 1 -	5 6 4 2 3 1 -
5 6 1 4 3 2 -	5 6 1 4 3 2 -	5 6 1 4 3 2 -	5 6 1 4 3 2 -
5 6 2 1 3 4 -	5 6 2 1 3 4 -	5 6 2 1 3 4 -	5 6 2 1 3 4 -
5 6 2 4 3 1 s -	5 6 2 4 3 1 s -	5 6 2 4 3 1 s -	5 6 2 4 3 1 s -
5 6 1 2 3 4 -	5 6 1 2 3 4 -	5 6 1 2 3 4 -	5 6 1 2 3 4 -
5 6 4 1 3 2 -	5 6 4 1 3 2 -	5 6 4 1 3 2 -	5 6 4 1 3 2 -
4 6 5 2 3 1 -	4 6 5 2 3 1 -	4 6 5 2 3 1 -	4 6 5 2 3 1 -
4 6 1 5 3 2 -	4 6 1 5 3 2 -	4 6 1 5 3 2 -	4 6 1 5 3 2 -
4 6 2 1 3 5 -	4 6 2 1 3 5 -	4 6 2 1 3 5 -	4 6 2 1 3 5 -

The last 15 courses twice repeated, adding a bob at 4 in the 1st course, and bobs at 3 5 8 in the last course of 3rd part.

* Call bobs at 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 14.

The last 15 courses twice repeated, adding a bob at 4 in the 1st course, produces 3 6 2 1 5 4.

Round with bobs at 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 16, 18.

† Call bobs at 3, 6, 8, 11, 14.

These peals, which are in three parts, have the 6th bell fixed in 2nd's place throughout, with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th successively behind the 9th.

A. K.

Bob Triples. St. Simon's Triples. Canterbury Triples.

103	5040	104	5040	105	5040
2 3 4 5 6 M W H	2 3 4 5 6 M W H	2 3 4 5 6 M W H	2 3 4 5 6 M W H	2 3 4 5 6 M W H	2 3 4 5 6 M W H
6 4 2 3 5 - - -	6 5 4 3 2 - - -	6 5 4 3 2 - - -	6 5 4 3 2 - - -	5 6 3 2 4 - s -	5 6 3 2 4 - s -
2 6 4 3 5 - - -	4 6 5 3 2 - - -	4 6 5 3 2 - - -	4 6 5 3 2 - - -	3 5 6 2 4 - - -	3 5 6 2 4 - - -
4 5 6 3 2 s -	5 4 6 3 2 - - -	5 4 6 3 2 - - -	5 4 6 3 2 - - -	6 3 5 2 4 - - -	6 3 5 2 4 - - -
6 2 5 3 4 s -	6 3 5 4 2 - - -	6 3 5 4 2 - - -	6 3 5 4 2 - - -	5 4 6 2 3 - - -	5 4 6 2 3 - - -
5 3 6 2 4 - - -	5 6 3 4 2 - - -	5 6 3 4 2 - - -	5 6 3 4 2 - - -	6 2 4 5 3 s -	6 2 4 5 3 s -
6 5 3 2 4 - - -	5 3 6 4 2 s -	5 3 6 4 2 s -	5 3 6 4 2 s -	4 6 2 5 3 - - -	4 6 2 5 3 - - -
3 6 5 2 4 - - -	6 4 5 3 2 - - -	6 4 5 3 2 - - -	6 4 5 3 2 - - -	2 4 6 5 3 - - -	2 4 6 5 3 - - -
5 2 3 6 4 - - -	5 6 4 3 2 - - -	5 6 4 3 2 - - -	5 6 4 3 2 - - -	6 5 4 2 3 s -	6 5 4 2 3 s -
3 5 2 6 4 - - -	4 2 6 3 5 s -	4 2 6 3 5 s -	4 2 6 3 5 s -	4 2 5 6 3 s -	4 2 5 6 3 s -
3 2 5 6 4 s -	6 5 2 3 4 s -	6 5 2 3 4 s -	6 5 2 3 4 s -	5 6 2 4 3 s -	5 6 2 4 3 s -

Five times repeated.

Five times repeated.

Five times repeated.

A. K.

Bob Major.

106	5312	107	5120
2 3 4 5 6 W B M H	2 3 4 5 6 W B M H	2 3 4 5 6 W B M H	2 3 4 5 6 W B M H
4 5 2 6 3 - s	4 5 2 6 3 - s	5 2 3 6 4 - -	5 2 3 6 4 - -
2 5 3 6 4 - -	2 5 3 6 4 - -	3 5 2 6 4 - -	3 5 2 6 4 - -
3 5 4 6 2 - -	3 5 4 6 2 - -	2 3 5 6 4 - -	2 3 5 6 4 - -
2 5 4 6 3 s -	2 5 4 6 3 s -	5 2 4 3 6 - -	5 2 4 3 6 - -
4 5 3 6 2 - -	4 5 3 6 2 - -	2 4 5 3 6 - -	2 4 5 3 6 - -
3 5 2 6 4 - -	3 5 2 6 4 - -	4 5 2 3 6 - -	4 5 2 3 6 - -
4 2 3 5 6 - -	4 2 3 5 6 - -	3 4 5 6 2 - -	3 4 5 6 2 - -
3 4 2 5 6 - -	3 4 2 5 6 - -	5 3 4 6 2 - -	5 3 4 6 2 - -
3 2 4 5 6 s -	3 2 4 5 6 s -	4 5 3 6 2 - -	4 5 3 6 2 - -
4 3 2 5 6 - -	4 3 2 5 6 - -	3 4 2 5 6 - -	3 4 2 5 6 - -
2 4 3 5 6 - -	2 4 3 5 6 - -	5 3 2 4 6 - -	5 3 2 4 6 - -
4 5 3 2 6 5th 4th s	4 5 3 2 6 5th 4th s	3 2 5 4 6 - -	3 2 5 4 6 - -

Three times repeated.

A. K.

Three times repeated, singles to be added at the 2nd and 4th part-ends.

The above two peals of BOB MAJOR contain the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right.

A. K.

Peals of Treble Bob Major.

108	7040	109	7008
2 3 4 5 6 M B W H	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
2 6 3 5 4 - 1 1	2 6 3 5 4 - 1 1	6 4 3 5 2 1 1	6 4 3 5 2 1 1
6 2 4 5 3 - 1 2	6 2 4 5 3 - 1 2	6 3 5 4 2 1 - 2 2	6 3 5 4 2 1 - 2 2
2 5 6 3 4 - -	2 5 6 3 4 - -	3 6 2 4 5 2 2	3 6 2 4 5 2 2
3 4 2 5 6 - 2	3 4 2 5 6 - 2	3 2 4 6 5 1 - 2 2	3 2 4 6 5 1 - 2 2
4 5 6 2 3 2 -	4 5 6 2 3 2 -		

Four times repeated.

