

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Two Hundred and Fifty-sixth Anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Established 1637).

THE anniversary banquet of the above Society took place on the 18th ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, Southwark. Sixty-nine members and friends sat down to dinner, the Master, Mr. Dawe presiding. Among those present were:—Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny, of Speldhurst, Kent, an honorary member, who takes great interest in the promotion and well-being of ringers and change-ringing; A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, Derby; Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden; Messrs. Durrant and Tillett, Ipswich; Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, St. Albans; also members from Bromley, Chislehurst, Mitcham, Edmonton, and other parts of Greater London. Notable amongst the London ringers were Messrs. Pettit, Haworth, Horrex, and M. A. Wood. Mr. E. E. Richards kindly accompanied the songs on the piano during the evening. Many toasts were duly honoured.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. D. Smith, of Hackney, and late Master of the Society, then proposed 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies and the Visitors.' After many genial remarks on the subject, Mr. Smith alluded to the assistance and impetus given to change-ringing by Mr. Percival Heywood, particularly as a composer and conductor, and for his urbanity on all occasions, especially when ringers visited the pretty village of Duffield. He had much pleasure in coupling Mr. Heywood's name with the toast.

Mr. Heywood was received with applause. He said the Vice-Chairman had remarked that the toast was an important one, and he agreed with him. Referring to supposed grievances among ringers, he pointed out that rushing into print generally widened the breach; for if it could only be arranged to meet face to face, the whole thing, in many cases, could be settled in a few minutes. He was extremely pleased to see a lady present at that gathering. Her presence meant a good deal, more than could be said. Here was a lady of Society attending a dinner where all the other guests were men. What did it mean? Only one thing—that they were a well-conducted and highly-respectable body of men, and that would go far to explode the ancient opinion about the conduct of ringers. Mr. Heywood resumed his seat amid cheers.

Mr. Newton proposed the 'Officers of the Society,' and the Secretary, Mr. Cockerill, responded. A course of STEDMAN CATERERS was rung by Messrs. Winny, Newton, Buckingham, Wood, and Tillett; and three of the party,

with Mr. Heywood, rang a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES. Altogether a happy and enjoyable gathering of the Ancient Society of College Youths has taken place.

The Bells of All Saints', Woodchurch, Kent.

SIR,—In your issue of November 24th, Mr. E. J. Dennes asks for 'information regarding these bells.' On looking over some old accounts (overseers', &c.), I came upon a bill of which I now give an exact copy:—

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„ 19th	To do. pd. warfidge and pottridge and cartidge ...	0	9 0
		£140	4 3

1755		PER CONTRA.	Cr.
July 19th.	By 1 old Bell, wt. 16 c. 1 q. 18 lb. at 10d. lb. ...	76	11 8
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Witness—John Hukins, Gabriel Richards.

I cannot give the weight of the other bells, but the following are the diameters, taken carefully by one of the junior ringers:—No. 2, 2 ft. 8½ in.; No. 3, 2 ft. 11 in.; No. 4, 3 ft. 2 in.; No. 5, 3 ft. 6 in.

We have two sets of ringers, 'The Old Ringers' and 'The Guild of Junior Ringers.' We do a little in change-ringing. I hope to induce some of the ringers to join the County Association.

Woodchurch Rectory, December 4th, 1893.

ANDREW WELCH.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 18.)

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The Sussex County Association.

CENTRAL DIVISION.—A successful meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, November 25th, at Hurstpierpoint. Representatives were present from Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Angmering, Steyning, Henfield, Crawley, Linfield, and a muster of the local band. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock. A short service was held at four o'clock, after which touches were rung till tea-time, when the members, to the number of thirty-one, sat down to an excellent meat tea, with the Master, Mr. G. F. Attree, presiding; after which one new member was elected. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Borrer for the use of the bells. The remainder of the evening was spent in ringing short touches on the tower bells in the following methods:—GRANDSIRE and STEPMAN TRIPLES, TREBLE BOB and DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, and plain courses of LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. This is the first time the three Surprise methods have been rung at a meeting of the Association. The next meeting for this Division was announced to be held at Steyning in February, 1894.

Concerning Bells.

THE people of Russia, and of Moscow in particular, wish to present Notre Dame, at Paris, with a new bell, as a mark of affection and sympathy towards the French nation. Cardinal Richard, a few days ago, received a telegram asking if one of the historic towers of the cathedral could receive a bell weighing upwards of eighty tons. The diocesan architect made a study of the conditions, and reported that there would be no room to swing it even if an opening were made for its passage into the tower. Moreover, the hoisting of such a mass of metal would cause perturbation in the ancient edifice that might have serious consequences; so the bell will not be cast. There is a Russian bell, nevertheless, in the belfry of Notre Dame already. It came from Sebastopol, under circumstances which would hardly make it a fitting emblem of international amity. It rests beside the great tenor bell of Notre Dame, and has never been hung. That tenor weighs about ten tons, and was cast in 1683. The greatest bell in France was that of Rouen, which weighed more than thirty-six tons. It was melted during the Revolution. Rouen still has a bell weighing eighteen tons, half a ton more than our Great Paul; and Sens, Angers, and Rheims boast of bells rivaling in weight our Great Peter at York, and surpassing both Great Tom of Oxford and Great Tom of Lincoln. The weight of historic bells, however, is as uncertain as a lady's age is said to be. That of the Great Bell at Moscow, which never has been used as a bell, by the way, is variously estimated. It is probably not far off 198 tons. But there is a bell at Moscow in actual use of 128 tons, and another of nearly 60. To approach these one must go to Pekin, where there is a bell whose weight is said to be 53½ tons. In Western Europe the Kaiserglocke of Cologne Cathedral, cast from twenty-two French cannon, and weighing 26 tons 13 cwt., is indisputably the largest. Bells go back into the mists of old, but the era of big bells is no older than the fourteenth century. Earlier specimens are all small, like the four-sided bell of St. Patrick preserved at Belfast, and were in fact handbells, as was probably the *as thermarum* which summoned the Romans to their bath. Some people have made as dead a set against church bells as the Mohammedans did, and still do in some places. But who that has heard the sweet jangle at noon in Italy, or the fairy tintinnabulations of the carillons in Flanders, or the grand clamour of our noble peal at St. Paul's of a night, when the cacophony of the streets is somewhat allayed, would wish to join the Turk in suppressing them?—*The Echo*.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., a peal of 5088 FORWARD MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 7 mins. J. Carter (composer and conductor), 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Jones, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; G. Walker, 5; H. Mason, 6; J. E. Grove, 7; J. T. Perry, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This composition is in three parts with only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place at the course-ends, and never has two calls together throughout. First peal of FORWARD MAJOR rung by the Association or on the bells.

At the Parish Church, Handsworth, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang C. H. Hattersley's peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. H. Barber, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; G. Salter, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; A. E. Parsons, 5; J. Barber, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At St. Giles's, Ashtead, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. G. Malpass, 1; E. Lee, 2; J. Rumble (first peal), 3; J. F. Wignell, 4; E. Walker (birthday), 5; J. Fayers, 6; F. Holder (conductor), 7; W. Gray, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Brighton.

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang C. Middleton's peal of 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 34 mins. J. N. Frossell, 1; H. Weston, 2; G. A. King, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; A. A. Fuller, 5; K. Hart, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; G. F. Attree, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. This was Middleton's composition in its original form. The longest peal rung by all the band, also on the bells.

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

ON Wednesday, the 28th ult., the bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Wright, an old and respected inhabitant of the

parish, the usual pull-and-stand indicating the age, after which a well-struck touch was brought round. J. R. Haworth (conductor), 1; J. Nelms, 2; A. Newman, 3; W. Moore, 4; G. Watkin, 5; J. Wheeler, 6; D. Lovett, 7; W. D. Matthews, 8; E. Elburn (Amersham), 9; A. E. Church, 10. Tenor, 31 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

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

FIFTIETH INTERVIEW.

With MRS. WOOD, 12 Sheppard Street, Stoke-on-Trent.

[See page 57 of work on 'Consumption,' and references in the weekly journals, Nov. 14th, 1889, and Oct. 8th, 1890.]

MRS. WOOD, in the course of a pleasant chat I had with her recently, described herself as an enthusiast where Mr. Congreve's treatment for Chest Diseases was concerned; whether or not her enthusiasm is justified, those who read the following lines will be in a position to judge.

'The account you have shown me, and which I have already seen, is correct in every particular; the only fault I should be inclined to find with it is that it is not strong enough. It is quite true that I was weak from a child, taking quantities of cod liver oil. As far back as 1876 I suffered from rupture of a vessel in the right lung, and consequent hemorrhage, which returned in the following year. In 1878 I had a severe cough, with considerable pain and expectoration. I had medical advice, and at this time my physician told me that Consumption had set in. I lost flesh, and became quite prostrate. From that moment I became convinced that if anything could do me good it would be Mr. Congreve's treatment.'

'I believe you went to London and saw Mr. Congreve?'

'Yes; I remember the visit very well, but I had been under treatment a long time before that.'

'Without going at length into all the details, I may take it that you derived benefit?'

'Very great benefit, but the process was a very gradual one, for I had a weak heart, and as I have said, was always of a weak constitution. But I persevered, following out loyally all Mr. Congreve's directions. I took the medicine altogether for three years, and quite recovered my health, as I wrote to Mr. Congreve, "life is not only bearable, but enjoyable now." I daresay you think I am very enthusiastic, but indeed I have reason to be.'

'Have you had any return of the chest complaint?'

'None; I am susceptible to cold, but my doctor assures me that my lungs are quite sound, and that I have not the slightest trace of Consumption. I may say that I am better now than ever I have been in my life. I owe that to Mr. Congreve, for I firmly believe that perseverance with his remedies saved my life—I shall always say so. Once when I took cold I had a bad cough, and went to the doctor. The medicine he gave me did me no good; but my sister-in-law, in whose house I was staying at the time, had some Elixir by her. I took it, and my cough was cured.'

'Yes; I see you wrote Mr. Congreve two or three years ago saying that nothing did you so much good whenever you have a cough. I believe I am correct in saying that you have recommended the treatment to others?'

'To many; my recommendation being entirely founded on the good I myself obtained from it. Of course, I have had a number of inquiries, and in one instance a lady came all the way from Crewe to see me with reference to it. But I find that in some cases people don't persevere. I did, and the result is as I have told you.'

Is it necessary to add anything to this 'plain, unvarnished tale' to prove that Mrs. Wood's enthusiasm is justified?

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body of the faithful communicated at each celebration of the Liturgy, and the Sacrament was never distributed to those who were in health, except at this time. But as charity grew chill, the number of communicants became less, until there were scarcely any. In order to preserve a semblance of the Communion, bread was blessed by the priest and distributed to the people at the close of the Liturgy.

'However, in after-times, even the custom of giving "eulogiæ," or blessed bread, as a substitute for the Sacrament, became extinct; and now, in a large part of the West, the people never receive the Communion, or even a semblance of it, at the celebration of the Liturgy.'

XII. It is not for a moment supposed that any intelligent worshipper conscientiously regards a celebration at which he attends without receiving as a substitute for the Lord's Supper, or as a fulfilment of His command whose only institution was 'Take, eat; drink ye all of it.' Otherwise, the pious and devout 'Friend' or 'Quaker' of bygone days might almost claim him as a convert. If, however, multitudes do truly find that Celebrations without communion are precious to them, let them by all means continue. Only beware lest the result prove what it evidently has proved amongst the Roman Catholics, where Mass without Communion appears to satisfy a sadly large multitude.

All that is asked for is, that on equal principles, administrations of Holy Communion should not invariably be accompanied by the uttering of the two long sentences prescribed in the Prayer-book now. They are very beautiful, and perhaps more theologically perfect and complete than any of the many formulæ that have been found in any part of Christendom. They are now used, sometimes with painful haste and irreverence, even though a sort of sign of the cross accompanies the proceeding. They are hurried listlessly through sometimes, so that all the soothing and excellent influence of them is lost. The administration of the cup follows so quickly upon that of the paten as to be often positively painful. (There was probably an interval of more than a quarter of an hour between the two at the institution, and though this cannot be imitated, a little space could be easily afforded.) Sometimes the words are said to 'each railful.' Occasionally the first half only of the sentence is uttered. Then the second half is preferred and used by others. Rarely the first or the second half is used after the whole has been repeated once. Another way is to slowly say the words, administering all the time, so that the sentence is repeated once in communicating, perhaps, four, five, or six people. But where the whole of the prescribed and most appropriate and scripture sentences are recited to each person, without either haste or drawing, but reverently and distinctly (many communicants are deaf), the exhaustion of the voice organs in going through exactly the same changes for a long period is serious, and the time necessarily requisite for the whole service is very much too long for the congregation. It is pleaded that, at all events, there may be added to the foregoing methods one other method, which might be rarely, but still sometimes, introduced. It is pretty certain that in the first century and part of the second, no words were uttered at the delivery. It is clear that the Divine Master used the words He spake, once, and once for all to His Apostles. Let those who really love the gathering of large numbers to one and the same Holy Communion be permitted, without criticism or interference, to act in accordance with the earliest time. It cannot do harm. Some believe it would be followed by much good. Let all be done decently and in order. Let all be done in love.

G. V.

IRELAND.

On Sunday morning, in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, the Rev. Frederick Richards Wynne, D.D., who was formerly incumbent of St. Matthias's Church, Adelaide Road, Dublin, Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Dublin University, and Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, was consecrated Bishop of the diocese of Killaloe. The morning was wild and stormy, but, notwithstanding, the Cathedral was filled with worshippers, among whom were many of his old parishioners. The Archbishop of Dublin and the Bishops of Cashel and Cork were the consecrators. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Cashel, who took for his text part of the second verse of the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle to the Corinthians, 'By manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.' The Bishop laid special emphasis on the great duty of a Christian minister to manifest the truth by preaching. 'This preaching, they were taught in the Testament, was to be "in season and out of season," in public and private; and this exhortation did not refer to the Jewish priests only, nor to the beginning of the Christian era, but to all time,

to the present time. If the great truths of the Word of God were preached they would commend themselves to the consciences of even those who did not receive them, and with the poor especially and the humbler classes, who were to be more considered than the higher classes, for they had less opportunities for instruction, and therefore more need of teaching from the pulpit. These poor,' he said, 'would gladly receive the plain truths of the Gospel of Christ when those who were above them in social life would pass them by as things they had often heard before. They would commend themselves even to those who disliked the plain teaching of the Gospel of Christ. There was power in that very dislike. The conscience felt that power; but they were unwilling to submit, and so were provoked to opposition to the truth which convinced them, but did not convert them. But whatever was the reception of the plain Gospel truth, there was nothing else they could bring forward as a means of good to the people. But the preaching to be Christian, all the truths taught must be directly and plainly connected with the life and death and work—the redeeming work—of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the power of the Holy Ghost, or little good could be expected from it. They were that day about to send forth to be a Bishop in the Church of Christ one who, for many years, had been manifesting the truth in the way which he had mentioned—manifesting it in his life and manifesting it in his preaching. He was about to fill the place of a devoted servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose memory, as he knew it to be, was sweet in that diocese and among all who had intercourse with him; but he, whom they were going to send thither, would, he had no doubt, walk in the same faith and truth, and in the same steps. He had proved himself a faithful preacher of the Word of God, a true pastor of souls in the various spheres in the ministry in which he had hitherto been. He had shown deep sympathy, both in his preaching and in his pastorate, and he would now be enabled to show that same sympathy in comforting and encouraging the clergy of his future diocese, who often, from one cause or another, needed comfort and encouragement.' The beautiful and solemn service for the consecration of a Bishop was afterwards concluded. On Sunday evening the new Bishop preached in his old church, which was thronged with worshippers.

The Irish Bishops will, we understand, meet in Dublin on the 14th of next month to elect a Primate.

The election of Archdeacon Meade by the Synod of the diocese of Armagh has been received with much satisfaction by Irish Church people. The great majority of votes which he received made the election practically unanimous, and this fact is also a source of much gratification to him and his numerous friends. Of course, at Ardrea there are mingled feelings, for, while his people rejoice at the honour which has been conferred upon their pastor, they regret that it means his removal from amongst them, and the severing of the ties formed during many past years. There was, by-the-bye, last week an obvious slip in the paragraph announcing the election. It spoke of the Archdeacon as having been the choice of the Irish Bishops, instead of the Armagh Synod.

We are sorry to have to announce the death of the Rev. Canon A. Leeper, D.D., rector of St. Audeon's, Dublin, and one of the best-known Dublin clergymen. He was the author of some archaeological works, and of a history of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

A BUSINESS meeting will be held at headquarters on Tuesday, December 19th, at 8.30 p.m. Being Advent, there will be no ringing at St. Paul's. Members are requested to note that the sum of 1s. 8d., in lieu of peal booking fees, is now due.

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Hon. Secretary.

The Town Bell at Haddington, Scotland.

THE Haddington Town Council have had a lively discussion upon a curious difficulty which has arisen in connexion with the churches in that town and the town's bell. The bell is hung in the town steeple, and until now the parish church has paid for its being rung as stated times on Sunday, the other churches taking advantage of the ringing. Owing to a small congregation having off lately from the parish church, through certain differences, on Saturday the clerk to the session intimated that the parish church would not pay for the ringing of the bell for afternoon service to the new congregation. The result was that no afternoon bell was rung, and amusing confusion resulted. The Council resolved to ring the bell at certain periods on Sundays, taking no payment from any church, and allowing the churches to look upon the times of ringing as marking the periods of service if they so choose.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 40.)

The Bells of Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.

For several weeks past these bells have been silent, owing to the unsafe state of the fittings. The bells have now been rehung, with new headstocks, steel gudgeons, working in gun-metal bearings, fitted in improved metal carriages with grease-boxes and hinge-caps. The bells have been quarter-turned and fitted with new clappers, so as to strike in a different place, which has greatly improved the sound. On the re-opening day ringers attended from Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Ardleigh, Polstead, Ipswich, &c. The bells were set going in the method of BOB MINOR, of which 360 changes were rung by the following:—H. Bowell (Ipswich), 1; J. King (Great Bentley), 2; J. Taylor (Great Bromley), 3; H. Bowers (Great Bentley), 4; W. Nevard (Great Bentley), 5; A. Bowell (Ipswich, conductor), 6. In the afternoon 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB were rung by J. Taylor, 1; H. Bowell, 2; H. Bowers, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Bowell, 5; W. Nevard (conductor), 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR by J. Taylor, 1; H. Bowell, 2; H. Bowers, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Bowell, 5; W. Nevard (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 BOB MINOR by W. J. Nevard, 1; J. Taylor, 2; J. King, 3; J. Smith, 4; H. Bowers, 5; A. Bowell (conductor), 6. Tenor, 28 cwt. Touches of DOUBLE COURT, GRANDSIRE MINOR, and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were also rung during the day. These are undoubtedly the heaviest ring of six bells in the county.

The following are the inscriptions:—Treble: 'Thomas Gardiner, Fecit, 1725.' Second: 'John Holton, Samuel Byslee, CW's, 1725.' Third: 'In Multis annis Resonnet Campana Johannis.' Fourth: 'Ora Mente pia, pro Nobis Virgo Maria Armen.' Fifth: 'Joseph Hollis, 1599. Thomas Williams, 1699. H. Pleasant made me.' Tenor: 'Joshua Rowley, Minister. Henry Cook, Edward Coote, Churchwardens. 1811. Thomas Mears.'

St. Woolos Church Bells, Monmouthshire.

ATTENTION is at length being given (not before it is absolutely necessary) to the condition of the bells in the tower of the parish church. Their music is not too often heard, the primary reason being that the frame in which they are hung has become so dilapidated that ringing cannot be carried on without evident danger to the structure of the tower. The vicar and churchwardens, in appealing for subscriptions to renew the framework, think it desirable at the same time that two new bells should be added to the six now in the tower, and thus render the peal complete. The present bells are more than a hundred years old and are extremely interesting from the mottoes, &c., on them, which are as follows:—1st, 'My treble voice make hearts rejoice'; 2nd, 'Good ringing might yield great delight'; 3rd, 'Health, peace, and plenty to this neighbour'; 4th, 'Faith, hope, and grace attend this place'; 5th, 'Kemys and friends did vote this true, There five old bells should cast six new.' Each of these five bells has inscribed below these mottoes the following:—'Michael James and Thomas Nicholas, churchwardens, 1768. Cast by Thomas Bayley, Bridgwater.' The sixth (tenor) bell bears the following inscription:—'Me resonare jubent, pietas, mors, atque voluptas, 1769. [Translation, "Devotion, death, and pleasure bid me to sound."] Mr. Tudor and Mr. Richards, churchwardens. Thomas Bayley, founder [round rim]. Re-cast by Mears and Stainbank, 1870.' The two new bells will be one treble and one tenor. The latter will weigh about a ton, which may be regarded as a very good weight, the tenor at Llandaff Cathedral only weighing about 22 cwt. The amount required is estimated at 300l., and this sum the friends of the church ought to provide without the slightest delay. One friend has promised 100l., and the vicar and churchwardens have undertaken to provide 50l.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. P. E. J. Knight,* 1; F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; W. Argent, 3; F. T. Hoad, jun.,* 4; T. Brown,* 5; E. Moses (fiftieth peal), 6; E. Kenward, 7; A. Moseley, 8. [* First peal].

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., a peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association:—H. E. Parker (first peal), 1; Y. Green, 2; H. Springall, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; S. Hayes, 6; A. Wright,* 7; E. A. Davies* (churchwarden), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. Composed by H. Johnson and conducted by H. Springall. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. S. James, 1; A. W. Searle, 2; W. Watson, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. H. Doran, 5; R. G. Pye, 6; M. L. Myhill, 7; E. Pye, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. The peal was rung half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. A. H. Hunt, solicitor, of this town. A. W. Searle is from Grays, Essex (formerly of Salisbury); W. Doran, West Ham; the others are local men.

At St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey.

On Monday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5010 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. A. J. Le Clerq, 1; F. A. Barnett, 2; G. H. Barnett, 3; H. L. Garfath (conductor, birthday), 4; A. White, 5; H. E. Withers, 6; E. Clapshaw, 7; J. Goodale, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Messrs. H. E. Withers and J. Goodale came from Alton, Hants; the rest belong to the local band.

At the Parish Church, Hawley, Hants.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 4 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. Menday, 3; J. Hands, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. W. Pike, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman, 8. Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by T. Newman. Tenor, 16 cwt. First peal in the method on the bells, recently rehung by T. Blackburn, of Salisbury.

At St. Luke's, Chelsea, London.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., a peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATER was rung in 3 hrs. 12 mins. by the following members of the St. Luke's Association:—G. Chesterman (first peal on treble), 1; J. Willshire, 2; W. H. Rowlands, 3; C. Hindes, 4; T. R. Bell (first peal of CATER), 5; C. Charge, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; T. E. Barber, 8; J. W. Taylor, jun. (Loughborough), 9; G. Roberts, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs., in E flat. Composed by John Carter, and conducted by John W. Taylor, jun. This is the first peal and first attempt since the new frame was put in and the bells rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

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FIFTY-FIRST INTERVIEW.

With MR. W. CRUICKSHANK, 65 Endwell Road, Brockley, S.E.
[Relative to the case of his wife, first published in the weekly journals in January, 1892.]

When I called upon Mr. Cruickshank (who is well known as the London representative of certain Scotch journals) the other day, that gentleman had been serving on a jury at the Central Criminal Court for the best part of a week; so I must consider myself fortunate in securing his attention for a few minutes on this the only day that he was free. Desiring to hear the particulars of his wife's illness and recovery, I requested him to tell me the story in his own way, and he replied:—

'During the very trying winter of 1890 my wife had a severe cough with considerable expectoration, sometimes mixed with blood. There was a great and sudden loss of flesh, and she became very weak. Naturally I had medical advice, and the opinion I received was that one lung was diseased. Although under treatment, she made no progress until, knowing the good results of Mr. Congreve's remedies in other cases, I applied to him. I am very thankful I did so; if you have any little children you will understand why.'

'And were your hopes as to the result realised?'

'Yes, for after three or four months' use of the medicine and the liniment Mr. Congreve prescribed, my wife regained her health and strength.'

'Will it be correct to say that since that time she has remained well?'

'Quite correct. Like everyone else, she takes cold sometimes, but she at once resorts to the Elixir which puts her right in a very short time. She is quite able to perform the ordinary duties of her household, and she, like myself, is anxious to give the entire credit of her recovery to Mr. Congreve's treatment. I should like to add that I feel deeply grateful to him for her restoration, and I shall always be glad to recommend other sufferers to apply to him—indeed, I have already done so, and I have seen equally good results in other cases.'

For a few minutes' longer we remained chatting, and then, feeling that I had taken up far more than my share of a very busy day, I thanked Mr. Cruickshank and departed.

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MISSA DE SANCTO ANDREA. A short and easy service in the key of E flat, for the Holy Eucharist. By B. Agutter, Mus. Doc. (Novello, Ewer, & Co.).—Though simple, this service is as devotional and interesting as the rest of Dr. Agutter's Church compositions; but musicians will quarrel with the distribution of the accents at the end of the *Gloria in Excelsis*.

THE STORY OF PATSY and the BIRDS' CHRISTMAS CAROL. (London: Gay & Bird, Chandos Street, West Strand.)—Two very American stories by Mrs. Wiggin, 'printed from American plates.' Both are pathetic, in both the children die. 'Patsy' gives an idea of the poorest life in New York; while in the *BIRDS' CHRISTMAS CAROL* we hear how Carol Bird, an invalid child, invites to her rich home on Christmas Day a party of very poor children. Though they are about children, the stories are hardly suited for them, and they are rendered in many places almost unintelligible by the way in which vulgar pronunciations are rendered in the spelling. What could children make out of such a sentence as this, and is it desirable that they should learn how street boys and girls deform the mother tongue?—'Tim says lots of other fellers out of the 'Sylum has Dinnis for name, and they ain't wuth shucks nuther;' or this, 'If 't hed bin gradjooal like she might have took it more natcherel.'

MAGAZINES.

THE THINKER concludes its sixth volume with a very good number. There is an excellent note on St. Paul's different usage with regard to blame in his public and private epistles. Mr. J. E. H. Thomson writes well on the Chaldee of Daniel compared with that of the Targums as bearing on the date of Daniel. Dr. Plummer on 'Pessimism' is well worth study.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS continues its account of the London School Board controversy, with portraits of and interviews with the Revs. Allen Edwards and T. B. Dover. The editor contributes another of his excellent series on the 'Art of Reading,' and the selections from current magazine literature are well made.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS is one of the best numbers we have had for some time. The 'Progress of the World' strikes us as particularly well done, and we like the way in which Mr. Stead rebukes the Fleet Street prophets over the Matabele business. Perhaps, some day, he will go further and proclaim his disbelief in the new Infallibility, that the County Council can do no wrong, which is another favourite dictum of the same paper. The character sketch of Mr. Edison is excellent reading, and should be studied by every embryo engineer.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE completes its second volume this month. Its most interesting illustrations are those of 'First Royal Academy Pictures' of some eminent artists, including Sir Frederick Leighton, Mr. G. D. Leslie, and Professor Herkomer.

The Christmas double number of **THE STRAND MAGAZINE** is an excellent shilling's worth. A large coloured plate accompanies it, and it comprises a great variety of reading matter and illustrations. Those who have been interested (and who has not?) in the remarkable adventures of Sherlock Holmes, will read with regret the 'Final Problem,' which it cost him his life to solve. Among the remainder of the interesting stories and articles, there is an account of an interview with the celebrated solicitor, 'Sir George Lewis,' which is well illustrated; an explanation of the manner of making and working 'Transformation Scenes,' and 'Towards the North Pole,' which was specially written by Dr. Nansen on board the *Fram* for the *Strand*.

THE CLERGYMAN'S READY REFERENCE DIARY (London: Bemrose, Old Bailey) is a book that makes an ordinary parson sigh over his imperfection. Any man who at the end of the year could show the blanks in this book even half filled by his pencil, might pride himself as a master of clerical method. The diary is evidently the result of experience. For each day there is ample space in separate compartments for notes of engagements in church, school, and parish. For each month there is a page on which to enter the visits paid to sick and aged and poor. There are pages for offertories and fees, for surplice duty, for the attendance of the choir, the district visitors, Confirmation classes, pages for funds collected for missions and clubs. There is also place for private accounts and addresses. The book is so full and so compendious, so well printed on good paper, that it would delight a methodical man. We fear an unmethodical man would be unable to stand its silent reproaches, and would be compelled to give it away.

THE MINISTER'S POCKET DIARY AND CLERICAL VADE MECUM (price 2s., or 3s. better bound), published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, is now in its eighteenth year. It contains the same sort of information as the above, though it seems rather to provide for the use of the Nonconformist minister as well as the Church, as, e.g., pages are left for names of 'Inquirers' and 'Candidates for Communion,' instead of for Confirmation.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

THE usual December meeting of the Central Committee of this Association was held at Canterbury on Monday, the 11th inst. There was a fair attendance, including the Revs. A. L. Brine (Hon. Sec., Maidstone District), Teignmouth Shore (Hon. Sec., Lewisham District), L. G. Goodwin, F. J. O. Helmore (Hon. Sec.), Messrs. C. L. Graham and W. Wood (Faversham), W. Cooke (Rochester District, Hon. Sec.), W. Bedwell (Lewisham), A. Palmer (Maidstone), F. G. Newman (London), A. Foreman (Canterbury District, Hon. Sec.), G. Conyard (Crayford), and W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells). Among other things, it was decided that the next annual general meeting should be held at Tunbridge, on Whit Monday, May 14th, 1894. At the conclusion of the business, those who were not compelled to return home immediately dined together, and afterwards, by permission of the Dean, with the assistance of Messrs. Pierce, Sawyer, and Fairbrass, of the Cathedral Company, rang a few touches of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* and *BOB MAJOR* on the Cathedral bells.

The Lancashire Association.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at the Parish Church, Bury, on Saturday the 9th inst., members being present from Rochdale, Oldham, Shaw, Rossendale, Manchester, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening, touches of *BOB MINOR*, *BOB MAJOR*, and *KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR*, were rung by mixed bands. At the meeting a vote of condolence was passed to the ringers of St. Mary's, Balderstone, great sympathy being felt at the loss of one of their band, who was a member of this Association. The next meeting will be held at Balderstone on January 13th, 1894. A vote of thanks to the curate-in-charge and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for having everything in readiness, concluded the meeting.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Christ Church, Bacup, Mr. A. L. Hardman occupying the chair. Members were present from Bacup (Christ Church), St. Saviour's (Newchurch), Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot. Touches of *MINOR* were rung during the afternoon and evening. *Ramsbottom* was selected as the next place for meeting. Methods for practice: *KENT TREBLE BOB* and *BOB MAJOR*. The thanks of the meeting were given to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the ringers for having all in readiness.

The Holsworthy Church Bells, Plymouth.

A SOCIAL gathering was recently held in the Town Hall, for the purpose of raising funds for fixing new woodwork in the bell-chamber of the Holsworthy Church tower. There are eight fine bells whose music has been hushed for some years, as any attempt at ringing would have been attended with danger, owing to the decayed state of the woodwork. However, willing hands have taken up the matter, and it is hoped that the bells will soon be ringing again.

Dedication of a New Bell at Rodmersham, Kent.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 14th inst., a festival service took place at Rodmersham Church, to dedicate the sixth bell, which has just been added to the now complete peal. The Rev. W. J. Mellor, the vicar, conducted the Dedication Service and read the lessons. The sermon was preached (in the absence of Bishop Jenner) by the Rev. Turberville Evans, vicar of Buckland, Dover.

Fall of a Clapper at Crediton, Devon.

LATELY, whilst a peal was being rung in the belfry of Crediton Parish Church before the morning service, a loud crash was heard, and the ringers, ascending to the bell-chamber, found that the clapper of the tenor bell, weighing nearly 1 cwt., had fallen. It was fortunate it did not break through the ceiling into the ringing-room.

The Bells of Great Tew, Oxford.

MESSRS. J. TAYLOR & Co., of Loughborough, write:—We note in *Church Bells* of November 24th that the weight of the tenor bell at Great Tew, which has recently been rehung, is stated to be *twenty-seven* hundredweight, but the weight given in Rudhall's list is only *twenty-one* hundredweight. As it is very desirable to have the weight of bells given as correctly as possible, we have taken the liberty of writing to you on this point.

Ringling at Ormskirk, Lancashire.—A Correction.

SIR,—In your issue of November 24th, you record a peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* as rung by the Wigan Branch of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. I beg to inform you that the Guild, though it has members at Wigan, has no branch there and no authority to use such a title.

10 New Square, Standishgate, Wigan.

THOMAS HALLIWELL, Foreman.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Speldhurst, Kent.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., Hollis's Five-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* was rung in 3 hrs. H. Porter,* 1; J. Baker, 2; E. Mankelow, 3; S. Perkins, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Porter (first peal as conductor, and in the method), 6; J. Maynard, 7; G. Smithers,* 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. [* First peal.]

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 64.)

At St. Mary's, Glemsford, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., the following members of the Glemsford Company of Ringers rang a peal of 5040 changes in the following seven different methods in 3 hrs. 15 mins: WOODBINE TREBLE BOB, NEW LONDON PLEASURE, CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, DOUBLE COURT BOB, OXFORD SINGLE BOB, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, and KENT TREBLE BOB. C. Honeybell, 1; Z. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; J. Bradmin, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. It is sixty-three years since a peal of 5040 changes was rung on these bells by a company of Glemsford ringers, and it is twenty-five years since the last peal was rung, which was rung by a company of Cavendish and Glemsford ringers, conducted by Mr. W. Wells, late of Cavendish, who is now living in Australia.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., ten members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 16 mins. A. Spittle, 1; J. Jones, 2; W. R. Small, 3; J. S. Pritchett, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; G. Walker (first peal of TREBLE BOB), 6; S. Spittle, 7; J. George, 8; J. Carter, 9; J. E. Groves, 10. Composed by W. Booth, of Sheffield, and conducted by J. Carter. Tenor, 23 cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. Cooter, 1; J. Pettit, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; F. S. Bayley, 4; Rev. G. J. Bayley (curate of St. Alphege, Greenwich, and first peal in any method), 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; S. J. Joyce, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Gillingham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang C. Middleton's peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. P. Taffs, 1; G. Lindoff (conductor), 2; W. Kings, 3; C. Waterman, 5; W. Baker, 5; W. Easter, 6; W. A. Cooke, 7; W. Haigh, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The first peal of CAMBRIDGE by the Association, by all the ringers, and on the bells. It was rung as a birthday peal for Mr. Waterman, and a farewell to the conductor.

At St. Michael's, Basingstoke, Hants.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. H. Lawes, 1; J. Ballard, 2; T. Curtis, 3; C. Hansford, 4; F. Wilson, 5; H. White, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor, Great Marlow), 7; A. Knight, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Manning, 1; J. Barry, 2; W. Truss, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; G. Smith, 5; J. George (composer and conductor), 6; D. W. Griggs, 7; J. C. Truss, 8.

At ALL SAINTS', ISLEWORTH, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for the Men's Service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. W. Foster (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Meaton 2; A. Taber, 3; L. Copsey, 4; W. Elson, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; E. H. Adams, 7; W. Ward, 8. Messrs. Meaton, Elson, and Adams came from Fulham; the rest belong to Ealing.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, WOOBURN, BUCKS.—On a Monday, for practice, several courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and peals of DOUBLES were rung. On a Monday, on handbells, 168 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Rockell, 1; F. Healey, 2; J. West, 3; J. Garrell, 4; J. Howard, 5; F. Couzens, 6; V. Coleman, 7; G. Whiteman, 8. And several peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, conducted by W. E. Yates.

At ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. W. J. Sorrell (first as conductor, and first attempt at a quarter-peal), 1; F. Buck (first quarter-peal), 2; H. R. Newton, 3; G. Langford, 4;—Root (first quarter-peal), 5; S. Andrew (first quarter-peal with a bob-bell), 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; J. Willshire, 8.

At ST. JOHN'S, LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On a Tuesday, a date touch of 1893 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Lebbin (conductor), 1; W. Doran (West Ham), 2; E. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Trapp, 8. Composed by J. B. Bradley, of West Ham.

At CROSTHWAITHE, CUMBERLAND.—On a Sunday lately the Kendal Parish Church bell-ringers paid a visit to Crosthwaite, and rang, for the morning service, a peal of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, and in the afternoon touches of Doubles and Minor. J. Braithwaite, 1; J. Boardley (conductor), 2; W. Tyson, 3; B. Dawson, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker, 6.

At CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS.—On a Sunday morning, on the occasion of the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 41 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; E. Bishop (conductor), 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; T. Ricketts, 7; G. Grist, 8. Also for evening service, the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 20 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; E. Bishop (conductor), 7; G. Grist, 8.

At ST. LAWRENCE'S, READING, BERKS.—On a Wednesday, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. E. Hern, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; C. Chapman, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; W. Newell, 6; F. Hoppood (conductor), 7; J. Kirby, 8.

At HOLY TRINITY, ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Treagus, 1; D. Baker, 2; F. Tompkins, Esq. (Chichester), 3; G. Balchin, 4; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; C. Blackman, 7; H. Huggett, 8.

At ST. STEPHEN'S, HAMPSTEAD, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. B. Paine, 1; J. Nixon, 2; J. Cawley, 3; G. Turl, 4; R. Bevan, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; G. Smith (conductor), 7; W. Arscott, 8.

At ST. MICHAEL'S, BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On a Thursday, for practice, 1008 DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES in 40 mins. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; G. Prior, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; T. Newman, 8. Longest length in the method by all the band, and rung at the third practice.

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FIFTY-SECOND INTERVIEW.

With Mr. DAVID PUGH, Grocer, Hope, near Welshpool.

[Whose case was published in the weekly journals July 14th, 1889.]

It was a bitterly cold day in November that I drove from Welshpool to Mr. Pugh's residence, but any little discomforts inseparable from the journey were speedily forgotten; for I was repaid by finding Mr. Pugh at home, and ready to give the particulars I required.

Asked as to the date of the commencement of his illness, Mr. Pugh replied:—

'I don't remember the exact date, but it is somewhere about ten or twelve years ago.'

'Tell me, please, the symptoms of the complaint from which you suffered.'

'I had every symptom of Consumption, a bad cough, offensive expectoration, night-sweats, chills, and hectic fever. I went to a medical man in Welshpool, who told me I was in a very serious condition. I was so ill that I had to give up attending to business for five months.'

'Had there been any chest disease in your family?'

'My eldest brother died with chest disease.'

'How did it happen that you applied to Mr. Congreve?'

'Through seeing the announcements referring to his treatment.'

'What was the result in your own case?'

'After taking the medicine and using the liniment for a fortnight I began to feel better. I continued to see my doctor. I was compelled to do so, as I was a member of a club; and he thought it was the medicine he gave me (and which I did not take) that was doing me good. I ought to say that before I applied to Mr. Congreve I had been attended some weeks by the doctor referred to, and went away to the sea by his orders, but all the time I was getting worse. Persevering with Mr. Congreve's treatment, I gradually improved, and at last, after about six months, I got strong and well again.'

'Will it be correct to say that you have kept well ever since?'

'I have enjoyed fairly good health. I don't think I am a very strong man, but I have been able to follow my business.'

'Anyhow, you have had no return of the chest complaint?'

'No; occasionally in winter I get a cold, like the rest of people; then I send for a bottle of medicine, and it quickly puts me to rights again.'

'I am told you have recommended the treatment to others.'

'That is so, and I have obtained medicine for them. Among others, a neighbour of mine has taken it with benefit.'

Mr. Pugh very willingly accorded me his permission to publish what he had told me. I thanked him, and made my way back to Welshpool.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1894, at 10 a.m.; Ordination Sundays, 9.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Also on the following days:—

Monday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)	9 to 10 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival)	9 to 10 a.m. & 5.45 to 6.45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25 (Sons of the Clergy Festival)	2.30 & 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 3 (Ascension Day)	9.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 24 (Queen's Birthday)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 20 (Queen's Accession)	9 to 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8 (Harvest Thanksgiving Service)	6 to 7 p.m. and after the service.
Thursday, Nov. 1 (All Saints')	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day)	1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	10 a.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. 16th, April 10th, May 8th, June 5th, July 3rd and 31st, Aug. 28th, Sept. 25th, Oct. 23rd, Nov. 20th.

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 (1894):—

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. 2nd, and every four weeks.*
St. Mary-le Bow, Cheapside, Friday, Jan. 5th, and every four weeks.
St. Michael's, Cornhill, Friday, Jan. 19th, 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, occasional.
Allhallows, Lombard Street, occasional.
St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Monday, Jan. 8th, and every fortnight.

EIGHT BELLS.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, every Sunday, 10 a.m.
St. John's, Hackney, Thursday, Jan. 4th, and every fortnight. On Sunday, Jan. 28th, at 6 p.m., and every fourth Sunday.
St. Paul's, Shadwell, Wednesday, occasional.
St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Thursday, Jan. 11th, and every fortnight.
St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, Wednesday, Jan. 10th, and every fortnight.
St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow, Monday, Jan. 1st, and every fortnight; and at 6 p.m. the first Sunday in the month.
Christ Church, Spitalfields, Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, and every fortnight.
St. John's, South Hackney, occasional.
St. Mary's, Walthamstow, second and fourth Saturday in the month.
St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, Jan. 14th, 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.

* No ringing during Lent and Advent.

† No ringing during Lent.

The Central Council of Church Bell-ringers—Preliminary Notice.

THE first meeting of the newly elected Council will be held in London on Easter Tuesday, March 27th. Notices of motion, &c., in writing and signed by two representatives, must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary by Tuesday, February 27th, for insertion in the agenda. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscription to the Council of 2s. 6d. for each representative elected is now due, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer *without delay*, together with the names and addresses of the representatives elected. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary*.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, January 1st, 1894.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, Surrey.

ON Friday, the 29th ult., Late's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 2 hrs. 54 mins.:—F. Winney (conductor), 1; C. H. Watts, 2; E. P. O'Meara, 3; E. E. Richards, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; A. P. Goddard, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; W. E. P. Chapple (first peal), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. This peal was rung in honour of the eighty-fourth birthday of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P. Mr. Chapple came from Axminster; Messrs. Watts and Goddard from Salisbury. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. O'Meara for having everything ready, and the local ringers who kindly put off their practice to enable them to attempt a peal.

At St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

ON Thursday, the 21st. ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. H. Porter, 1; W. Latter (first peal as conductor), 2; G. Smithers (first peal with a bob-bell), 3; S. Perkins, 4; P. Brooker, 5; E. Mankelow, 6; G. H. Stonestreet (Tonbridge), 7; C. Goble, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

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FIFTY-FOURTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. JOSHUA MEALE, Grocer, Stalham, Norfolk.

[This case has not been published before.]

It was during a conversation with a lady at Maidstone that I heard of the case of Mr. Joshua Meale, of Stalham, in Norfolk. This lady, who is a relative of Mr. Meale by marriage, had heard what Mr. Congreve's treatment had done for him, and—so far-reaching is the result of honest recommendation—a number of persons at Maidstone had taken the same remedy to their own great benefit.

I needed no lengthy introduction to Mr. Meale. It was sufficient to say that I had been told he could give me some information with reference to Mr. Congreve's treatment for chest diseases to at once elicit the statement:—
'I ascribe my life—I am getting an old man, but you see I am very active—to Mr. Congreve's medicine and advice.'

'Am I right in saying that there has been some consumption in your family?' I asked.

'We were all consumptive. I used always to be told that I was consumptive. There were thirteen of us, of whom three are living and three died in infancy. The remaining seven, who are dead, all died more or less with Consumption.'

'Will you give me the particulars of your own case?'

'Well, I can't give you the dates exactly but it is about sixteen years ago that I commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment. My condition at that time was very low, and while away from home I broke a blood-vessel. I overheard the doctor tell my sister that I couldn't possibly live, so I said that if I had to die I would die at home. The doctors here told me my lungs were practically gone—they were good for nothing. Then I consulted Mr. Congreve, and by conscientiously persevering with his medicine and the directions he gave me, I recovered.'

'Then so far as you are concerned, the treatment was a complete success?'

'A perfect success. I have never had a relapse, and to-day my lungs are as good as ever they were. One of my brothers, who is even now by no means a strong man, has reason to be thankful for it also. I might just say that about three years after my recovery, I was thoroughly and carefully examined by a doctor who knew nothing of me (indeed, he had only just settled in the village, and I was his first patient there) in connection with life assurance, and he certified that my lungs were perfectly sound.'

'I am told that you have interested yourself in getting the medicine for others known to you. Can you tell me anything about them?'

'Yes; one young fellow, close by here, has just commenced the treatment on my recommendation, and is already better. Another, a Mrs. Harvey, also took it on my advice, and recovered a fair condition of health. She is better now than ever I have known her, and I have known her for thirty years. You may take these as samples of the cases I have known.'

Mr. Meale is a busy man, actively engaged in the conduct of a prosperous business, and as I felt I had made quite sufficient demand on his time, I bade him good morning and proceeded on my way.

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testing her honesty—a mean and wicked act. ‘Famous Women-Artists of the World,’ ‘Beethoven,’ and ‘The Duchesses of York’ are instructive articles.

FRIENDLY WORK (G. F. S.) describes the ‘Happy Life’ of Marianne North, the flower-loving artist whose paintings are preserved in a house in Kew Gardens; FRIENDLY LEAVES narrates the history of ‘Margaret Blagge, Mrs. Godolphin;’ and the ASSOCIATES’ JOURNAL AND ADVERTISER reports a sermon preached by the Bishop of Southwark at the London Diocesan Anniversary Service of the G. F. S., held in St. Paul’s Cathedral.

THE CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE (C. E. S. S. I.) still rings with ‘Echoes of the Palestine Exhibition,’ several illustrations being given of the Oriental costumes, &c., displayed. Mrs. Malden contributes a sketch of the aims of the ‘Mothers’ Union of Great Britain and Ireland.’ In the CHURCH WORKER is an article by Archdeacon Farrar, urging reform in ‘Church Services.’

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C. M. S.) contains a very sensible and just review, by the Rev. T. A. Gurney, of Captain Lugard’s *Rise of our East African Empire*. The critic gives his author full (perhaps more full than deserved) credit for uprightness of intention, while pointing out clearly his errors and omissions; and, in the correspondence pages of the magazine, we are glad to see that the Rev. R. P. Ashe most satisfactorily vindicates himself and his fellow-missionaries from the aspersions which Captain Lugard casts upon them. All readers of the book ought in fairness to buy and study this month’s *Intelligencer*, which also contains a letter from Bishop Tucker (now, however, in England), giving an encouraging account of his ‘Visit to Jilore’ in September. The three smaller C. M. S. periodicals appear in new dresses. The GLEANER has replaced the simple figure of Ruth on its cover by a design representing a harvest-field where reaping, binding up the sheaves, and gleaning are all going on. In the programme for the year we note especially a set of devotional readings, or ‘Thoughts in Season,’ by the Rev. H. C. G. Moule, and a series of papers by veteran missionaries, giving in outline the ‘Past and Present’ of their respective fields of labour. AWAKE is enlarged, and is really a wonderful halfpenny-worth.

THE SCOTTISH STANDARD-BEARER contains an agreeable little biographical sketch of the Dean of Brechin, which is accompanied by his portrait.

THE QUIVER contains the first of a series of papers on the ‘Book of Ruth,’ by the Bishop of Ripon, and the Rev. W. Burnet describes ‘A Jewish Confirmation.’ The other miscellaneous papers are as varied as usual, and there are further contributions of the serial stories, ‘Poor Pride’ and ‘Garth Garrickson.’

CASSELL’S MAGAZINE opens with a timely paper on ‘Modern Manchester.’ Mr. Raymond Blathwayt contributes an interesting ‘talk’ with Captain James, R.E., under the title of ‘Professions for Our Boys: Training for the Army;’ and there is a good supply of fiction, and the useful ‘Chit-chat on Dress’ and ‘Gardening Notes.’

WITH the January number, the MUSICAL TIMES is enlarged to seventy-two pages. This excellent publication is improved in other ways, larger type and better paper being used. In addition to two four-part songs, there is a beautiful setting of ‘The Story of the Cross,’ by Sir John Stainer, which is sure to be in great request during the coming penitential season.

THE New-year’s number of the ANIMAL WORLD, the organ of the R.S.P.C.A., has three full-page and some smaller illustrations, all beautifully printed. A large sheet almanac is given with this issue.

In the GENTLEWOMAN, which continues its usual popular features, a new story, ‘Thou Art the Man,’ by Miss Braddon, was commenced last week.

A PAPER giving the opinions of the Bishops on the question whether the clergy ought to insure their lives appears in the current number of the RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

MESSRS. CASSELL have commenced new serial issues of the HOLY BIBLE, which will contain about 200 of Gustave Dore’s beautiful illustrations, and THE FAMILY PRAYER-BOOK, for which the Dean of Canterbury has written a new introduction.

AN announcement on the question of Religious Teaching in Board Schools, by Archdeacon Sinclair, will appear in the RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS for January 15th.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Handbells.

SIR,—Has any one of your readers a disused set (four or five) of Instruction-books, and easy tunes on handbells for beginners, that he could let me have cheap? I have just formed a Guild of Junior Bell-ringers, and find the handbells a very interesting source of amusement to the members; but they have no instructor.

ANDREW WELCH.

Woodchurch Rectory, Ashford, January 8th, 1894.

Bell-ringers’ ‘Orders.’

MR. JOHN BOVILL, Gateshead, sends the following list of ‘orders,’ the original of which hangs up in the bell-chamber of the historical old church of Howden, East Yorkshire, once the famous church of Roger de Hovenden, bishop of Durham. These ‘orders’ have been in force for a great number of years; and, as they are hung up immediately facing the entrance door, many an unwitting visitor has been mulcted in the fine of 3d. imposed by ‘order’ 10, to the no small amusement of those ‘in the know.’

	s.	d.
1. If any man pull off a bell without leave of the Ringers	pay,	0 3
2. If any man pull off a bell and cannot set her	0 6
3. If any man pull off a bell with hat, cap, or spurs on	0 6
4. If any man break stay or staff	1 0
5. If any man begin or cause a quarrel in the bell-chamber	0 6
6. If any man intrudes into the lower bell-chamber or upon the leads (this means on to the top of the steeple)	0 6
7. If any man leave his bell-rope untied	0 3
8. If any man swear an oath in the bell-chamber	0 3
9. If any man come in the bell-chamber on a Sunday unshaved	0 3
10. If any man reads these orders with hat, cap, or spurs on	0 3
11. If any man come into the bell-chamber drunk	1 0
12. If any man smoke in the bell-chamber	1 0

Dedication of a New Bell at Wilby, Northants.

IN the year 1878 (the Rev. H. Dale being rector) the peal of three bells in the beautiful spire of the Church of St. Mary, Wilby, were completely rebung in a new oak frame, the tenor (an old pre-Reformation bell which had been cracked for some years) was recast, and another treble added in memory of the late Mr. Richard Hall. A spare ‘pit’ was left in the new frame for another bell at some future time. A few months ago the present Rector, the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, took the matter up very heartily, and succeeded in raising the necessary amount (about 50l.) to procure the additional treble to make a ring of five, and also to carry out certain necessary repairs. The money has been obtained mainly by subscriptions from parishioners of Wilby, several kind friends at Wellingborough, proceeds of entertainment, and donations from and sums collected by the Wilby and Wellingborough ringers. On Saturday, November 25th, the Bishop of Leicester dedicated the new bell, and this most appropriate and impressive ceremony was followed by a Confirmation service, at which some fifteen parishioners received the ‘laying on of hands.’ By invitation of the Rector, a party of the Wellingborough ringers were present, and chimed the old peal of four bells for the service, sounded the new treble at the time of dedication, chimed the complete ring of five for a few minutes at a suitable period in the ceremony, and afterwards raised the bells and rang GRANDSIRE and BOB DOUBLES. They were very kindly provided with tea in the schoolroom by the Rector, and the Wilby ringers afterwards took a turn at the ropes, as also did representatives from Doddington and Earls Barton belfries. All present were unanimous in proclaiming the new bell a great success, being of good quality of tone and well in tune with the others. Wilby now possesses a ring of five bells, of which the inhabitants have every reason to be proud, and which reflects much credit on Messrs. Taylor & Co., the bell-founders. The dates and weights of the bells as now arranged are as follows:—Treble, date 1893, weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; second, 1878, 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; third, 1705, 5 cwt.; fourth, 1682, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; tenor, 1878, 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs. Diameter of tenor, 36 inches; note, B flat.

The tenor is inscribed—‘Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum,’ a reproduction of the inscription it bore before it was recast in 1878. The third bell was cast by Penn, of Peterborough, and the fourth by Bagley, of Ecton.

The Bells of Bardwell, Suffolk.

FOR some time past the bells of Bardwell Church have been in a bad state. The Churchwardens found that it was necessary to have some repairs done, and the result has been that the treble, second, and fifth bells have each been rebung with new oak bell-stocks, gudgeons, brasses, and new bell-wheels and fittings. The work was carried out by Mr. George Bullock, of Ixworth. On the occasion of the first using the renovated bells a company of ringers from Ixworth rang several peals of BOB MINOR. The first was rung by the following company:—A. Hammond, 1; W. Gilbert, 2; G. Bullock, jun., 3; H. Hammond, 4; S. Landymore (conductor), 5; W. Soaves (Bardwell), 6.

Restoration of the Bells at Whitchurch Canonorum, Bridport, Dorset.

THE bells of the above church, dedicated to St. Candida and the Holy Cross, are once more to be heard in one of Dorset’s lovely valleys. Steps were taken immediately after the restoration of the church, which included partial rebuilding of the tower, to raise a fund for restoring the fine ring of five bells (tenor E flat). Estimates were procured by the then Vicar, the Rev. J. R. W. Stafford (to whom the Church owes so much for the

manner in which the work was carried out) for the necessary work. His successor, the Rev. C. Druitt, has happily been able to complete the work, which includes an entire new frame for eight (to which number it is hoped to augment the ring), new fittings, and recasting the treble. The work was entrusted to the well-known London firm of Messrs. Warner & Sons, and has been most satisfactorily carried out.

Sudden Death of a Northants Bell-ringer.

WE have received a copy of a memorial card of the late Mr. William Moon, who died suddenly in the belfry of Finedon Church at midnight on New-year's Eve. He had been a ringer there for no less than forty-nine years, and thus in a touching manner ended his life most truly in harness. —ED. C. B.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

ON Thursday, the 21st ult. (St. Thomas's Day), Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. F. Nunn, 1; T. Maynard, 2; A. Keit, 3; J. Nunn, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; W. H. Freeman, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; W. Crookford, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. This peal was rung by members of the St. Mary's Society, who also belong to the Essex Association, as a birthday peal to Messrs. Keit and Freeman, the ringers wishing them many happy returns of the day.

[We are pleased to know that Mr. Thomas Maynard (sexton of St. Mary's), who sent the above report, has been twenty-one years a subscriber to *Church Bells*, as he states in his letter.—ED.]

At St. Michael's, Framlingham, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 23rd ult., a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association:—C. F. Ling,* 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 2; H. Beddingfield, 3; S. Collins,* 4; F. Clayton, 5; W. Flory, 6; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 7; D. Collins, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. Composed by F. Bennett. [* First peal in the method.]

At Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey.

ON Tuesday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for the reception given them.

At the Parish Church, Dartford, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 17 mins. W. I. Reeve, 1; B. Foskett, 2; G. Conyard, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. S. Bayley (first peal in the method), 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. W. Gifford, 1; A. Pearce, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; S. Macey, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; S. F. Ames, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury.

ON Tuesday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. M. J. Pierce, 1; H. G. Fairbrass, 2; W. Andrews (first peal with a bob-bell), 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; C. Luery, 6; P. H. Pierce, 7; J. Balaam, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On a Friday evening, some members of the Grundisburgh Company of Change-ringers and members of the Norwich Association rang, upon the church bells, a date touch of 1893 changes in the following different TREBLE BOB methods:—COLLEGE EXERCISE, SANDEL EXERCISE, LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE, WOODBINE, OXFORD DELIGHT, and OXFORD TREBLE BOB, in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Groom, 1; W. Last, 2; J. Last (conductor), 3; F. Clark, 4; C. W. Parker, 5; J. Ward, 6.

AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.—*Handbell-ringing*.—On a Saturday, on hand-bells (retained in hand) a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (taken from Holt's Original) was rung by four members of the Essex Association. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. Longest touch, double-handed, by three of the band.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 50 mins. by the following members of the North Lincolnshire Association:—H. Kirtou,* 1; Rev. R. Bond,* 2; W. D. Tinker* (conductor), 3; S. C. Tinker, 4; W. W. Bust, 5; J. T. Ladd (first-quarter peal inside), 6; F. Butler,* 7; R. S. Lakin,* 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* First quarter-peal.]

AT BUSHEY, HERTS.—On a Tuesday, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which, unfortunately, came to an end after ringing 2980 changes in 1 hr. 21 mins. W. E. Oakley, 1; G. N. Price, 2; G. Hunt, 3; A. J. Porter, 4; F. Edwards, 5; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; T. Waller, 8. This peal was attempted as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ernest Huntley.

AT HOLY TRINITY, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On a Saturday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. E. Deards, 1; G. Pearl, 2; E. Lucas, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HEADCORN, KENT.—The Willesborough ringers lately visited the above town and rang a peal of 720 BOB MINOR (21 bobs and 12 single) in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; P. Hodgkin, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; S. Price, 6; W. Clapson, 7; G. Brown, 8. Six and eight covering. Tenor, 24 cwt.

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FIFTY-FIFTH INTERVIEW.

With MR. JOHN BAMFORD, 13 Sale Street, Littleborough, Lancashire, relative to the case of his son.

[See page 68 in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption.]

Perhaps it is hardly correct to describe this as an interview with Mr. Bamford, for during my short stay in Littleborough I had a few words of conversation, not only with that gentleman, but also with his wife and son.

On calling at 13 Sale Street, I found Mrs. Bamford deep in the mysteries of household duties, and as she referred me to her husband as the best person to supply me with the information I needed, I made my way to Mr. Bamford's place of business.

Having explained my errand, I asked Mr. Bamford if he had seen the account of his son's case as published in the Appendix; and, if he had, whether that fairly represented the circumstances? The answer was in the affirmative.

'Then Mr. Bamford,' I said, 'at the time you applied to Mr. Congreve on behalf of your son, the condition of the latter was really very critical, for it is thus described; "The cough was of the most aggravated kind, the spitting very offensive, the pains in the back, chest, and sides were most severe, strength and flesh decreasing daily."'

'That is quite true; he was very ill indeed.'

'Mrs. Bamford told me just now that she believes that if your son had not adopted Mr. Congreve's treatment when he did that he would have died. Does that express your belief?'

'Yes, we have often said so when we have been talking about it.'

'I don't propose to take you through all the details, Mr. Bamford, but I suppose it will be correct to say that your son's recovery was gradual, but that he ultimately became quite restored to health?'

'Yes, and has kept well since. We are talking of what happened seven or eight years ago, and during that time—since Mr. Congreve cured him—my son has only lost a week's work through illness. Of course he sometimes gets a cold, but that is not to be wondered at considering how fond he is of attending football matches in all sorts of weather.'

'By the way, Mr. Bamford do you happen to know of any other cases in which Mr. Congreve's treatment has been equally efficacious?'

'Several; one lady living in Liverpool who had read of my son's case came over to my house and asked me about it. The last I heard of her she was improving. I know also of one or two cases in Rochdale where the treatment has done good.'

'My last request, Mr. Bamford, is that you will allow me to publish what you have told me.'

'I have no objection to that, and I shall be happy to answer any inquiries, as I have always done. I have had many letters of inquiry from different parts of the country.'

As I bade Mr. Bamford good day he was good enough to offer to send his son to me. The latter certainly shows no signs of having been at one time so perilously near death. He told me that before he commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment he was so weak that he was unable to walk even a short distance; now he feels well and strong. He admitted the soft impeachment as to the football matches, and also accorded me his permission to reproduce in this place the facts I had gleaned.

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The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens on Saturday, January 27th. Bells open three p.m. Meeting six p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPITT,) Hon.
W. BENTHAM,) Secs.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, February 3rd. Further particulars next week.

St. Albans, January 16th, 1894.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE next Committee and Quarterly Meeting of this Association will take place on Saturday, February 3rd, in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Cradley, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson (vicar) has kindly consented to preside. The tower will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided (free) for all members who send in their names to me on or before Monday, January 29th.

Members will kindly note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting, and to take this as sufficient notice should they receive no other.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Secretary.

The St. Albans Cathedral Society.

THE Annual Meeting of this Society was held at the Rectory, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the President, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, presiding. The report and balance-sheet were received and adopted. The resignation, through ill-health, of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the conductor, was received with regret, and hopes were expressed that he may speedily recover, so as to again take up the position which he has so satisfactorily held during the past five years. Mr. H. Lee Waddington was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Battle hon. treasurer, the latter also being appointed to the conductorship during the ensuing year. Mr. J. E. Randall and Mr. R. Weatherley were elected on the Committee. It was decided to subscribe 1l. 1s. towards a bell for St. Andrew's Chapel at the workhouse, and, after other business, the meeting terminated.

Formation of a Ringing Society for Towcester, Northants.

THANKS to the exertions of the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke, of Bradden, a meeting was held in the Mission-room, Towcester, on Saturday, the 13th inst., for the purpose of considering the question of establishing a Church Bell-ringers' Society or Association for Towcester and the district. The

Rev. R. A. Kennaway was voted to the chair, and stated that it was with regret he had to read an apology from the Rev. J. Mountain (Towcester), who was not able to be present, but requested to be elected an hon. member of the Association. The Chairman called upon Mr. Blucke to introduce the subject. Mr. Blucke, after speaking of the pleasure of meeting those present, said it having been suggested that a Church Bell-ringers' Association should be formed, he had written to about twenty parishes in the district, and had favourable answers from Blakesley, Bradden, Greensnorton, Ashton, Gayton, Easton Neston, Milton, Paulerspury, Stoke Bruerne, Tiffeld, Towcester, and Whittlebury. The objects of the Association were to promote belfry reform and recognition of ringers as Church officials, to cultivate the art of scientific change-ringing, and to encourage young men to take up the work. Its motto would be, 'Let all be done to the glory of God.' Mr. Blucke then submitted a draft of the proposed rules, which he said he hoped they would discuss in that brotherly spirit which characterised the efforts of ringers throughout the country. Mr. J. Cockerill, of Gayton, proposed, Mr. Birch, of Pattishall, seconded, and it was unanimously resolved 'That an association of church bell-ringers be formed, to be called th, Towcester and District Association of Church Bell-ringers.' The election of officers was then proceeded with, and the Rev. J. Mountain was unanimously elected President. The Rev. R. A. Kennaway was elected as Vice-President (with power to add others), the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke as Hon. Secretary, and Mr. R. T. Gudgeon as Treasurer. The draft rules were then gone through. The sum of 1s. was fixed as a contribution from the performing members, and a sum of not less than 5s. from the honorary members. Several minor matters were left to a Committee, to be composed of the officers and a representative from each affiliated belfry. A unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Blucke for so ably and kindly taking up the work, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

Afterwards the Gayton ringers, with the consent of the Vicar, ascended the tower of the Church of St. Lawrence, and rang a peal of 360 GRANDSIRE, GOG, and ANTELOPE.

'College Youth' Churches.

[THE following was addressed to the editor of *Bell News*, who kindly passed it on to us as being more concerned with it.—ED. C.B.]

SIR,—I see that your contemporary, *Church Bells* of January 5th, publishes a list of churches at which the College Youths are engaged to ring the bells, and includes in the same 'All Saints, Fulham,' as an eight-bell tower. I have been a member of the All Saints' Society, for the past three years, and the College Youths have not, as a Society been engaged at any time during that period; and I believe I am correct in stating at no time since the

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formation of the All Saints' Society about twenty years ago. All Saints', Fulham, is, as is well known, a ten-bell tower, not eight. The above-mentioned list appeared last year, but although we have written, we cannot get it corrected, and hope by this to do so. AN ORDINARY MEMBER.

The Bell of Kynaston Chapel.

(From the 'Hereford Journal'.)

SIR,—Since your kind insertion of my request, *re* Kinnaston (Kynaston) bells, I have, with interest, perused the three letters which appeared in your columns on the same subject. These letters do not clear the mystery—they only partially lift the veil. (1.) Doubtless the date of the Marcle Hill landslip, and destruction of the chapel, was the 17th February, 1571. The chapel was a few yards from the foot of the hill, but on an incline. When the ground on Kinnaston side, owing to the depression of under-rocks on the other side, tore away from the adjoining field, it carried away everything that stood on it. The chapel was moved from its foundation, lost its centre of gravity, and toppled over on Kinnaston side. The belfry being the highest erection, and carrying heavy weight, rolled away from the general debris; hence the finding of the bells lower down the present hill. Local tradition is not unanimous as to two bells, but quite unanimous as to the finding. It is reported that a ploughman, while guiding a plough, suddenly heard his plough striking against something that gave a jingling sound. He stopped the plough, and began digging. He found no treasure, but a large old bell, pierced by the point of his plough. On further digging, another similar bell, in good condition, was unearthed. These bells, for a time, remained in Triggles Farm. Gradually it reached the ears of the lord of the manor, who at once took steps to secure them. As the bells were consecrated, or dedicated, their proper home was the parish church (St. Bartholomew's, Much Marcle), but times were lax; the lord of the manor had one removed to Homme House (some say White House, Dymock). Here it remained unhung until the time of Sir James Money-Kyrle, the second baronet of the family. As to the other bell, the oldest tradition is, that it was removed to Holme Lacy; later tradition points to Stoke Edith. Now, how could the bell get to Stoke Edith? Mr. Ward gives the probable answer, viz., it was 'presented to the late Mr. Edward Thomas Foley' by the lord of the manor, Mr. William Money, of Holme House. This bell was, presumably, the pierced one. Col. E. Money-Kyrle (the present head of the family) affirms that the Kinnaston Chapel bell (for he heard of only one) was found in the time of his grandfather, who died in 1810. Hence it must be more than eighty-three years ago.

(2.) The Stoke Edith bell, with the date 1690 in raised letters, is a mystery. This date cannot be the original date, nor the date of recasting. I cannot see how 1490 could be taken for 1690; I think 1090 would look more like 1690, as careless moulding (or even writing) would cause zero to appear like six, or *vice versa*.

In conclusion, I will add that I have recently received from Cormeilles archæologists most interesting accounts of the ancient Abbey of Cormeilles—the patron of Kinnaston Chapel. These, together with minute examination of Homme House bell metal, &c., I hope to communicate later on. I earnestly hope some enthusiastic and wealthy lover of antiquities would undertake to excavate the site of Kinnaston Chapel for the ancient font, the stone altar, chapel ornaments and vessels. I feel sure most of them are still underground.—Yours truly,

(Rev.) P. J. OLIVER MINOS,

Much Marcle, Herefordshire, November 14th, 1893. Senior Curate.

SIR,—I am afraid I cannot throw any new light on the subject of the bell, or bells, belonging to the old chapel at Kynaston, destroyed by landslip in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, but I have a bell at Homme House which (according to family tradition) was dug out of the ruins of the chapel, either the end of the last, or the beginning of the present century, and was brought here to my grandfather, as lord of the manor on which it had been found. This view of the case is confirmed by many of the old people in the parish, who had heard the story from their fathers and mothers. There is no inscription or date on the bell.—Faithfully yours, ERNLE MONEY-KYRLE.

Homme House, Herefordshire, November 15th, 1893.

SIR,—The following extract which I take from an old English History may be interesting to your readers, and more particularly to those engaged in the discussion on the above subject, as showing the exact date of the destruction of Kynaston Chapel.—Yours truly, C. A. ARMSTRONG.

Presteign, R.S.O., January 1st, 1894.

'1571. On February 17th there happened a great earthquake in Herefordshire, when Marcle Hill was removed from the place where it stood, and continued in motion two days: it carried along the trees, hedges, and sheep, overturned Kynaston Chapel, which stood in its way, left an opening forty feet in depth and thirty-two in length, and at last settled and formed itself into a hill twelve fathoms high.'

The same History contains the following account of a somewhat similar occurrence in the year 1583, in Dorsetshire, viz.:—'1583. This year a very singular prodigy happened in Dorsetshire. A field of three acres, with trees and fences, at Blackmoor, moved from thence, passed over another field, and settled in the highway to Hearn.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, City of London.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5002 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 42 mins. F. G. Newman, 1; G. T. McLaughlin, 2; J. Pettit, 3; C. F. Winney, 4;

E. Horrex, 5; H. R. Newton, 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; W. E. Garrard, 8; A. P. Goddard (first peal on twelve bells, from Salisbury), 9; W. D. Smith, 10; W. Burkin, 11; W. T. Cockerill, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt. Composed by John Nelms and conducted by F. G. Newman.

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

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and St. Stephen's Society rang Haley's peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 21 mins. G. Langford, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; F. Buck, 3; W. J. Sorrell, 4; J. Willshire, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8. This is the first peal in any method by the ringers of 1 and 3, and the first in the method by all the others, except 2 and 8; also the first of MAJOR on the bells by a local band.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, London.

ON Monday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Carter's One-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 42 mins. (it was published in *Church Bells* supplement, August 11th, 1893, peal No. 15). W. J. Sorrell,* 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; W. T. Cockerill, 3; H. R. Newton (conductor), 4; J. Willshire, 5; T. E. Groombridge,* 6; C. F. Winney, 7; S. Andrews, 8. This is the first time this composition has been rung in London. [* First peal in the method.]

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, February 3rd, when the tower of the parish church will be open for ringing from three p.m. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30, with business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with me not later than Wednesday, the 31st inst. I shall be glad to receive the subscriptions of those members who have not yet forwarded them.

St. Albans, January 22nd, 1894.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.

THE annual meeting of the Tunbridge District will be held at the Parish Room, North Street, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday, February 5th prox. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., before the meeting, for any members who send their names to the District Secretary before Saturday, February 3rd.

The Rectory, Sevenoaks.

T. S. CURTIS, District Sec.

The St. Peter's Guild, Petersfield, Hampshire.

ON New-year's Day the annual dinner of the St. Peter's Guild of Bell-ringers was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Petersfield. The Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Causton, President of the Guild), presided; and the Rev. C. Edwards (Captain of the Guild), Mr. J. Bonham-Carter, J.P., C.C., Dr. Leachman, Messrs. W. B. Edgeley, H. H. Atkinson Grimshaw, C. H. Denton (of the Hereford Cathedral belfry), W. J. Bates, W. T. Neighbour, J. P. Cordery, A. Goble, and W. Wilkinson (conductor), were also present. The Vicar proposed the usual loyal toast, which was responded to with the singing of the National Anthem. Mr. Bonham-Carter submitted 'The Bishop and Clergy.' The Vicar, in response, thanked Mr. Bonham-Carter for his 'too kind' words with regard to himself, and went on to speak of the encouragement such real kindness gave the clergy. Mr. Goble proposed 'The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces,' and Captain Atkinson-Grimshaw suitably responded. The toast of the evening, 'St. Peter's Belfry,' was proposed by the President. They had made progress in scientific ringing during the past year. They had rung a quarter-peal; and he hoped they would be able to ring a whole peal before the close of the year. The Vicar said he was proud to be associated with the bell-ringers, and he trusted the coming year would be a happy one for all present. The proceedings terminated with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

St. Albans Cathedral, Herts.

ON Friday evening, the 5th inst., the annual supper, given to the Cathedral bell-ringers and choir by Archdeacon Lawrance, took place at the Rectory, when the chair was occupied by the Ven. Archdeacon of St. Albans, and the vice-chair by Mr. C. Wollam (churchwarden). Mr. Kent and Dr. Lipscombe were unable to attend owing to illness, and Dr. Bates was absent from the same cause. The usual toast of prosperity to the choir and bell-ringers was given by Archdeacon Lawrance; the toast of the choir was responded to by Mr. G. Gaffe, F.C.O. (organist), and that of the bell-ringers by Mr. H. L. Waddington, hon. secretary of the Cathedral Society of Change-ringers. Mr. Keightley gave the toast of 'The Churchwardens,' and Mr. Gaffe that of the 'Assistant Clergy.' Mr. C. Wollam responded for the Churchwardens, and the Revs. G. H. P. Glossop and T. T. Blockley for the assistant clergy. Mr. Phipps submitted the toast of 'The Rector's Family,' which was responded to by Mr. Alban Lawrance. A very pleasant time was spent.

The All Saints' Society, Fulham, London.