A. K.

The last two courses thrice repeated produce—

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

The last two courses thrice repeated complete the peal.

A. K.

110	7072	111	7232
2 3 4 5 6 M B W H	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H	2 3 4 5 6 M B W H
6 4 3 5 2 1 1	6 4 3 5 2 1 1	6 4 3 5 2 1 1	6 4 3 5 2 1 1
4 6 2 5 3 2 2	4 6 2 5 3 2 2	6 3 5 4 2 1 - 2 2	6 3 5 4 2 1 - 2 2
2 3 5 6 4 2 - 2 2	2 3 5 6 4 2 - 2 2	5 2 4 3 6 2 - 2 2	5 2 4 3 6 2 - 2 2
3 2 4 6 5 2 2	3 2 4 6 5 2 2	5 4 3 2 6 1 - 2 2	5 4 3 2 6 1 - 2 2

The last two courses of both peals thrice repeated produce—

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

The last two courses of both peals thrice repeated complete the peals.

If the alternate calling is used in every course of the 7008 the peal is increased to 7072.

These peals, in ten parts, contain fifty-eight out of the sixty course-ends.

A. K.

Superlative Surprise Major.

112	5024	Continued	B M W H
2 3 4 5 6 B M W H	2 3 4 5 6 B M W H	3 2 6 5 4 - -	3 2 6 5 4 - -
4 2 3 5 6 - -	4 2 3 5 6 - -	3 2 5 4 6 - -	3 2 5 4 6 - -
4 2 5 6 3 - -	4 2 5 6 3 - -	5 4 3 2 6 - -	5 4 3 2 6 - -
5 4 2 6 3 - -	5 4 2 6 3 - -	3 5 4 2 6 - -	3 5 4 2 6 - -
5 4 6 3 2 - -	5 4 6 3 2 - -	4 3 5 2 6 - -	4 3 5 2 6 - -
6 5 4 3 2 - -	6 5 4 3 2 - -	6 5 3 2 4 - -	6 5 3 2 4 - -
4 6 5 3 2 - -	4 6 5 3 2 - -	3 6 5 2 4 - -	3 6 5 2 4 - -
4 6 3 2 5 - -	4 6 3 2 5 - -	5 3 6 2 4 - -	5 3 6 2 4 - -
3 4 6 2 5 - -	3 4 6 2 5 - -	5 3 2 4 6 - -	5 3 2 4 6 - -
6 3 4 2 5 - -	6 3 4 2 5 - -	2 5 3 4 6 - -	2 5 3 4 6 - -
4 2 6 3 5 - -	4 2 6 3 5 - -	3 4 2 5 6 - -	3 4 2 5 6 - -
6 4 2 3 5 - -	6 4 2 3 5 - -	2 3 4 5 6 - -	2 3 4 5 6 - -
2 6 4 3 5 - -	2 6 4 3 5 - -		
2 6 3 5 4 - -	2 6 3 5 4 - -		

Contained in twenty-five courses.
G. LINDOFF.

NOTICE.

In forwarding peals for insertion composers are requested to give their name and address at foot of the first peal, and their initials at least at the foot of every succeeding peal or variation.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING

The Bells of Kynaston Chapel.

SIR,—With reference to the letter in your last issue regarding the bells of the above chapel, the following extract from an old atlas in my possession, *Bowen's Large English Atlas*, may perhaps interest some of your readers. The date of the atlas is not given, but I should judge that it is of about the year 1770. The extract occurs in the margin of the map of the County of Hereford, and I have copied it exactly as given in the atlas:—
 'Marcle Hill in the year 1575, after shaking and roaring for the space of three days, to the great horror, fright, and astonishment of the neighbouring inhabitants, began to move about 6 a Clock on Sunday evening, and continued moving or walking till 2 a Clock on Monday morning; it then stood still and moved no more. It carried along with it the Trees that grew upon it, and the Sheep folds and Flocks of Sheep grazing on it. In the place from whence it remov'd, it left a gap of 400 foot wide and 320 foot long. The whole spot whereon the hill stood contain'd about 20 acres. It overthrew Kinnaston Chapel that stood in its way, removed an yew tree growing in the chapel yard from West to East, throwing down with violence and overturning the Causeys, Trees, and Houses that stood in the way of its progress.'
Paignton, South Devon. H. G. CHESHIRE.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Soberton, Hampshire.

On Monday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. W. W. Gifford, 1; H. White, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; F. Bennett, 4; G. Williams (conductor), 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; G. Grafham, 8.

On the same day, at the same church, eight members of the above Guild rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2 mins. W. W. Gifford, 1; H. White, 2; G. Grafham (Fareham), 3; W. Linter (Swanmore), 4; F. Bennett, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

At Holy Trinity, Privett, Hampshire.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; H. White, 2; F. Bennett, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; F. A. Barnett (Farnham), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in F.

At All Saints', Eastmeon, Hampshire.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 11 mins. J. W. Whiting, 1; F. Bennett, 2; H. White (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 3; G. Williams (conductor), 4; H. Dains (composer), 5; T. Blackburn, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. The first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells.

At St. Faith's, Havant, Hampshire.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5248 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 16 mins. J. W. Whiting, 1; H. White, 2; F. Bennett, 3; H. Dains, 4; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; T. Blackburn, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

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

On Thursday, the 26th ult., twelve members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang Haley's peal of 5014 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 47 mins. W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; R. Hawes, 5; E. Pemberton, 6; R. H. Brundle, 7; H. Howell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury, first peal on twelve bell), 10; J. Motts, 11; A. Howell, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., twelve members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS in 3 hrs. 46 mins. J. Motts (composer and conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; R. Hawes, 5; W. L. Catchpole, 6; A. Howell, 7; H. Howell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; W. W. Gifford, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; E. Pemberton, 12. Tenor, 31 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells and in the town of Cambridge.

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

On Tuesday, the 31st ult., twelve members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a peal of 5082 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 3 hrs. 45½ mins. W. L. Catchpole (composer and conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; R. Hawes, 5; J. Motts, 6; W. Motts, 7; H. Howell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; W. W. Gifford, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; A. Howell, 12. The above is the third peal on twelve bells in three different methods by the same company in six days.