THE annual meeting of this Society took place on Saturday, the 13th inst., in the Church Room. Members began to assemble at the tower at four p.m., when touches of the following different methods were rung:—GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and CATER, STEDMAN TRIPLES and CATER, BOB MAJOR and BOB ROYAL, and KENT TREBLE BOB, conducted by Messrs. Driver, Adams, Basden, and Charge respectively. At six p.m. the members were entertained by the Vicar to a tea in the Church Room. At the conclusion of the meal the general business was transacted, the Vicar occupying the chair. The balance-sheet having been read and accepted, and the Master reporting the progress and performances of the past year, the election of officers was proceeded with, when the Vicar was again re-elected President of the Society, and Mr. J. W. Driver, Master, all the retiring officers being re-elected. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding, and also for the room. The members then proceeded to the tower, where more touches in different methods were successfully brought round, after which the most successful meeting was brought to a close.

The St. John-at-Hackney Society, London.

THE members of this Society held their annual dinner at the Hackney Restaurant, Graham Road, which was a decided success. The Rev. Cyril Stanley, in the absence of the Rector, occupied the chair, and Mr. Burkin, the Master of the Society, the vice-chair. After dinner the usual toasts were duly honoured, that of the Chairman with musical honours. Some bell-ringing followed.

The Street (Somerset) Bell-ringers' Association.

RECENTLY the annual meeting of this Association was held. The Rev. G. Bebb (president) was in the chair. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. Dyer) presented the annual report, which was of an encouraging character. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of 2l. 11s. 7d. The election of officers followed. Mr. Adolphus Hooper was re-elected Leader, Mr. George Dyer, Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. G. Richards, J. Stagg, H. Griffin, and A. Mundy, a Committee.

The Devon Guild of Change-ringers.

THE Plymouth and Devonport branch of the Devon Guild of Change-ringers, which was reorganized in July of last year, under the presidency of Rev. N. Vickers (who has placed the paid ringing of Charles Church bells in the care of its members), is now in satisfactory working order. The objects of the Guild are—belfry reform, and the learning of change-ringing on scientific principles. The great object of all change-ringers is to accomplish a peal of 5000 changes, which makes them eligible to become life members of the College Youths' Society, London, a society which dates back with an unbroken record to early in the seventeenth century. Several members of the local branch are already College Youths. So intricate is change-ringing, that one member failing to concentrate his thoughts for a second upsets the whole thing. 5040 changes are all the different positions which seven bells can be placed in, with the eighth bell acting as big drum behind. 'Grandsire' is a composer's name. 'Triples' mean that three pair of bells change at a time. 'Doubles,' that two pair change at a time. 'Stedman' is also a composer's name.

This branch has been doing some ringing lately. On Wednesday, 20th December, at Charles, an attempt was made to score a half-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (2520 changes), conducted by the respected leader, Mr. E. Taylor. After ringing over 2000 changes it came to an end, owing to a mistake of one of the band. The striking was excellent. On the 21st, at Stoke, were rung some GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN DOUBLES. On the 23rd, on the bells of the Dockyard Chapel, a touch of 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was conducted by Mr. J. Steed, the treasurer of the branch.

At 6 a.m. Christmas morn, Charles' bells were put going, and a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) were well struck by the band, and conducted by the Branch Secretary, Mr. W. H. Marsh. On Boxing Day, six members, including the Rev. R. Clarkson (who is an ardent lover of change-ringing), visited Cornwood, and by the kind permission of the Rev. J. G. Mundy rang on the bells of the parish church 720 BOB MINOR. Minor-ringing means that the sixth bell, or tenor (where there are only six bells in the tower) is turned in and changed with the rest, instead of beating the big drum behind. They also rang some GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN DOUBLES. After light refreshment, the party had a six-mile walk across the moor to Shaugh Prior. After ringing some GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN DOUBLES on these bells, a further walk to Bickleigh, and home by train.

On the last night of the year an innovation was introduced into Plymouth bell-ringing. Permission having been given, the dying year was rung out at Charles with the bells half-muffled. This is a common practice up the country. Between the hours of 11 and 12 p.m. a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) were rang by the band, Mr. Marsh conducting. The muffles were then taken off, and the New Year ushered in with a merry peal, the first for the year, rightly conducted by the leader, Mr. E. Taylor.

W. H. MARSH, Hon. Sec.

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Some Bells of 1893.

SIR,—Thinking it might be of interest to ringers to see a list of the rings of bells we have fixed or restored during the past year of 1893, we have the pleasure to hand you the following, being, we think, most of our important work:—

One new ring of ten for the Imperial Institute, Kensington, W.

Three new rings of eight at Coleraine, Seunthorpe, Llandudno.

Two new rings of six at Alsager and North Stoneham.

Three peals of ten, augmented or rehung, &c., at St. John's Church, Cardiff; St. Luke's Church, Chelsea; Stroud Parish Church.

Three peals of eight ditto at Higham Ferrers, Milverton, Irthlingborough.

And several peals of six ditto at Acton, Cheshire; Bramshott, Hants; East Crompton; Harworth, Notts; St. Ippolyts, near Hitchin; Kemerton, Beds; Staunton, Glouc.; Sharnford, Leicestershire; Firle.

We have also in hand three new peals of eight, viz., Poona New Church (Bombay Presidency), Merthyr Tydfil, and Aberavon; two new peals of six, viz., Clive, Salop, and St. Mark's, Bath.

Restoration in hand of Kendal Parish Church, ring of ten; Penkridge and Lewisham, rings of eight; and St. Mary's, Oxford, and Stanford, Notts, rings of six.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At Salisbury, Wilts.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., five members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERERS in 3 hrs. 2 mins., on handbells retained in hand. S. Lawrence, 1-2; A. W. Barkus, 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; C. A. Clements, 7-8; W. Greenleaf, 9-10. Composed by John Cox and conducted by Arthur W. Barkus.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Walworth Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 46 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; H. Langdon, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; E. P. O'Meara, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; T. Langdon, 7; T. H. Taffender, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. It was rung as a farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Hazell, who is leaving the parish.

At St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

On Friday, the 12th inst., eight members of the St. Margaret's Guild of Ringers (being also members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and Eastern Counties' Guild) rang Sedgley's peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 28 mins. W. G. Cross, 1; T. W. Giles, 2; J. W. Sedgley (conductor), 3; F. R. Bacon, 4; W. Brook, 5; W. Curston, 6; R. Crome, 7; G. Holland, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in C. This is the first peal on this noble ring of bells for ninety-eight years—6000 BOB MAJOR in 1796.

At St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Monday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers rang Brookes' Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 10 mins. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Sharpe, 3; W. Shimmonds, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D. This is the first peal of STEDMAN by all the above ringers.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 20th inst., eight members of the Society for the Archdeanery of Stafford rang a peal of 5152 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. A. H. Hill, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; B. Gough, 3; W. R. Small, 4; H. Mason, 5; W. Micklewright, 6; L. Bullock, 7; J. E. Groves, 8. Composed by Adam H. Hill, and conducted by James E. Groves. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, and made up as follows:—5040's on five and six bells, 7; BOB TRIPLES, 1; GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 10 (conducted, 5); STEDMAN TRIPLES, 2; BOB MAJOR, 5 (conducted, 2); CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 1; FORWARD MAJOR, 1; OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1; KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1; DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 3; GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 13 (conducted, 5); STEDMAN CATERERS, 1; BOB ROYAL, 1; GRANDSIRE ROYAL, 1; FORWARD ROYAL, 1; KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1.

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

RECENTLY eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 55 mins. A. R. Davis, 1; W. Truss, 2; A. Pheasant, 3; W. Meads, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; H. Warnett, 7; J. Garard, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY, WILTS.—On a Sunday evening, 1008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. A. J. Callaway, 1; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; T. Blackbourne, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8.

At BALDOCK, HERTS.—On a Thursday, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 40 mins. H. Bidnell (aged fifteen), 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; W. Bidnell, jun., 4; R. Jackson, 5; T. Webb, 6; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On New-year's Eve, in 1 hr. 4 mins., a date touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1894 changes. W. Clarke, 1; G. Dawson, 2; A. P. Heywood (composer and conductor), 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Hickling, 5; B. Sugden, 8; J. Flower, 7; J. Patchett, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At TOWN MALLING, KENT.—On New-year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, two peals of BOB MINOR. And after midnight, with the bells open, 216 in the same method, with 6-8 covering. W. Smith, 1; J. Capon, 2; D. Hall, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; R. W. Harden, 5; W. Buss, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; J. Hilder, 8. All the above, with the exception of J. Hilder, are members of the Kent County Association.

At THE CATHEDRAL, ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On New-year's Eve, for Divine service at midnight, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the dying year. H. Brewer, 1; A. Hull, 2; J. W. Brewer, 3; R. E. Hammond, 4; R. Weatherly, 5; W. H. Buckingham, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8.

At ST. MARGARET'S, HORSMONDON, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 720 BOB MINOR in 28 mins. T. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Butchers, 3; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. Also 720 GRANDSIRE in 28 mins. F. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Lambert, 5; J. Beach, 6. And 720 BOB MINOR in 27 mins. W. Hyland (Upchurch, Kent), 2; the rest as before.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. G. Cross (we shall be pleased to publish your peals and the proceedings (in a condensed form) of your meetings in the two dioceses; and others.

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FIFTY-SIXTH INTERVIEW.

With MR. PICKUP, Orchard Villas, Bacup, Lancashire.

[See page 62 of Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption.]

Mr. Pickup is well known in Bacup (a town in the pleasant Rossendale valley)—perhaps quite as well known to the rising generation as he is to those who, like himself, have reached middle life, for he is the head-master of a public school, and it was in the school that I found him one morning recently.

But very few words of introduction were needed; it was soon evident to my mind that Mr. Pickup felt deeply that, for the bringing back to health of one of his sons, he owed a debt of gratitude to Mr. Congreve, and was quite prepared to do anything in his power to repay that indebtedness.

I asked Mr. Pickup to give me his personal experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment, and he replied:—

'Over nine years ago now one of my sons, a lad then between fifteen and sixteen years of age, became ill with chest complaint. As I wrote at the time, he had a very bad cough, with profuse heavy, yellow phlegm. His breathing was short, and he lost both flesh and strength. I took him to our doctor, who told me his lungs were very bad, and that he must go to the south—the dampness of Bacup would kill him. For several reasons it was impossible to follow this advice, and as I had seen Mr. Congreve's announcements for a long time, I placed myself in communication with him. The treatment prescribed was rigidly followed. After the first bottle of medicine I took the lad again to our doctor, who said he wasn't like the same boy, adding "Go on as you have been doing." I didn't tell him what that was.'

'Thus encouraged I suppose you persevered?'

'Yes, and soon had the satisfaction of knowing that his health was quite restored. As it was winter time he took another bottle of medicine as a preventative, and before the next winter came round he was in a situation. Although at this time he was much exposed to inclement weather, he had no relapse; indeed, I may say he has been well ever since.'

'Last winter he had a cold. I didn't think it was anything more than that, but as his mother was fidgety, I took him to two doctors. One of them—the medical attendant of the late John Bright—assured me that his chest was quite sound, and this opinion was corroborated by the other medical man.'

'Then it is correct to say that the cure effected by Mr. Congreve has been permanent?'

'I consider my son quite cured—he certainly wouldn't have been if we had not applied to Mr. Congreve, for the doctor we first consulted was positive it was not a case in which medicine could do any good; the only hope was, as I have said, to send him south. To-day he is in good health, and in a situation here in Bacup.'

Before I left, Mr. Pickup told me he had recommended the treatment to many, being anxious that other sufferers should benefit by his experience.

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to the fact that among the subjects are, 'Help for Worried Week-days,' 'the Cure for Care,' 'the Marriage Altar and After,' 'the Beauty of Quiet Lives,' 'the Kindness that comes too late,' 'the Ethics of Home Decoration,' 'Unconscious Farewells,' we have indicated sufficiently the character of the book to commend it to those whose week-days need the sanctifying influence of religion brought to bear upon them.

THE HOOK MEMORIAL CHURCH. (Leeds: Church Lodge, 26 Blackman Lane. Price 6d.)—This tasteful booklet, with its views of the church, its portraits of those who have been connected with it between 1875 and 1891, its record of the ornaments and treasures of the church and of the services held in it, inspire the reader with the desire to make a pilgrimage to Leeds to see for himself. There is a characteristic portrait of Dr. Hook, leaning on the arm of his youngest son, who was the first Vicar of the Memorial Church.

A SUMMARY OF SIX ILLUSTRATED LECTURES ON ENGLISH CHURCH HISTORY. By the Rev. C. Arthur Lane. (London: Hutchings & Crowsley, 123 Fulham Road. Price 3d.)—Mr. Lane, who has been eight years Lecturer of the Church Defence Institution, has won for himself the reputation of a past master in his special subject. He has here printed a synopsis of his six lectures, which will be most useful to those who wish to recall Mr. Lane's treatment or to prepare themselves for his lectures, if they are so fortunate as to have opportunity of attending them. During his lecturing tours Mr. Lane has always been on the look-out to improve his stock of lantern slides. He now has no less than 600 slides—without doubt the best collection of Church history subjects which there is. The pamphlet also contains a paper of examination questions on the several lectures, which might be used with advantage either in home study or by the superintendents of Sunday or day schools, who might offer a prize to their pupils or teachers.

At the annual meeting of the Harleian Society on Friday, an interesting discussion took place on the subject of the future custody and preservation of parish registers, when it was unanimously resolved: 'That, in the opinion of the Harleian Society, it is most desirable that transcripts be made of all parish registers in the country, and that the District or Parish Councils be required to make the same under rules and regulations to be approved by the Government.'

MAGAZINES.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE now ranks among the first-class magazines. Its contents comprise a large variety of stories and articles all of a high degree of excellence, and its illustrations are all admirable. The first paper in the February number is an interesting account, by Mrs. E. T. Cook, of the Queen of Italy as a mountaineer, in which we learn of that royal lady's exploits among the Alps. Among the remainder of the contents is a clever story by Grant Allen, 'A Self-respecting Servant'; an able paper on George Moore's 'Impressions of Zola'; another on Edward Fitzgerald—Tennyson's 'Old Fitz'—by Edward Clodd; and a smart plea for 'The New Navies,' by W. Laird Clowes.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE contains its usual great variety of papers, articles, stories, &c. The first place is given to an admirably graphic account of L. Alma-Tadema and his works. As an illustration of his striving after perfect accuracy, it is stated that when the picture called 'The Improvisatore' was being painted, much excitement prevailed. The whole scene is bathed in moonlight, and the question which interested the painter's household was as to the actual amount of colour that could be positively perceived in objects seen by the light of the moon alone. In order to test this point, draperies of different colours were placed in the garden, and evening visitors were asked to say what colours they thought them to be. No two persons could, however, agree as to the positive colour of an object under such circumstances, and after all, Mr. Alma-Tadema had to follow the instinct of his own eyesight. A new story of the West, by Mary Hallock Foote, is commenced, and Mark Twain's serial is continued. The fiction also includes a number of complete powerful short stories. The illustrations well maintain their usual high standard.

IN GREAT THOUGHTS a new serial story is commenced which promises to become very interesting. There are capital accounts of interviews with Professor Herkomer and the Bishop of Wakefield; a charming little article on the great Spanish poet, Calderon; a number of papers on various subjects, and many literary gems culled from different sources.

OUR HEALTH IN WINTER.—Dr. Andrew Wilson, writing in *Lloyd's Newspaper* on diet, says: 'The teaching of nature should never be neglected, and in the matter of winter food let us see we are not wrong, and take sufficient fat, for the changes that result in the wear and tear of our bodies are lessened in intensity by the fat of food, and the need for flesh is always less when fat forms a due proportion of our diet.' The Doctor proceeds to enumerate natural products that are admirable, among them 'Cocoa' with its contained Cocoa Butter. Relatively to this it may be said that *EPH'S PREPARED COCOA* retains all the constituents of the natural Cocoa, including the oil or butter, intact. —[Adv.]

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, the 20th ult., and was attended by members from Cloughfold, Manchester, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, and the local company. The bells were kept going from half-past three till five o'clock. The business meeting was then held in the school, presided over by the Vicar, who gave the Association a hearty welcome. The usual business was then transacted, and Rawtenstall was selected as the place for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the ringers for having all in readiness, and to the Chairman for presiding. Touches of BOB MAJOR, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and 720 BOB MINOR were rung. J. Wolstenholme, 1; J. B. Taylor, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Thompson, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; H. H. Nutter (conductor), 6.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 20th ult., a meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Burnley, Padiham, and Church. During the afternoon touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, and BOB MINOR were rung. The meeting was held in the ringing-chamber, presided over by Mr. J. Walker, president of the branch. Ten new members were enrolled, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Whalley. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and ringers of Holy Trinity Church, and to the Chairman and Secretary, terminated the business of the meeting.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

SONNING BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this branch was held in St. Paul's Parish Room, Wokingham, on Saturday, the 20th ult., and was well attended, seventy-six members being present. In the absence of the Chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. T. Brown, presided. The proceedings commenced with tea, the business meeting immediately following. The balance-sheet showed a balance in favour of the Guild of 8l. 8s. 3d., and there was a slight improvement in the status of the branch, both in the number of members and of those who had advanced from the probationary stage to that of change-ringers. A letter was read from the chairman of the branch, in which he expressed pleasure at the improvement mentioned, regretting, however, that he had not received the record of any peal rung by its members during 1893, and hoping that there might be an improvement in this respect in 1894. The officers for the present year were then elected, and the meeting closed with a few words from the Rural Dean, and the usual vote of thanks to the various officers, and to the ladies who had superintended the arrangements for the tea. Ringing afterwards took place at the tower of the parish church, St. Paul's tower not being available.

Reopening of Woolwich Parish Church Bells.

An interesting event has just been consummated in connexion with the parish church of St. Mary, Woolwich. In the year 1821, Messrs. Mears & Stainbank furnished this church with a peal of eight bells, which have been in use until very recently, when it was discovered that their safety was imperilled by the insecure state of the bell-frame and its supports. This led to an effort being made to endeavour to bring about their restoration, which happy event was celebrated on Thursday, January 25th, by the Kent County Association of Change-ringers ringing during the afternoon several touches, including STEDMAN TRIPLES, TREBLE BOB, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. The unanimous opinion was that the bells now were in a splendid condition, and that Mr. Blackburn of Salisbury, who undertook the whole of the work, was to be congratulated on the manner in which he has carried out the contract. Afterwards at the parish room, an excellent repast was provided in honour of the event, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. C. E. Esereet; at which the Rev. H. G. D. Latham said he could not allow the meeting to separate without expressing their indebtedness to Mr. E. O. Masters, hon. secretary to the Belfry Fund, for his efforts in raising the fund, and in the name of the bell-ringers and church officers of St. Mary's, in recognition of his services, he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present Mr. Masters with a Malacca walking-stick and a silk umbrella, both silver-mounted, with monogram. Mr. J. E. Bevan, secretary of the ringers, said they very much desired Mr. Masters should have something to remind him of the work, therefore he asked his acceptance of an oak frame (as a reminiscence of the past) made from the old wheels, containing an illuminated address. Mr. Masters, in acknowledging these gifts, said that about 30l. were yet wanted. At 7.30 p.m. a Special Festival Service of Dedication took place at the church, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Powell, vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Wednesday, the 17th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Hubbard's peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. P. Goddard, 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence (first peal in the method), 5; T. Blackburn, 6; E. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. Conducted by A. W. Barkus. Tenor, 15 cwt. The first peal in the method in the county by entirely local men. It was rung as a wedding peal on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Mason and Miss Rose Blackburn (sister of Mr. T. Blackburn), at the Abbey Church, Bourne, Lincolnshire. [* First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

At St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, Northants.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., the following members of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 10 mins. J. Seamark, 1; G. Randall, 2; A. H. Martin, 3; W. J. Gilbert, 4; W. Hall, 5; J. B. Martin (conductor), 6; W. Pettet, 7; S. Middleton, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., in G. The above is the first peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung with two additional trebles by Messrs. Taylor & Co., and the 'go' of them is excellent.

At St. Giles's, Camberwell, London.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 36 mins. R. French, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; H. R. Newton, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; E. Horrex, 7; F. J. French, 8; C. Charge, 9; J. M. Hayes, 10. Composed by York Green and conducted by J. M. Hayes. Tenor, 25 cwt. The first peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

At St. John's, Yeovil, Somerset.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5021 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; W. Greenleaf, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockay, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8; R. T. Hibbert, 9; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 10. Tenor, 40 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells.

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

ON Thursday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. J. Turner, 1; G. Conyard, 2; W. I. Reeve, 3; J. Saxby, 4; G. Cullum, 5; J. Garrard, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Saxby, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. J. Turner formerly belonged to Bramley, Yorkshire, but is now residing at Crayford, and this is his first peal.

At St Michael's, Framlingham, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., a peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association in 2 hrs. 58 mins.:—W. Ostler (first peal), 1; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 2; E. Wightman, 3; J. Durrant, 4; W. Flory, 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6; G. Wightman (conductor), 7; J. Self, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. Composed by H. Hubbard.

At the Parish Church, Blechley, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 17 mins. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; S. Constant, 3; H. Sharpe, 4; C. Herbert, 5; I. Mills, 6; J. George, 7; P. Howard, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., in E.

At the Parish Church, Coalbrookdale, Salop.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., Hubbard's Ten-part peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild (Severn Valley Branch) in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. W. H. Hughes,* 1; J. W. Howard,* 2; R. Jones,* 3; A. Wale, 4; S. J. Hughes,* 5; W. Price (first peal with a bob-bell), 6; W. Morgan (first peal as conductor), 7; W. H. Fussell, 8. This is the first peal by the Guild in this method; also first peal by the Severn Valley Branch, and was rung at the first attempt. [* First peal.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. GILES'S, STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 720 BOB MINOR in 23 mins. G. Valentine, sen., 1; Rev. H. J. Travers (conductor), 4; G. Valentine, 5; G. Smith, 6. And for evening service, 360 BOB MINOR. G. Valentine, sen., 1; Rev. J. H. Travers, 2; N. Alderman, 3; J. Nixon, 4; A. Gidman, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Also on a Friday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB in 25 mins. A. Gidman, 1; J. Cowley, 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; G. Valentine, jun., 4; G. Valentine, sen., 5; Rev. J. H. Travers (conductor), 6. First peal on the bells in this method by local ringers.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, BATH.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins. R. Lewis, 1; H. Wotton, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; W. Wells, 4; H. W. Brown, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; J. Tanner (first quarter-peal), 8.

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LAMBETH, LONDON.—On a Saturday an attempt was made for a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, which ended after ringing 2184 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. F. J. Pitts, 1; J. Cawley, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; W. C. Hasted, 5; H. Warnett, 6; H. N. Davis (conductor), 7; A. Dean, 8.

AT CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On a Friday, on handbells retained in hand, 742 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from the middle of Holt's Original. A. Speller, 1-2; A. Edwards (conductor), 3-4; H. F. De Lisle, Esq., 5-6; W. J. Piper, 7-8.

AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. H. N. Davis (conductor), 1; W. Truss, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; W. Meads, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; W. Taylor, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; J. Barry, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, LYMINGE, KENT.—On a Saturday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (thirty-eight bobs, twenty-two singles) in 28 mins. J. Prebble, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Tanton, 3; E. Potter, 4; C. Laker, 5; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 6. And 720 BOB MINOR (fourteen bobs and four singles) in 27 mins. J. Prebble, 1; J. Andrews, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; E. Potter, 4; G. Beer, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

AT ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, LONDON.—On a Thursday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original. W. F. Meads, 1; F. Perrin, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; R. Christian (Great Yarmouth, Norfolk), 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; J. Barry, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. It was intended to start for a peal, but the band meeting late, the above was rung instead.

AT ST. MART'S, WALMER, KENT.—On a Thursday, 720 BOB MINOR, with 6-8 behind, in 31 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; H. Castle, 4; G. Denne (conductor), 5; C. H. Sone, 6; F. Capp, 7; J. Simmonds, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. in E flat. The first 720 on the bells. The tenor man belongs to Walmer, the others came from Deal.

RECEIVED ALSO:—F. G. Newman (it appeared on January 19th in *Church Bells*); and others.

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views of particular spots alluded to. 'Canon Atkinson at Home,' 'The World of the Blind,' and 'Sister Dora' will repay perusal.

IN the LEISURE HOUR we notice 'The Peoples of Europe: Germany,' 'Andreas Hofer, the Peasant Patriot,' and 'Letters of James Russell Lowell.' The illustrations in 'Little Learners' are capital. Readers not already tired of the subject will appreciate Mr. Elliott's treatise on 'The Ma-Shuna,' amongst whom, we learn, four Missionary Societies are at work.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME is especially good. Dr. William Wright tells the story of 'The Great Mosque, Damascus,' recently destroyed by fire; Mrs. Watson details 'The Early Life of Dr. Pusey;' Dr. James Macaulay sketches the career of 'Andrew Bonar, D.D.,' and Mr. Hobson narrates the experiences of 'A Gala Day on the Cornwall.' There are also four thoughtful readings on 'Faith,' presumably by the Editor.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE contains two interesting papers on the question, 'Shall our Sons Emigrate?' the affirmative being taken by Mr. Arnold White, and the negative by 'A Stay-at-Home.' Miss A. L. Griffiths, in her article 'What to Wear in February,' teaches us, with both pen and pencil, the art of tasteful dressing, and 'A Family Doctor' contributes a well-written paper on 'Disappointment as a Cause of Ill-health.' There are two serial and three complete stories.

THE second number of the PORTFOLIO in its new form is a monograph on Malta and the Knights Hospitallers by W. K. R. Bedford. The plates are etchings of 'Isola Point' and 'Città Vecchia,' by A. Anstead, the latter from a drawing by Edward Lear; 'Rabato, Gozo,' and the 'Chapel of Our Lady of Philermos,' both of which seem to have been by some mistake styled engravings, while they are really mechanical reproductions. They are of their kind, of course, most excellent. There are a number of other capital illustrations, most of them being reproductions to illustrate the text.

IN the NEWBERRY HOUSE MAGAZINE Mrs. Molesworth writes on the Women's Christian Education League, and portraits are given of herself, the Duchess of Rutland, and another lady interested in the movement. Mr. Tom Greer continues his gruesome story of 'The Coming Rebellion,' and various bright tales, and parts of tales, fill up the eighty pages. 'Divers Gifts,' complete in itself, is very charming, though we should have avoided the biblical title.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART has an excellent etching by H. Macbeth-Raeburn of J. W. Waterhouse's 'La Belle Dame sans Merci,' although we cannot say that we like the green-tinted ink in which it is printed. The principal of the other illustrations are the reproduction of a sketch of a design for a panel at the Royal Exchange by Sir Frederic Leighton, and an engraving of J. F. Lewis's 'Encampment in the Desert,' both of which are pleasing. An able paper by Lionel Cust, on the 'Old Masters at the Royal Academy,' is the most important of the letterpress contents.

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER, OUR OWN GAZETTE, and FRIENDLY WORK and FRIENDLY LEAVES are fair average numbers, not calling for special notice. In the CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE Mr. Banting continues his series of articles on 'Dwellers in Palestine,' and gives much information as to the modern Christian populations of Bethlehem, Nazareth, &c., and the strange 'American Community in Jerusalem.'

THE C. M. S. publications are, as usual, excellent, the INTELLIGENCER containing three important articles: 'The Present State of the Opium Question,' by the Rev. C. C. Fenn; 'A Controversy with Mohammedans at Amritsar,' by Dr. Martyn Clark; and a clear statement of the case with regard to 'C. M. S. and the Boards of Missions,' by the Editor. THE MISSION FIELD (S. P. G.) issues statistics, supplied by the Bishop, of the 'Church's Work in Mashonaland.'

IN LITTLE FOLKS a new fairy story, entitled 'Butterfly Blue,' by Hartley Richards, is begun. There is a pretty coloured frontispiece, and further instalments of the two serial stories by Mrs. Molesworth and Henry Frith.

JEWS AND CHRISTIANS is a quarterly sixpenny magazine, of which the object is to 'disseminate, particularly among Jews, information respecting the true relation of Judaism and Christianity.' The most important paper in its first issue is 'The Blood Accusation,' which is dealt with by Professor Herrman L. Strack at some length and with much skill.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL ALMANAC AND PAROCHIAL LIST (T. Whittaker, Bible House, New York. Twenty-five cents) is an excellent book of reference, and contains an amazing quantity of information with regard to the Church in America, in addition to some general particulars.

THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN, THE GAZETTEER OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, and THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER'S BIBLE MANUAL are three of Messrs. Cassell's useful serials which should have a large circulation.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.

THE annual meeting of the Committee was held at Hereford on Wednesday, the 24th ult. There were present the Revs. Canon Palmer (in the chair), J. G. Cranstoun (Ludlow), and A. C. Lee (Hon. Secretary); Messrs. W. Hebb (Ross, Hon. Treasurer), R. J. Turner (Lugwardine), W. Cartwright (Foy), J. G. Buchanan (Clun), and John Jones (Hereford). After several apologies for inability to attend had been read, the Hon. Secretary produced the accounts, which showed a balance of 35*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* from the year 1893 in favour of the Guild, with no outstanding liabilities. The Master (Rev. G. M. Custance), who was the original promoter of the Guild, sent in his resignation, pleading advancing years and increasing work, which rendered him unable to fill the post as he could wish. Canon Palmer afterwards, in moving a vote of thanks to him, reminded those present of the deep obligation that the whole Guild owed Mr. Custance; but for him it would not have been founded. On the proposal of Rev. J. G. Cranstoun, seconded by Mr. John Jones, Mr. J. G. Buchanan was elected Master. The following were elected on the Committee:—Revs. Canon Palmer, H. C. Sturges (Bodenham), A. L. Oldham and J. Davies (Bridgnorth), H. F. Bagshaw (Knighton), T. Hughes (Bathington), C. Witton (Foy), and Messrs. John Davies (Cathedral), J. G. Wall (Ross), J. Cartwright (Foy), E. S. Kings (Cradley), E. J. Bentley (Colwall), Charles Edwards (Bosbury), Robert Marston (Ludlow), J. Overton (Bridgnorth), J. Davies (All Saints', Hereford), R. J. Turner (Lugwardine), John Jones (St. Peter's, Hereford), and T. J. Bratton (Welsphool). Messrs. Wall and Bratton were re-elected to represent the Guild on the Central Committee of the Ringers' Association. The Hon. Secretary reported that some thirty towns were in union with the Guild, that most useful work had been done by voluntary local instructors, especially by Charles Edwards in the Ledbury district, and that Mr. W. H. Fussell was holding an engagement with the Guild for some six or seven weeks up to Lent, and would be engaged, if possible, for a month after Easter. The festival was fixed (if leave is given) to be held at Ludlow on Tuesday, June 5th. Votes of thanks were passed to the various officers of the Guild, and to Canon Palmer for presiding. Local Secretaries should communicate with the Rev. A. C. Lee (Hon. Secretary), Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford.

The St. Peter's Society, St. Albans.

ON Monday evening, the 15th ult., the members of this Society held their annual dinner. Mr. E. P. Debenham presided, and there were also present Messrs. T. Conley, W. Little, A. Hull, E. Hull, H. Brewer, J. W. Brewer, J. Porter, E. Weddon, and F. Dunham (ringing members); W. Battle, W. H. L. Buckingham, and J. E. Randall (honorary members); and Mr. Hubbard. After the removal of the cloth, the loyal toasts were duly honoured, followed by the toast, 'Prosperity to the St. Peter's Society of Change-ringers,' proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Mr. Conley, the senior member of the Society. In proposing 'Kindred Societies,' the Chairman alluded to the kind feeling shown by the Cathedral Society in giving up their tower to the St. Peter's ringers on one Sunday and one practice-night in every month during the progress of the restoration of St. Peter's Church, when the bells could not be rung. The toast was coupled with the name of Mr. W. Battle, the conductor of the Cathedral Society. Other toasts followed.

The St. Mary's Society, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., the twenty-fourth annual dinner of the above Society took place, to which sixteen sat down. The chair was taken by the Rev. F. A. Hodgson, rector of Beddington, supported by Mr. C. E. Malim, honorary member; the vice-chair (in the unavoidable absence of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, M.D.), being occupied by J. W. Trappitt. Among those present were Mr. W. Burkin, a late member. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Chairman gave 'Success to the St. Mary's Society of Change-ringers of Beddington,' and said he hoped the Society would make as good progress in the future as it had done in the past.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Crossens on Saturday, January 27th, with a good attendance of members from Aughton, Croston, Ormskirk, Southport, and Upholland, besides the local company and several honorary members. Touches were rung on the bells until 4.30 p.m., when the company sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Bulpit. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. W. T. Bulpit presided, supported by the Rev. F. J. Gough and Messrs. J. Martin, A. Smith, James, and others. The Chairman gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and said he was glad to see so good a muster, although the weather was boisterous—it showed the interest that was taken in the good being done by the Guild. The Rev. F. J. Gough, in a few well-chosen remarks, said he was very pleased to hear of the interest that is now taken in bell-ringers by the clergy in different parts of the diocese. Mr. J. Martin then read the accounts, which showed a substantial increase. Three churchwardens from Ormskirk were elected members of the Guild, after which the usual vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The Harrietsbam Ringers, Kent.

THE Rev. C. D. B. Marsham lately invited the ringers of the parish church to dinner at the Rectory in accordance with his usual custom, and after dinner Mr. W. Hadlow was re-elected secretary and Mr. John Fermor captain.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 190.)

The Eastern Counties' Guild,

A QUARTERLY meeting of this Guild was held at Long Sutton on Saturday, the 3rd inst., and was well attended by members from Spalding, Pinchbeck, Walpole (St. Peter), Long Sutton, Terrington (St. Clement), and King's Lynn. The members attended service in St. Mary's Church, the prayers being read by the Rev. W. Disney, hon. sec. to the Guild, and the sermon preached by the Rev. G. S. Leigh-Bennett, vicar. Dinner was afterwards served to the members and friends, who numbered thirty-five, at the Bull Hotel. The loyal toast of 'Church and Queen' having been given and responded to, Mr. W. G. Cross, hon. lay sec., read the minutes of the previous meeting. One hon. member and seven performing members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Walpole (St. Peter) on Whit Monday. An adjournment was then made to the church, where 720 BOB MINOR was rung by a mixed band. Three courses of COLLEGE SINGLE, and some GRANDSTRE DOUBLES with the local company, brought the tenth birthday of the Guild to a close.

The Chichester Bell-ringers.

On Wednesday evening, the 24th ult., a company numbering between sixty and seventy assembled at the Eagle Hotel, Chichester, on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Cathedral bell-ringers. The Ven. Archdeacon Mount occupied the chair, the vice-chair being filled by Mr. R. Walters (leader of the bell-ringers). After the usual loyal toasts, given by the Chairman, Alderman Greene followed with 'The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese.' Prebendary Bennett was called upon to respond.

Mr. F. B. Tompkins, in proposing 'The Visitors,' expressed the pleasure which the bell-ringers felt at being honoured by the presence of so many visitors that evening. It showed that they appreciated the efforts of the bell-ringers. They were also glad to see two members of the Chapter in attendance. The Dean and Chapter had done great things for the bell-ringers during the past year, inasmuch as they had not only had the bells tuned, but had put them into a thorough state of repair. That was certainly a thing for which they should be thankful.

Canon Teulon returned thanks. He considered that the Guild of Bell-ringers were great benefactors to the city and the diocese, not only because they performed with such skill the duties entrusted to them, but because of the spirit in which they did their work.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies next submitted the toast of 'The Sussex County Association of Change-ringers.' He said that any one who took up the papers especially dealing with bell-ringing would find, on perusing the analyses made from time to time of the different peals rung in different parts of the country, that the county of Sussex on several occasions had stood at the very head of the list, and not for some years past had Sussex been lower than second or third. That fact spoke much more strongly than any words he could utter in favour of the Association. He coupled with the toast the name of the Secretary of the Association (the Rev. J. W. G. Loder Cother), who said he had only within the last seven or eight months assumed the duties of Secretary, and congratulated Chichester on the improvement which had taken place in bell-ringing during the last year or so. He had made up his mind, since taking his new office, to pay a visit of inspection round the belfries in the county. The speaker went on to refer to the improvement which, in recent years, had taken place in bell-ringing in many Sussex parishes, and instanced the case of Midhurst. The Association not only tried to make men ring properly, but also to look after their belfries, and suggested to them that they were Church people, and that their one aim should be to go to church and make others go as well.

The toast of 'The Chichester Cathedral Bell-ringers' was next proposed by the Chairman, who said that the words of the last speaker were very encouraging in regard to the work done by bell-ringers in Sussex. He believed that in 1884 only seven peals were rung in the county, but in 1893 the number had increased to sixty-five. He also wished to endorse Mr. Loder Cother's remarks as to the improvement of many of the Sussex belfries, for, in the course of his duties as Archdeacon, he always endeavoured to make a point of inspecting them. With respect to the Chichester belfry, they were well aware that for some time past it had been a perfect pattern to belfries in general. He also believed they had good ringers to work the bells. He knew from personal experience of several of them that they had the work at heart, and meant to make the belfry at Chichester what it ought to be—the leading belfry in the diocese.

Mr. R. Walters, in responding, said the Chairman's words gave the ringers much encouragement, and he hoped they would go on striving to make themselves as efficient as possible. With regard to change-ringing, he could only say that Chichester was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time. During the year they had rung several 'five hundreds' and smaller touches, whilst they finished up the old year by ringing 1008 changes, which was the longest touch rung by the present band, and, in fact, a best on record for a Chichester band of ringers.

Other toasts, interspersed with some vocal music, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Godmanstone, Dorset.

THIS pretty little village possessed at one time a very good ring of four bells, but they have been allowed to get into such bad order that ringing them now would be quite out of the question. For many years only one bell has been used, doing duty for Sunday services, weddings, and funerals; but, to the great delight of the parishioners, they heard three bells chime again on Sunday last, the fourth bell having been badly cracked some years ago, on the occasion of a village wedding, by some one foolishly striking it out-

side with a sledge-hammer! The cracked bell is happily the treble, so the three sound bells can all be used in proper sequence.

From a change-ringer's point of view, a peal of four, even if well hung, is no attraction; but, as the Godmanstone tenor weighs about 20 cwt., to increase the peal to six or eight would cost a deal more money than a poor country village could hope to collect in many years. The new churchwarden—well known in ringing circles as Captain Acland-Troyte—decided, therefore, on fitting up a chiming apparatus, so that the fine-toned bells could once more fulfil their mission, and sound forth to the glory of God. The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—'Sit Nomen Domine Benedictum' (in very old characters).

2nd.—'Anno Domini 1607.'

3rd.—'Anno Domini 1610.'

Tenor.—'George Purdue. Anno Domini 1617.'

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FIFTY-SEVENTH INTERVIEW.

With MRS. STURT, Stock's Green, Hildenborough, Kent.

[Published in the weekly journals, Nov. 20th, 1890.]

This was a case of asthma, and the story which Mrs. Sturt (whose full address is given above) told me on a recent November day was a plain and simple one. To a person who knows nothing by practical experience of the suffering endured by those who are afflicted with asthma, there may not appear much in it; but those who *do* know what asthma means will readily understand the great feeling of relief and deep sense of gratitude experienced when a permanent cure has been secured.

In the short account of this case originally published, Mr. Congreve states that when Mrs. Sturt (at that time Miss Woodman) came to him at Coombe Lodge she was suffering acutely from bronchial irritation and congestion of both lungs, with occasional severe attacks of asthma. She was losing flesh and strength fast.

I asked Mrs. Sturt if any of her family had suffered from chest disease.

'Yes,' she replied. 'Some of my relatives have had asthma, and my sister, who had also suffered with it, died of Consumption.'

Then I read Mrs. Sturt the account already referred to, and asked her if that was correct. She replied that it was, and, in answer to a further question as to how long ago it was she was under treatment, said:—

'It is eleven years ago that I was in London and went to Coombe Lodge, where I saw Mr. Congreve, who prescribed for me.'

'How long had you been suffering from asthma?'

'During the three previous winters I was unable to leave my bed for a great part of the time; certainly I was never able to leave my room. I took the medicine Mr. Congreve gave me, and used the liniment. By the time I had taken three of the largest-sized bottles I was quite cured.'

'And have you had any return of the complaint?'

'No, I have never suffered from asthma since that time.'

This account was readily corroborated by Mr. Sturt, who was present.

Before I left Mrs. Sturt told me that she had recommended Mr. Congreve's treatment to other sufferers, with good results. She mentioned in particular one case in the village of Hildenborough—a young woman who had lately become a patient. She had not been taking the medicine for any length of time, but already the blood-spitting had ceased, and Mrs. Sturt said that she, as well as the patient, had every hope that the latter will soon be quite recovered.

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REVIEWS.

LUX DIURNA. By Janet S. Berger. With an Introduction by the Bishop of Winchester. (London: Hodder & Stoughton. Price 4s. 6d.)—Mrs. Berger has compiled a charming little devotional work for daily use, which, in the words of the Bishop's introduction, 'proposes two not quite unworthy ends for those who may consent to use it. The first is that of stirring in young hearts a vital interest in Christ. The second is that of helping such as have felt after God and, in a sense, found Him, to approach His footstool and seek His glory.' The 'fresh thoughts, compact aphorisms, verses of poetry skilfully culled, collects used by generations of saints long ago met in the light and joy of God' are admirably arranged for their purposes, and the little volume is well printed and tastefully arranged.

EARLY AND LATE POEMS. By Christopher James Riethmüller. (London: George Bell & Sons, 1893. 3s. 6d. net.)—This is a collection from various sources of poems written by an octogenarian during his long life. They are of varying merit. We like best those dealing with the Cappadocian Macrina and Julian the Apostate.

The annual volume (Vol. X.) of **BIBLEWOMEN AND NURSES**, issued by Messrs. Cassell & Co., printed in clear, large type, and illustrated with pictures of old spots in London, is to be recommended to all who are interested in the work of the London Bible and Domestic Female Mission. This Mission employs 130 Biblewomen and eighty-two nurses in all parts of the metropolis. Its central office is at 2 Adelphi Terrace, Strand.

THE NET volume for 1893 (Bemrose & Sons, 2s.) makes known some of the encouragements and some of the wants of a few workers in foreign lands. Africa (more especially Zululand) is the country most largely represented in these pages, which we commend to the perusal of those who take an interest in Anglican missionary work.

THE ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER'S DIARY. Compiled by Ralph H. Baker. (Sampson Low & Co. 2s. 6d.)—This excellent diary supplies a want long felt by organists, as it contains a mass of useful tables and information, including a choir attendance register and a good Church calendar.

THE MUSICAL TIMES (Novello & Co.) contains a great deal of interesting matter, notably 'The Drum Parts in Beethoven's Symphonies,' with illustrations in music type, also several pictorial illustrations, including an early portrait of Madame Schumann. The musical supplement is a new anthem for Easter, 'Now is Christ Risen,' which is noticed below.

THE NEW QUARTERLY MUSICAL REVIEW, No. 4. (Robert Cocks & Co.)—This interesting quarterly completes the first year of its existence with this number. It contains many valuable papers, including one by J. S. Shedlock on that grand old master, Palestrina, and his connexion with Church music, and an analytical review of Berlioz's *Les Troyens*.

ADVERTISING is a well-printed little monthly, containing valuable information for all classes of advertisers. It is edited by Mr. J. H. Osborne, and published at Smith's Printing and Publishing Agency, Hutton Street, Fleet Street.

NEW MUSIC.

MESSRS. NOVELLO, EWER, & Co. send us **IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?** an easy cantata for use during Lent and on Good Friday, compiled and composed by the Rev. E. V. Hall. This work is laid out for tenor solo and chorus, and interspersed with well-known hymns to be sung by the choir and congregation. It is especially adapted for village churches, where the ability of the choir is often very limited. Also four Easter anthems: **NOW IS CHRIST RISEN**, by John E. West—a melodious and well-planned composition for bass solo and chorus. **JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TO-DAY**, by Oliver King—for chorus only; the Easter hymn, ingeniously disguised in triple time, is worked in at the close. **AT THE SEPULCHRE**, for bass solo, quartet, and chorus, composed by H. W. Wareing, Mus. Doc. A little difficulty is present here in the shape of two quavers to be sung in the time of three in twelve-eight time, but, this obstacle surmounted, the anthem will be found perfectly easy and effective. **CHRIST IS RISEN**, for soprano solo and chorus, composed by G. B. J. Aitken. An easy, bright little anthem, capable of performance by almost any choir; effective use is made of a dominant pedal at the words 'Hallelujah, Amen.'

As an indication of the interest taken by the clergy in the circulation of the cheap serial edition of the *Dore Bible*, it may be mentioned that in one Bible class conducted in the North of England, seventy regular subscribers have been obtained by the Vicar. A large number of the clergy have communicated with the publishers expressing their interest in the issue of this work, which for one halfpenny a week or threepence a month provides an illustrated Bible which originally cost eight pounds, and may now be obtained for as many shillings.

SNOWDON'S CHANGE RINGING SERIES. Full List from Wm. Snowdon, Leeds.—[Adv.]

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

By kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, a quarterly meeting of the above Association took place at Wilby (Northants), on Saturday afternoon. The pretty little ring of five bells (recently increased from four to five by the addition of a new treble) was at liberty for ringing from two to eight p.m. About seventy ringers were present during the afternoon and evening from Wellingborough, Kettering, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, Irchester, Warkton, Desborough, Wollaston, Northampton, Earls Barton, Mears Ashby, Wilby, Doddington, and Weekley. There was a business meeting in the schoolroom at four o'clock. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Wilby for the use of bells and schoolroom, and to the local ringers for making them so welcome. At five o'clock tea was provided in Mr. Jarrett's large room. At the conclusion of the repast the Rector addressed those present relative to the position, responsibilities, and duties of ringers as Church workers. He also thanked the Society for the interest it had taken in the bells at Wilby, and expressed his appreciation of the advice and assistance rendered in the matter of their new bell by their Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes. Later in the evening representatives of most of the belfries attending the meeting rang tunes and changes on a large peal of handbells brought over by the Wellingborough ringers. The Rev. E. C. Channer, vicar of Ravenshorpe, and the Rev. C. J. Gordon, rector of Rushden, were present during the afternoon.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

A MEETING in connexion with this Society was held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, the 3rd inst., the following towers in the archdeaconry being represented:—Darlaston, Tipton, Cannock, Wombourne, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, and Wednesbury. Ringing commenced about three p.m., and was kept up during the evening with touches in various methods. A short service was held in the church at five p.m. and an address given by the Rev. G. P. T. Johnson (curate), after which a committee meeting was held in the vestry, the Rev. M. M. Connor (vicar) presiding. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Penkridge if the bells are in ringing order (if not, at Stafford) on Saturday, April 10th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding, and also to the Rev. G. P. T. Johnson, for his address, after which an adjournment was made to the schoolroom for tea.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The sixth annual meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., and was attended by twenty-six ringing members from Gawsorth, Bollington, Poynton, Prestbury, and the local company; also the Revs. J. T. Penrose (Gawsorth) and S. A. Boyd, vicar of Macclesfield. Tea was provided in the National Schools. The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar in the chair, who was subsequently elected Chairman of the branch. The Secretary and Treasurer were also re-elected, and read a statement of accounts, and also gave a report of last year's progress in the branch. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the next place of meeting was fixed for Bollington on May 12th. The Chairman afterwards addressed the members, touching upon the ringers' position as Church officials, their duty one to another, and urged them not to stand still, but to go forward with their noble art. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The bells were then visited again, and the remainder of the evening was spent in ringing touches by mixed bands of ringers from the various towers.

The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., a successful meeting in connexion with this Association was held at Brighouse. Representatives were present from the parish churches of Bradford, Leeds, Huddersfield, Hull, Halifax, Sheffield, Stainland, Tong, Lightcliffe, Pontefract, Ossett, Lindley, Low Moor, Keighley, Denholme Gate, Wakefield, Kirkburton, Headingley, Rothwell, York, Pudsey, Horbury, and Mirfield. Companies of ringers ascended the tower of Brighouse parish church during the afternoon, and rang specially-composed peals on the eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.). Tea was served in the National Schools, and afterwards a business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. W. Snowdon of Leeds (president). The members were heartily welcomed by the Rev. R. P. Stedman (the vicar) and Mr. W. Boothroyd (churchwarden), and the President subsequently returned thanks for the hospitality shown by the Brighouse friends. The usual business was transacted, and the remainder of the evening was spent in performing selections on a new set of handbells, kindly lent by Messrs. J. Shaw & Sons, of Bradford, for the occasion.

The New Rector of Sudbury, Suffolk.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., the bells of St. Gregory and St. Peter's Churches were rung, the former in the morning and the latter in the evening, as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. B. S. Fryer. A touch of **BON MAJOR** was rung before service at St. Peter's by 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, 8. And after service a touch of **672 STEDMAN TRIPLES** by C. Sillitoe, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Both touches were conducted by Mr. Sillitoe.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 208.)

The St. Nicholas' Bells, Aberdeen, Scotland.

THE sub-committee appointed by the Churches Committee of the Town Council to consider as to improving the St. Nicholas' bells met lately. The members present were—Mr. Reid (convenor), Mr. Sangster, Mr. Middleton, and Shoremaster Taylor. Mr. Rust, city architect, and Mr. Stevenson, keeper of the bells, were also in attendance. It was felt that the attempt to play harmonies should be stopped and a system of playing simple melodies, or at all events two parts, treble and alto, introduced. Mr. Sangster strongly advocated this change, and moved that four airs be selected, and one side of the carillon machine adapted to play them. Shoremaster Taylor seconded, and the proposal was at once adopted, it being arranged that the necessary adjustment of the machine will be made immediately. Only fourteen of the largest bells are to be used, and the airs will likely be selected from a number submitted to the meeting by Mr. Sangster. These include 'Rule Britannia,' 'The British Grenadiers,' 'Ye Banks and Braes,' 'Scots wha hae,' and 'Duncan Gray.' For the playing of harmonies on the system suggested, only one side of the barrel will be required, and a suggestion was made to play sacred airs on the other side, but no resolution was arrived at on this point.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Nicholas', Halewood, Lancashire.

RECENTLY, eight members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang a Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. C. Williams, 1; R. Williams, 2; G. Callond, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; A. Grace, 5; J. Aspinwall (composer and conductor), 6; J. Dillon, 7; R. Bryers, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. Messrs. Williams and Aspinwall came from Liverpool; Mr. Dillon, Bebington, Cheshire (first Association peal); the rest are of the local company.

At the Parish Church, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Friday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Sottanstell's peal of 5186 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. R. Biggs, 1; Frank Biggs, 2; S. Goodebild, 3; Fred Biggs, 4; J. C. Truss, jun. (first peal in the method), 5; W. E. Yates, 6; J. Evans, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent.

ON Friday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Dains's peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 52 mins. W. E. Taylor (first peal in the method), 1; G. Conyard, 2; W. I. Reeve, 3; T. Groombridge (first peal of MAJOR), 4; W. Bedwell, 5; W. Ingham, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Messrs. Taylor and Bedwell belong to Lewisham; Groombridge and Ingham, Chislehurst; Harman, Bromley.

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

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang Lindoff's peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4 mins. W. Truss, 1; A. R. Davis (first peal of BOB MAJOR, and first attempt with a bob-bell), 2; H. N. Davis, 3; W. Taylor, 4; B. Foskett, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; H. Warnett, 7; W. C. Hasted, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by H. N. Davis. The composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6, with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place, and the 2nd never in 5th's place at a course-end.

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

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; W. Ward, 4; J. Searle, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At the Parish Church, Bushey, Herts.

ON Thursday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Herts Association (the Bushey Society) rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 47 mins. W. E. Oakley, 1; G. Hunt, 2; A. J. Pate, 3; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 4; F. Edwards, 5; W. J. Oakley, 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; A. Maynard (first peal), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt., in F sharp. This is the first peal on the bells since the tenor was rehung with new bearings.

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At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, London.

ON Monday, the 5th inst., a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 3 hrs. 8 mins:—E. Horrex,* 1; W. Burkin, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; F. S. Bayley,* 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; F. G. Newman, 8. Composed by Henry Davis and conducted by F. G. Newman. Tenor, 20 cwt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, through the medium of this paper, for the use of the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 6th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins. by the following members of the Kent County Association:—M. W. Pierce, 1; H. J. Fairbrass, 2; F. Constant,* 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; P. H. Pierce, 5; C. Lucy, 6; R. Goodbourn, 7; A. Saxby,* 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. [* First peal.]

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

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Carter's peal of 5040 DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. W. Rickett, 1; A. Tucker, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. W. Tucker, 4; W. Prior, 5; H. Prior, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The above is a two-part composition, and the first in the above method rung in the Eastern counties and by all the band.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association of Six-bell Ringers.

THE quarterly meeting of this Association was lately held at St. Mark's Church, Preston. The following towers were represented:—St. Andrew's, Leyland; St. James's, Leyland; St. Mark's, Preston; Blackrod, Chorley, Standish, Penwortham, Broughton, and Higher Walton. During the day a peal of LONDON SINGLE BOB was rung, followed by a peal of COLLEGE SINGLES, whilst other mixed bands rang several touches in different methods. At 5.30 the members adjourned for the meeting in the school in Well-field Road. The Secretary having read a letter from a ringer residing on the borders of Yorkshire, asking permission to enter the Association, he was accepted by the meeting. After a long discussion, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Chipping on Whit-Saturday. The proceedings were brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers, for the use of the bells and schoolroom.

The Bells of Aberavon, Glamorganshire.

LATELY, on a Sunday, special services were held in the parish church of St. Mary, the occasion being the Dedication of the new bells which have been hung in the tower. The Archdeacon of Llandaff preached the sermon at the morning service, and the Rev. Lewis Jones, of Cadoxton, Neath, at the evening service. The church was crowded at both services, and the offerings were given to the bell fund. There are eight bells, which were supplied by Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The cost of the bells amounted to about 500*l*.

The Bells at Pisa, Italy.

THE Leaning Tower of Pisa is a campanile, or bell-tower. The building, cylindrical in form, is 197 feet high and 50 feet in diameter. The tower inclines some 30 feet from the perpendicular. It is not generally known that this inclination was not intentional. At the time it was about half-erected an error in measurement was perceived. It was guarded against by the use of extra braces in the further construction of the building and an adaptation of the stone in the highest portion. There are seven bells on the top of the tower, the largest of which weighs 12,000 pounds, and these are so placed as to counteract, as far as possible, the leaning of the tower itself.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Tuesday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Dains' peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. E.

Taylor, 1; W. Fright (first peal of TREBLE BOB), 2; W. Bedwell, 3; G. Conyard, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; W. Ingham, 6; H. P. Harman (conductor), 7; E. Barnett, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. Messrs. Groombridge and Ingham came from Chislehurst; Taylor and Bedwell, Lewisham; Barnett and Conyard, Crayford. Messrs. Harman and Fright belong to the local band.

At St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. G. Wilson* (first peal as conductor), 1; F. Watling,* 2; S. Wolfe (first peal), 3; A. J. Lincoln, 4; G. Hardy,* 5; G. Thompson,* 6; W. Drew,* 7; H. J. Button, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E. The above is a three-part peal, composed by W. Harrison. The calling will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, Part II. (fol. 23). [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., twelve members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS in 4 hrs. 7 mins. H. Dains (composer and conductor), 1; H. Hopkins, 2; H. Randall, 3; C. Wilkins,* 4; G. Smith,* 5; W. Bedwell,* 6; A. Pittam (first peal of MAXIMUS), 7; A. Pitstow,* 8; W. Doran, 9; F. Pitstow, 10; A. Jacob, 11; G. Newton, 12. Tenor, 34 cwt. The composition, in seven courses, has the 6th the extent home. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells. [* First peal on twelve bells.]

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Sunday, the 11th inst., for Divine service in the morning, a date touch of 1894 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by eight members of the Essex Association in 1 hr. 6 mins. S. James, 1; A. Deards, 2; W. Watson, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Lucas, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale (longest touch inside), 7; E. Pye, 8. Also, on the previous Thursday, the same date touch was rung (on handbells retained in hand) in 58 mins., at Messrs. Pye's residence, Little Heath, near Romford. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8. This touch has the Queen's, Tittums, Whittington's, and the twenty-four 6-7's. Composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham.

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

ON Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Herts Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. C. S. Heath (first peal), 1; G. N. Price (first peal in the method), 2; H. J. Wright, 3; W. Hewitt, 4; F. Edwards, 5; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 6; E. E. Huntley, 7; A. Hallett, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see next page.)

DEATHS.

D'OMBRAIN.—On Feb. 11, at St. John's Vicarage, Oldham, the Rev. James D'Ombrein, Vicar of the parish, aged 52.

EAGAR.—On Feb. 13, at Waterton, Mossley, Sarah Anne, widow of Canon Eagar, Rector of Ashton-under-Lyne.

MORGAN.—On Feb. 12, at Nantyglo Vicarage, Mon., the Rev. John Morgan, M.A. Oxon, Vicar, aged 71.

VYVYAN.—On Feb. 13, at 8 Leigham Street, Plymouth, Herbert Francis Vyvyan, aged 59; formerly Rector of Withiel, Cornwall.

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At St. Mary's, Witney, Oxfordshire.

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At St. Lawrence's, Appleton, Berkshire.

ON Wednesday, the 14th inst., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. by the Appleton Society. R. White, 1; F. Barrett, 2; H. Holifield, 3; G. Holifield, 4; H. Walters, 5; S. White, 6; F. White, 7; R. Bennett, 8. The peal was conducted by Mr. F. White, to whom much credit is due as a ringer and conductor for forty-seven years in this tower. This is the third generation of ringers that Mr. White has taught in this tower, and we hope soon to record a peal of CATERS on the ten bells.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Friday, the 16th inst., the following members of the Midland Counties' Association (Loughborough Branch) rang a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 38 mins. J. F. Barrett,* 1; J. Hardy,* 2; G. Hardy, 3; T. H. Colburn, 4; W. Willson, 5; W. H. Inglesant, 6; E. W. Cartwright, 7; C. Harriman (first peal with changing bell), 8; J. W. Taylor, jun., 9; A. W. Matthews, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. Composed by Mr. John Carter and conducted by Mr. Taylor, and has not been previously rung. [* First peal.]

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancashire.

THE ringers of Holy Trinity and members of the Lancashire Association lately rang E. Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. H. Jackson, 2; J. Wilson, 3; J. Redford, 4; J. Parkinson (first peal), 5; T. E. Turner, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On a Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1250 changes) in 4½ mins. J. Richardson, 1; F. Dentry, 2; A. Hoskins (first peal as conductor), 3; W. Brown (first touch with a bob-bell), 4; F. Bisley, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; G. Wilkins, 7; J. Todd, 8. On a Monday, for practice, each of the junior band rang 120 of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES on the tower bells. G. Martin, W. Walker, W. Holdway, H. Fasey, F. Emmett, H. Anderson, S. Goodall.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY, WILTS.—On a Sunday, 1008 BOB MAJOR. W. W. Gifford, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; S. Macey, 6; R. W. J. Gollup, 7; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 8. J. Elcombe came from Romsey, and this is his first touch of BOB MAJOR.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, BACUP.—On a Wednesday, 2520 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Ten-part, in 1 hr. 27 mins. F. Howorth (first half-peal), 1; J. Pickup (first half-peal as conductor), 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. T. Standing, 4; W. Ashworth (first half-peal), 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; T. Lord (first half-peal), 7; W. Law (first half-peal), 8.

AT SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, FAREHAM, HANTS.—On a Saturday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR on the back six in 26 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; C. Tribe, 2; F. Hill, 3; F. Bennett, 4; W. H. George, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6. Rung after meeting one short for a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.

AT ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday, for Men's Service, 1260 of Holt's Original in 43 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Watson, 2; W. Foster, 3; J. Basden (conductor), 4; L. W. Copey, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Tabor, 7; W. Ward, 8.

AT HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On a Sunday, a party of bell-ringers from Withington, being members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, after attending Divine service, rang several peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES on the back six. A. Bowers, 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; A. Matthews, 4; C. Jenkins, 5; L. Harris (conductor), 6.

AT SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On a Saturday afternoon, by permission of Canon Watson, an attempt was made, by six members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers, to ring a peal of 5040 changes on the new bells at the parish church. The peal had proceeded about two hours and a half when a mistake occurred. E. E. Lane (Stoney Stanton), 1; Wildbore (Hinckley), 2; J. H. Swinfield (Earl Shilton), 3; C. Belton (Barwell), 4; Willis (Hinckley), 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On a Monday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler (first 720 with a bob-bell), 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6.—Also on a Monday, for practice, 1500 changes in 1 hr. were rung on the back six in seven different methods, viz., 240 NEW LONDON PLEASURE, 240 KENT TREBLE BOB, 240 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 240 YORKSHIRE COURT, 240 DOUBLE COURT, 240 PLAIN BOB, 60 COLLEGE SINGLE. C. Norfolk, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 22 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR. C. Honeybell (conductor, Glemsford), 1; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 2; F. Wells (Glemsford), 3; A. Ives (Cavendish), 4; J. Bradmin (Glemsford), 5; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 6.

AT HOLY TRINITY, BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On a Saturday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (nine bobs) in 28 mins. J. Walker, 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Wilkinson, 3; J. Smith, sen., 4; T. Mounsey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. And 720 BOB MINOR (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; E. A. Baker, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; T. Duxbury, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

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FIFTY-EIGHTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. Woolley, Beaconsfield Road, New Southgate, relative to the case of her husband.

[Case referred to in weekly journals Feb. 19, 1891.]

On the 30th of November last I called, without any previous notice, upon the lady whose full address is given above, and almost without preface, asked her if she remembered how long ago it was her husband (who happened to be away on business) first went to Mr. Congreve, at Coombe Lodge, Peckham. She immediately replied:—

'It was in 1863.'

'Tell me, please, why did he go?'

'Because he was ill, and had been for a long time—suffering from chest disease.'

'How did he know that was the complaint?'

'He had attended Brompton Hospital for some months, and was discharged from there as incurable. Then he went to a well-known physician in the West-end of London, and remained under him for two months, until, in fact, the doctor said it was no use his coming any more; he felt he was taking his money without any hope of doing him good. At the same time the doctor told me my husband wouldn't live more than a fortnight, and if there were any business matters to settle, they must be seen to at once.'

'It was then, I suppose, you applied to Mr. Congreve.'

'Yes, having seen his announcements and read one of his books. My husband went to Mr. Congreve, who examined him and told him that his lungs were badly affected, the left lung worst. He also told him that if he only took one bottle of medicine he might as well throw it in the street. It was necessary above everything to persevere.'

'That was candid. Mr. Woolley decided to persevere?'

'He did, for a whole year. During a portion of that time, under Mr. Congreve's advice, he stayed at Herne Bay. At the end of the period I have mentioned he was quite well.'

'In spite of the medical gentleman who was good enough to give him only a fortnight to live?'

'Yes. The same doctor often enquires about him even now, and speaks of him as the resurrected man.'

'All this happened thirty years ago, Mrs. Woolley, and I want you to be good enough to tell me what has been your husband's health, so far as his lungs are concerned, since that time.'

'He has never been troubled since, with the exception of an occasional cold. He is now sixty-four years of age, and still able to attend to business. In March of this year he had a slight stroke of paralysis. Up to that time he might fairly be described as a strong and hearty man.'

Needless to say, Mrs. Woolley has recommended to others the treatment from which her husband derived so much benefit, which indeed has given him thirty years of healthful life; and I have no doubt that if any sufferers, really anxious for information, will communicate with her, she will corroborate what is here set forth.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING

The Central Council.

NOMINATIONS for the offices of President and Secretary, in writing, and signed by two members of Council, are required, and must have been forwarded to the Hon. Secretary before the 27th ult. All notices of motion and subjects for discussion must have reached the Hon. Secretary by that date. It is earnestly requested that societies whose subscriptions have not been paid will send them without further delay.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Secretary.

The Waterloo Society, London.

At the recent election of officers for the ensuing year the following were appointed:—Mr. J. E. Davis, master; Mr. C. E. Malim, treasurer; Mr. A. Davis, steward; Mr. F. G. Perrin, secretary (re-elected).

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

At a committee meeting, held at the Church Club, Chester, there were present the Master (Archdeacon Barber), in the chair, Messrs. Hatt Cook, Bolton, Holding, Langford, Forster, Walmsley, Wilcox, Wright, Luce, Johnson, Fletcher, and H. A. Heywood (hon. secretary). From the Treasurer's statement of accounts for 1893 it appears that grants of 5l. each had been given to Acton and Alsager churches towards the Belfry Improvement Fund, and there was a balance in hand on December 31st of 55l. 8s. 9d. Mr. H. A. Heywood resigned the office of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild, and the Rev. Richard Greenall, rector of Grappenhall, was elected in his place. Mr. Heywood was warmly thanked for his services to the Guild. The Annual Festival will be held at Macclesfield, all being well, on Monday, August 6th.

The Lancashire Association.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this Branch was held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, on Saturday, February 10th, members being present from Oldham, Shaw, and Rochdale. Ringing began early in the afternoon, and touches of BOB MAJOR, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR were rung. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Glodwick on Saturday, March 10th. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding brought the meeting to a close. The belfry was again visited, and 720 KENT TREBLE MINOR was rung. H. Barlow, 1; J. Crossley, 2; J. W. Travis, 3; S. Stott (conductor), 4; E. Schofield, 5; J. Everington, 6. Followed by touches of OXFORD and VIOLET TREBLE BOB.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

READING BRANCH.—The annual meeting was lately held, when thirty-two members and friends sat down to supper under the presidency of Mr. J. Martin Routh. The Chairman having given 'The Queen,' the Hon. Secretary read the report and balance-sheet, the former showing a total number of eighty seven, with eleven peals to their credit during the year; the latter 3l. 2s. 9d. in hand. The Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, then proposed 'The Guild,' which, he said, showed fair and steady progress; he would like himself a peal every Saturday, as the best preparation for Sunday's work. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said that fifty-two peals had been rung during the year, in which 417 members had taken part, the total number of members being 1104; 31l. had been paid for instruction; 106 change-ringers admitted and seventy probationers, while eighty-seven towers were in union with the Guild. The officers of the branch were then all re-elected, Mr. C. Chapman being proposed as an additional representative on the general committee. The Chairman then proposed the annual toast of the branch—'The tribute of the children to their father,' Mr. W. Newell, than whom a kinder friend never existed. Mr. Newell, in reply, stated that though he was proud to be their father, he should have been more pleased if double the number of his children had been present, the prevailing slackness of trade being doubtless an important factor in affecting the attendance. He urged promptness in attendance at practice, at the services of the church, and in paying up subscriptions immediately they fell due.

THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Patron—Admiral of the Fleet, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, K.G.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, City of London.

ON Saturday, the 10th ult., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 50 mins. J. Pettit, 1; W. F. Winney, 2; F. M. Butler, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; W. Burkin, 5; F. E. Dawe (composer and conductor), 6; G. Dorrington, 7; E. Horrex, 8; S. E. Joyce, 9; W. D. Smith, 10; W. T. Cockerill, 11; W. Prime, 12. Tenor, 53½ cwt., in B. The above is the second peal as yet accomplished on these famous bells since they were augmented in 1880 to a ring of twelve.

At Leckhampton, Gloucester.

LATELY, a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 six-scores) was rung in 2 hrs. 52 mins. F. W. Wade, 1; W. Townsend, 2; E. Dean, 3; T. Hunt, 4; J. Parsons, 5; C. Lambourne (conductor), 6.

THE BELLS AT PISA, ITALY.—'W. T. B.' writes:—'Baedeker and Bradshaw both give thirteen feet as the inclination from the perpendicular of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, not thirty feet, as stated in last number.' [We believe that thirteen feet is correct.—Ed.]

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A False Peal.

SIR,—As the Central Council meet shortly, I, as well as many others, would like to have an opinion expressed as to the 'peal' of STEDMAN TRIPLES rung at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, which composition has long ago turned out to be false. There is a board erected in St. Saviour's belfry recording this peal, which is also stated on elaborately printed cards to be 'true and complete.' I understand that the page containing the 'peal' in the St. James's Society Peal-book has been torn out, the performance being false, and, of course, worthless. Why should that board be allowed to occupy a false position?

A MEMBER OF THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

The Essex Association of Church-bell Ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of the above will be held at Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday, the 31st inst. A brake will start from the 'Green Dragon' at 1 p.m. for Foxearth and Walter Belchamp. Tea will be provided at the 'Green Dragon' at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present must signify the same to me not later than Easter Monday, and the stations from which they intend to proceed.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assoc. S. c.

St. Werburgh's Handbell-ringers' Society, Bristol.

THE Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Mr. Paradise's premises, Mina Road. The President, the Rev. H. Dening, was unable to attend. The usual reports were read and accepted. It was stated that forty-one practices were attended, and twenty-five engagements carried out during the past year. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, the Rev. H. Dening; Leader, Mr. F. Fenner; Treasurer, Mr. W. Stephens; Secretary, Mr. J. F. Luff. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers, and, after a few selections on the bells, the meeting was brought to a close.

The Bells of Boxford, Suffolk.

THE bells of the parish church have been for several years in a state of bad repair, but thanks to the energy of the Rector (Rev. J. S. Warman) they are about to be thoroughly repaired. Messrs. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich, have been consulted, and an estimate given that 60l. will be necessary to carry out the work. The greater part of the money has been promised by the parishioners, and the work has been entrusted to Messrs. Bowell. Boxford has a peal of eight—weight of tenor, 24 cwt.

A Visit to Colyton, Devon.

THE St. Sidwell's (Exeter) band of ringers, under the leadership of Mr. Ferris Shepherd, recently paid a visit to Colyton and rang several peals, including a touch of GRANDSIRE MINOR. They and the Colyton ringers were entertained at tea by the Vicar, and during the evening the visitors gave a most interesting exposition of handbell-ringing.

A Date Touch of 1894 Stedman Triples (Corrected).

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

2 3 1 4 5 6 7	4 5 3 1 2	s7-12
4 1 2 3 5 6 7 *	4 1 5 3 2	12
4 5 3 2 1	4 3 1 5 2	12
4 2 5 3 1	4 2 5 1 3	7-12
4 3 2 5 1	4 1 2 5 3	12
4 1 5 2 3	4 5 1 2 3	12
4 2 1 5 3	4 3 2 1 5	7-12
4 5 2 1 3	4 1 3 2 5	12
4 3 1 2 5	4 5 2 3 1	7-12
4 2 3 1 5	4 3 5 2 1	12
4 5 1 3 2	4 2 3 5 1 6 7	12
	3 1 2 4 5 6 7 2 5	

Round at second change of last six.

If the seventh is taken as the observation, the following will be the calling:—

First course: Wrong, Home.

Wrong, First whole turn, Last whole turn with a double.

Out quick with a single, Home with a double.

Wrong, In quick.

Last Course: Wrong, Out quick.

In the body of the touch: Last whole turn at 7; In quick at 12.

* 2, 7, 9, 12, 15, 16, s21, 23, 24, 26, 28.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire.

ON Saturday, the 10th ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins. by the following members of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society:—J. Seemark, 1; G. Randall, 2; W. A. Hall (Rushden), 3; J. B. Martin, 4; W. Pettet, 5; W. Parker (first 5040 in the method), 6; A. H. Martin (conductor), 7; G. Brown (first 5040), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. The above is the first peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Philip's, Birmingham.

ON Saturday, the 17th ult., the following members of the Midland Counties' Association (Birmingham Amalgamated Society Branch) rang a peal of 5079 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 22 mins. J. Jennings,* 1; G. Walker, 2; R. Bowkett,* 3; J. Prickett (first peal with a bob-bell),* 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Sparkes,* 6; G. Hitchman,* 7; T. Perry,* 8; John

Carter (composer and conductor), 9; F. Mumford,* 10. Tenor, 29 cwt. This peal is now rung for the first time, and contains the 6th 11 times right, 9 times wrong, and 23 times behind the 9th. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see Supplement, page 266.)

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FIFTY-NINTH INTERVIEW.

With Miss. E. M. LOVERIDGE, of St. Philip's Vicarage, Bethnal Green, E.

[This was a case of Consumption which was published in June 1891, in the weekly journals only. THE COMMISSIONER reports as follows:—]

The lady is the daughter of the Vicar of St. Philip's, Bethnal Green. She was connected with the Mildmay Park Mission, but afterwards was the Hon. Superintendent of the Home for Poor, Sick, and Convalescent Children at Buckhurst Hill, of which her father was the founder.

Although Miss Loveridge's home is in Bethnal Green, it was not there that she gave me the brief interview here reported.

On a bright day in December last I drove from Cromer to North Repps, in Norfolk, and there I found Miss Loveridge engaged in nursing a friend suffering from influenza.