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

On Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. B. Foskett,* 1; A. E. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; A. Pittam,* 4; F. Pitstow (composer), 5; E. A. Pitstow, 6; A. Jacob,* 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8.

Tenor, 18 cwt. It was rung on the occasion of the birthday of Messrs. Pittam and Jacob. [* First peal in the method.]

At Immanuel Church, Streatham, Surrey.

On Monday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Brook's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. R. Sewell, 1; F. M. Butler, 2; C. E. Malim, 3; S. Greenwood, 4; J. Fayers, 5; W. S. Smith, 6; G. Welling (conductor, twenty-eighth birthday), 7; G. Pell (fifty-sixth birthday), 8.

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

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. M. A. Wood, 1; I. G. Shade, 2; J. Pettit (conductor), 3; F. M. Butler, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; S. E. Joyce, 6; E. Horrex, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Messrs. Gifford and Winney heard the latter part of the peal, and congratulated the band on their success. They passed a pleasant evening, during which 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES, also another touch of the same method, was rung by Messrs. Pettit, Winney, Wood, and Gifford.

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FORTY-SIXTH INTERVIEW.

With MR. HENRY ROBERTS, Quarryman, Vron, Llandynan, near Llangollen, North Wales.

[Whose case was published in the weekly journals, March, 1890.]

Everyone knows the Vale of Llangollen—that place described by Ruskin as 'one of the most beautiful and delightful in Wales, or anywhere else'; but how few people are aware that just on the outskirts of the charming little town, a large number of persons are to be found to whom the English language is as a sealed book.

I made a special journey into Wales to see Mr. Roberts, and a tedious task it was to find him. On enquiring at his house I was told he was at the quarry—quite two miles distant, the last half mile of which had to be done by climbing up the mountain. Arrived at the quarry, I discovered that Mr. Roberts knew not a word of English. This seemed an insuperable difficulty, but as one of Mr. Roberts fellow workmen spoke both languages, it was soon overcome.

The story Mr. Roberts told me, through this interpreter, was this; Like many another he dated his illness back to a cold taken through getting wet, which cold ultimately settled on his chest. This was accompanied by a severe cough, and by profuse expectoration, which sometimes partook of a purulent character. There were also heavy night-sweats, and consequent loss of strength and of flesh all over the body. In fact, at the time he commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment the disease was fast developing into Phthisis.

An intelligent and persevering use of the remedies resulted, as it usually does, in complete restoration to health, and now six or seven years after, Mr. Roberts by no means a young man, is robust and well, and is able to pursue his calling—and that a very arduous one—among the Welsh hills.

Nor is this all, for the son of Mr. Roberts, similarly affected, also recovered under the same treatment, and is now—I have the father's authority for saying—in good health.

My final question was a request that Mr. Roberts would accord me his permission to publish the facts of his case in this series.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 256th anniversary of this Society will be celebrated on Saturday next, November 18th. The tower of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, will be open for ringing at 3.30 p.m., and St. Michael's, Cornhill, at 4.30 p.m. The dinner will take place at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, at 6 p.m., tickets for which may be had of any of the following Committee:—Messrs. Dawe, Pettit, W. D. Smith, H. S. Ellis, Langdon, Dorrington, G. J. Smith, Winney, McLaughlin, Butler, Horrex, Burkin, Garrard, and Cockerill.

Members are requested to attend the meeting at St. Paul's on November 21st, for the election of officers. W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at Helmsore, and was attended by members from Burnley, Newchurch, Rawtenstall, Ramsbottom, Waterfoot, and a local company. At the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. H. H. Nutter, vice-president of the Association, who gave a good account of the work the Association had done. Three new members were also enrolled. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the chairman for presiding. The meeting being over, touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MINOR were rung. The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup.

The Newchurch (Manchester) Ringers.

LATELY, on a Saturday, most of our ringers, accompanied by Mr. Edrupp, attended the annual general meeting of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, which was held at Rochdale. The weather being rather uncertain, it was decided to go by train, and not walk over the tops as had been intended. Our ringers were able to get a peal on the bells of the parish church, and service was at four o'clock. The church is a beautiful one, and really looked and felt like 'the House of God.' The service was stately and reverent, and the singing exquisite, the boys' voices being especially sweet. A very earnest sermon was preached by Archdeacon Wilson. After service a good tea was provided in the schools, to which ample justice was done by the 200 or 300 present. The meeting was fixed for six o'clock, but it was a little late in beginning. The Rev. J. H. Elsee, the president, took the chair. The accounts for the year and other business were satisfactorily settled. Bolton was arranged as the meeting-place for next year. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is very nice for ringers from all parts of Lancashire to

meet together like this, and the Association is doing a great work in the diocese, to promote better behaviour among the ringers themselves and to make them first-class ringers.

On Monday night, October 16th, the ordinary practice-night, in honour of John Taylor's birthday, a half-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 2530 changes, was rung in the parish church. The peal was accomplished in 1 hr. 22 mins., the ringers standing as follows:—J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; H. Walls, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8. The half-peal was the first part of Holt's Ten-part peal, and was conducted by Walter Taylor.

On Saturday, October 21st, the Whitefield ringers paid a visit to our tower and gave a few touches. They also brought their handbells, and rang several rounds. The names were as follows:—W. Bradshaw, F. Bradshaw, W. Warburton, W. Houghton, J. Barlow, N. Crompton, S. Troms, J. Bradshaw, and J. Jackson.—*Newchurch Parish Magazine.*

At the above church, on Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Rossendale and Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; H. Hayes, 3; G. Lord, 4; W. Taylor (conductor), 5; H. Walls (first peal), 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8.

The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

THE monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday afternoon, the 4th inst., at the Parish Church, Burslem, when over forty members assembled from the towers of Bucknall, Stoke, Tunstall, Leek, Longton, Kids Grove, and Hanley. The tower was open for ringing at four o'clock, short courses in the following and other methods being rung:—GRANDSIRE, BOB MINOR, and OXFORD BOB, KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, conducted by Mr. J. Johnson (Tunstall), and Mr. T. Turner (Leek). At six o'clock an adjournment was made, and an ample repast was partaken of. Afterwards the handbells were brought out, and the Hanley and Burslem ringers played some favourite melodies. The customary vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. Allman, Burslem, who said that he was pleased to welcome any ringing friends to their tower, and hoped that change-ringing would still flourish among the rising generation. He could not do as some of them could do, for his time had reached the allotted time of man, three score years and ten. He trusted it would not be the last time they would meet at Burslem. The members then returned to the tower, where ringing was continued until a late hour.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see next page.