I asked Miss Loveridge to tell me in her own way about her illness and recovery, and she replied:

'My mother died of Consumption. For years I had a severe winter cough; then disease developed. At that time I was working in connection with the Mildmay Park Institution, but I became so ill that I had to give it up. My cough was constant and hacking, and the expectoration streaked with blood; I had night perspirations, and soon got weaker.'

'Did you have medical advice?'

'Yes, and was told that I was in the first stage of Consumption. I saw three doctors who told me that I should not live the winter out—that was five years ago, and I am here to day.'

'Did you at once commence Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'Not immediately. I went to Folkestone and afterwards to Bourne-mouth. It was while I was staying in Folkestone that I wrote to Mr. Congreve. I was not satisfied with the progress I was making, and my father wished me to try the treatment. I persevered for two years, and got well.'

'I see that in January, 1891, you wrote, "I am well, and my cough has not returned this winter, the first winter for eight years;" and again at the end of May, "I am quite strong and well." What was true then remains true up to the present?'

'Quite. For some time I had charge of the Children's Forest Home at Buckhurst Hill, and ultimately went into hospital work, joining the staff of one of the large London hospitals. While there I had an accident which necessitated rest, but I have quite recovered now, and am, as you see, engaged in nursing.'

'So far as your chest is concerned—'

'I am perfectly healthy. A doctor who examined me not very long ago assured me there was nothing the matter with me. Whenever I have the opportunity I use the Elixir. I have given it to some of the people in this place. The lady of the house also uses it, and I am giving it to my patient.'

The mention of the patient reminded me that I was keeping Miss Loveridge from her duties, and so, thanking her for having accorded me a portion of a busy morning, I took my departure.

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THE SCOTTISH STANDARD-BEARER has a portrait and biographical sketch of the Rev. Canon T. N. Wannop, rector of Holy Trinity, Haddington.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

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

On Wednesday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Parker's Twelve-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. K. Hart, 1; J. S. Goldsmith (first peal with a bob-bell), 2; G. Baker, 3; R. J. Dawe, 4; J. Botts, 5; A. J. Turner (first peal as conductor), 6; G. Williams, 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Friday, the 23rd ult., the following members of the Midland Counties' Association (Loughborough Branch) rang a peal of 5056 TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent variation, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. —J. F. Barrett,* 1; E. W. Cartwright, 2; W. E. White* (Nottingham), 3; J. Hardy, 4; A. W. Matthews (first peal of MAJOR in the method), 5; S. Smith, 6; W. H. Inglesant, 7; J. W. Taylor, jun., 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. Composed by Mr. H. Dains and conducted by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun. [* First peal in the method.]

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts.

On Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Iles, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; T. Robinson, 6; E. Bishop (conductor), 7; G. F. Grist, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The above is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local company.

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 24th ult., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Carter's Twelve-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. —H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves, 2; J. R. Frisby, 3; T. Horton, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Hall (first peal as conductor), 6; R. Hall, 7; J. Hares, 8.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Waterloo Society and the St. Peter's Society rang Taylor's Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 42 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; T. Langdon, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; E. P. O'Meara (first peal as conductor), 6; J. E. Davis, 7; T. H. Taffender, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., who has recently been appointed rector of the above church.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 16 mins. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; A. P. Heywood (conductor), 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Clarke, 5; B. Sugden, 6; J. Flower, 7; W. Hickling, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Editha's, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffordshire rang Carter's peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. W. Timms, 2; J. George (first peal as conductor), 3; J. Pratt, 4; W. Chapman, 5; R. P. Brindley, 6; C. Chapman, 7; A. J. Dain (first peal), 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

At St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

RECENTLY, eight members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers rang 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. F. W. Hargreaves (Drighlington), 1; T. Simpson (Low Moor), 2; F. Wood (Low Moor), 3; D. Newton (Drighlington), 4; E. Wheeler (Tong), 5; A. Wilkinson (Low Moor), 6; J. W. Emmett (Low Moor), 7; C. Dracup (Low Moor, conductor), 8.

At Woodbridge, Suffolk.

On a Monday, eight members attempted to ring 6272 changes of KENT TREBLE BOB, the longest on the bells, but after ringing 5700 in 3 hrs. 35 mins., it came to an end through the heavy going of the bells. C. Mee (conductor), 1; A. E. Achfield, 2; W. Motts, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; F. Mee, 5; W. A. Arnott, 6; W. Ward, 7; C. Ward, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT HOLY TRINITY, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 18th ult., for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR. J. Waits, 1; A. Heard, 2; E. Lucas, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. R. Pye, 5; E. Pye, 6. Also after service, 720 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MINOR. A. Heard, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Lucas (first 720 in the method on tower bells), 5; W. Pye, 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. Deards, 1; G. R. Pye, 2; E. Lucas (first in the method), 3; W. H. Doran, 4; E. Pye, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6.

AT ALL SAINTS', WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 25th ult., ten members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang four courses (720 changes) of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL. J. Cawley, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; H. Randall, 5; T. Titchener, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; B. Foskett, 8; A. Jacob, 9; G. Newson (conductor), 10.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, the 25th ult., for Divine service, a quarter-peal from the latter part of the 'Original' in 45 mins. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; T. Faulkner (longest touch), 3; E. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; W. Pye (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; E. A. Davies, 8. All members of the Essex Association.

AT ST. LUKE'S, HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday evening, the 26th ult. (for a Confirmation Service), a date touch of 1894 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 5 mins. A. Watkinson, 1; A. Chadwick, 2; H. Walmsley, 3; D. Wild, 4; J. Partington, 5; W. H. Walmsley, 6; John Millett (composer and conductor), 7; James Millett, 8.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, October 29th, 1893, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung in 24 mins. by the following members of the Lancashire Association:—J. Worthington, 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Also on November 14th, in honour of Lord Brackley's coming of age, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. J. Brookes, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. And on the same date, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 26 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; John Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 21st, 1894, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 24 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 23rd, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 26 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. Also on Sunday, February 25th, a (silent) 720 BOB MINOR (16 bobs and 2 singles) in 25 mins. J. Brookes, 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; A. Potter, 4; John Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. This last performance is the first silent peal ever rung by the above last-named members.

AT ST. PETER'S, MONK SOHAM, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, five members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang a date touch of 1894 changes in 1 hr. 3 mins. (454 changes of GRANDSIRE and 860 each of the following—APRIL DAY, MORNING STAR, EVENING STAR, and BOB DOUBLES). A. Abbott, 1; W. G. Abbott, 2; E. Abbott, 3; F. Ling, 4; F. Clayton (conductor), 5. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

AT STANTHEAD, SUFFOLK.—*Handbell-ringing.*—On a Thursday, an attempt was made for a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, but it ended after ringing 1100 changes. R. Theobald, 1-2; R. Brett, 3-4; S. Slater, 5-6; R. Gowers (conductor), 7-8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On a Saturday, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. E. Grice, 1; J. Day, 2; H. Grovenen, 3; W. Grice, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; T. Westwood (conductor), 6; E. Brian, 7; W. Painter, 8. Composed by H. Johnson.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, EPSOM, SURREY.—On a Monday, for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 42 mins. F. Grove (first quarter-peal on the treble), 1; H. Pederick, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; T. Miles (conductor), 4. J. Easton, 5; W. Canning (first quarter-peal), 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BILLINGHURST, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 24 mins. P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; W. Wadey, 3; M. Ireland, 4; J. Voice, 5; C. Smart (Steyning, first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 360 CANTERBURY PLEASURE. P. Wood, 1; J. Newman, 2; M. Ireland, 3; W. Wadey, 4; T. Chantler, 5; W. Chantler (conductor), 6.

AT ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR (nine bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. W. C. Hasted, 1; W. Truss, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6.

AT ELHAM, KENT.—On a Saturday, a quarter-peal and 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Smith, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Castle, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8.

AT ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA, COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On a Monday, in 58 mins., 1500 MINOR, being 240 each of NEW LONDON, KENT, OXFORD, DOUBLE COURT, YORKSHIRE COURT, BOB MINOR, and 60 COLLEGE SINGLE. C. Norfolk, 1; W. Dyer, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Longest length of MINOR by all. Tenor, 22 cwt., in F.

AT ALL SAINTS', MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 1012 STEDMAN TRIPLES, taken from Thurstans' composition. T. Mannerling, 1; W. Mannerling, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; A. Tawney, 4; G. Pawley, 5; R. Richards, 6; A. Palmer (conductor), 7; W. Barnes, 8. Longest length of STEDMAN by the local company.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

We have received the following criticisms on peals previously inserted:—

MR. N. J. PITSTOW writes from Saffron Walden as follows:—'Please note that peal 72 is a reverse of 68, and that 68 was published by Jasper Snowdon in *Bell News* of April 22, 1882. Also peal 74 was likewise published by Mr. Snowdon in *Bell News* for March, 1882, both as my compositions.'

A CORRESPONDENT sends the following:—'Peal 85 is a close variation of Taylor's with the third observation. Peal 92, something wrong with the coming home course. Peal 96 is false.'

MR. H. W. WILDE.—Your letter received. Full answers to be found in notices in bell column since our last peal sheet.—ED. C. B.

Superlative Surprise Major.

113 5024

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

G. LINDOFF.

114 5728

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

Contained in twenty-nine courses.
Can be reduced to 5280 by omitting
three H's, and to 5024 by calling
M W H in lieu of the four courses
braced.

G. L.

Superlative Surprise Major.

115 5056

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

Last nine courses repeated complete the peal.

Contained in twenty-nine courses.
G. L.

Superlative Surprise Major.

116 5824

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

Last nine courses repeated complete the peal.

Contained in twenty-nine courses.
G. L.

Superlative Surprise Major.

117 5088

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

Continued:

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

G. L.

Superlative Surprise Major.

118 6496

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

Contains one course under the extent and 3rd only three courses in 6th's, and 2nd never there.

G. L.

A Peal of Double Oxford Major.

120 5040

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

Continued :					M	W	H
2	5	3	4	6			
3	2	5	4	6			
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6	5	2	4	3	—	—	—
2	6	5	4	3			
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5	2	6	4	3			
<hr/>							
3	6	2	4	5	—	—	—
2	3	6	4	5			

Twice repeated.

Contains the in-course extent of the fourth, fifth, and sixth, in sixths.

G. L.

Superlative Surprise Major.

121 5216

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

122

5344

2	3	4	5	6	B	M	W	H
4	2	3	5	6				
3	4	2	5	6				
6	2	4	5	3		—		
6	2	5	3	4		—		
6	2	3	4	5		—		
3	4	6	2	5			—	
6	3	4	2	5				—
4	6	3	2	5				—
4	6	2	5	3		—		
2	4	6	5	3				—
2	4	5	3	6		—		
5	2	4	3	6				—
4	5	2	3	6				—
4	5	3	6	2		—		
4	5	6	2	3		—		
6	4	5	2	3				—
5	6	4	2	3				—
5	6	2	3	4		—		
2	5	6	3	4				—
2	5	3	4	6				—
3	2	5	4	6				—
5	3	2	4	6				—
5	3	4	6	2		—		
5	3	6	2	4		—		
6	5	3	2	4				—
3	6	5	2	4				—
3	6	2	4	5		—		
2	3	6	4	5				—
2	3	4	5	6		—		

123 Treble Bob Major.

5248

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

G. L.

124 Treble Bob Major.

5120

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

Twice repeated.

Call B in the first course of remaining two parts.

G. L.

125 Treble Bob Major.

5184

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

Twice repeated.

First rung at Gillingham, Kent, on January 9th, 1892; conducted by W. Haigh. Contains extent of 4th, 5th, 6th.

G. L.

126 Treble Bob Major.

5024

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

G. L.

A Peal of Double Norwich.

127

5072

2	3	4	5	6	I	4	5	6
2	4	3	5	6			S	
4	3	2	5	6				
2	3	6	5	4	-	-		
3	5	6	2	4	-			
2	6	5	3	4	-			
6	5	2	3	4	-			
3	2	5	6	4	-			

Continued:

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

Last eight courses four times repeated. S at 6 in the first course of the fourth part.

G. L.

Double Norwich.

128

5040

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

Twice repeated.

Rung at Gillingham, Kent, on March 24th, 1892. Conducted by its composer.

G. L.

129

5184

3	5	4	2	6	I	4	5	6
2	4	5	3	6	-			
4	2	6	3	5	-			
2	6	4	3	5	-			
6	4	2	3	5	-			
3	4	5	6	2	-			
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PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Chief Office—HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the **FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING**, held on March 1st, 1894.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 54,558, assuring the sum of £5,627,065, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £304,928.

The Premiums received during the year were £1,854,370, being an increase of £188,759, over the year 1892.

The Claims of the year amounted to £478,564. The number of Deaths was 3397, and 154 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 335,176.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £3,971,863, being an increase of £122,706.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,662,768. The number of Deaths was 185,003 and 1267 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 55,764, the number in force being 338,272. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 6424.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 10,476,393: their average duration is seven and a quarter years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £18,538,865, being an increase of £2,229,213 over those of 1892.

The system of annual distribution of profits begun last year having given satisfaction alike to Policyholders and Shareholders, the Directors have decided to continue it, and a complete valuation for the past year has been made.

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

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on Dec. 31st, 1893.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.
Shareholders Capital	...	...	...	600,000	0	0
Ordinary Branch Funds	...	...	...	8,002,142	3	6
Industrial Branch Funds	...	...	...	9,898,397	16	5
Claims under Life Policies admitted...	...	...	...	38,325	10	6
				£18,538,865	10	5
ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
British Government Securities (Consols)	...	...	...	2,046,458	9	9
Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	...	...	...	2,065,873	7	10
Loans, County Council, Municipal and other Rates	...	...	...	4,744,656	11	3
Freehold Ground Rents, and Scotch Feu Duties	...	...	...	2,399,803	18	5
Mortgages	...	...	...	2,342,110	17	3
Metropolitan Consolidated Stock and City of London Bonds	...	...	...	355,545	13	0
Bank of England Stock	...	...	...	167,337	0	1
Freehold and Leasehold Property	...	...	...	1,043,759	6	4
Indian and Colonial Government Securities	...	...	...	915,660	10	5
Reversions	...	...	...	189,155	4	10
Railway and other Shares	...	...	...	1,136,512	8	9
Loans on the Company's Policies	...	...	...	228,357	15	5
Rent Charges	...	...	...	64,514	1	0
Loans upon Personal Security	...	...	...	711	5	0
Outstanding Premiums	...	...	...	307,418	3	10
Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	...	...	...	48,583	11	7
Outstanding Interest and Rents	...	...	...	166,842	10	2
Cash—On Deposit, on Current Accounts, and in hand	...	...	...	315,664	15	6
				£18,538,865	10	5

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the Accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1893, 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, 1893.

14th February, 1894.

DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS, & Co.

THOS. C. DEWEY, }
WILLIAM HUGHES, } Managers.

W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE first meeting of the second Council will be held on Easter Tuesday, March 27th, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance), at one o'clock punctually. Dinner will be provided (at 2s. 6d. each) immediately after the meeting. Such towers as may be open for ringing during the evening will be announced at the dinner.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at eleven a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend.

Agenda.—(1.) To elect a President and Hon. Secretary to serve for three years, in accordance with Rule VII. *Nominations:*—For the office of President, A. P. Heywood; for the office of Hon. Sec., Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

(2.) To elect hon. members to replace those retiring after this meeting, in accordance with Rules II. and IV.

(3.) To receive the report of the Committee appointed to negotiate with the authorities of the Church Congress.

(4.) To receive the report on the preparation of a bibliography.

(5.) To receive and consider the report of the Committee on calls and classification of compositions.

(6.) To receive the report of the Committee on railway fares.

(7.) To consider the following motions:—

(1.) That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and, if deemed advisable, to report upon the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect.

(2.) That a Committee be appointed to revise the technical terms used in connexion with the art of Ringing, to suggest such corrections as may seem desirable, and to prepare a Glossary for the use of learners.

(3.) That an addition be made to the definition of a peal on six bells allowing of fourteen 360's, or any greater number of true portions of true Minor methods, no two being the same, each portion to exceed a plain course, and the whole to reach a total of 5000 changes, or more.

(4.) That no peal rung upon handbells shall be considered worthy of record, unless vouched for by a competent umpire present throughout the performance.

(5.) That with a view to thorough ventilation of current questions and such subjects as are likely to be brought before the Council, it is desirable that (a) some special channel should be provided for the interchange of opinions by the Members of the Council between one meeting and another; and that (b) to that end the Editor of the *Bell News* be requested by the Council kindly to grant the privilege of a column set apart solely for the correspondence of Members of Council. No letters to be published except above the actual name of the writer, to which must be annexed the name of the Society he represents. The President and Hon. Secretary to be empowered to regulate correspondence, if found necessary.

Motions affecting the Procedure of the Council:—

(6.) To add the following clause to Rule VIII. :—'At the annual meeting next, after a triennial election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such a Committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that report.'

(7.) To extend Rule XI. so as to provide 'that a member of any one Association, in the absence of his fellow-representatives, whose proxies on a given question or questions are produced in writing, may record their votes.'

The following notices not having been given in conformity with the first clause of Rule IX., matters to which they refer can only be brought forward by leave of the meeting:—

(1.) To move 'that, owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now permitted to be elected by the majority of Associations, it is desirable that the election of members for the future be only carried out at some recognised annual, general, district, or committee meeting, duly called by such Association.'

(2.) To call attention to the fact 'that Associations affiliated to the Central Council continue to send for publication, as complete peals, performances such as do not come within the definition of a peal as adopted by the Council; also that other affiliated Associations ignore various other resolutions adopted by the Council for the better regulation of ringing matters.'

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the Cathedral and St. Peter's towers will be open for ringing from 10 to 12.30, and after 3.30. Special service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12.45, with an address by the Archdeacon of St. Albans, and it is particularly requested that the members and ringing friends who may visit St. Albans will make a point of attending it. Dinner will be served at the Coffee Tavern, French Row, at 1.30: cost to members, 1s. 9d. each. Business meeting to follow for election of officers and general business. All who intend to be present will kindly oblige by communicating with me not later than Wednesday, the 21st inst. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

St. Albans, March 13th, 1894.

The Kent County Association.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this district was held by kind permission of the Vicar of Leeds, on Saturday, the 3rd inst., under favourable circumstances. It was the most successful gathering of this dis-

trict yet held since its formation. Fifty-five ringers in all were present from Maidstone, Town Malling, Leeds, Aylesford, Bearsted, and Harrietsham, in the district, and also from Staplehurst, Seal Chart, Willesborough, Headcorn, and London. The ringing throughout the meeting was characterised by good striking. Touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, and BOB MINOR, were successfully brought round, and a fair start was made for BOB ROYAL, but this was brought to a conclusion by the treble bell becoming unmanageable. The best ringing, however, was 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR by A. C. West, 1; W. E. Pope, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; T. Mannering, 4; J. Waghorn, sen., 5; J. W. Leonard, 6; E. Pope, 7; A. Palmer (conductor), 8. And 484 STEDMAN TRIPLES by R. Walter, 1; T. Mannering, 2; A. Tawney, 3; A. C. West, 4; J. Waghorn, sen., 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6; E. Pope, 7; W. Hadlow, 8. At the Committee meeting five new members and four probationers were elected. Tea was afterwards provided, at which the Rev. A. P. Morris, the vicar, took the chair, and the Rev. H. R. Hughes, the curate, the vice-chair, and fifty-one ringers sat down. Thanks are due to Mr. Hollands, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness, and the bells in good going order.

The Southampton Bell-ringers' Guild.

THE Mayor of Southampton has consented to be President, and Lieut.-Colonel Willan, Patron of this Guild. Mr. G. Parker and others have been appointed Vice-Presidents. The inaugural peal will be rung shortly.

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This splendid medicine should be in every household. Many thousands of patients have testified to the blessings received from it.

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a good dose of the BALSAMIC ELIXIR will, in nineteen out of twenty cases, carry it off before it becomes settled or merges into Influenza.

At the first

SUSPICION OF INFLUENZA

take it,—as well as when the well-marked symptoms appear; also take it for the SUBSEQUENT WEAKNESS of the LUNGS, and other direful effects of this alarming disease.

REV. F. E. HEAPE of DERBY, in a recent letter to Mr. Congreve, says:—'Your medicine always puts my lungs right, and drove out the terrible INFLUENZA last May.'

In cases of

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Persevere with this medicine and you can hardly fail to get the cough relieved, and the Bronchial symptoms to disappear.

In that very distressing disease, so terrible, especially to the aged,

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Change-ringing Association.

THE annual meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester, on Easter Monday, March 26th. A special service will be held in St. Andrew's Church at 12.15 prompt, to which all members are earnestly invited. The meeting will follow at 2 p.m. prompt in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at which the Rev. Canon Knox Little will preside.

The tower and bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of the members from 5 p.m. and those of St. Helen's (eight bells) and St. John's (six bells) will be open for ringing the whole of the day.

All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday a meeting of the above branch was held at Whalley. Ringers were present from Blackburn, Church, Darwen, Oswaldtwistle, Mytton, Padiham, and Whalley. Ringing was commenced at three o'clock, and was kept up by the various companies until half-past nine. At six o'clock a supper was provided, followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. R. Green, assisted by Mr. J. Walker, president of the branch, and Mr. J. Horrocks, secretary. The business having been disposed of, selections of music were given by the church handbell-ringers. Great praise is due to the Whalley ringers for the arrangements made for the comfort of the visitors.

The Sussex County Association.

CENTRAL DIVISION.—A district meeting was held at Steyning on Saturday, the 24th ult. About forty members were present, representing the following towers:—Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicholas), Crawley, Hanfield, Horley, Lower Beeding, and Angmering, with a muster of the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and at 5.30 thirty-six members sat down to tea. The Master, Mr. G. Attree, presided, and among the company present were the Hon. Secretary (Rev. J. G. L. Cother, Yapton), and Mr. H. Dains (London). Thirty-four new members were elected. An appeal on behalf of Alfred D. Mills, of Crawley, who met with a serious accident whilst following his employment on February 9th, and who is now in the Sussex County Hospital, was made at this meeting, resulting in 2*l.* 1*s.* being collected in the room. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. A. Pridgeon, for the use of the bells, and to the local band for making all arrangements for the tea, &c. The remainder of the evening was spent in practising touches on the tower bells in various methods.

The Bells of St. Woolos', Newport, Wales.

At a Consistory Court held at Llandaff Cathedral, before the Chancellor of the Diocese, J. E. Ollivant, M.A., an application for a faculty was made by the Archdeacon of Monmouth, who appeared in person, and the churchwardens of St. Woolos', to complete the present ring of bells by the addition of a tenor bell of one ton, and of a treble bell weighing five cwt. A certificate was produced in order to satisfy the Chancellor that the strength of the tower was amply sufficient to permit of the addition, and there being no difficulty as to funds, and no opposition, the Chancellor ordered the faculty to issue.

Under the powers of the faculty obtained from the Llandaff Consistorial Court, two new bells are now being added to the ring of six in the tower of St. Woolos' Church, so as to make a complete peal. One of the old bells has been retuned. The bells will swing in new gun-metal bearings. Chiming apparatus is also to be fixed. The heavier of the two new bells weighs a ton. The name of the founders—Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel, London—appears on the new bells, and on the treble bell is the inscription:—

"Praise to the Holiest in the height." Henry John Davis, Arthur James Stevens, Churchwardens. William Conybeare Bruce, Vicar. A.D. MDCCCXCIV.

The tenor bell bears the inscription—and it is particularly appropriate, taken in conjunction with the treble:—

"And in the depth be praise." This bell was given to the Glory of God to the Church and Parish of St. Woolos by Henry John Davis. A.D. MDCCCXCIV.

Reopening of Bells at Ashleworth, Gloucester.

THE ring of six bells, by Abram Rudhall, was reopened on March 8th. The work has been most efficiently carried out by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, and Mr. W. Wicks, of Maisemore, at a cost of 80*l.* The bells have been rehung, refitted, quarter-turned, and tuned. After evensong the Dedication prayers were said in the belfry. The sermon, from 1 Cor. xiv. 7, was preached by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Change-ringers' Association.

A Lecture at Hurst, Brighton, Sussex.

In the Parish Room, Hurst, the Rev. K. MacDermott recently gave an interesting lecture on 'Bells,' before a good audience. Several bells, both English and foreign, were used for purposes of illustration, and some good original designs also added interest to the lecture. The handbell-ringers of Hurst, for whom the rev. gentleman has obtained new bells, played tunes and harmonies at various points in the lecture. Mr. MacDermott stated that the oldest existing bell in this country dates to the thirteenth century,

but bells have existed at all times and everywhere. The Christians were the first religionists to use them to summon to worship, this being in the fifth century. In 680 a large wedge-shaped bell was brought from Italy to England. For ten centuries, bells were baptized, and were supposed to drive away evil spirits. The uses of bells were fully dealt with, the Hurst bells being referred to in illustration. The Rev. C. W. G. Wilson, at the close, proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

The Bells at Gravesend, Kent.

THE Rev. John H. Haslam, rector of Gravesend, writes to a local paper:—

'The question is frequently asked why the bells of the Parish Church are never rung. The answer is, because we have not enough ringers; some of the band have left the neighbourhood, and it is most difficult to fill their places. Grand old English enthusiasm in bells and bell-ringing has almost died out in the town, and there is a danger lest the whole subject should be reduced to a mere question of work and pay. I am exceedingly anxious to re-kindle the interest, and want to collect a band of young men who will be willing to take this matter up. We have some, but we want more. The bells of St. George's are very good ones, and in good order. The exercise of bell-ringing is healthy, both to body and mind, and the study of bells and bell-ringing full of interest.'

[Mr. Haslam should write to Rev. F. J. O. Halmora, Precincts, Canterbury.—*Ed. C.B.*]

A New Ring of Bells at Bandon, Ireland.

THE Countess of Bandon has erected a retable and a ring of bells in Bandon Church, in memory of her father and mother, Lord and Lady Carbery.

THE BELLS OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON.—Our correspondent, Mr. F. C. Smith, of Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire, asks to be informed of the number and weight of the bells. There is a ring of six bells, the tenor weighing 36 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Thursday, the 1st inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang C. H. Hattersley's peal of 5079 STEDMAN CATERPILARS in 3 hrs. 23 mins. E. Horrex, 1; C. F. Winney (conductor), 2; W. E. Gurrard, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; E. E. Richards, 6; F. E. Bayley, 7; W. T. Cookrell, 8; F. W. Thornton, 9; E. H. Adams, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. The first peal of STEDMAN CATERPILARS by Messrs. Sorrell and Bayley; first peal in the method by F. W. Thornton. The peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of Mr. Churchwarden W. H. Twining.

At the Parish Church, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Friday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstan's Original Peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. R. Biggs, 1; F. Boreham, 2; H. Stratford, 3; F. Biggs, 4; S. Goodchild, 5; J. Evans, 6; Fred. Biggs (first attempt to call a peal), 7; R. Hawes, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. All the above ringers are members of the Hughenden band.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, London.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. G. Bull (first peal as conductor), 1; H. A. Hopkins, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; J. Taylor, 4; P. Howard, 5; A. Dean (first peal with an inside bell), 6; H. N. Davis, 7; W. Hasted, 8.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, London.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. S. Hayes, 1; S. Joyce, 2; E. Lucas, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; E. Hall, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; Y. Green, 7; H. Boar (first peal), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells. The above are all members of the Bow Society.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Tuesday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; A. Percival Heywood (composer and conductor), 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Clarke, 5; B. Sugden, 6; J. Flower, 7; W. Hickling, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. This composition contains twenty-nine out of the thirty course-ends.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Reading.

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Munday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Munday, 4; Jos. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Newchurch, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Ashworth, 2; J. B. Taylor (birthday), 3; J. Haydock, 4; W. Taylor (birthday, conductor), 5; H. Wall, 6; J. T. Wright, 7; J. W. Ormerod, 8.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts.

On Sunday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Herts Association rang a peal of 5152 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. H. J. Martin, 1; G. A. Price, * 2; C. H. Martin, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham (composer and conductor), 4; J. Cawley, 5; F. Edwards, * 6; J. E. Whittall (first peal), 7; E. E. Huntley, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt. This is the first peal of MAJOR on the bells, and was rung as a farewell to Mr. Price, who is leaving for Canada. [* First in the method.]

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

On Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang J. S. Wilde's peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. H. Dall, * 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. H. Lindsey, * 3; F. J. Harrison, 4; W. Story, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; F. Lees, 7; W. Holmes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* First peal of SUPERLATIVE.]

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Monday, the 12th inst., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5280 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 3 hrs. 31 mins. S. Reeves, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; W. R. Small, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. S. Pritchard, 6; T. Reynolds, 7; S. Spittle, 8; W. Smith, 9; R. Hall, 10; J. E. Groves, 11; J. Hall, 12. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. The peal, which has the 6th twelve time wrong and twelve times right, was composed by the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham, and conducted by S. Reeves, and is the first peal of GRANDSIRE CINQUES by all the band except Messrs. Reeves, Small, and Reynolds, and the only peal of CINQUES rung on the bells for upwards of thirty years, and also the first peal of CINQUES by this Society.

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

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Herts Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. C. S. Heath, 1; J. E. Whittall (first peal in the method), 2; G. E. Oakley, 3; G. N. Price, 4; W. Hewitt, 5; E. P. Debenham, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; A. Hallett, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in E.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung :—

At HATFIELD, HERTS.—On the 3rd inst., being the sixty-fourth birthday of the Marquis of Salisbury, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. L. Smith, 1; H. Shepherd, 2; W. E. Powers, 3; J. Kentish (conductor), 4; R. Shepherd, 5; J. Shepherd, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; H. Tharby, 8. On a Sunday, for Divine service, 896 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR. R. Shepherd, 1; H. Shepherd, 2; J. W. Rumney, 3; J. Shepherd, 4; J. Kentish, 5; W. E. Powers, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; A. Shepherd (conductor), 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Monday, the 12th inst., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. W. Morris, * 1; Ed. Jones, 2; R. Martin, 3; R. Edwards, * 4; W. H. Jones, 5; D. Davies (conductor), 6; R. Evans, 7; T. Rogers, 8. All of the local band. [* Longest touch.]

At ST. LAWRENCE'S, SEAL CHART, KENT.—On a Friday, 729 BOB MINOR (fourteen singles, four bobs) in 25 mins. J. Kettle (first 720 in the method), 1; G. Seager, 2; S. Cole, 3; J. P. Cox, 4; F. Kettle, 5; G. P. Burr (conductor), 6.

At COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On a Monday, for practice on handbells, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. R. W. Stannard, 1; G. M. Rashbrook (first 720 as conductor), 2; J. Kittle, 3-4; F. Bumpstead, 5; G. Burch, 6. On a Monday, 720 BOB MINOR in 18 mins. G. Burch, 1; F. Bumpstead, 2; J. Kittle (conductor), 3-4; G. M. Rashbrook, 5-6.

At WRITTS, ESSEX.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 504 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. A. Head, 1; W. Emery, 2; G. Sorrell, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; T. Lincoln, 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 6; R. Wood, 7; F. Edwards, 8. And 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Sorrell, 1; W. Emery, 2; A. Davis, 3; W. Lincoln (conductor), 4; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5; T. Lincoln, 6; R. Wood, 7; F. Edwards, 8. This company now numbers thirteen members, nine of whom can ring a bob-bell in GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. Practices night, Wednesday at 7.30 (during Lent, Tuesday).

At CHRIST CHURCH, BATH.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal (1260) of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 42 mins. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Hinton, 2; T. Gray, 3; H. W. Brown, 4; H. Wotton, 5; W. Wells, 6; G. W. Bell (conductor), 7; G. Butler, 8.

At CHRIST CHURCH, PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 1862 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. S. Booth, 1; J. Barratt (Eccles), 2; A. Barratt (Radcliffe), 3; J. Ireland (Worsley), 4; T. Lingard (conductor), 5; R. Ridyard (Worsley), 6; J. Briscoe, 7; T. Rushton, 8.

At ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 46 mins. F. G. Newman (conductor), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; J. Lamb, 3; F. French, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; E. Richards, 6; F. Thornton, 7; W. Foreman, 8. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, which was arranged to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first peal rung on the ten bells, viz., 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, on February 25th, 1794.

At ST. STEPHEN'S, HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.—On a Thursday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Balaam, 1; F. Constant, 2; F. Marriott, 3; M. W. Pierce, 4; G. Llewellyn, 5; E. Beney, 6; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 7; A. Saxby, 8. The longest length by the local company.

RECORDED ALSO:—The Rev. R. Allen, Willoughby Allen (thanks for card); J. George, Rugby; E. P. Debenham (we intend to be there); 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.

SIXTIETH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. MARSHALL A. PEARSON, 138 High Street, Boston, Lincs.

[Whose case was published in the weekly journals Feb. 2nd, 1888, and Oct. 8th, 1891.]

Five years ago dying of a supposed incurable disease—to-day well, robust, and engaged in an arduous occupation—this is the story, told in a line, of Mr. Marshall A. Pearson, who resides, as he has done for some years past, at the above address.

The account of this remarkable case already published mentions that Mrs. Pearson applied for her husband in the first instance ('because I was too ill to write myself,' said Mr. Pearson). At this time—June 1887, his condition was decidedly critical. There was active disease in the right lung, with heavy and purulent phlegm, violent pains in the side, shortness of breath, the exhausting night perspirations. There was considerable loss of both flesh and strength, and this, coupled with the fact that a sister had died of the same complaint, caused great anxiety to be felt.

Naturally, perhaps, Mr. Pearson resorted at first to local doctors—I asked him with what result?

'They did me no good,' he replied, 'although I was under their treatment some months. Then on the recommendation of one of my sisters, who had seen the cases published in the *Christian Age*, we applied to Mr. Congreve.'

'I should like to know exactly what was your condition at that time?'

'Well, the account you have read to me describes it correctly. I was totally unable to work—I was away from my employment nearly fifteen months, and I never expected to get better again—in fact, no one thought I should recover.'

'No' (said Mrs. Pearson, who was present), 'we never thought he would be well again. He looked just like an old man—worn and thin and bent.'

'But having commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment you soon had reason to change your opinion?'

'Yes,' was the reply. 'Before I had finished the second bottle of medicine I felt better, and lost the pain I had.'

'I see that some weeks after commencing the treatment you wrote to that effect, following it up by a letter in August in which you said you were gaining weight and strength every day. The next month, September, you were able to commence work again, which means that you were only under Mr. Congreve's advice about three or four months before you were able to resume your occupation.'

'That is so; and soon after that I quite recovered, much to the astonishment of all who knew me. I shall always feel that I owe my renewed health and strength to Mr. Congreve's treatment.'

'You look very well now, Mr. Pearson?'

'I am as well, and as heavy as ever I was, although my occupation is not the best for me.'

'By the way, you might tell me what that occupation is?'

'I am a miller, and am constantly carrying sacks of wheat, weighing something over two hundred weight.'

Very readily did Mr. Pearson give his consent to my publishing this interview with him as a token of gratitude for his wonderful cure.

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Association by Dr. Hubert Parry; and 'Before the Heavens were Spread Abroad,' by the American composer, Horatio W. Parker. The part-songs of Felix Woysch and Karel Bendl are worthy the attention of our ladies' choirs and choral societies.

A CHEAPER issue of the *Illustrated History of Music*, by Emil Naumann, is about to be issued. A facsimile reproduction of 'Sumer is icumen in' (the oldest piece of polyphonic and canonical music known to be in existence) is being reproduced for issue with the part issued in April.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The sixteenth quarterly district meeting of the Association was held at Leiston on Easter Monday, when a good attendance of members were present from Aldeburgh, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Benhall, Rendham, Sweffling, Woodbridge, and Great Glemham, and which was considerably augmented by the local company. The bells of St. Margaret's were placed at the disposal of the members, and during the day various touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, and OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR were brought round. The business meeting was held in the National Schoolroom, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. B. W. Raven, M.A., when the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Three persons were admitted as probationary members on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. E. Cooper. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sweffling, on Saturday, June 23rd. Three peals of TREBLE BOB MAJOR have been rung within the district since the last meeting, viz., one peal each of KENT and OXFORD, at Kelsale, and a peal of KENT at Leiston. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding, and for the use of the bells and the schoolroom. This was acknowledged in a kindly and encouraging manner by the Rector, who expressed the pleasure it afforded him to meet the members, and to preside over their meeting. The rev. gentleman made some forcible remarks upon the important office of ringers as Church workers, and who, with the members of the choir, were deserving of better recognition by the clergy generally. Mr. Raven spoke of the great improvement in the status of both the ringers and choir as compared with the state of things in existence in former times. A few other minor items of business closed a very successful and encouraging meeting.