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Reopening of the Bells at Martley, Worcestershire.

THE ring of six bells in the tower of St. Peter's Church have been quarter-turned and rehung, with entirely new fittings, by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, and were reopened on Thursday, November 9th. They are a unique peal in some respects, being all of one family and age, and at the same time of respectable antiquity. The tower is of the time of Henry VII., massively built of the local red sandstone, and joined on to a Norman nave by a well-proportioned Perpendicular arch. The present bells apparently took the place of some even older, judging from the fact that one or two timbers of the older framework are still to be seen, with the matrices for brasses, in the lower work of the present frame. The six bells are all dated 1673. The tenor has also 'William Browning, John Gyles C.W., and the 6th, 'Rich. Keene caste this Ringe.' Keene was a bell-founder who lived at Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and is said to have done a good deal of travelling work. In Martley it is traditionally supposed that the bells were cast in the cricket field close to the tower. They are a capital lot; the tenor, weighing between 13 cwt. and 14 cwt., is an E bell, and sounds twice her weight. The work of rehanging has been necessary for many years, as the bells were badly pitted from being struck by the clappers in the same place for 220 years; they were also grievously over-clappered. All the fittings were quite worn out; but the frame, in which the date 1673 is cut, is a good one still.

On the 9th inst. the local band rose the bells at 11 a.m., and were soon joined by some of the Cathedral Guild from Worcester. BOB MINOR, CANTERBURY, STEDMAN, and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung during the day. At 1 o'clock the ringers were entertained at dinner by the liberality of the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Hastings) and the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Davis and J. Holliday). At 3 o'clock there was special evensong in church. A few rounds were rung immediately after the blessing, before the congregation dispersed. The cost of the restoration is 70l., and has been defrayed by public subscription.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT. — The second quarterly meeting was held at Wrentham on Saturday, the 28th ult. The tower was open for ringing from five till nine. There were twenty members present from Bramfield, Brampton, Covehithe, Gisleham, Wenhamston, and Westhall, in addition to the local company. The five bells were kept going in GRANDSIRE and BOB DOUBLES. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom at 6.30, Mr. A. J. Naunton in the chair. The Rev. F. G. M. Norris, of South Cove, was elected an honorary member, and other business was transacted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. Abbott for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to Mr. C. Bacon for having them in readiness, also to the chairman for presiding. The next meeting will be held at Bramfield in January, 1894.

The Prince of Wales's Birthday.

On the 9th inst., being the fifty-second anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Wales, president of the Imperial Institute, the Alexandra peal of bells in the Queen's Tower of the Institute were rung by selected ringers of the Ancient Society of College Youths from eleven to twelve mid-day and from six to seven p.m. Peals were also rung at intervals on the bells of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and the parish church of St. John.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. K. Hart, 1; J. Searle, 2; G. Baker, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; W. Palmer (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 6; G. A. King, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. This is the first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells. This composition has the 6th seventeen course-ends wrong and home at the last twenty-four course-ends, and the 2nd never in 6th's place at a course-end.

At Hackington, Canterbury, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. M. J. Pierce, 1; H. G. Fairbrass (conductor), 2; A. A. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; G. Sayer, 5; C. Luery, 6; P. H. Pierce, 7; J. Balaam, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

On Thursday, the 9th inst. (Prince of Wales's birthday), a peal of 5079 STEDMAN CATERERS was rung by the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and Cheltenham and District Guild in 3 hrs. 13 mins.:—A. W. Humphris, G. H. Phillott, J. Austin, F. E. Ward, W. Dyer, C. Pockets, F. Musty, W. T. Pates, H. Roberts, and H. G. Gardner. Tenor, 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. Composed by W. T. Pates and conducted by H. Roberts (first peal as conductor). First peal of STEDMAN CATERERS by Austin and Pockets, and first of STEDMAN CATERERS inside by Humphris. This peal was attempted on October 26th, and lost within five-sixes of end.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. E. O'Meara, 1; J. Truss, jun. (conductor), 2; J. Barry, 3; J. Perrin, 4; W. Truss (first peal with a bob-bell), 5; A. Davis, 6; J. Davis, 7; H. Davis, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Messrs. Truss came from Marlow, Bucks.

Muffled Peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., on the occasion of the funeral procession of the late Sir Andrew Clark passing St. Martin's Church, members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang the bells (half muffled) in memory of the deceased. It was the wish of the Royal College of Physicians, which was readily granted by the Vicar.

At ST. PETER'S, COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Monday, the 13th inst., a touch of 1680 BOB MAJOR was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. by the following members of the Essex Association:—R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; D. Elliott, sen., 6; W. Elliott, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

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FORTY-SEVENTH INTERVIEW.

With REV. CHARLES RUSHBY, Baptist Minister, Stalybridge, relative to the Case of a Sunday-School Teacher.

[See letter in Appendix, page 19.]

I am afraid my visit to the Rev. Charles Rushby, the minister of the Wakefield Road Baptist Church, Stalybridge, was not very well timed. He had been away on a holiday, and at the moment of my call was busily engaged with his correspondence. However, he very readily complied with my request to tell me something of his experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment.

To commence, I reminded him of the letter he wrote rather more than ten years ago, from which the following is an extract:—

'I have great pleasure in informing you that what change of air and the doctor failed to accomplish, your medicine has been successful in doing—that is, effecting a cure of the young woman, member of my Church.'

'That lady' said Mr. Rushby, 'was suffering from Consumption—that was the opinion of the doctor who attended her. It was on my recommendation that she commenced to take Mr. Congreve's remedies, and the result was as I stated in that letter.'

'Can you tell me anything as to her present state of health?' I said.

'She remains well up to to-day, although it is over ten years since she was under Mr. Congreve's treatment. She is still a member of my Church, a teacher in the Sunday-school, and an active worker.'

'You have, I suppose, had experience of some other cases?'

'I have known a good many people who have benefited by the medicine. One of my deacons has kept it constantly in his house.'

Mr. Rushby also told me that he had received a great many letters, and had always been glad to bear his testimony to the efficacy of the treatment.

On leaving Mr. Rushby to call upon the deacon above mentioned, I made inquiry of a lady who told me that he was out of the town for the day, but she added that her own sister had benefited immensely by Mr. Congreve's medicines, and at her suggestion I saw the sister referred to. It turned out to be the lady of whom Mr. Rushby had spoken—Miss H. Brooks, and she readily confirmed all I had been told.

'I was really very ill,' she said, in answer to my question, 'and the doctor didn't do me any good at all. If I hadn't taken Mr. Congreve's medicine I don't think I should have got better, for nothing seemed to be of any use. With the exception of one illness, I have enjoyed splendid health ever since'—a statement which anyone who saw Miss Brooks would readily believe.

In according me her permission to publish this account of her illness and recovery, Miss Brooks informed me that she had recommended the treatment to many people, telling them the great good she had derived.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, October 28th, the monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Sefton, when over thirty members were present from the various belfries. Very little change-ringing was done owing to the bad 'go' of the bells. Various points of interest in the neighbourhood were visited, including the 'wishing well' dedicated to St. Helen. The ringers afterwards sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the Rector and Churchwardens. The business was of the usual routine character. Two honorary members were elected, the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

The St. James's Society, London.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., over thirty guests (being members of the above Society or connected with the parish and vestry of St. Clement Danes, Strand) were entertained to an excellent dinner given by the Churchwardens, Messrs. S. Twining and Dobree, at the 'Essex Head,' Strand, the occasion being to celebrate the bi-centenary peal on the bells. After the repast, and the usual loyal toasts being duly honoured, Mr. Samuel Twining (the Chairman) gave in felicitous terms, 'The St. James's Society;' and, in reviewing its history, recalled its close connexion with the parish during the past half-century, as shown on the many peal-boards. Upon several of these it was very gratifying to him to see in the past the names of Twinings inscribed, either as churchwardens or overseers. In concluding, he expressed the hope that the Society would always remain attached to the parish; and that its peal-book would record in the future, as in the past, many peals achieved in their tower. Messrs. E. E. Richards, E. Albone, and J. R. Haworth having responded, as Master, Treasurer, and oldest member respectively, Mr. Churchwarden Dobree gave the health of the Chairman, which was received with musical honours. Time was then pleasantly occupied in tune-playing on the Society's handbells by Messrs. Meads, Lovett, and Barry; and a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS was performed by Messrs. Winny, Haworth, Newton, Barry, and Lovett, the foregoing being diversified by songs from Messrs. Haworth, Weatherstone, Newton, and others, together with an excellent recitation by Mr. Peters; the National Anthem concluding what was to all present a most pleasant evening.

An Enjoyable Evening.

On Wednesday, the 15th inst., by special invitation of Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny, Messrs. F. E. Dawe, J. Pettit, E. Horrex, M. A. Wood, J. R. Haworth, W. Coates, C. F. Winney, F. G. Newman, W. T. Cockerell, W. D. Smith, (of the Ancient Society of College Youths), and Butcher (one of the steeple-keepers at St. Paul's Cathedral), were entertained at dinner in St. Paul's Churchyard Hotel. In addition to Miss Leny, there were present to meet the guests, the Rev. Donald D. Mackinnon, Mrs. Mackinnon, Mr. Alan Mackinnon, Lady Jane Turnour, Lady Catharine Turnour, and Mr. Cuthbert Field.

After the removal of the cloth, GRANDSIRE CATERS, STEDMAN TRIPLES (504), and GRANDSIRE CINQUES were tapped off double-handed on the handbells. Mr. F. E. Dawe, in deference to a wish expressed by his brother-guests, thanked the hostess for her extreme kindness. He was pleased to be able to state that he occupied the chair of the Society on the date of Miss Leny's election as the first lady member, and he hoped that membership might long continue, and that she had only led the way for further like enrolments. Mr. Haworth supported Mr. Dawe in his remarks.

Miss Leny, in responding, was received with cheers, and thanked the speakers for their very kind words, saying it was a great pleasure for her to have met the old faces that evening. She could not accept all the encomiums that had been placed to her credit, but wished to share them with Mr. and Mrs. Mackinnon, who at all times were ready to welcome and entertain ringers, and who, in the present instance, had taken a very great part.

The company broke up shortly after 10 p.m. Miss Leny and party were treated to a plain course of GRANDSIRE CATERS on their departure.

It was regretted that at the last moment Archdeacon Sinclair was prevented from being present.

The Bells of Acton, Cheshire.

DURING the past few weeks the bells of the parish church have undergone a thorough repairing. The fifth bell, which has been cracked for a number of years, has been recast, and the ring of six have been rehung and quarter-turned by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. On Friday afternoon, the 20th ult., a service was held in the church, when the Bishop of the diocese attended to dedicate the bells. A short special service was held under the tower, in which the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' and the 150th Psalm were sung, after which the Bishop tolled the fifth bell. A short peal was then rung, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction, which concluded the service. The choir was augmented by some of the Nantwich choristers, and members of the Diocesan Bell-ringers' Guild rang MAJOR and MINOR peals during the afternoon. In the evening the Harvest Thanksgiving was held. The offertories at both services, amounting to 11*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*, were given to the fund for restoring the bells.

The Bells of Warmington, Northamptonshire.

THE ringers' usual winter practice has begun, and all are glad to hear these bells with their fine tone. They are learning 120 changes of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and ten changes of BOB DOUBLES. The GRANDSIRE has never been rung through on these bells since about ten years ago, when it was rung through three times. The names of the ringers are—Thos. Upex, jun., 1; Avery Burdett, jun., 2; Robert Firmedows, 3; Albert Burdett, 4; Chas. Williamson and Geo. Weatherington, 5. It is to be hoped that at Christmas

the villagers will patronise them. The Vicar is taking great interest in the matter.

New Bells at Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

THE ring of bells placed in Scunthorpe Parish Church, as a memorial to the late Lord St. Oswald, was dedicated on Monday evening, the 16th ult., by the Bishop of Lincoln. The church was built by the deceased peer at a cost of between 20,000*l.* and 30,000*l.*, and it was left to the parishioners to add a peal of bells. They have been placed in the belfry by Messrs. Taylor & Co., the cost being 467*l.*, out of which 250*l.* has been subscribed. The inscription on the tenor bell is 'A.M.D.G. In memory of Rowland Winn, 1st Baron St. Oswald, the founder of this church, died January 19th, 1893. We seven bells were added by public subscription, A.D., 1893. Edmund Akenhead, vicar; C. A. Cheesman and J. A. Tunnan, churchwardens.' There was a large gathering of clergy and others at the Dedication Service, and the Bishop preached an impressive sermon from the words, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.' The ringers from St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, occupied the belfry.

The Church Bells of Great Tew, Oxford.

THIS fine ring of bells, given by — Keck, Esq., and cast by Mr. Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1709, have been rehung. They were lately opened by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild by ringing a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. F. White, 1; C. Foxell, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; E. Napper, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; A. Thomas, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; S. White, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt.