The Bishop of Carlisle on Kendal Bells.

THE Bishop preached at Kendal Church lately, and, at the conclusion of his sermon, said he had been asked to say a few words about the collection which was to be made in aid of the fund for the necessary works in connexion with the church bells. The full peal was continually sounding God's praises, and they thought of those bells, so sweet and melodious, as being full of historic interest. That peal had been retuned, and there was other work which was found necessary in the belfry. The cost had grown in consequence, until he believed it was 600*l.* or 700*l.*, and there was yet something like 100*l.* to be raised. That was not an object to which the people of the church alone should give assistance, for the sound of the bells was dear to every one in the parish. Therefore he would plead with them that the venerable tower, with its historic peal of bells, might be delivered from debt. He believed in one part of the country there was a peal that was endowed by some one who had lost his way in the darkness within hearing of them, and was able to return to the track from which he had wandered, and out of gratitude he provided means for the endowment of the bells and the ringers. The peal in the Kendal Parish Church tower, he felt, must have brought back many who had been lost and far from God to hear music sweeter than the sound of the bells. Then, of their liberality and generous gifts, let them determine that there should no longer be a debt on the church bells, and show that they were greatly proud of their parish church.—The offertory at the close amounted to 15*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.*

Dedication of Bells at North Curry, Somerset.

ON Sunday, March 11th, were dedicated the two new bells which have been generously presented to the parish by the popular Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary Buller, by whom also has been defrayed the expense connected with the fitting up of the belfry and other alterations. The two new bells are remarkably sweet-toned, and harmonise exactly with the six placed in the belfry in 1811 A.D. The new bells weigh 6 cwt. and 6½ cwt. respectively, and each bears the inscription, 'William Edmund Buller, M.A., vicar, gave me, A.D. 1894,' while in addition to this, on the first bell is inscribed, 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals,' and on the second the words, 'Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.' The tenor bell weighs a little less than 18 cwt., and is the only one of the six heavier bells that has an inscription. After morning prayer, the bells were dedicated to the service of the sanctuary, and the full peal of eight were rung for the first time. An impressive sermon was afterwards preached by the Vicar. The new bells are from the foundry of Mears & Stainbank, London.

The St. James's (Bermondsey) Guild of Bell-ringers.

RECENTLY, on a Saturday, the members of this Society held their first tea and social evening. A large number of friends were invited, and a pleasant evening was spent. After tea, an excellent programme, which had been arranged by the Secretary (Mr. H. C. Cork) was gone through. Mr. Porter,

one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, was in the chair. After the usual loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed the toast of the evening—'St. James's Guild of Bell-ringers.' He said it was now twenty-nine years ago since he came to reside in Bermondsey, and he and the then steeple-keeper (Mr. S. Austin) had spent many pleasant times among the bells. He concluded by advising all the members to keep well to bell-ringing, as they would find it both pleasurable and profitable.

Mr. Harvey, in response, said he could also testify to the advantages of bell-ringing, both to mind and body. He had been connected with St. James's Church for the last eighteen years, during which time he had seen several societies formed. He could not help feeling proud of the present one, as the members seemed to show a real interest in their work, and were already able to handle their ropes in good style. He hoped the bells would soon be repaired, as good bells were indispensable to good ringing.

After some members of the Society had given a selection on the handbells, Mr. Daves thanked the members for their invitation, and hoped the Society would be a prosperous one, inasmuch that, although their work might differ from his, they were all engaged in serving one great Master.

The Chairman then proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and Mr. G. Spink and the Rev. A. G. Gough responded.

Mr. Cork, sen., then proposed the toast of 'The Chairman,' who responded, and with a touch on the handbells—three members of the Society giving 120 changes on six bells—the proceedings terminated.

A correspondent writes:—'In connexion with the above meeting, it might encourage the young ringers of the Society to know that, among other performances at St. James's Church contained in the College Youths' Peal-book, the following 6000 is recorded:—"College Youths' Society.—On Friday, May 10th, 1850, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, consisting of 6000 changes, was rung at St. James's, Bermondsey, in four hours and ten minutes. Performers: W. Banister, treble; W. Hindes, 2; Geo. Menday, 3; S. Austen, 4; G. Stockham, 5; J. Stickbury, 6; M. Wood, 7; E. Lansdell, 8; J. Dwight, 9; J. R. Haworth, tenor. Composed and conducted by Mr. Menday. Tenor, 25 cwt."

'Ringing the Changes.'

PERHAPS our change-ringing friends will learn something about 'Ringing the Changes' from the following extract from the *Liverpool Daily Courier*:—

'The English method of sounding bells is unequalled, the bell at each pull revolving round a complete circle, and being under the full command of the ringer. Thus, "ringing the changes," or variations of a sequence of sounds, may be properly regulated, each of a band of performers having his separate bell, while the leader calls the peal. The greatest number of bells ever rung in a peal is twelve, and there are many written methods of change-ringing. The simplest are called GRANDSIRE, or an odd number of bells, and Bob, or an even number. Changes on seven bells, with the tenor, or great bell, sounded last in each change, are called GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; on nine, GRANDSIRE CATERS; and on eleven, GRANDSIRE CINQUES; while on six, eight, ten, or twelve, the more usual methods are called respectively BOB MINOR, BOB MAJOR, BOB ROYAL, and BOB MAXIMUS. There are, however, a variety of other methods of producing the changes, known as OXFORD TREBLE BOB, NORWICH COURT BOB, &c.'

[All that ringers learn from this is that sometimes persons write about ringing who know nothing whatever about it.—ED. C.B.]

St. Lawrence's, Towcester, Northamptonshire.

UNDER the auspices of the Towcester and District Change Bell-ringers Association, the ringers from Blisworth paid their first visit to Towcester, and rang three peals (120 changes) on the bells of the above church. The visitors were pleased with the tone of the bells, and the ringing was well executed. We hear that the local bands of ringers are making very good progress in the art of change-ringing since the formation of the Association.

Original Peals.

SIR,—Mr. N. J. Pitstow's remarks (in your issue of March 9th), in connexion with Peal 68 are quite correct, and equally so, no doubt, are his remarks anent Peal 4. I say no doubt advisedly, not as implying any reflection on his statement, but merely because I have not as yet been able to find the reference copy of the *Bell News* containing these peals, and am unable, therefore, to verify them. This has had the effect of retarding the apologies due from me to Mr. Pitstow for having (unwittingly) published two of his compositions over my name.

The plan on which they are composed has been thoroughly well worked out in all its various aspects, and I think, sir, you will be disposed to agree that it is a matter of more than ordinary difficulty to produce original peals on this plan not exceeding 5280 changes. However this may be, the cases in point serve to remind us of the great need that exists for a second collection and classification of TREBLE BOB peals. Such a collection would not only constitute a handy reference-book for composers, but would be welcomed with delight by conductors and the exercise in general. The following extract from the introduction of the late Mr. Snowdon's collection, published in 1879, appears to apply with greatly increased force and is peculiarly applicable to the present time:—"In the absence of any collection of peals to which reference might be made, it is not, therefore, surprising that peals have been reproduced which have been composed and rung many years previously; indeed, many of the peals which appeared in Reeve's and Shipway's books, in 1788 and 1816, have since been brought out as original productions." The italics are mine.

JAMES S. WILFE.

38 Thomas Street, Flowery Field, Hyde, March 19th, 1894.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John's, Whitwick, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., the following members of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Branch of the Midland Counties' Association rang Holt's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. J. Smith, 1; W. Canner (conductor), 2; E. W. Beadsmoore, 3; H. Canner, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Jagger, 6; J. H. Dunmore, 7; G. Thornley, 8.

At St. Mary's, Framsdon, Suffolk.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang Dains' peal of 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. D. G. Wightman (conductor), 1; H. Baldry, 2; E. Wightman, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; H. W. Baldry (first peal in the method), 5; S. Wightman, 6; S. Wightman, jun., 7; G. Wightman, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6 in fifteen courses. Messrs. Baldry (2) and D. G. Wightman came from Brandeston, the rest from Cretingham. There were only two families to make up this band.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., ten members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 31 mins. E. S. Morgan (first peal), 1; J. Hopwood, 2; W. Smith, 3; M. J. Morris (first peal of CATERS, Buxton), 4; T. Taylor, 5; G. Longden, 6; S. Booth, 7; J. Mellor, 8; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 9; A. Adams, 10. Tenor, 27½ cwt.

At St. Michael's, Headingley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society rang a peal of 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 14 mins. H. Buckley (first peal), 1; W. Wood, 2; T. Flint, 3; A. Naylor, 4; J. J. Logan, 5; A. Craven (composer), 6; J. Whitaker (conductor), 7; A. Haste, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. The first peal in the method by all and rung at the first attempt. This composition, which contains the 5th and 6th their extent at home, was rung as a birthday compliment to the treble and tenor men.

At Romford, Essex.

On Saturday, the 24th inst., four members of the Essex Association rang, at the residence of Mr. A. J. Perkins, upon handbells retained in hand, Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 40 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. Umpire, Mr. A. Deards, who marked off the leads as rung. Mr. W. Watson was also present. This is the first peal double-handed by the whole band.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ALL SAINTS', DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 17th inst., the Long Eaton Society of the Midland Counties' Association attempted a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which unfortunately came to an end after ringing 4950 changes in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Harrison, 1; J. Ward, jun., 2; W. Hexter, 3; A. Reckitts, 4; J. Hexter, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor, Duffield), 6; J. Bayley, 7; J. Poxon, 1. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 1036 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Morris, 1; E. Jones, 2; — Grif-fiths (Chester), 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; R. Evans, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. Also for evening service, 377 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Morris, 1; H. Jarman, 2; R. Martin, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; E. Jones, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. Also on Easter Monday an attempt was made at a variation of Holt's Ten-part peal, but unfortunately came to an end shortly after passing the mid-way Bob Single. W. Morris, 1; R. Martin, 2; E. Jones, 3; D. Davies (conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; R. Evans, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8.

At SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday evening, after Divine service, 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR, being the first in the method on these bells. A. Pittam, 1; R. G. Pye, 2; E. Pye, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; A. Jacob, 5; G. Newson, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Monday, the 26th inst. (after an unsuccessful attempt at a peal of TREBLE BOB), a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung by members of the Essex Association. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; W. Pye, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; H. Randall, 7; W. Watson, 8.

At ST. MICHAEL'S, BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On a Saturday, for practice, 720 BOOKING TREBLE BOB. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Sunday, March 4th, for Divine service in the morning, 720 MORNING EXERCISE. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. For evening service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB and 144 Kent TREBLE BOB. E. Chaplin, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; E. Radley, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Messrs. Chaplin and Radley came from Stisted. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* First 720 in the method.]

At WEST HAM, ESSEX.—*Handbell-ringing.*—Recently, four members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and Essex Association rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes), taken from the 'Original.' G. Pearl, 1-2; H. Randall, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Doran, 7-8.

At St. Mary's, CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Burdock, 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; J. J. Jones, 4; T. Burdock, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; A. Bartlett, 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, which have just been rehung and two new trebles added by Messrs. Warner & Sons, making a handy ring of eight. Tenor, 11 cwt. [* First quarter-peal.]

At THE PARISH CHURCH, SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On a Monday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. G. Winter, 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper, 3; E. Walker, 4; S. Cummings, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. Also several touches in the same method, in which J. Mallard and J. Pearce took part in ringing the treble. Messrs. Cooper and Linter are members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. W. Linter came from Swanmore, the rest belong to Shedfield.

At St. Mary's, BOCKING, ESSEX.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 720 NEW LONDON PLEASURE. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On a Friday, 720 NEW LONDON PLEASURE. H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt. [* First 720 in the method.]

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MAGAZINES.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED is an excellent number. This month it contains contributions from, among others, Richard le Gallienne, Barry Pain, Phil Robinson, Max Pemberton, Grant Allen, Robert Barr, and Helen Zimmern. Mr. Le Gallienne's paper on 'Women Poets of the Day' is admirable, and the article on 'The Marble Workers of Carrara,' by Helen Zimmern, is particularly interesting. There are a number of the complete short stories which are so popular among magazine readers and a variety of papers and articles on different subjects.

GREAT THOUGHTS continues its popular features, and, as usual, gives its readers a 'presentation plate.' The serial story is concluded and there are interviews with Max O'Rell and the Rev. E. J. Hardy, and a great variety of articles, papers, &c., on many different subjects.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART is full of beautiful pictures and the letter-press is valuable and interesting. The chief picture is an etching by W. Rohr of Hans von Bartel's 'Full Speed Ahead,' which is clever and shows admirable technical skill, but which is nevertheless not very pleasing. There is also a process reproduction, from the study by Seymour Lucas for the picture '1588: News of the Spanish Armada,' and a charming engraving by Jonnard of Henry Dawson's 'St. Paul's.'

GOOD WORDS contains an interesting account of 'Tycho Brahe,' being the first of a series of papers on 'The Great Astronomers,' by Professor Sir Robert Ball. The Dean of Gloucester, in 'The City of the White Walls,' traces the course of the Saxon conquest of Britain, quoting, with just appreciation, the poems of the bardic historian, Llywarch Hen; whilst Mr. Ansted, in his 'Reminiscences of David Copperfield's Childhood,' delineates Yarmouth scenes and characters with graphic touches. The Bishop of Winchester furnishes the month's 'Sunday Readings,' in which are nerving and invigorating thoughts on 'The Love of Christ in the Life to Come.'

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE publishes the conclusion of Archdeacon Farrar's 'Early Christianity in Britain,' carrying the study up to the time of St. Augustine's mission. Mrs. William Hope gives a capital description of the 'Tel El-Amarna Tablets,' dating from B.C. 1480, but only rediscovered within the last few years, and bearing wonderful testimony to the truth of Scripture, especially in the reference on one tablet to the taking, by the Hebrews, of 'the strong fortress of Jericho;' and Mrs. Boyd Carpenter contributes a life-sketch of 'Confucius, the Sage of China,' which throws much light on the origin and doctrines of the religion of the Celestial Empire.

THE LEISURE HOUR has a spirited account of 'Two Memorable Days in Paternoster Row,' the days of issue of the Revised New Testament and the Revised Bible. Mr. Gordon pictures 'Our Modern Strongholds,' i.e., Safe Deposits; whilst Mr. Holmes furnishes amusing, yet pathetic, details of 'A Night with a Poor Man's Lawyer.' 'Life's Pilgrimage' is a little poem of some merit by Katharine Wills.

IN THE SUNDAY AT HOME Dr. William Wright reviews the 'Papal Encyclical,' and the author of the 'Harvest of a Quiet Eye' draws spiritual lessons, in his peculiarly thoughtful way, from Ruskin's comparison of 'Waters below and above the Firmament.' The serial story by E. Boyd Bayly, 'Zachary Brough's Venture,' is excellent for family reading.

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER has an article by G. Holden Pike entitled, 'The Queen at Home,' which will be enjoyed by the loyal public at large as much as by the maidens for whom it is intended. The 'Wards of St. Margaret's,' a continued tale, gives, we trust, a very unfair representation of the life of a hospital nurse.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER contains an able answer by Dr. Bruce to Professor Max Muller's article on 'Mohammedanism and Christianity.' There is an encouraging retrospect of 'Seven Years of the Gleaners' Union,' and a full report of the Exeter Hall meetings to take leave of Bishops Tucker, Evington, and Tugwell.

RECEIVED ALSO:—FRIENDLY WORK, FRIENDLY LEAVES, ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL AND ADVERTISER (G. F. S.); CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE AND CHURCH WORKER (C. E. S. S. I.); MISSION FIELD (S. P. G.); GLEANER, AWAKE! and CHILDREN'S WORLD (C. M. S.).

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual gathering of the members of the above Association took place at St. Albans on Easter Monday. After ringing touches on the Cathedral and St. Peter's bells, a service was held in the Abbey, when an address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence. At half-past one an adjournment was made to the Coffee Tavern, where an excellent meal was provided. The business meeting followed, at which Mr. H. J. Toulmin presided. Mr. Debenham stated that he had received letters regretting absence from the President (Mr. Leonard Proctor, of Bennington), the Bishop of St. Albans, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence, and the Revs. K. F. Gibbs, T. H. Kynaston, J. A. Cruikshank, T. T. Blockley, and G. H. P. Glossop. The provisional election of Messrs. Cawley and Whitnall as members of the Association of Change-ringers was confirmed, and Messrs. J. Powers and William Canham, of Hatfield, and W. Hawkins and T. F. Childs, of Aldenham, were elected members.

The Secretary then read the report, which stated that, although the past year had been an uneventful one, the Association had maintained its position both financially and as regards membership. The balance in hand was 9*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.* The roll of members comprised 124 ringing and sixteen honorary members, and of the ringers, ninety-one were resident in the county, the non-residents including the band at Stanmore. Satisfactory as these figures were, the Secretary could not help saying that, in a county like Herts, there should be at least 100 change-ringing members. Turning to the annual services, the report said that, on several occasions, the attendances had been small, and pointed out that presence at the services would be much more appreciated by the clergy than votes of thanks. Another paragraph reminded the members of the presentation made to the President, Mr. Proctor, at the last annual meeting, in recognition of his valuable services to change-ringing. Turning to what had been accomplished during the year, the report stated that eight peals had been rung, all on tower bells, four being at Aldenham, and one apiece at St. Albans, Hatfield, Bushey, and Oxhey; and these included one of BOB MAJOR, two of CANTERBURY TRIPLES, one of BOB TRIPLES, and four of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. The conductors in these different peals were Messrs. Buckingham, A. Shepherd, Huntley, and E. P. Debenham. Passing on to individuals, five members scored their first peal during the year, viz., Messrs. Price, C. S. Heath, and Whitnall, Oxhey; R. Shepherd, of Hatfield, and A. Maynard, of Bushey. Since his first peal, Mr. Price had rung two of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and one of BOB MAJOR on a bob-bell, and it was to be regretted that he should have to go abroad. In concluding the report, Mr. Debenham said it only remained for him to touch upon a personal matter. He had acted as Secretary of the Association since 1888, and he felt that the time was coming when he must ask the members to elect some one in his place. He could not have continued in office so long had it not been for the energy of the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Cartmel. The report and balance-sheet were adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Hull.

The Chairman said it would not be right to let Mr. Debenham's resignation pass without asking him to reconsider it. Mr. Lewis said he would second the Chairman's remarks. The meeting having expressed their wish for Mr. Debenham to retain the office by a unanimous show of hands, that gentleman consented to do so. Mr. Hull proposed the re-election of Mr. Leonard Proctor as president of the Association, Mr. Hallett seconded, and it was carried unanimously. Mr. H. Brewer proposed, and Mr. Lewis seconded, Mr. Cartmel's re-election as assistant secretary; and, on the proposition of Mr. T. Conley, seconded by Mr. Chapman, Mr. Lewis was also elected assistant secretary. Mr. Huntley, of Bushey, was appointed auditor. After the customary votes of thanks, the meeting terminated. The next meeting was fixed to be held in June, at Aldenham.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING of the above Association was held at Sudbury, Suffolk, on Saturday, the 31st ult. Members were present from Sudbury, Foxearth, Walter Belchamp, Glemsford, Stanstead (Suffolk), Stanstead (Essex), Coggleshall, Great Bentley, and Great Bromley, and thirty-two sat down to tea. Sudbury possesses three rings of eight bells of varying merit, and there are also several rings of six and eight in the neighbourhood. A brake conveyed several members to the towns of Foxearth and Walter Belchamp, which are just within the boundaries of the Association. Several well-struck touches were rung during the day, and the ringers dispersed entirely satisfied with their holiday over the borders of the county.

The Bells of Marionsleigh, Devonshire.

THE four bells of Marionsleigh Church, near South Molton, which were cast in 1720, by Evan and William Evans, of Chepstow, were reopened, and a new treble, cast by Messrs John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, was dedicated on Easter Tuesday. The cage and the fittings are new. The tower has been strengthened and pointed, new floors and beams have been put in, and new ladders made, the tower being a Norman one, having no staircase. The total cost of the work, including the new bell and the timber (the latter the gift of Sir J. F. Davie, the lord of the manor), has been about 100*l.* A new Ellacombe's chiming apparatus, presented by the Rector, the Rev. A. Winnifrid, has also been added. At the Reopening and Dedication Service the church was crowded, and many of the clergy of the deanery were present. The dedication service used was that published at Church Bells office. The Venerable Archdeacon Seymour pronounced the words of dedication, and preached an appropriate sermon. Many touches were rung during the day by seven bands of ringers living in the neighbourhood.

The New Bells at Ilfracombe, Devonshire.

ON Easter Sunday morning the music from the bells of the parish church indicated the completion of the octave. The two new bells, which have just been added, are the gift of the Vicar, and the belfry is now provided with a splendid peal in G, the old bells having been retuned, and the eight bells rung for the first time on Easter Day. The new bells are from the foundry of Mears & Stainbank, London, and were hung by Mr. Bowen, master of the local company.

On Easter Tuesday, Mr. N. T. Pates and members of the Cheltenham Society visited Ilfracombe, and rang a touch of 686 changes for service; after service a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was attempted, but after an hour's ringing it came to an abrupt conclusion. Later in the afternoon a touch of 1288 changes was rung, in which R. C. Chichester, Esq., took part. The band was as follows:—G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), 1; N. T. Pates (Cheltenham, conductor), 2; A. Humphris (Cheltenham), 3; F. Townsend (Cheltenham), 4; N. Dyer (Cheltenham), 5; T. Hooper (Cheltenham), 6; F. Musty (Cheltenham), 7; A. Dadds (Ilfracombe), 8.

The Long Peal at Brentwood, Essex.

ON Easter Monday, at the parish church, eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang 13,072 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 8 hrs. 15 mins., when, unfortunately, the treble rope broke, preventing further progress. B. Foskett, 1; E. Barnett, 2; H. Dains, 3; G. Smith, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; George Newson, 8. The composition is by George Newson, who also conducted the performance, which, although incomplete, is the longest length yet rung in the method. Messrs. Barnett and Wilkins came from Crayford, Kent.

Easter Ringing at Sudbury, Suffolk.

ON Easter Sunday, the 25th ult., the bells of St. Peter's, St. Gregory's, and All Saints' Churches were rung during the day: St. Peter's for the early Celebration at 7 a.m., and also for morning service at 10.30; St. Gregory's were rung for the afternoon service, and those of All Saints' before and after the evening service. The first ringing at St. Peter's consisted of a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and a touch of BOB MAJOR, conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe. The next was a touch of 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Cross, 1; F. Tolliday, 2; W. Howell, 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, sen. (conductor), 7; H. Brackett, 8. For evening service at All Saints' the following rang a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Brackett and F. Howell, 8. On Easter Monday evening the following rang at St. Peter's a peal of 720 BOB MINOR, on the back six. W. Howell, jun., 1; F. Tolliday, 2; H. Brackett, 3; A. Scott, 4; H. Harper, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. This is the first peal of BOB MINOR rung on these bells for many years. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, North Elmham, Norfolk.

ON Easter Monday, eight members of the St. Peter Mancroft Society and the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 5056 changes of BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 20 mins. C. E. Borrett, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; E. Ward,* 4; J. Moy (Aylsham),* 5; G. Howchin, 6; E. Eagling (Hingham, first peal), 7; S. F. Burleigh (Dereham), 8. Composed by J. E. Burton and conducted by C. E. Borrett. Tenor, 20 cwt. The first peal on the bells for fifty-four years. The composition is a four-part one, with the 5th and 6th each twenty-two times in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Lawrence's, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the St. Michael's Junior Society rang a peal of 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERERS in 3 hrs. 25 mins. R. Brunsdon, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; C. King, 3; A. T. Brunsdon, 4; W. C. Jones, 5; E. B. James, Esq. (Master of the Association), 6; W. T. Bennett, 7; G. L. Brunsdon, 8; W. J. Sevier, 9; E. E. Davis, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. The peal was composed by Mr. A. Knight, of Chesterfield, and conducted by Mr. W. J. Sevier, and rung for the first time.

2 3 4 5 6

4 2 3 5 6 7th in and out at 3
3 4 2 5 6 9 - 3
2 3 4 5 6 9 - 3
5 3 4 2 6 1 - 8
3 2 4 5 6 8 - 3
4 3 2 5 6 9 - 3
2 4 3 5 6 9 - 3
6 2 4 5 3 9 - 3
4 2 3 5 3 9 - 3
2 4 3 5 3 9 - 3
6 4 3 5 2 8 9
3 4 3 5 2 9 - 3
4 3 6 5 2 9 - 3

Continued:

6 3 2 5 4 8 9
2 6 3 5 4 9 - 3
4 2 6 5 3 9 - 3 s
6 2 3 5 4 8 9
3 6 2 5 4 9 - 3
2 3 6 5 4 9 - 3
6 3 4 5 2 8 9
4 6 3 5 2 9 - 3
3 4 6 5 2 9 - 3
6 4 2 5 3 8 9
2 6 4 5 3 9 - 3
3 2 6 5 4 9 - 3 s
2 5 6 3 4 8 - 3
6 2 5 3 4 9 - 3

Repeated down to the last single; from this 8 in 3 for the first course produces 2 3 5 6 4. The bells are brought round by calling the 9th in and out at 2, and the 8th in 3. The peal contains the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see next page.)

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At St. Nicholas', Guildford, Surrey.

ON Easter Monday, ten members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang H. Hubbard's peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 26 mins. J. Heathorn,* 1; F. Bennett, 2; G. Woodiss, 3; J. J. Jones,* 4; F. W. J. Rees, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; H. White, 7; J. W. Whiting, 8; G. Williams (conductor), 9; A. P. Goddard, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. F. W. J. Rees, Esq., generously gave the two new bells to make a ring of ten, and became responsible for the cost of hanging them. [* First peal of CATERS.]

At St. Benedict's, Wombourne, Staffordshire.

ON Easter Monday, eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society rang Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. T. J. Bratton, 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. E. Groves, 3; R. Hall, 4; J. Pagett, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. Carter (conductor), 7; J. George, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. 12 lbs. The first peal of STEDMAN on the bells. Messrs. Bratton came from Welshpool; Small, Tipton; Groves, Wolverhampton; Hall, West Bromwich; Pagett, Dudley; Smith, Darlaston; Carter, Birmingham; and George, Rugby.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Wednesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. A. J. Trappitt, 1; E. Bennett, 2; R. Sewell, 3; J. W. Trappitt (conductor), 4; W. Sadler, 5; E. Trendell, 6; C. Gordon, 7; T. King, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. It was rung in honour of the marriage of F. Goad, Esq., of Hackbridge House, Beddington, to Miss Rose Wanklyn, of Wallington.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. H. Simpson (aged sixteen), 1; T. Simpson, 2; F. Wood, 3; D. Newton, 4; E. Wheeler, 5; H. S. Clapham, 6; J. W. Emmett, 7; C. Dracup, 8. Composed by Mr. W. Sattanstell and Mr. T. Haigh, and conducted by Mr. Dracup.

At St. Michael's, Framlingham, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 31st ult., the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington (composer), 2; D. G. Wightman, 3; W. Flory, 4; S. Wightman, sen., 5; H. W. Baldry, 6; A. S. Wightman, 7; G. Wightman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains only 4th and 6th in 6th's place at course-end, and the 2nd never dodges with the tenor in 7-8. It is believed to be the first peal on this plan with only two singles.

At All Saints', Edmonton, London.

ON Saturday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang N. J. Pittow's peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; H. Springall, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; J. I. Crouch, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; S. E. Joyce, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. I. Crouch, who attained his thirty-fourth year on the 29th ult.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS (1260 changes) was rung in 46 mins. T. Spurr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharp, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. Swannack, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10. This is W. Metcalfe's first quarter-peal, and also the first away from the treble by G. Swannack.

AT GIGGLESWICK, YORKSHIRE.—On Wednesday, the 28th ult., 720 VIOLET TREBLE BOB in 29 mins. W. Middleton (Settle), 1; J. L. Bulcock, 2; W. Fell, 3; S. James, 4; J. Parker, 5; J. Morphet (conductor), 6. First peal on the bells, and first peal by all. Also on Sunday, the 1st inst., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB in 29 mins., standing as above.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH, RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR, in 28 mins. G. H. Ashworth, 1; T. Rollerson,* 2; S. Holgate, 3; J. H. Nuttall,* 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Ramsbottom (conductor), 6. [* First 720 in the method.]

AT ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL, CITY OF LONDON.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 59 mins. W. Cecil, 1; Y. Green, 2; J. Hayes, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Parmenter, 7; E. Hall, 8; S. Hayes, 9; J. Jones (longest length of CATERS), 10. Tenor, 41 cwt.

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SIXTY-FIRST INTERVIEW.

With Mr. BROUGHTON, North Thoresby, Louth.

[Relative to the case of his wife, which appears on page 50 in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption.]

Mr. Broughton extended to me a very hearty welcome—notwithstanding the fact that I called upon him between eight and nine in the morning, and that morning (Dec. 12) one of the wettest and bleakest we have had this winter. Even at that early hour Mr. Broughton was busy—his wife, too, was in evidence, but he at once gave me the few minutes I craved. Seated in his comfortable office, I read the account which appears in the Appendix, and asked Mr. Broughton if that fairly represented his wife's case. He said that it did, adding:

'When I wrote to Mr. Congreve in 1884 Mrs. Broughton was exceedingly weak—so weak that she could only walk a short distance. She had a very bad cough, the breathing was very short, and she had lost a great deal of flesh. Before she got so bad she went to the leading physician in Louth, and he treated her for three months. During that time she got weaker—decidedly worse. He told me the case was hopeless. Then he ordered her away south, to her native air; and while she was there I wrote to Mr. Congreve.'

'I should like you to tell me whether you noticed any improvement immediately she commenced the treatment?'

'No, it was some time before she showed signs of getting better. But she *did* begin to improve, and after continuing the treatment for nine months she was practically cured.'

'I hope she has had no return of chest complaint since?'

'None; but she takes the Elixir even now when she gets a cold.'

'Am I right in saying, Mr. Broughton, that you know other cases where good results have followed Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'Quite right. I know one case far more wonderful even than Mrs. Broughton's. It is that of the wife of a labouring man living in a village near here. I myself obtained the medicine for her, and the day my wife drove over to take her the first bottle she met coming out a medical gentleman sent by the lord of the manor. He said, "The case is quite hopeless; she won't live three days." At that time she had been confined to her bed six months, but after continuing Mr. Congreve's treatment for two or three months she recovered, and is in good health now. Besides, I know of other cases where great benefit has been derived.'

I didn't think it right to make my interview long at that early hour, so, after I had exchanged a few words with Mrs. Broughton, I bade both good morning, and made my way back to North Thoresby Station.

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nineteenth-century waif who drifted into the hospital, and was ministered by one who sought wisdom in the old Priory Church across the way. The story is told for the benefit of the restoration fund of the church, but even were its object not a charitable one, it is well worth buying.

WEATHER LORE. A collection of Proverbs, Sayings, and Rules concerning the Weather. Compiled by Richard Inwards, F.R.A.S., F.R.Met.S. (London: Elliot Stock. 1893.)—Mr. Inwards has given us a handsomely got-up and interesting volume. Taking such topics as Flowers which should open on certain Saints' Days, Winter Birds and their Times of Arrival, Fog, Sky, Barometer, Insects, &c., he has brought together a large collection of proverbial sayings, of famous writers' generalisations, and of commonly known rules concerning the subjects of which he treats. Thus he gives us a Spanish proverb to the effect that 'If the weather on the sixth day is the same as that of the fourth day of the moon, the same weather will continue during the whole moon,' with the note, 'Said to be correct nine times out of twelve;' or, again, 'Hares take to the open country before a snow-storm,' this time from Scotland; or a Swedish proverb, 'The first Sunday after Easter settles the weather for the whole summer.' Extended this to 168 pages of similar curious and out-of-the-way lore, and you have the book.

THE PSEUDONYM LIBRARY. (London: T. Fisher Unwin. 1893. 1s. 6d.)—The more recent volumes of this interesting set of books are quite up to the standard of the earlier issues. We have *God's Work* and other stories, by Ilse Frapau, and translated by Helen A. Macdonnell, in which we like the one called 'Our Jennv' the best, though all are good. Then *Cavalleria Rusticana*, by Giovanni S. Verga, translated by Alena Strettell, well known from its operatic setting. The *Sinner's Comedy*, by John Oliver Hobbes, has reached a fourth edition, but does not call for more than simple mention. The *Passing of a Mood*, by V. O. CS., is a collection of brief essays, well written, and deserving a passing perusal. *Dream Life and Real Life* is from the well-known pen of Ralph Iron; distinctly unpleasant, though very realistic. 'The Woman's Rose,' in the same volume, is much better. But Ralph Iron can do greater things than these, we hope, or she had better be content with her first-published masterpiece.

COTTAGE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS. By D. Baillie. (London: Skeffington & Son. 1893.)—Short practical addresses that have already stood the test of use, and adapted to read to aged and feeble persons living at a distance from church.

THE POET OF POETS: EDMUND SPENSER. (Elliot Stock. The Elizabethan Library.)—A charming little book, exquisitely got up, containing the love verse from the minor poems of Spenser. Just the book for lying on a favourite corner of one's library table.

MAGAZINES.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE has for its frontispiece an excellent engraving of Matthew Arnold. Prominence is given to a series of process pictures by André Castaigne, entitled 'From the Old World to the New,' which has some power. The remaining illustrations well sustain the high reputation of the magazine. The most striking paper describes the life, at Barbizon, of Jean Francois Millet, and is written by his younger brother. There is another, giving an account of 'Lincoln's Literary Experiments,' by John G. Nicolay, and W. Woodville Rockhill tells the story of how he was 'Driven out of Tibet.' The two serial stories, 'Pudd'nhead Wilson' and 'Cœur d'Alene,' are continued, and there are a large number of other papers, articles, &c., on many different subjects.

THE PORTFOLIO monograph on the eminent French artist, Jules Bastien-Lepage, by Mrs. Henry Ady, is an excellent piece of workmanship. It traces the too-brief life of the gifted painter from his early years down to his painful and premature end, when he was at the summit of his fame. The pictures and sketches which illustrate it are well reproduced, and give a very good idea of the quality of the originals, as well as of the varied powers of the artist.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE has the first part of an interesting paper by the Rev. A. V. Despard, on 'The Gothenburg System.'

LAST week's **GENTLEWOMAN** contained an interesting illustrated article on Mrs. Edwards, the wife of the Bishop of St. Asaph.

MESSRS. SKEFFINGTON & SON have in the press a Memorial Volume of Sermons by Dr. William J. Butler, the late Dean of Lincoln. The Bishop of Lincoln will write a preface for the book.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, April 28th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPITT, }
W. BENTHAM, } Hon. Secretaries.

The Royal Cumberland Society.

THE Annual Dinner of this Society was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, London, on Saturday evening, April 7th, when a large company sat down. Mr. B. Foskett, Master of the Society, occupied the chair. After dinner a lengthy programme (in two parts) was gone through. The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair, followed by that of 'The Royal Cumberland Society.' Next came, 'To the celebration of the long peal rung on the 27th November, 1874, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch,' responded to by Mr. G. Newson; 'Composer and Conductor,' replied to respectively by 'our mutual friend,' Mr. Henry Dains, and the indomitable 'George' Vinton; and 'Kindred Societies,' by Mr. W. Baron, was appropriately responded to by Mr. R. Newton, of the Society of College Youths. During the evening a course of GRANDSIRE CATER was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Dains, Randall, Newson, Perkins, and Doran; also a course of TREBLE BOB by Messrs. Newson, Rogers, Perkins, and Randall; and it was generally considered a very pleasant evening had been spent.

The Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting was held in the Allhallows' Lane Mission Room on Easter Monday. Previous to the meeting, a service was held in St. Paul's Church, at which the Rev. Law James, of Stamford, preached an instructive sermon. The ringers and friends then adjourned to the Mission Room, where a substantial meat tea was provided by Sister Fanny and her assistants. After tea, the meeting was held, at which the Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. Lambert Woodard) presided, and was supported by a large number of gentlemen and ringers from the neighbouring villages.

The annual report having been read and adopted, Mr. Elger (treasurer) presented the accounts, which showed a balance of 26l. 8s. 1½d. The Rev. Canon Haddock proposed the re-election of the committee; Mr. T. Bull seconded, and it was carried. The Rev. A. C. Downer proposed the re-election of Mr. Elger as treasurer for the ensuing year; Mr. P. Howard seconded, and it was carried.