Death of a Northants Ringer.

THE recent death of James Chapman, of Pytchley, was deeply regretted by his friends and the inhabitants. The grave was decorated with ivy and wreaths, which were sent by the deceased's wife and children, Miss E. E. Grundy, Rev. E. and Mrs. Gates, Mrs. and Miss W. Dunn, and his grandchildren. The ringers showed their respect for an old comrade by chiming as his remains were conveyed to church, and ringing a dumb peal in the evening, Chapman himself having been a ringer for over forty years. The Rev. E. Gates in his sermon on the following Sunday night made some most appropriate and pathetic remarks as to his being an officer of the Church, and how his cherry voice and ever ready helping hand would be sadly missed by himself and in the village.

The Bells of Kynaston Chapel.

(From the 'Hereford Journal'.)

SIR,—I shall esteem it a great favour if you can find space to insert a few additional notes on this interesting subject, more especially as they contain some authentic information which I have gleaned from two of the oldest inhabitants of this parish concerning the bell now used as a workmen's bell in these gardens, and which was found among the ruins of Kynaston Chapel some sixty-five or seventy years ago.

According to my informants the bell was found as stated (one of whom viewed the excavations the Sunday following the finding of it), and was removed to Triggles Farm near by, where it remained for a time, and was then presented to the late Mr. Edward Thomas Foley, who caused it to be hung under the kitchen archway at Stoke Edith Park, but it was soon taken down again as it was found to be too heavy for the kitchen-maid to ring. The bell was then hung on a beam secured in the fork of a lime-tree now on the outskirts of the kitchen garden, where it remained for several years, when it was taken down and hung in its present position in another part of the garden; and in addition to serving as a workmen's bell, it is also rung to give alarm in case of fire.

These statements dispose of the traditions about the bell being rung in the Middle Park to give alarm when the Forest of Dean miners came to poach the deer, and both persons state they never heard of its being used for that purpose; and furthermore both are agreed in saying that but the one bell was found among the ruins. In conclusion I may add that the bell bears every trace of having been buried among the debris for a great many years.

A. WARD.

The Gardens, Stoke Edith Park, Hereford.

The Bells of All Saints', Woodchurch, Kent.

SIR,—The following are the inscriptions. Can any reader of *Church Bells* give me their dimensions and respective weights?

Treble:—'John Clarke and Gabriel Richards, Churchwardens, 1755
Lester & Pack, Fecit.'

Second:—'Joseph Hatch, Fecit. 1623.'

Third, Fourth, and Fifth:—'Joseph Hatch Made Me. 1608.'

Tenor:—'John Clarke and Gabriel Richards, Churchwardens, 1755.
Lester & Pack, London, Fecit.'

The clock was the gift of Mrs. Schrieber, of Henhurst, in the year 1867.

I was at school at Woodchurch some five-and-twenty years ago, and have very pleasant recollections of the sound of these bells on Sundays and festival occasions. With the wind the right way, too, I have often heard the rich tones of the heavy ring of eight at the neighbouring old 'Cinque Port' town of Tenterden, whose church tower is said to have been 'the cause of the Goodwin Sands.' As change-ringing now flourishes at Tenterden, I hope it has spread to Woodchurch. Any information regarding these bells will be of interest to—Yours faithfully, E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 982.)

Queen Elizabeth's Accession to the Throne.

ON Friday, the 17th inst., the bells of Westminster Abbey were rung, as usual, to celebrate the accession of Queen Elizabeth on November 17th, 1558, the ringers being Messrs. Haworth, Weatherstone, French, Hayward, Albone, and Thornton.

The Late Mr. John Laker.

THIS old and respected member of the Kent County Association, and of Ashford, Kent, died on Saturday, October 28th, at the good old age of eighty-seven, after being confined to his bed for eight weeks. The deceased, who commenced change-ringing when a boy, had taken part and conducted many peals of GRANDSIRE, BOB MAJOR, TREBLE BOB, &c., his last being a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES at Frittenden, Kent, on August 7th, 1882. When visiting the metropolis years ago, he rang with the celebrated W. Shipway, at Bow, Cheapside, Cripplegate, and other churches. Mr. Laker took a prominent part in the formation of the Kent County Association in 1880, and was for twelve years on the Committee. He was interred at Ashford cemetery on November 2nd, many ringing friends being present. The bells at the parish church were rang half muffled after the funeral by members of the Kent County Association.

A Long Peal at Bramley, Yorkshire.

THE bells of Bramley Parish Church were merrily rung on a recent Saturday afternoon, and also in the evening, by about thirty members of the Leeds and District Association of Change-ringers. Six of the members completed a peal of 5040 changes. A business meeting was also held. The afternoon peal was rung by J. Thackray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; A. Chapman, 3; John Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. M. Chadwick (conductor), 6; and was brought round in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Thursday, the 9th inst., ten members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang Hubbard's peal of 5187 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 40 mins. J. Motts (conductor), 1; I. S. Alexander, 2; J. W. Lines, 3; F. Clayton (first peal in the method), 4; W. Motts, 5; A. E. Durrant, 6; R. Hawes, 7; W. L. Catchpole, 8; E. Pemberton, 9; W. P. Garrett, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxfordshire.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 52 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (birthday), 4; E. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; J. Hands (first peal with a bob-bell), 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; J. Bonney, 2; E. Horrex, 3; E. Hall, 4; S. E. Joyce, 5; S. Hayes, 6; Y. Green (composer), 7; C. Charge (first peal in the method), 8.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

ON Tuesday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang H. Johnson's peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 14 mins. J. N. Frossell, * 1; G. Williams, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. Baker, * 4; G. A. King, 5; K. Hart, * 6; H. Weston (first peal of CAMBRIDGE as conductor), 7; G. F. Attree, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. [* First peal of CAMBRIDGE.]

At the Parish Church, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (reversed) were rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins., by the following members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild (Wigan Branch):—G. Turner, 1; A. Shaw, 2; J. Gummerson (conductor), 3; W. Major, 4; J. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; J. Barker, 7; E. Bentham, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

At Denham, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 9 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; W. Wilder, 2; A. C. Fussell, 3; J. Cawley, 4; W. F. Meads, 5; A. Pittam, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; A. Jacob, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. The first peal on the bells since 1773.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 4th inst., the bells of St. Gregory's Church were rung at intervals during the day on the occasion of the visitation of the Bishop of Ely (Lord Alwyne Compton), and on the following Sunday evening the bells of St. Peter's Church were rung before and after the evening service. A touch of 480 BOB MAJOR was rung by W. Cross, 1; M. Silvester, 2; F. Tolliday, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. And after service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES, by W. Cross, 1; M. Silvester, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; H. Brackett, 8. Both touches were conducted by Mr. Sillitoe.

— AT CAVERSHAM, OXON.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, E. Woodley, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Simmonds, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; E. W. Menday (conductor), 7; H. Smith, 8. After service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. E. Woodley, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

AT BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 42 mins. J. Beams, 1; T. Durling (first quarter-peal in the method), 2; E. Dunn, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; T. Groombridge (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 5; G. Durling, 6; T. Harford (first quarter-peal in the method), 7; W. James, 8. Messrs. T. Durling and Groombridge came from Chislehurst; Beams, Ewell, Surrey; the rest belong to the local band. This quarter-peal was composed by W. Bedwell, of Lewisham. On a Tuesday, for practice, at SS. Peter and Paul, a date touch of 1893 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Town (longest length), 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling, 5; W. Ingham, 6; T. Groombridge (first date touch as conductor), 7; W. James, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. Messrs. Town and Smith came from Penge; T. Durling, Ingham; and Groombridge, Chislehurst; the rest belong to the local band.

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FORTY-EIGHTH INTERVIEW.

With REV. B. DAIN, Chorley, Lancashire.

[See Appendix, also Letters, Sept. 12, 1889.]

Mr. Dain has only been a short time in Chorley. Like other ministers of the various Methodist denominations, he has to remove at intervals from one circuit to another.

It was early in the morning when I called at Mr. Dain's house, but he very kindly placed himself at my disposal and gave me the particulars which follow.

'My first experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment came to me about nineteen years ago. I had a fearful break-down through overwork, and had to give up for twelve months. I got no relief, though I tried half-a-dozen doctors, and those at the head of the profession. I needn't go into details, but in my case there was every threatening of Consumption. I have always regarded Mr. Congreve's treatment as having saved my life. I took the medicine for three years, and since that time—for the last fifteen years, that is—I have enjoyed perfect health—for that I have to thank Mr. Congreve.'

'Your own experience being of so satisfactory a character, Mr. Dain, I should like to know whether you have met with similar results in other cases?'

'Yes. I was stationed in the Isle of Man four years, and during that time I obtained at least twenty bottles for a man—a postmaster at a small place a few miles from Douglas. I believe it has saved two or three lives in that family, in which there is some predisposition to Consumption.'

'Does any other case occur to you?'

'There was a lad of twelve who suffered from Bronchitis each winter, and who showed every sign of Consumption. After taking three bottles of Mr. Congreve's medicine he was quite restored to health, was apprenticed, and is now a master baker with a good business. Both the cases I have mentioned were in the Isle of Man. I know many others, in places where I have resided, where people have received great benefit, but probably I have given enough examples for your purpose.'

'Yes, thank you. The only other request I have to make is that you will give me permission to publish what you have told me?'

'I haven't the least objection, if you think it is likely to do good.'

Before I left Mr. Dain and I chatted a little about a mutual friend—a brother minister—well qualified to speak of the good results of Mr. Congreve's remedies, for he told me eight or ten years ago of several cases of cure within his own personal knowledge, including that of his wife.

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PEAL SUPPLEMENT.

NOTICE.

Though there has been a large response to our invitation for the figures of peals, the publication of these figures has not hitherto evoked from the Exercise any corresponding spirit of inquiry and criticism. The Supplement due to-day is, therefore, held over for a while in the hope that some notes on the value of the published peals may reach us. Having in hand a sufficient number of compositions to fill another Supplement, no further figures can be received at present.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

The fifteenth quarterly meeting of the Saxmundham District of the above Association was held at Benhall on Saturday, November 25th, when twenty-one members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Sibton, Peasenhall, Kelsale, Benhall, Rendham, and Sweffling. The bells of the Parish Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening, various 720's of PLAIN BOB, TREBLE BOB, and DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR being successfully brought round. This very pretty ring has recently been thoroughly restored and put into good ringing order by Messrs. Warner & Sons, and it was considered that, as a recognition of the good work done, an Association meeting should be held at Benhall at the earliest opportunity, and which accordingly took place as above.

The business meeting was held at the Vicarage at six o'clock, presided over by the Rev. G. H. Thompson, M.A. (vicar). The Hon. Secretary (Mr. William Taylor) read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed. The reverend Chairman was enrolled as an honorary member of the Association, and one probationer from Leiston was admitted. It was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Leiston in March, 1894, on the proposition of Mr. Robert Wells, seconded by Mr. James Edmonds. Other items of business having been disposed of, a vote of thanks was passed to the reverend Chairman for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, the room for the holding of the meeting, and for presiding. The reverend gentleman, in response, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to welcome the members, and himself to become a member of the Association. He recognised ringers as church officers, having their own specific work to carry out for the services of the church, and specially deserving the notice of church officials.

An adjournment was then made to the dining-room, where a substantial tea was provided by Mrs. Thompson. At the conclusion of the feast a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Thompson for their kind hospitality, on the proposition of Mr. F. Cooper, seconded by Mr. John Button, and which was carried by acclamation. Mr. Cooper said how very beneficial it was to the Association to have the ringers supported by the clergy. Ringers did not like to be left out in the cold, but liked the clergy to recognise, help, and take an interest in them. A course of BOB MAJOR was afterwards rung on Mr. A. J. Lincoln's sweet-toned handbells by Messrs. W. Drew, 1-2; H. J. Button, 3-4; A. J. Lincoln, 5-6; and G. Wilson, 7-8. The members afterwards returned to the church, where ringing was resumed until nine o'clock, and which brought to a close a highly successful, encouraging, and enjoyable meeting.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 1000.)

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ON Tuesday, November 21st, the following officers were re-elected:—Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master; Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Secretary; Mr. J. Pettit, Treasurer; Messrs. Dorrington and Musket, Trustees; Mr. H. Langdon became Senior Steward, and Mr. A. Coles was elected Junior Steward. Messrs. Dawe, W. D. Smith, Horrex, Cockerill were elected to represent the Society on the Central Council. There will be no ringing at Cripplegate on Tuesday, December 5th, but a business meeting will be held at headquarters at nine p.m.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On the 19th ult., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. Truss, 1; J. Barry, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. George (Rusby, 70th peal), 4; H. N. Davis, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; F. J. Pitts, 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. The composition contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in course in 6th's place.

A Muffled Peal at Waltham Abbey, Essex.