The Rev. W. C. Baker was re-elected hon. secretary by acclamation, and in responding he said he should be glad to do his best for the Association, but his duties were rather interfered with by other work, and he had wished to give way to some one else.

Mr. P. Howard then proposed that Mr. Isaac Hill be assistant-secretary. Mr. Elger in seconding, said he had known Mr. Hill for many years, and knew the work he did for that Society. He saved the Society a great deal of money by attending to the bells. Mr. Hill was then elected assistant-secretary.

The next business being to elect auditors, Mr. Howard proposed the re-election of Messrs. T. Bull and Thody, which was carried. The following new members were proposed and elected:—Rev. Law James (Stamford), Messrs. J. B. Martin (Higham Ferrers), Sharman (Bedford), E. Keech, H. Shimmons, W. Johnson, J. Thompson, W. Fox, and A. Burns (Sandy), G. Izzard (Biddenham), C. Cook, and M. Lane.

Mr. Howard said he had a question to ask of the Secretary. The Central Council of Change-ringers met on the succeeding day (Tuesday) in London, and there was a question on the agenda as to whether the members should be elected in the tower previous to starting a peal, and whether it be allowed or not. He would like to know what Mr. Baker was to do in that resolution, and how he was to vote. He proposed that Mr. Baker should strenuously object to any resolution curtailing the privilege of electing members of the Association previous to starting on a peal.

Mr. Baker said when the Association did him the honour of electing him, he thought he was to exercise his own judgment to a certain extent. He was not prepared altogether to be instructed in what he was to do or which way he was to vote on any question, and he should like, as this was the first time that question had come up, to have it clearly understood whether he went to the Central Council as a representative or a delegate. After some discussion, it was proposed and carried that the matter should be left in Mr. Baker's hands.

Mr. E. Ransom proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Law James for his sermon that afternoon, which was carried. The Rev. Law James said he was very much obliged to them for the way they had received him that day, and he hoped they would not only be brother ringers, but brother Christians.

It was decided that the June meeting be held at Turvey. The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

The Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY meeting of this Association was held at Sutton and Cheam on Easter Monday. The weather being fine, it was pleasant to the visitors to stroll through the fields that lay between the little church of St. Dunstan, Cheam, with its musical ring of six bells, and the more stately church of All Saints, Benhilton, where there is a fine ring of eight (tenor, 19½ cwt.). After touches of MINOR BOB, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, and GRANDSIRE MINOR on Cheam bells, All Saints' Church was visited. Although the ringing here was not so good as usual, some practice was done, and at 5.30 an adjournment was made to the Drill Hall for tea, where accommodation had been made for seventy-six members and two visitors, together with the Rev.

C. H. Rice, B.D., rector of Cheam; Rev. H. Dalton, curate of All Saints', and Dr. A. B. Carpenter, of Croydon, who were present. The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. H. Dalton in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; also the cash accounts for the year 1893, showing a balance in hand of 24*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* One honorary member (the Rev. C. H. Rice, of Cheam) and twelve ordinary members were elected. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Ranmore Common and Dorking on the first or second Monday in July, due notice of which will be given. Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

The Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

ON Easter Monday the annual meeting of the above Association was held at Burton, and there were representatives from the districts of Derby, Burton, Loughborough, Nottingham, Leicester, Nuneaton, Birmingham, and Tamworth. Altogether, about 130 were present, and during the morning they rang 'touches' on the bells of the parish church and St. Paul's Church. In the afternoon they had the privilege of going round Messrs. Bass & Co.'s premises, where refreshments were provided through the kindness of the firm. At four o'clock all assembled at St. Margaret's Schoolroom, where tea was awaiting them, and after this the business meeting commenced. Mr. Percival Heywood presided, and was supported by the Rev. F. H. Beaven and Mr. Lancashire, of Leicester (hon. secretary). The annual report and balance-sheet—both satisfactory—were approved, and the election of officers followed. Mr. Heywood was unanimously re-appointed president, Mr. Lancashire hon. secretary, and Mr. W. Wakley, of Burton, hon. treasurer. It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Derby, and the next quarterly meeting at Melbourne. The President subsequently delivered a short address on bell-ringing, and votes of thanks were passed to the clergy who had allowed the use of their church bells that day, to the Burton branch for their arrangements, and to Messrs. Bass & Co. for their kindness.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

A DISTRICT meeting of the above Association was held at Minehead on Saturday, the 31st ult. The towers represented were Minehead, Dunster, Old Cleeve, Stogumber, and St. Mary's, Bath. Preceding the short service, which was held at St. Michael's at four p.m., some *STEDMAN DOUBLES* and a short touch of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* were rung. The Rev. J. Utten Todd conducted the service, and the Master of the Association (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, Bath), read the lesson. The Rev. H. C. Courtney gave a practical

address on Col. iii. 17. After service an adjournment was made for tea, and at its conclusion the Master, who occupied the chair, referred to the absence of the Secretary, who had promised him that morning to be present. He was therefore unable to lay the minute-book before the meeting. After some discussion, the Rev. J. Utten Todd proposed the following resolution:— 'That the present Secretary be requested to resign, and that a Secretary be appointed by the present meeting to hold office until the next annual meeting.' This was carried unanimously, and Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve, Washford, was appointed to act as Secretary until the annual meeting. After some certificates had been signed by the Master, the members adjourned to the tower of St. Michael's, where further ringing took place.

'The Hastings Ringer.'

THE Hastings Ringer, which was patented in 1892, is an automatic hand-chiming machine, on a new principle, by means of which Mr. Horne, its inventor, claims that one man, by turning a handle, may produce upon eight bells an effect differing very little from that produced by the ringing of a cycle or touch of eighty changes on the bells in the ordinary way. Mr. Horne has evidently spent much time and labour, and doubtless money too, in the elaboration of his machine. The changes may very likely sound 'pretty' to the general public, but they could only grate on a change-ringer's ear. We are far, very far, from wishing ill to the venture. We sincerely hope that neither Mr. Horne nor Messrs. Taylor may lose money in it. We hope they may gain some. But we sincerely trust that, where there is room and structural strength for swinging bells, the need of this apparatus may be a vanishing quantity.

Narrow Escape of a Bell-ringer.

ON Sunday morning a bell-ringer named Borrowdale was lowering one of the bells at Kirkby Stephen parish church, when he was caught round the neck with his own bell-rope, and hauled aloft. The man sustained serious injury before he could be rescued from his involuntary hanging.

WM. WILLSON writes:— 'Will the correspondent who stated in *C. B.* for March 9th that there was something wrong with the coming home course of peal 96 please make himself more lucid, as the peal is true to the best belief of the composer and others?'

[Refer again to the paragraph in question, on page 266.]

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see next page.)



A LONDON TEA GARDEN OF 100 YEARS AGO.

(FROM A DRAWING BY GEORGE MORLAND.)

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 18 mins. E. Pitstow, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; J. Griffin, 4; G. Martin (first peal in the method), 5; J. F. Penning, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed by F. Pitstow, and conducted by W. Wakley.

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent.

On Friday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5120 CANTERBURY MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. J. Turner (first peal of MAJOR), 1; W. L. Reeve, 2; T. Saxby, 3; F. J. Cullum, 4; A. Peill (first peal in the method), 5; G. Conyard (composer and conductor), 6; E. Barnett, 7; C. Wilkins, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Washbrook's peal of 5376 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. R. Hawes,* 1; J. C. Truss, jun., 2; F. G. Biggs, 3; F. Biggs, 4; F. Boreham,* 5; S. T. Goodchild, 6; R. H. Biggs, 7; W. E. Yates (first peal of MAJOR as conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. J. C. Truss, jun., and W. E. Yates came from Great Marlow; the rest are local men. The greatest number of changes rung on the bells. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

At St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. G. E. Turner, 1; F. Derbyshire, 2; J. Ridyard, 2; J. Ireland, 4; H. Chapman, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; R. Ridyard (conductor), 7; T. Rushton, 8. T. Rushton came from Pendlebury; Chapman and Turner, Manchester; the rest are local men.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Darlington, Durham.

On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. by the following members of the Durham and Newcastle Association:—A. E. Moncaster, 1; R. Moncaster,* 2; W. Bell, 3; J. Whitfield,* 4; H. S. Taylor,* 5; W. D. Lister,* 6; F. A. Teesdale,* 7; J. Baxter, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. 13 lb. Composed by William Royle and conducted by James Baxter. This is the first peal rung in Darlington by an entirely local company, and was rung at the third attempt. [* First peal.]

At St. Collen's, Llangollen, North Wales.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., the following members of the Oswestry (Salop) Society rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, a variation of Holt's Ten-part peal, in 3 hrs. 1 min.:—W. Morris,* 1; R. Martin,* 2; E. Jones, 3; D. Davies (aged eighteen, and first peal as conductor), 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards,* 6; K. Evans (first peal with a bob-bell), 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. The ringers beg to record their thanks to Mr. J. W. Davies, of the local band, for having the bells in readiness and in good going order. [* First peal.]

At Warnham, Sussex.

On a recent Sunday, in 2 hrs. 53 mins., the following members of the Warnham Band rang a peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES before the eight o'clock morning service. W. Charman, 1; W. Hooker,* 2; T. Andrews, 3; W. Pelling, 4; J. Cook,* 5; W. Short, 6; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 7; A. Cox (first peal), 8. [* First peal with a bob-bell.]

At the Parish Church, Framsdon, Suffolk.

LATELY, eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. D. G. Wightman (conductor), 1; H. Baldry, 2; E. Wightman, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; H. W. Baldry, 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6; S. Wightman, jun., 7; G. Wightman, 8. Composed by Mr. H. Dains, of London. This is supposed to be the first peal rung in the county on tower bells by fathers and sons. The Messrs. Baldry belong to Brandeston, and the Messrs. Wightman to Creetingham.

At the Parish Church, Shipley, Sussex.

THE parish church having been restored and a new bell added, the first peal on the same was rung on a recent Sunday. It consisted of 5040 changes, in four methods, in 3 hrs. S. Woolgar, jun., 1; W. Peirce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Turrell, 4; S. Woolgar, sen., 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. MARY'S, BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—On Tuesday, the 3rd inst, 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (each called differently). W. Stilwell, 1; W. Whiting, 2; Rev. H. C. Stokes, 3; G. Beagley, 4; W. Wheeler, 5; T. Burrows, 6. First 720 by all the ringers. Thanks are due to the careful teaching of Mr. W. Wilkinson, of Petersfield, their instructor, and to the excellent work of Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, by whom the bells were rehung, and one recast, some months ago.

At MANCHESTER.—Handbell-ringing.—On the 8th inst., at the residence of Canon Woodhouse, 720 BOB MINOR in 21 mins. Miss Woodhouse (first 720), 1-2; H. C. Woodhouse, 3-4; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 5-6. Also 336 of BOB MAJOR. Miss Woodhouse, 1-2; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 3-4; H. C. Woodhouse, 5-6; G. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 7-8.

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At BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On a Saturday, 720 OXFORD BOB in 24 mins. J. Elderfield, 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Alder (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Basden, 5; C. Clark, 6. Also a variety of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

At ST. ANDREW'S, HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On a Monday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 47 mins. W. James, 1; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; H. Hicks, 3; A. Finch, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. Pratt, 7; A. Dampier, 8.

At FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On a Wednesday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins. A. Crook, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Alder, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clarke, 6. On a Wednesday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, in which A. Day rang the treble, it being his first 720. And 360 OXFORD BOB.

At ST. MARY'S, UPCHURCH, KENT.—On a Tuesday evening, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. T. Hyland, 1; W. Laker, 2; W. Seamer, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; G. Dennis (first 720 in the method), 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

At ST. MARY'S, BOW, LONDON.—On a Monday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins., taken from Holt's Original. C. Dempsey, 1; J. Scholes (longest length with a bob-bell), 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; E. Hall, 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; D. Sutton, 8.

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must lead to a deeper knowledge of the problems involved, and of the structure and character of the Gospels. The old controversy as to the authenticity and genuineness of the Four Gospels has passed away, and we are now face to face with the newer one, more important we think, and much more fruitful: granting the Gospels as historical records of facts, how did they come to be written, and what lies behind them in the form of earlier oral or documentary tradition? And to the settlement of these questions Mr. Halcombe's books are important contributions.

SOME SALIENT POINTS IN THE SCIENCE OF THE EARTH. By Sir J. William Dawson. With 46 Illustrations. (London: Hodder & Stoughton. 1893. 7s. 6d.)—There is a certain sadness in reading this book, since it is 'intended as a closing deliverance on some of the more important questions of geology on the part of a veteran worker, conversant in his younger days with those giants of the last generation who, in the heroic age of geological science, piled up the mountains on which it is now the privilege of their successors to stand.' This means, of course, that Sir J. W. Dawson, whose own contributions to science are very considerable, both in number and value, does not side with the more recent theories of later writers. Thus, he declares, *e.g.* (p. 27), that 'we are now prepared to say that the struggle for existence, however plausible as a theory, when put before us in connexion with the productiveness of animals and the few survivors of their multitudinous progeny, has not been the determining cause of the introduction of new species.' And the facts, as stated and marshalled by the veteran geologist, certainly tend to weaken the probabilities of the theory as the sole explanation of existing and past phenomena. The whole book is delightfully written and well illustrated, and we regret that the progress of time will prevent the author from giving us many more, though we are glad to note some articles from his pen that are now appearing in the *Expositor*.

TREES PLANTED BY THE RIVER. By Frances A. Bevan, author of *Three Friends of God*, &c. (Nisbet & Co. 4s. 6d.)—Will be valued by all who love the sweet mysticism of the Middle Ages. It is a treasure-house of holy words, and a record of some comparatively little-known saintly lives, such as those of Gertrude von Hackeborn, Julian of Norwich, and Richard Rolle. The key-note of their teaching is, 'The true, the only Christianity, is Christ,' and the quotation (from, we think, a more modern teacher) with which the book ends summarises its contents:—

'En Te trouvant, j'ai trouve toute chose,
Et ce bonheur m'est venu par la foi.
C'est sur Ton sein qu'en paix je me repose;
Je suis à Toi; je suis à Toi.'

GEORGE CHAPMAN. A Narrative of a Devoted Life. By R. S., with Preface by the Rev. Alfred Gurney. With Portrait and Plates. (London: Swan Sonnenschein & Co. 1893. 4s. 6d.)—The mere fact that this is the second biography of Mr. Chapman that has appeared since his death in 1891, testifies to the great influence he had and the magnetic power of the man. It is truly the record of a devoted life, and as such deserves to be read and its lessons well pondered.

A THREEFOLD MYSTERY. A Tale of Monte Carlo. By Constance Serjeant. (London: Elliot Stock. 1894.)—A well-told story, written with a good deal of local colour, an intricate plot subtly wrought out, and a healthy spirit.

We are glad to see that new editions have been called for of Mr. Edwin Hodder's *SIMON PETER: HIS LIFE, TIMES, AND FRIENDS*, and of his *EPHRAIM AND HELAH: A STORY OF THE EXODUS*, both published by Hodder Brothers. The feature of these new editions consists in the excellent illustrations which are now given. The manner in which these narratives of the Bible have been expanded and explained is worthy of much praise.

MAGAZINES.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains as usual a great variety of interesting, amusing, and curious illustrations. The most important are a series of 'fine art' photographic pictures, by Mr. Adam Diston, of Leven.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE has a long table of contents. They include five complete powerful stories; an account of an interview with the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, which is well illustrated; a third article on 'Crimes and Criminals'; more of the 'Portraits of Celebrities'; a paper telling 'How Composers Work,' and more of the amusing 'Zig-zags at the Zoo.'

In the April Quarterly Magazine of the *Ministering Children's League* (Price 1d., from 83 Lancaster Gate, London) the Countess of Meath continues her bright record of her 'Travels in Distant Lands.' Moved by the earnestness of a Hindu Pundit at Bombay, Lady Meath has formed 'a League of Kindness' for Hindus, Jews, Mahomedans and other

non-Christians, and the cards have been printed in Arabic for their use. Lady Meath gives an interesting account of her stay in Cairo, and her efforts there to plant branches of the League. Lord and Lady Meath addressed eight schools in Cairo—of course through an interpreter—though even that is not easy, as they were told that some of the children speak four or five languages, though none of them perfectly. The Magazine contains also the usual 'good news' of the branches in home and far-distant places, and various literary contributions by the young members of the League.

THE QUIVER contains contributions by the Bishop of Winchester—'The Love of Christ in Judgment,' and Archdeacon Sinclair—'Joy, the Fruit of the Spirit.' There is a paper on 'Mr. Moody in his Native Air,' describing the birthplace and home of the American Evangelist at Northfield, Mass.; and the Rev. Michael Eastwood writes on 'Vipers—and Public Opinion.'

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE contains, in addition to the usual supply of useful matter, interesting papers by Mr. Raymond Blathwayt, on 'Professions for our Boys: The Navy,' and E. A. Bonsor on 'People who face Death: Lifeboat Men.' Mr. Lyulph Stanley and Ivor Merle write on the question 'Are Children being Over-Educated?' and there is a good supply of fiction.

ATLANTA has a pretty frontispiece of 'The Child Handel,' and several good papers. The serial story, 'A Costly Freak,' by Maxwell Gray, is brought to a conclusion in this number. The Prize Competitions are an attractive feature of this magazine.

LITTLE FOLKS will be welcomed by children of all ages for its stories, fairy tales, songs, &c.

FROM Messrs. Novello, Ewer, & Co., we have received a copy of *BETHLEHEM*, which the composer, Dr. A. C. Mackenzie, calls a Mystery instead of an Oratorio. The libretto is from the experienced pen of Mr. Joseph Bennett. This work was written, by request, for performance at the Chicago Exhibition of last year, but had to be withdrawn in consequence of the collapse of the musical arrangements. It was first produced on Thursday week by the Royal Choral Society, Dr. Mackenzie himself conducting. The libretto of *Bethlehem* would, we think, have been better, and would have assisted the popularity of the work, had it adhered closer to the Biblical text. Of the music we can speak in terms of unqualified praise. When every number is so good it is hard to particularise, but, perhaps, the palm for abstract beauty and skilful musicianship should be awarded to the chorus for female voices, with soprano and tenor soli, 'Glory to God.' The orchestration throughout is picturesque, and at times intensely dramatic, effective use being made of the harp, glockenspiel, and triangle. *Bethlehem* is, undoubtedly, the greatest of Dr. Mackenzie's many sacred works. At the performance on Thursday week, the vast audience listened with rapt attention, occasionally breaking into enthusiastic demonstrations of approval, and at the close awarded the composer-conductor a hearty recall.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The second monthly meeting was held at Bebington, on Saturday, the 7th inst. There were present, Rev. Canon Feilden (in the chair), Rev. A. Neild, F. R. T. Bolton, the Hon. Secretary, and sixteen ringing members representing the following towers:—Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry (St. Peter's), Woodchurch, and West Kirby. After partaking of tea, kindly provided by Canon Feilden and the Rev. A. Neild, a short meeting was held, at which it was arranged to meet at Heswall on May 5th. By permission of the Rector the tower was open during the afternoon and evening, and several touches were tried by those present. The only touches worthy of mention were two peals of 720 BOB MINOR rung by the following: J. Picking, E. Breeze, T. Hughes, J. Cliffe, F. Jones, and J. Dillon (conductor).

Hardwycke, near Wellingborough, Northants.

The bell hanging in the tower of the church of St. Leonard, Hardwycke, is of much interest from an antiquarian point of view. Mr. North, in *Church Bells of Northamptonshire*, classes it amongst the few remaining 'ancient' bells of the county. It is inscribed, 'Sam Rosa Pulsata Mundi Katerina Vocata,' in well-formed 'Black Letter,' relieved by the trade mark or sign of the maker, William Underhill. Like most very old bells, it is not dated, but the character of the lettering and inscription clearly show that it was cast previous to the Reformation. Its diameter is thirty-six inches. Until the year 1795 there were two bells. At that time one was sold to raise funds to take down the south aisle of the church, since rebuilt. Unfortunately this old bell has now become cracked. It is proposed to have a set of tubular chimes (A-G) in its place. They will cost about 120*l.*, and are to be supplied by Messrs. Harrington & Co.

Dedication of Bells at Thorverton, Devon.

On Sunday last, at evensong, at the invitation of the Vicar of Thorverton, the Bishop of Exeter dedicated two new treble bells, from the foundry of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel. The bells were placed (previously to their being hung in the tower) at the west end of the church, near the font. After the third collect, the Bishop, preceded by the Vicar bearing the pastoral staff, together with the choir, walked in procession down the aisle and formed around the bells, which had been prettily decorated with choice flowers. A short service of dedication sanctioned by his Lordship was used, in which was a hymn written for the occasion by Rev. S. Childs Clarke, the vicar. The hymn was very heartily sung by the choir and the large congregation, who were familiar with the tune. Its motto was, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.' It contained the following verse:—

'In all times of joy and sorrow,
With their voice of melody,
Pealing forth their notes of gladness,
Or in mournful minstrelsy,
Jesu, Lord, they teach Thy lesson
Unto all—sweet sympathy.'

The Bishop preached an impressive sermon on Psalm cxvii. He pointed out that this was one of the 'Alleluia' Psalms, and formed part of the great 'Hallel' sung by the Jews at the Passover, and joined in by our Lord. 'Ever more and more' was the mark of God's loving kindness, and so should be our praise of Him. The two new bells would complete the octave. The treble and the tenor would now be in tune with each other. So it was in the eight Beatitudes in the Lord's great Sermon on the Mount—the first was in perfect accord with the last. He trusted the improved music heard from the tower would be an additional inducement to the parishioners to attend the church services. He paid a well-deserved tribute to the worthy Churchwarden to whose memory they are dedicated. They are inscribed as follows:—'Laus Deo. In Memoriam, A. F. Risdon, Vicar's Warden, S. Childs Clarke, M.A., Vicar. H. T. Radmore, Parish Warden, A.D. 1894.' The Bishop warmly thanked the organist (the Vicar's daughter) and the choir for their effective rendering of the service that evening. He also sent a message of thanks to the ringers for their peal of welcome to him.

The Parish Church Chimes of Wellingborough, Northants.

WELLINGBOROUGH seems to have had chimes at an early date, for in the forty-second year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1600) new chimes were put in, superseding an older set, which had doubtless been in use a great many years. The document authorising the expenditure of the Peoffee charity money for the purpose reads thus:—'Also we appoynte for the newe Chymes in the Church (& other charges about the Church) so that the same be sett in notes after the best manner of a tune, discretely to be considered upon & amended from the foolish tune now in use—£4 in regard to the same chymes going at the end of foure hours & especially in the night season is by the grace of God, a severall warning for the vylage to have better regard to the fyres for to avoid casualties, & a tyme to prevent disorderly persons at due tymes to avoyd unlawful gaming, stealing & disorders in the night, and a tyme for to know when apprentices shall aryse & goe to their rest indifferently betwene them & theyre maisters, and other good considerations wh we think is for the common benefit of the parishes of Wendlingburgh—and other payments for the repayre & about the Church we appoynte the same four pounds.' Without doubt, there would be at least a peal of five at that time. In the reign of Edward VI. most of the town churches had four or five large bells. An old will, quoted by Cole, states that Richard Clerke left 'twenty pence towards the bells of the Church of Wellingburgh, A.D. 1500.'

There are no further entries in the church books concerning the chimes until 1714, when the sum of 16l. 6s. 5½d. was expended in 'repairing the chimes to go at the hours of 3, 6, 9 & 12, and each time to go eight times about the cylinder.' The four tunes we were formerly accustomed to list n to were possibly put on the barrel when this repairing was done. They were 'Milton' (Sunday tune), 'Turkish March,' 'How pleasant is expression,' and 'Henrietta,' the latter being generally called 'Johnny Walker.' This work was probably done by Aires, of Kettering, as, three years later (1717), this entry appears: 'Paid Aires, for repairing the chimes, £12.' The same year 4l. were spent in 'repairing and mending the clock.' Thirty-three years afterwards, Thos. Eayre, bell-founder and clock-maker, of Kettering, supplied the present clock, which bears the date 1750, and the names of Stephen Hodges and Thos. Taylor, churchwardens. There is no entry of the cost of this clock, so the money was most likely raised by subscription. Nineteen years ago Messrs. Gillett & Bland were called in to attend to the clock, to which they fixed the new 'gravity escapement,' and put a new pendulum, &c. They also overhauled the old tune-barrel, putting its many wires and hammers into proper trim. This cost 35l., most of which was subscribed by the town.

When the two new bells were added to the old peal of six in the year 1884, the chimes were taken down, and 'Johnny Walker,' and the other old tunes that had delighted the townsfolk and kept the Grammar School boys 'up to time' for so many years past, were heard no more. However, through the generosity of Mr. W. Woolston, of Westlands, the parish church possesses a set of carillons far superior in every way to the former. The full peal of eight bells, ranging from a treble of 8 cwt. to a tenor of 30 cwt., connected with a machine such as Messrs. Gillett & Bland supply, produces music that affords much pleasure and enjoyment to the inhabitants, is a credit to the town, and forms a lasting memorial of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. It is fitted with two barrels, and plays fourteen tunes—ten secular and four sacred.

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The Rev. J. WILLIAMS BUTCHER, 35 Park Road East, Birkenhead, writes: 'I have great pleasure in complying with your request and in putting in writing what I have already said by word of mouth. I was much inconvenienced by a very irritating species of eczema. Several remedies that I have tried failed to give me more than a very temporary relief. I finally tried HOMOCEA, with happiest results. The relief was almost instantaneous, and what is more to the point, the soothing effect remained, and a complete cure resulted. Yours truly, J. WILLIAMS BUTCHER.'

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'Holylake, 19th Aug., 1893

'DEAR SIR,—I want to thank you for that wonderful preparation, HOMOCEA, which we use for about everything; but lately my little girl had a bad ringworm on the head, and my doctor said her hair would have to be cut close. But I preferred using the Homoea, and in four days it was quite well; and the doctor said I ought to give you a testimonial, and I think so, too.

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The Bells of Withyham, Sussex.

THE history of these bells, according to the *Chichester Diocesan Gazette*, is imperfect through the church having been destroyed by fire in the year 1663, when all the ancient documents perished. The following entry in the oldest Parish Register thus describes this catastrophe: 'This June ye 16, 1663, was Wytheham Church burnt down by a tempest of thunder and lightning.' There is another record mentioning the bells:—'The church where the present Lord Chamberlain, Earl of Dorset and Middlesex, his ancestor's monuments were, was torn by lightning that came in at the steeple, melted the bells, and went up to the chancel, and there tore the monuments in pieces,' &c. At the present time there are six bells with the following dates and inscriptions:—On the smallest or first bell is the date 1715, inscription illegible; on the second, 'John Waylett made me, 1715;' the third, 'John Waylett made me, 1715;' the fourth, 'Robert Mills and Stephen Oliver, C.W., 1715;' the fifth, 'Michael Darbe made me, 1674, W.M., W.C., Churchwardens;' the sixth, 'Michael Darbe made me, 1674, W.M., W.C., Churchwardens;' round this tenor bell (weight 18 cwt.) are small medallions of King Charles II. In a letter dated Buckhurst, Jan. 2, 1673, from Richard, fifth Earl of Dorset, is the following promise of assistance to the Churchwardens:—'Whereas the bells of the Church of Whythyham are to be sett up, and that I find there wants but a small quantity of mettall to make set up the five bells in the steeple, I doe therefore allowe and allot the sum of forty pounds and rough tymber for the full and complete settinge up the said rings of bells,' &c. This is the history of the two bells of 1674. The other three mentioned in the Earl of Dorset's letter were recast in 1715 at a cost of 37l. 10s., the number being increased to six. It is understood by the oldest parishioners that the bells were recast in a pit near the churchyard. The bells are excellent in tone. In 1724, the Rector of Withyham (the Rev. John Smith) mentions six fine bells in a return made to the Bishop of Chichester of Church property, &c.

The 'Hastings Ringer.'

SIR,—My attention having been called to the kindly notice of my 'Hastings Ringer' in your current issue, will you allow me to correct a misapprehension which you, sir, would seem to endorse?

My machine was never intended either to discourage, or to compete with, true ringing. Its use will provide, I believe, the next best thing to good ringing, and a much better thing than bad ringing. It should *supplement*—not displace—the ordinary ringing of a parish; and should provide, at least, the *effect*, where the real thing is not to be had.

Personally, I should be most sorry to see anything introduced which would make change-ringing less popular than it now is, or would in any way hinder it. Of the makers I need only say, that every member of the firm, so far as I know, is an enthusiastic change-ringer himself.

A machine of a simpler kind, put up by me, which has now been at work for more than three years in a Midland parish, has so little interfered with the ringers that they have been known to use it themselves when they found themselves short-handed.

EDWARD H. HORNE.

Islington, N., April 16th, 1894.

Information Wanted.

SIR,—Can you kindly inform us how to proceed to form a bell-ringing association to ring our parish church bells, consisting of a peal of ten? I have got the names of sufficient volunteers, but we are at a standstill for some one to instruct us. We are at present at the mercy of a branch of the College Youths, and our Rector (Rev. E. Hoskyns) would much like the bells in the hands of our own men. Any information you can give will be gratefully received.

E. S. STANSFIELD, Hon. Sec.

St. Dunstan's, E., Social Club, April 16th.

Peal 96.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. W. Willson, in last week's issue, I did not state that the peal was false, but that there was something wrong about the coming-round course. Since writing, I find that the peal will run home with calling the last course 9th before, then 9th before with a double—and not as stated.

THE CORRESPONDENT.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5021 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 29 mins. J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 1; A. C. Hawes, 2; C. H. Fowler, 3; C. Houns-low, 4; A. Fox, 5; A. Dubber, 6; W. Baston, 7; T. Payne, 8; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 9; W. Finch, 10.

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

On Monday the 9th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang Dains' peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; B. Foskett, 3; G. Smith, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; P. Howard, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The first peal in the method by the Waterloo Society, and rung at the first attempt.

At St. Saviour's, Bacup, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Thurston's Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 42 mins. F. Howorth, 1; J. Sutcliffe, 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. T. Standing, 4; W.

Ashworth, 5; J. Shepherd (conductor), 6; Rev. C. H. Clements (Rams-bottom), 7; W. Law, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

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

On Thursday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Captain C. E. Warner (first peal), 1; E. Monkelow, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 3; C. Goble (first peal inside), 4; G. Smithers, 5; W. Stud, 6; W. Latter, 7; G. H. Stonestreet, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore came from Canterbury; Messrs. Latter, Goble, Monkelow, and Smithers, Tunbridge Wells; the rest belong to the local company.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 378.)

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.

SIXTY-SECOND INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. BELTON. Woodville, Bourne.

[Relative to the case of her son, which was published in the weekly journals July 18, 1889.]

In the course of my travels for the purposes of these interviews I have met with persons well on past middle life who attribute to Mr. Congreve's medicine all they have of health and strength. I have also met with cases of young children who have been restored to healthy life; witness the patient now under notice.

The mother, Mrs. Belton, gave me the following account of her son's illness and recovery:—

'When my boy was three years old he had an attack of inflammation of the lungs, and another when he was seven. He was very bad; for weeks I had to sit up with him at nights with a constant fire in the room. In addition to great weakness he had a terrible cough, and with the expectoration there was some blood. He got so thin that we were almost afraid to lift him off the couch. He didn't get any better under the doctor who attended him, so my husband applied to Mr. Congreve.'

'And what was the result of that?'

'He seemed to mend right away. For a very long time he had no appetite, and had taken no solid food; after the second dose of the medicine he asked for something to eat. From that time he seemed to get better—he kept on improving until he quite recovered, and we were able to send him to school. The doctor who attended him says now that he is a mystery to him, but he doesn't know what we gave the boy.'

'And he recovered notwithstanding that when Mr. Belton first wrote "he was as low as he could be to be alive?"'

'Yes; I don't believe he would have lived if he hadn't been for Mr. Congreve. He has never been ill since.'

'If your son is near I should very much like to see him, Mrs. Belton.'

'He is in a situation in the town, but I have no doubt you can see him.'

And after I left Mr. Belton's house I went to the place of business where he is employed. The boy seemed sturdy and well enough, and his master assured me that while he had been in his employment he had enjoyed good health.

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At the Parish Church, Sandhurst, Gloucestershire.

RECENTLY a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was rung in 2 hrs. 32 mins. A. Price, 1; B. Etheridge, 2; A. Holford, 3; S. Newman, 4; W. Pugh (conductor), 5; G. Bennett, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is the first 5040 rung on the new bells, and their 'going' was much admired.

At the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., a mixed company of ringers of the parish church rang Reeves's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins., which is the shortest time on record for a peal to have been rung on these heavy bells. J. E. Gummerson, 1; J. Barker, 2; A. Shaw, 3; W. Marsden (conductor), 4; W. Major, 5; S. Hill, 6; R. and J. Fisher, 7; J. F. Hall and G. Staveley, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At RAINHAM, KENT.—On a Saturday, 360 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. P. Taffs, 1; J. Tullet, 2; W. Kings, 3; W. Easter, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, PENGES, SURREY.—On a Thursday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR. T. Chandler, 1; G. Durling, 2; G. Wickens, 3; J. Marshall (first 720 in the method), 4; W. J. Battson (first 720 in the method with a bob-bell), 5; W. Smith (first in the method as conductor), 6. Chandler came from Lewisham; Durling, Bromley.

At ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 640 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Truss, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; H. Warnett, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; J. E. Davis (conductor), 8.

At HARTLIP, KENT.—On a Saturday, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR in 27 mins. G. A. Ransom, 1; J. Laker, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; W. Kings, 4; W. Haigh, 5; J. Tullett (conductor), 6.

At ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 768 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR. G. Langford, 1; J. Willshire, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; W. J. Sorrell, 4; F. Buck, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8. And for evening service, 504 STEPMAN TRIPLES. F. Buck, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; J. Willshire (conductor), 3; G. Langford, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; S. Andrews, 6; J. N. Oxborrow, 7; W. Lamb, 8.

At ST. MARY'S, LAMBETH.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 1152 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 49 mins. G. Langford, 1; W. G. Sorrell, 2; F. Buck, 3; G. Willshire, 4; T. R. Bell, 5; S. Andrews, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7;

H. R. Newton (conductor), 8. The longest touch of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR by all the band.

At ST. LAWRENCE'S, SEAL, KENT.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the afternoon, 720 BOB MINOR (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. J. Kettell, 1; D. J. Goldsmith (conductor), 2; S. Cole, 3; C. Seager, 4; F. Kettell, 5; H. Collyer, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt., in G.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—On a Sunday evening, a date touch (1894 changes), being two peals (720) and 454 of BOB MINOR, each called differently, in 1 hr. 9 mins. W. Read, 1; R. Ward, jun. (conductor), 2; H. Trett, 3; T. Osborne, 4; R. Ward, sen., 5; F. Starling, 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt. This is believed to be the first date touch rung on the bells.

At HOLY TRINITY, GOSPORT, HANTS.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. E. Reynolds, 1; F. Burnett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Peckham, 4; H. Westbrook, 5; R. Gardner, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; R. Davies, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rigby. Longest touch by all the band, and longest touch in the method on the bells.

At ST. DUNSTAN'S, CHEAM, SURREY.—On a Wednesday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. W. Watts, 1; F. R. Northfield, 2; C. Spence, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; G. Gomm (conductor), 5; F. Northfield. First 720 on the bells by all local men.

At SPELDBURST, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; H. Edwards, 3; R. Pelling, 4; F. Still, sen., 5; A. Tawney (Maidstone), 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; G. Turley, 8.

At ST. ANDREW'S, FARNHAM, SURREY.—On a Wednesday, for service, in honour of the jubilee of the Loyal Hop Blossom Lodge of Oddfellows (M.U.), a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. J. LeClerc, 1; A. Smith, 2; W. Baxter, 3; G. H. Barnett, 4; H. L. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, sen., 6; A. E. Headey, 7; H. Wright, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford, 2; O. Evershed, 3; H. Lee, 4; G. Balching, 5; C. Blackman (conductor), 6; H. Haggett, 7; A. Mills, 8. And 546 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Searle, 1; H. Haggett, 2; H. Lee, 3; O. Overshed, 4; C. Blackman, 5; F. Luxford (conductor), 6; G. Balchin, 7; A. Mills, 8.

At MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On a Monday, for practice, 395 GRANDSIRE CATERS. T. Bonner, 1; G. Pawley, 2; W. Mannering, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; T. Mannering, 5; C. Payne, 6; A. Tawney, 7; E. Elliott, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; W. Barnes, 10.