On Monday, the 20th ult., the members of the above society rang a muffled peal as a token of respect to the late Miss Francis, who has always taken a lively interest in the affairs of the parish. A. Tarling, 1; H. James, 2; G. Pearce, 3; F. Jelf, 4; D. Tarling, 5; G. Thurgood (conductor), 6; T. Colverd, 7; G. Cole, 8. The same band afterwards rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the bells muffled, in 48 mins. Composed by W. A. Alps, and conducted by F. Jelf.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Patchett, 1; G. Dawson, 2; W. Clarke, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Hickling, 5; B. Sugden, 6; J. Flower, 7; A. P. Heywood, 8. Composed and conducted by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Tenor, 17 cwt. This composition contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, and was rung as a birthday peal for John Patchett, it being also his first peal.

At St Martin's, Birmingham.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., twelve members of the St. Martin's Guild rang a peal of 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 30 mins. W. S. Pritchett,* 1; H. Johnson, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; H. Bastable, 4; C. Dickens, 5; B. Witchell, 6; J. S. Pritchett,* 7; J. Plant, 8; J. Astbury* (birthday), 9; T. Miller, 10; W. Kent, 11; R. Hall,* 12. Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by B. Witchell. Tenor, 36 cwt. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 5th's place in natural courses, and is the first peal produced with these qualities. [* First peal of CINQUES.]

At St. George's, Mossley, Lancashire.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. J. Holden, 1; W. Bentley, 2; S. H. Cowper, 3; H. Mayall, 4; J. T. Scott, 5; F. Rhodes, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 8. Composed by Henry Dains, of London, and conducted by James S. Wilde.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., a peal of 5001 STEDMAN CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. W. Driver, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; A. H. Taber, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; W. R. Smith, 6; J. Basden, 7; J. Nicholls, 8; C. Charge, 9; S. How, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt. Composed by Robert Williams, of Liverpool, and conducted by J. W. Driver. This is the first peal of STEDMAN CATERS by the Fulham Society; also the first peal of STEDMAN CATERS by all the band except the ringers of the treble, second, and tenor, and the first peal in the method by the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9th.

At St. Peter's, Coggeshall, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR was rung by the following members of the Essex Association in 3 hrs. 15 mins.:—R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; W. Elliott, 4; J. Saddler, 5; D. Elliott, sen. (aged sixty-seven years), 6; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor, aged seventeen years), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal by all the band.

At St. Giles's, Killamarsh, Derbyshire.

ON a Saturday evening, six members of the Yorkshire and the Old East Derbyshire Association rang 5040 changes in seven different peals of 720 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emson, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt. This is the first 5040 SURPRISE peal ever rung by the above ringers, also the first by either of the Associations, and was rung at the first attempt.

At St. Stephen's, Canterbury.

LATELY, on a Tuesday evening, eight members of the Kent County Association, by permission of the Rector (Rev. F. H. Hichens), rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. M. J. Pierce, 1; H. J. Fairbrass (conductor), 2; A. A. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; G. Sayer, 5; C. Luery, 6; P. H. Pierce, 7; J. Balaam, 8. It is ten years since a peal was rung on these bells.

SIR,—Will you please to allow me to make the following corrections in reference to the peals published in my name in your last Supplement. Nos. 53 and 72 are reverse to Nos. 52 and 58 respectively. Nos. 57 and 75 I beg to disclaim. The first of these (57) is given by Mr. Snowden in his work on *Treble Bob*, part II., p. 20, twice, reduced in each case to 5184. It is also

given on page 22 of the same work as a 5376. The different variations are respectively ascribed to H. Johnson, W. Sottanstell, and T. Day. Another, and a more pleasing variation of this peal may be had by calling the third course in each part 2m and 1w, in lieu of the calling given. This will have the effect of reducing the peal to 5088 without impairing its qualities. With respect to No. 75, Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, informs me that he himself obtained it several years ago, but afterwards found out that the peal had been rung at Kenninghall, Norfolk, in 1881 or 1882, as the composition of the late Mr. H. Hubbard. This peal, I think, must count amongst the hitherto unpublished ones; by the same author. I hope you will insert these corrections in the interest of all concerned. JAMES S. WILDE.

38 Thomas Street, Flowerly Field, Hyde, November 25th.

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FORTY-NINTH INTERVIEW.

With MR. GEORGE H. STUBBS, 222 Weys Green, Winsford, Cheshire.

[Whose case appeared in the weekly journals in December, 1890.]

Mr. G. H. Stubbs is a well-known resident at Winsford, Cheshire. There are circumstances connected with the case which make it of great interest to all who are concerned in the successful cure of Consumption.

I asked him what occupation he had followed up to the time of his illness.

'I was the captain of a river steamer,' he replied; 'and was exposed to all kinds of weather, and have sometimes worked a whole week, night and day.'

It is not surprising that, under such circumstances, health failed. What happened had better be told in Mr. Stubbs own words:

'For six months before I went to Coombe Lodge, my health had given way. I had a bad cough, and the phlegm I raised was often mixed with blood, my breath was short, I had pains in my chest and side, and also night perspirations.'

'That describes your condition when you paid a visit to Coombe Lodge. Will you tell me what took place afterwards?'

'Yes:—but perhaps I ought to mention that I had been attended by two doctors, and had received no benefit. Three weeks after I commenced with Mr. Congreve's medicine and liniment I was able to report that the pains had gone, and that the phlegm was much less.'

'And I suppose you continued the treatment?'

'Yes, paying another visit to London a few weeks later, when I was told that my condition was much improved, and that I ought to persevere with the remedy. I was also advised to give up my occupation for one less exposed, but that I was not able to do at once, though I did so as soon as the opportunity presented itself.'

'I see, Mr. Stubbs, that in September, 1890, a year after you commenced Mr. Congreve's medicines, you wrote: 'I feel it my duty to express my utmost thanks to you for the kind treatment I received at your hands. Your valuable medicine has quite restored my health. All symptoms have disappeared for the last two months. I feel a strong man. I have gained forty pounds in weight.' Does that fairly represent your sentiments now?'

'Yes I consider it a most wonderful medicine. I believe it was entirely owing to it that I recovered my health. Altogether, I was laid up for twelve months, but now, I am thankful to say, I am strong and well. We use the medicine for the children if they get a cold, and my wife also takes it for the same purpose.' In proof of this Mr. Stubbs showed me a large-sized bottle he had purchased recently.

I readily obtained permission from Mr. Stubbs to make use of this interview for the benefit of others, and bade him farewell.

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