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REVIEWS.

THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY, AND OTHER SERMONS AND ADDRESSES. By A. Theodore Wirgman, B.D., D.C.L. (London: Bemrose & Sons. 1893).—Dr. Wirgman here deals with some Church problems connected with the work at home and also with missionary work, but particularly with the difficulties connected with the Church in Natal, with which he has had special connexion for many years. He writes from the standpoint of a very High Churchman, but we are glad to see that he unhesitatingly condemns a recent proposal to keep the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are some stirring and wise counsels contained in these sermons which all would do well to take to heart.

THE STORY OF THE NEW GOSPEL OF INTERPRETATION. Told by its Surviving Recipient (Edward Maitland). (London: Lamley & Co. 1893. 3s. 6d. net).—Of the perfect good faith of Mr. Maitland and Dr. Anna Kingsford, whose story is here so well told, no one who at all knows the facts has ever had any doubt. The doubt is as to the newness of the method of interpretation suggested. A deeper study of Church history would have shown Mr. Maitland that many of the Fathers quite believed that the old heathen deities were real existences, but with the difference that they held them to be satanic in origin and control. And so as to the strong insistence upon the inner witness: we quite agree with that point of view, but urge only on the other side that the inner witness and the historical Christ are one and the same, mutually interpretive, and not destructive. Mr. Maitland has written a fascinating book, but not converted us to his view of Christian theology.

FOUNDATIONS OF SACRED STUDY. By C. J. Ellicott, D.D., Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. (London: S. P. C. K. 1893. 2s.).—These four lectures were delivered as a charge to the clergy of the Archdeaconry of Bristol, and well deserve a larger audience. They deal with the best methods to be adopted in the study of Holy Scripture and of Christian doctrine; and it need not be said that Bishop Ellicott, being a past master in both these branches of theology, is qualified, as but few besides him are, to teach the younger generation. The right method of study is an element too frequently overlooked in our busy days, and its neglect leads to desultoriness and shallowness to which ignorance is often preferable.

THE NURSERY TEA AT STREATLY MANOR HOUSE; OR, HOW TO HELP THE S.P.G. By the Author of *Gipsy Mike*. (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co. 1s. 6d.).—A good text-book for persons who want to know all about the S.P.G. Not, however, so good a story. No young girl in her right senses would ever give such formal lectures as Alethea inflicts upon her little brothers and sisters at their nursery tea: or, if she *did* attempt such an absurdity, the aforesaid brothers and sisters (the youngest a baby of three) most assuredly would not 'stand' her statistics. But this little book is written with an excellent purpose, and, placed in the hands of *elder* children, may serve to rouse an interest in Foreign Missions.

THE CHRIST-CONTROLLED LIFE; OR, THE SECRET OF SANCTITY. By the Rev. E. W. Moore, M.A., incumbent of Emmanuel Church, Wimbledon. (London: James Nisbet & Co. 1894. 2s. 6d.).—Written to bring out the essential differences between a self-centred or self-controlled and a Christ-centred and Christ-controlled life, this book contains much wise and timely instruction. The style is nervous and clear, the illustrations apt and well chosen, and the spirit suited to the important topic of the book.

COTTAGE LECTURES ON HOME NURSING. By Catherine J. Wood. (London: S. P. C. K. 1894. 1s.).—Should be very useful for instructing country and town folk in the necessary but difficult art of nursing. Written by one whose experience and sympathy well qualify her for the task.

MAGAZINES.

THE CRITICAL REVIEW contains many important and valuable articles, among which we note Professor A. A. Bevan on Sayce's unsatisfactory 'Higher Criticism and the Monuments'; Mr. T. Raleigh on Owen's 'Sceptics of the French Renaissance'; Professor Marcus Dods on Knight's 'Christian Ethics'; and Professor Iverach on Kaftan's 'Truth of the Christian Religion.' The 'Record of Select Literature' is full and adequate, but we notice a few mistakes.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS sketches Kossuth and Labouchere, and Mr. Stead writes vividly on his first visit to America.

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At the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Evans, 1; J. Goodchild, 2; H. Stratford, 3; F. Boreham, 4; F. Biggs, 5; J. C. Truss, jun., 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; R. Biggs, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. C. Bedwell, 1; A. Pheasant, 2; A. C. Bedwell, 3; W. Bedwell (conductor), 4; T. Chandler, 5; H. Barrett, 6; H. Warnett, 7; C. Walker, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Old Windsor, Berks.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Parker's Twelve-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. G. Hoare, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; T. E. Harwood, Esq., 4; Tom Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Puplett (Hoddesdon), 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Tunstead, Norfolk.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., eight members of the St. Peter Mancroft Society and the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 5120 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. A. Trollop, 1; P. Sadler, 2; G. Howchin, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; E. Francis, 5; J. Gower, 6; C. E. Borrett, 7; F. J. Howchin, 8. Composed by J. S. Wilde, of Hyde, Cheshire, and conducted by J. A. Trollop. The second peal upon the bells, and the first in the method. It was rung at the conclusion of a sermon by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ives) upon 'Bells and Bell Traditions.' The composition contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place, and is the first rung with these qualities. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in G.

The Bells of St. Michael's, Coventry.

An estimate has been prepared for replacing the bells of St. Michael's Church in the tower, at a cost of a little over 2000l., and an effort will be made to carry the estimate to a practical conclusion; and, in order that this may be done, and other expenses on the church cleared off, a Grand Bazaar will be held at the end of the present summer. There is a debt of between 7000l. and 8000l. still remaining on the restoration of the church, on which sum interest has to be paid. It is hoped that by holding a bazaar this sum may be wiped off, and the necessary money raised to enable the churchwardens to replace the bells.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At St. John's, DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, the 1st inst., 500 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (four six-scores and two leads), with 4-6-8 covering. W. Jefferies, 1; J. Rose (conductor), 2; W. J. Jeffries, 3; C. Venables, Esq., 4; J. Laws, 5; F. Peckham, 6; F. Palmer, 7; F. Davis, 8.

At St. Mary's, WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 21st inst., the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks' variation) in 45 mins. F. A. Nunn, 1; T. Maynard, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; G. R. Pye, 4;

J. H. Wilkins, 5; W. B. Manning, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; W. H. Freeman, 8.

At St. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) taken from the 'Original,' in 45 mins. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. Also on a Wednesday, on handbells retained in hand, 252 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

At CHEDDLETON, DORSET.—On a Wednesday, for practice, 720 WOODBINE TREBLE BOB MINOR, containing nine bobs, was rung in 25 mins. F. Clowes, 1; G. Sheldon (conductor), 2; H. James, 3; H. Birch, 4; J. Gilbert, 5; E. Spooner, 6. The first peal in the WOODBINE variation rung by any of the above, and the first rung on the bells.

At SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday evening, a touch of 768 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; A. Scott, 5; J. Campin, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; H. Harper, 8. Also a course of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott, 8. Conducted by Mr. Sillitoe. On a Sunday evening, for service at All Saints', a touch of BOB MAJOR, and after service a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Howell, sen., 1; C. Silvester (conductor), 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett and F. Tolliday, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At St. PETER'S, WALWORTH, LONDON.—On a Tuesday, an attempt was made for a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, but after ringing two hours it came to an end owing to the gas being turned off. W. Meads, 1; T. Langdon, sen., 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. Perrin, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; P. Howard, 6; J. E. Davis (first attempt as conductor), 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. On a Sunday another attempt was made, which also proved unsuccessful through the treble rope slipping wheel. W. Meads, 1; F. Perrins, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. S. Bayley, 4; A. S. Davies, 5; P. Howard, 6; J. E. Davis (conductor), 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. Composed by H. Dains.

At the CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Thursday, for practice, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 50 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froom, 8.

At GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On a Wednesday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Blomfield, 1; C. Waskett, 2; H. Brazier, 3; J. Moore, 4; F. Lemon, 5; E. Prince, 6; H. F. de Lisle (conductor), 7; J. Barton, 8. And several courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on handbells. J. Moore, 1-2; C. Waskett, 3-4; H. F. de Lisle, 5-6; E. Prince, 7-8.

At ROMSEY, HANTS.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 630 BOB TRIPLES (twenty-two bobs and one single). For evening service, 532 BOB TRIPLES (twenty bobs and two singles). C. Cole, 1; T. Cole, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; J. Walker, 5; F. Russen, 6; J. Elcombe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8.

At WESTERHAM, KENT.—On a Sunday, for early service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 47 mins. H. V. Selby, 1; R. Stone, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; G. Steer, 4; E. R. J. Dunk, 5; H. J. Selby (conductor), 6; J. Heath, 7; A. H. Collins, 8. Longest length by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

At UPCHURCH, KENT.—On a Tuesday, a date touch (1894 changes) in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 454 BOB MINOR, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE, and 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. H. Shipp, 1; G. Capeling, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; A. Dunster, 5; G. A. Ransom (composer and conductor), 6. First date touch on the bells.

At PENCE, SURREY.—On a Sunday, for afternoon service, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. J. Town, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Wickens, 3; T. Harford, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. George (the peal at Wombourne has appeared); and others.

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The Kent County Association.

THE annual meeting will be held at Tunbridge on Whit Monday, May 14th. Committee at 11.30 a.m., service in parish church with address by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Howard Gill) at 12.30 p.m., dinner at 1.45 p.m. in the Public Hall, to be followed by the general business meeting. The following towers will be open for ringing before and after service and dinner:—Tunbridge (8), Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's (8), Speldhurst (8), Chiddingstone (8), Hadlow (8), Penshurst (6), Shipbourne (6), Leigh (5). Application for dinner tickets to be made to the Secretary. Members are requested to notice that dinner tickets will not be issued to those whose subscriptions are not paid.

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Canterbury, May 1st, 1894.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

THE annual meeting will be held at Blandford on Monday, May 28th. Divine service at 11.45 a.m. Meeting for election of officers and general business after service. Dinner at the 'Greyhound' Hotel at 1.30 p.m. (2s. 6d. per head). Travelling expenses, up to 3s. per head, will be allowed to ringing members sending in their names to me and stating how many dinner tickets will be required, not later than May 18th.

J. R. JERRAM, *General Sec.*

The St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter.

THE nineteenth annual meeting of the above Society was held in the belfry of the Parish Church on Tuesday, the 10th ult.—the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A., in the chair. There were also present Messrs. H. and G. Hems, S. Herbert, A. C. Bird, F. and E. Shepherd, J. Moss, C. Carter, T. Mudge, W. Drake, A. Southcott, T. Townsend, S. Perkins, B. Munday, W. Richardson, T. J. Lake, E. Sargant, and F. Davey. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were read and adopted, the former showing a balance in hand. The Society has rung one peal of 5040, four quarter-peals, and several touches, making a total of about 15,000 changes which have been rung true and complete. There were twenty-six members on the books. The places visited during the year

had been Chagford, Drewsteignton, Witheridge, Axminster, Chard, Withcombe (Exmouth), Thorverton, Olyton, Pinhoe, and various towers in the city. The following officers were elected:—President, the Rector, Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. Hems, S. Herbert, G. Hems, and A. C. Bird; Ringing Master, Ferris Shepherd; Treasurer, Edwin Shepherd; Secretary, Frank Davey. Mr. Squires was elected an honorary member. A vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Templar, who kindly gives a present every year to the member who attends most regularly, the winner this year being Mr. T. Mudge.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

THE annual meeting of the Yateley band of change-ringers was held on the 17th ult. at Hatfield, the residence of the esteemed President of the Yateley Society. Before the business commenced, the President thanked the ringers for having rung the bells on the occasion of the birth of his first grandchild, and also after the baptism of the baby, which took place in Yateley Church. Both himself and Mrs. Stilwell were quite touched by the expression of goodwill shown by the ringers towards themselves, and also to their son and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. Holt Stilwell). Mr. H. Hilton, the foreman ringer, responded in the name of the ringers. The President having briefly replied, the business commenced. The minutes of the last year's meeting having been read and confirmed, the usual business was gone through, and the financial position of the Society was found to be in a very good state indeed, thanks being due to the liberal-minded gentleman at the head of affairs, who has always been such a friend to the ringers. The President and foreman having been re-elected, and there being no other business, the meeting was declared closed. A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. Hilton, and seconded by W. Tice. The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell.

The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was held at Newchurch, on Saturday, March 31st, and was attended by members from Bacup, Heywood, Helmshore, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, and Waterfoot, besides the local company. The bells were set going about four o'clock. An adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where tea was provided by the Rector; after which the meeting was held, the Rev. T. B. Eddrup (curate) presiding, in the absence of the Rector. The minutes being passed, it was proposed that a peal-book be provided, and all peals rung by the branch be entered therein. Another member was added to the roll. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector for providing tea, and to all that waited at the tables; also to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness; also to the Chairman for presiding. The tower was again visited, when various touches, including 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, were rung.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 416.)

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, London.

On Tuesday, the 17th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang J. Carter's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; W. Sorrell, 2; C. F. Winney (conductor), 3; E. E. Huntley, 4; T. Groves, 5; A. P. Goddard, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; W. E. Garrard, 8. E. E. Huntley came from Bushey; Groves and Goddard from Salisbury.

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

On Saturday, the 21st ult., ten members of the Royal Cumberlands rang the following peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 30 mins. J. Rogers (composer and conductor), 1; C. E. Malin, 2; J. Nelms, 3; W. Truss, 4; J. Barry, 5; H. Warnett, 6; A. Church, 7; W. Hasted, 8; F. Pitts, 9; A. Dean, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt., in D. This performance was rung as a farewell peal to the venerable James Jackson, M.A., who had been vicar of this parish for the last forty-three years. Thanks are due to Mr. Lovett for getting the bells in readiness, and to Albert Church for filling the place of an absentee.

5003 Grandsire Caters.

(With 2nd 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th bells in regular rotation, each nine courses behind the 9th bell; the first composed or rung in this method with these qualities in a limited number.)

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5 6 4 2 3	7-8	6 2 5 3 4	2 3 6 4 5	3 4 2 5 6	9th 3	5 3 4 6 2
6 4 5 2 3	7-8	2 5 6 3 4	3 6 2 4 5	4 2 3 5 6	8-9	4 3 2 6 5
5 4 3 2 6	8-9	6 5 4 3 2	2 6 5 4 3	3 2 6 5 4	8-9	2 3 5 6 4
3 4 6 2 5	8-9	4 5 2 3 6	5 6 3 4 2	6 2 4 5 3	9th 3	5 2 3 6 4
4 6 3 2 5	7-8	5 2 4 3 6	6 3 5 4 2	2 4 6 5 3	8-9	3 2 4 6 5
6 3 4 2 5	7-8	2 4 5 3 6	3 5 6 4 2	4 6 2 5 3	8-9	4 2 5 6 3

* This lead-end obtained by bobs at 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 10th, and 11th leads.

2 3 4 5 6
'at hand' by calls at 1-3.
JOHN ROGERS.

At St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang G. Lindoff's peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 17 mins. A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Cooper, 3; C. Samson (first peal), 4; S. Wolfe, 5; G. Wilson, 6; J. M. Button, 7; G. Hardy (Kelsall), 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Portsea, Hants.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang J. J. Parker's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. E. Macey, 1; J. Staple, 2; H. Barnett, 3; H. Jennings, 4; W. J. S. vior (conductor), 5; G. Install, 6; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At St. Oswald's, Oswestry, Shropshire.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. Morris, 1; D. Davies (conductor), 2; R. Martin, 3; E. Jones, 4; W. H. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; R. Evans, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The first peal since 1731 by a purely local band.

The new ring of bells at St. Mark's, Lyncombe, Somerset, were to have been used for the first time on April 25th (St. Mark's Day), but this was found to be impracticable, as certain structural alterations will cause a month's delay, and it will not be till the end of this month that the bells will be in readiness for use.

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AT ST. MARY'S, WINKFIELD, BERKS.—On a Wednesday, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. G. Bailey,* 1; W. Holdway,* 2; W. Walker, 3; W. Bailey, 4; G. Worsfold*, 5; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. [* First 720.]

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF

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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.

SIXTY-THIRD INTERVIEW.

With Mr. R. DEEKS, 49 Cavendish Road, Mill Road, Cambridge.

[Whose case was published in the weekly journals, January 16, 1890.]

MR. ROBERT DEEKS is a guard employed on one of the great lines of railway, and is a monument—not only living but speaking, and speaking eloquently—of what Mr. Congreve's treatment may accomplish when everything else has failed. His was indeed, from the ordinary practitioner's point of view, 'a hopeless case,' for consumption was hereditary, and Mr. Deeks himself was reduced to a pitiable condition, which seemed to preclude all possible hope of recovery. But the story, brief and interesting, will best be told by the sufferer himself, with whom I recently had a chat in one of the offices on Cambridge railway station.

I asked Mr. Deeks to tell me what relatives he had lost by consumption, and his reply was:—

'My father, all his brothers, two sisters of mine and one brother, all died of consumption. My father suffered terribly for many years, and so did one of my sisters.'

'And I understand you also have been afflicted with the same complaint. Will you tell me just how it was?'

'First of all I had an attack of bronchitis, which left me with a bad cough. At that time I was living at Bishop Stortford, and was attended for a long time by a medical man there. My breathing was very bad, I had much pain, and I raised a fearful amount of expectoration in large lumps. I had to leave my situation on the railway I was so ill, and for four years and ten months I was unable to work. One morning the doctor came to see me, and afterwards, when out of the room, told my wife he was very sorry to see the great change in me, that my lungs were entirely gone, and that there was no more hope of my getting better. He added that she had better let my friends know at once, as it was impossible I could last long. My friends were sent for, and came to my bedside to bid me good-bye.'

'Well, it is evident you did not die, Mr. Deeks. Is it correct that you ascribe your recovery to Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'To that and nothing else. When I was in the condition I have mentioned a lady living at Bishop Stortford gave me a small bottle of the medicine, and wrote to Mr. Congreve to obtain a large bottle and advice. When the medicine came I took it, and within a week I had a mutton chop, the first solid food for three months. From that time I gradually got better, and was able to go back to work, being appointed to a position here at Cambridge; now, at the age of fifty-two, my health is capital, and I am able to follow my occupation as a guard.'

Mr. Deek's appearance is that of a man in robust health; there is certainly nothing to suggest that he has any constitutional disease, and a doctor who examined him since his recovery pronounced him quite well, and said that his lungs were healed.

The sense of gratitude is very strong in Mr. Deeks, and he has made known to other sufferers the benefits he has received, in many cases with good results. He mentioned one instance to me, that of the father of one of the men employed on the station, who suffered severely with asthma, so much so that he had to give up work. After persevering for some little time with the treatment he recovered, and was able to go to work again.

I should like to add to this that it was not until Mr. Deeks had placed me in possession of the foregoing facts that I gave him any information as to the reason of my curiosity. When I told him that I was Mr. Congreve's commissioner, he begged me to convey to that gentleman his sincere thanks for the kindness he had received at his hands.

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SOUND. An Elementary Treatise. By C. L. Barnes, M.A., late Scholar of Balliol College, Oxford; Science Master at the Hulme Grammar School, Manchester. (London: James Nisbet & Co. 1893. 1s.)—Mr. Barnes has produced an admirable text-book, lucidly written and excellently illustrated. The chapters on organ-pipes and harmonics are particularly well done.

LEGENDA MONASTICA, AND OTHER POEMS. Third Edition. (London: Mowbray & Co. 1894.)—Quaintly written and admirably got up. Deserves its success.

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND HANDBOOK OF EXAMINATIONS AND OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS, 1894. (London: Whittaker & Co. 1894. 1s.)—An excellent guide to Public Schools and University scholarships and examinations.

MAGAZINES.

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES will be read for Professor Salmond's notice of the late W. Robertson Smith, Mr. F. H. Woods' article on 'Hebrew Prophecy and Modern Criticism,' the continuation of Professor A. B. Davidson's remarkable treatment of the theology of Isaiah, and the many and useful editorial notes and reviews.

THE EXPOSITOR gives us Mr. Chase's criticism of Professor Ramsay's reply to Professor Marcus Dods on 'Some Objections to the Ethical Teaching of Christ,' and another of Mr. John Watson's suggestive and inspiring studies, the subject being 'Faith, the Sixth Sense.'

In the **CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE** Mr. Rendel Harris writes on 'Creed and Character,' and Major Seton-Churchill on 'The Clergyman's Wife.'

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE is a capital number. Its frontispiece is a pleasing process illustration of Miss Dorothy Drew, Mr. Gladstone's grand-daughter. There are a number of complete short stories, and there is an interesting account of a 'Morning Call' on Robert Louis Stevenson in his island home at Vailuna, Samoa. The illustrations are numerous and good.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE has among its interesting contents a paper entitled 'Are Sunday Schools a Failure?' and another, 'The Anglican Bishopric and Bishop Blyth's Work at Jerusalem.'

GOOD WORDS (Isbister & Co.) has a graphic sketch of Damascus, 'The Pearl of the East,' enriched with several views; a detailed account of 'The Dockers' Restaurants,' worked on strictly commercial principles, though founded by philanthropists; and a notice of the life and work of 'The Hon. Sir Henry Ramsay, the "King" of Kumaon.' The little poem by L. B. Walford, 'Life's Tools,' is full of compressed thought.

THE QUIVER opens with a new serial story, entitled, 'A Good-for-Nothing Cousin,' which promises to be very interesting. The Bishop of Ripon contributes the third of his series of papers on 'The Book of Ruth.' Mr. Raymond Blathwayt, in his talk with Professor Max Müller, tells us about 'Young Oxford of To-day,' and the usual short papers make up a good number.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE seems ever to improve. This month a new volume is commenced, and we have 160 pages of varied reading and beautiful illustrations. There are several complete short stories, and of the two serial tales, Mary Hallock Foote's 'Cœur d'Alene' is concluded, and Mark Twain's 'Pudd'nhead Wilson' draws near its 'finis.' The account of part of the plucky journey of two American students from Constantinople to Peking, entitled 'Across Asia on a Bicycle,' is a capital bit of reading, as is also the 'Captain of the Slave Ship *Cora*,' the last slaver taken by the United States. The first part of 'A Loan of Half-Orphans' is admirably told, and the account of 'Hunting an Abandoned Farm in Upper New England' is a graceful piece of writing.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE (Isbister & Co.) contains a capital description by Canon Liddell of 'St. Albans Abbey,' with illustrations showing various portions of the edifice and of the town. Dr. Alexander Macleod suggests the lessons of 'Hidden Lives.' Dr. Wright, under the heading 'A Queen and her Dolls,' describes the dolls' house displayed in the Batavian Exhibition of 1893, containing three hundred miniature representatives of the various peoples inhabiting the Dutch East Indian Empire, and designed to become the property of the child-Queen of Holland. Mrs. Rundle Charles issues the first part of an interesting essay on 'Women under the Jewish and Christian Religions,' written at the request of the Chicago Women's Convention; and W. V. Taylor furnishes some 'New Lights on Tennyson,' culled from Mr. Stopford Brooke's new volume.

In the **LEISURE HOUR** (R.T.S.) the chief topics are 'Spain,' 'The Earl of Rosebery, K.G.' (with portrait), 'William Alexander, LL.D.' (with portrait and views), 'The Wings of Insects,' and 'The Foreign Food of Britain.'

IN CASSELL'S MAGAZINE, one of the serial stories, 'Margaret's Way,' is brought to a pleasing conclusion, and the number is full of interesting papers and useful hints.

THE first number of the **BRIGADE** has been sent to us, being the new official organ of 'The Church Lads' Brigade,' founded in 1891, and already doing much useful work amongst boys and young men.

IN the **CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE** (C.E.S.S.I.) Mr. Martin Knapp offers practical hints on 'The Use of the Printed Lesson,' of which we heartily commend the whole to young teachers, and the concluding advice to all, though we consider that a teacher is not 'full grown' who develops his lesson out of any published 'Notes,' rather than out of his personal thought and Bible study. 'Notes,' at best, are a poor substitute for original research and consideration.

WE gladly welcome, in the **SUNDAY AT HOME** (R.T.S.), a review, by Lily Watson, of Christina Rossetti's 'Verses,' recently reprinted in one volume (S.P.C.K.). The extracts are well chosen, and the writer's remarks upon the poetess and her work are sympathetic and just. Many readers will be glad to possess the accompanying portrait, 'Dr. Stoughton's Recollections' and 'A.L.O.E.' are good biographical articles.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C.M.S.) reports a deficit of nearly 13,000*l.* on the Society's funds for the recently closed financial year, and asks for prayer that this may be cleared off before the anniversary, on May 1st. At the evening meeting in Exeter Hall on that date, Mr. Eugene Stock was able to announce the joyful news that this had been more than accomplished—a striking commentary on the words of the Lord of the Harvest, 'Ask, and it shall be given you.' The *Intelligencer* gives particulars of the forthcoming 'Missionary Conference of the Anglican Communion,' to be held at the end of the month.

THE THINKER continues to fill a useful niche in contemporary literature. Mr. W. Warren on 'The Internal Evidence of the Authorship of the Pastoral Epistles,' Dr. C. Taylor on 'St. Mark's Gospel and its Ending,' and Professor Margoliouth on 'Mohammedan Mystics,' are the chief articles.

JEWS AND CHRISTIANS, a new quarterly (Nisbet, 6*d.*), contains useful and interesting contributions from Dr. Sinkov on 'Christ in the Talmud,' Mr. A. Lukyn Williams on 'Nicholas de Lyra and Professor Hermann,' L. Strack on 'The Blood Accusation.' The whole number is full of important matter.

RECEIVED ALSO:—**THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER** (R.T.S.); **OUR OWN GAZETTE** (Y.W.C.A.); **FRIENDLY WORK, FRIENDLY LEAVES**, and the **ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL** (G.F.S.); the **CHURCH WORKER** (C.E.S.S.I.); the **MISSION FIELD** (S.P.G.); the **GLENER, AWAKE!** and **CHILDREN'S WORLD** (C.M.S.); **LITTLE FOLKS** (Cassell & Co.); and the **MUSICAL TIMES** (Novello & Co.)

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at Haslingden on Saturday, the 21st ult., and was attended by members from Burnley, Bacup, Cloughfold, Helmshore, Newchurch, Ramsbottom, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, and the local company. The chair was taken by Mr. H. H. Nutter. The business over, the usual vote of thanks was given, and the tower again visited, touches of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** and **BOB MAJOR** being rung during the afternoon and evening.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

HALESWORTH DISTRICT.—The fourth quarterly meeting in connexion with this district was held at Wenhamston, on Saturday, the 21st ult. The tower was open for ringing from four till nine, and **STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE, BOB DOUBLES, OXFORD TREBLE BOB**, and **BOB MINOR** were rung. At the meeting in the evening, which was well attended by members from Halesworth, Bramfield, Bampton, Westhall, Wrentham, and the local company, the Rev. J. B. Clare presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and four new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Westhall, in July. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and also for presiding.

The Bedfordshire Association.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., a friendly gathering was held at Sandy, Beds., when members attended from Sandy, Bedford, Biddenham, and Eynesbury, the occasion being to erect a tablet recording the first 5040 in seven methods upon the bells. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. C. Herbert and his son Cyril, and also to the band who rang the peal. The son, Cyril, kindly made the tablet, free of expense except material, and his father wrote it. They have also erected several tablets in the belfry at Woburn, being a faithful record of all the peals that have been rung there.

The North Lincolnshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the members of the above Association was held at Lincoln on Saturday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Mr. Linley, of Gainsborough. About 150 partook of tea in the Oddfellows' Hall, and at the business meeting the Dean of Lincoln (the Very Rev. E. Wickham) was elected President of the Association in place of the late Dean Butler. The Rev. R. Bond, of Gainsborough, was elected Hon. Secretary in place of Mr. G. Chester, of Lincoln, who resigned. The other officers and the Committee were reappointed.

The Coffinswell Church Bells, Devon.

THE four ancient bells which hang in the tower of Coffinswell Church are to be restored. Two date as far back as the year 1553. They bear the Latin inscription:—*'Prolege Virgo pia quos convoco Sancta Maria' ('Holy Mary, pious virgin, protect thou whom I call together')*. The two others, no doubt recasts, are of later dates (1626-1637) and are inscribed:—*'Solo Dio Ditur Gloria' ('Glory be to God alone')*. The 1637 bell, which is the tenor, is cracked, and will have to be recast. It is proposed, when funds admit, to add a fifth bell. Among those who have contributed to the cost of the restoration are the Bishop of Exeter, the Vicar of St. Marychurch, and Mr. Mallock, M.P.

The Bells of Thorverton, Devon.

ON Ascension Day these bells, which had been dedicated by the Bishop on April 15th, were formally opened by the St. Sidwell's (Exeter) band, members of the Devon Guild. They rang 2000 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in admirable form—Mr. G. Childs Clarke, the Vicar's son, taking the tenor. Members of the Guild from Twerton also rang touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN. The Rev. Maitland Kelly (vicar of Ottery St. Mary and Secretary of the Guild) preached an appropriate sermon from Zech. xiv. 20, 21, claiming all things and persons connected with the Church as 'Holy unto the Lord.' The two new bells were pronounced in excellent tune with the other six, and were said to reflect much credit on Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the founders, and Mr. Harry Stokes was also praised for hanging them so well.

A Visit to St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

PROMPTED by the harmony of the overhead music of the bells as they rang forth their full peal one evening last week, we, in the course of our evening stroll, passing the grey old tower of St. Mary's, felt tempted to turn aside and see what we could.

Braving the perils of knocks and abrasions easily to be obtained from the temporary scaffolding erected round the tower, we made our way to the little postern door leading to the belfry, and after winding round and round, in semi-darkness, ever higher and higher, we at length emerged into the belfry chamber. Here we found ourselves in a spacious and comfortable room where the ringers were assembled under their leader, Mr. H. Bedwell, whose enthusiasm for his art is only equalled by his courteous willingness to explain its mysteries to the visitor. The walls of this room are covered with a number of tablets commemorative of the doings of the Society of Trinity Youths in former generations. One of these, dating back to the year 1784, registers the remarkable performance of the ringing of a peal consisting of 10,080 changes in the space of 6 hrs. 33 mins.; another commemorates the ringing of a peal in honour of the fall of Sebastopol in 1855; while a third is noted as recording a remarkable peal rung in 1881 at the reopening of the church after its restoration by the Countess of Dartmouth.

It is gratifying to observe the perfectly reverent and orderly manner of conducting the practice, a marked contrast to the scenes that were often witnessed in the belfries of our churches in former days. This result may be largely attributed to the useful work done by kindred societies to the Kent County Association of Change-ringers, of which the Lewisham branch is among the most flourishing, owing, perhaps, to its possessing one of the finest peals in the county.

The bells, as newly rehung, are mounted on an ironwork frame, which is unique of its kind, and gives opportunities to the lovers of campanology which cannot easily be surpassed.

Time would fail to enter into the mysteries of TRIPLE BOB MAJOR, GRANDSIRE peals, and other recondite mysteries of the art upon which, however, much could be written; but we may conclude by stating that it is well worth one's while to brave the ascent to the belfry chamber on a practice-night, in order to witness for one's self what can be done by earnest co-operation under competent leadership, which is here exemplified to the full extent.—*Lewisham and Lee Herald*.

THE composition of the peal rung at St. Mary's, Battersea, on the 17th ult., composed by Mr. Carter and conducted by Mr. Winny (No. 15), appeared in *Church Bells Supplement*, August 11th, 1893.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

ON Saturday, the 14th ult., ten members of the All Saints' Society rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERERS in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; J. G. Green, 3; W. J. Sorrell, 4; W. H. Rowland, 5; J. George (Rugby), 6; C. Hindes, 7; J. W. Driver, 8; C. Charge, 9; H. Adams (first peal), 10. Tenor, 21 cwt. Composed by James George, and conducted by J. W. Driver.

At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. H. Tidy, jun., 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; H. E. Simpson, 3; C. Milway, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; A. Hardy, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. J. Walker, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, Norfolk.

ON Saturday, the 21st ult., a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. by eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers. The composition is a two-part one, composed by Mr. H. Dains, of the Royal Cumberland Society. E. Smith (conductor), 1; G. Prime, 2; J. Boughton, 3; F. Borrett, 4; R. Whiting, 5; J. Tann, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

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

ON Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang C. H. Martin's peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. G. H. Stonestreet (first peal of MAJOR), 1; J. Baker, 2; E. Mankelov, 3; J. Maynard, 4; W. Latter, 5; G. A. Card, 6; A. E. Edwards (first peal of MAJOR with a bob-bell), 7; T. Card (conductor), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells.

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At St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxfordshire.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 59 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; J. Hands, 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 band had intended to have attempted the 13,440 of DOUBLE NORWICH, but finding the Cumberlands had been a few days before them, the above peal was rung by way of consolation.

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

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. G. Williams (conductor, 200th peal) 1; J. Goldsmith (first peal of STEDMAN) 2; F. H. Harding, 3; J. Batts, 4; R. J. Dawe, 5; R. W. Hoather, 6; K. Hart, 7; A. J. Turner, 8.

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

On Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Johnson's peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 3 mins. I. Shade (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; J. Pettit, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; Y. Green, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; S. E. Joyce, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The above was rung on the anniversary of the birthday of I. G. Shade, and also as a birthday complement to H. Langdon, whose anniversary was on Friday, April 27th, the last-named date being the anniversary of the 15,840 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, rung on the same bells.

At St. Michael's, Tilehurst, Berks.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. F. Hopgood, 1; C. Giles (first peal in the method), 2; A. W. Pike, 3; J. Martin-Routh, Esq., 4; C. Chapman, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; Rev. F. Robinson (conductor), 7; L. Rolfe, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Messrs. J. Martin-Routh and C. Chapman belong to the local band; A. W. Pike, Caversham; Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton; the others to Reading.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. A. J. Callaway, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; A. Pearce, 3; S. Macey, 4; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; C. H. Watts, 7; S. Ames, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. It was rung on the occasion of the opening of the new church of St. Mark.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At YORK MINSTER.—On Saturday, the 28th ult., by kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean, an attempt was made to ring a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS on the bells of York Cathedral, but after 2 hrs. 15 mins. it came to an end, one of the men being taken ill. C. H. Hattersley (conductor)* 1; T. Dixon,* 2; T. Hattersley,* 3; A. C. Fearnley, 4; F. Earnshaw, 5; G. Worth, 6; T. Haigh, 7; A. Haigh, 8; W. Morrell, 9; T. Hodgson, 10; S. Thomas,* 11; G. Breed, 12. Tenor, 54 cwt. [* Came from Sheffield; the others are local men.]

At THE ABBEY, ROMSEY, HANTS.—On a Wednesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 45 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; C. J. North, 3; J. Elcomb, jun., 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; T. Cole, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Walker, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. This was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

At St. MICHAEL'S, SITINGBOURNE, KENT.—On a Sunday, for evening service, a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1894 changes) in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Shedd, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; E. J. Bottle, 4; H. E. Simpson, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; J. H. Champion, 8. Messrs. Ockwell and Champion came from Rainham, Kent; the others belong to the local company.

At ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of BOB MAJOR (1280 changes) in 47 mins. A. Ough, 1; J. Green, 2; E. H. Adams, 3; W. Meaton, 4; W. Elson, 5; H. Rowland, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; C. Charge (conductor), 8.

At BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Sunday, for early celebration, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins. J. Town, 1; R. Humphery, 2; E. Dunn, 3; F. Sanders, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; T. Harford, 7; W. James, 8. For the 11 o'clock service, 560 BOB MAJOR. G. Simpson, 1; R. Humphery, 2; W. Smith, 3; P. H. Harman, 4; G. Durling, 5; J. Emery, 6; T. Harford, 7; T. Groombridge (conductor), 8.

At St. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—On a Thursday, for practice, 680 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Grist, 1; J. Chalk, 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; E. T. Green (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merrett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; A. Goodenough (longest touch), 8. On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 518 in the same method. A. Grist, 1; J. Chalk, 2; J. G. Bennett, 3; E. T. Grist (conductor), 4; G. H. Plummer, 5; S. Merrett, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. G. Goodenough, 8.

At HOLY TRINITY, BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On a Friday, for Confirmation service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 25 mins. H. Heyworth, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; T. Redman (conductor), 3; M. Wood, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Mounsey, 6. On a Sunday, for Divine service in the morning, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 28 mins. H. Heyworth, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; M. Wood (conductor), 4; T. Redman, 5; T. Mounsey, 6. On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins. D. Campbell, 1; R. Ashworth, 2; H. Heyworth (conductor), 3; T. Redman, 4; M. Wood, 5; T. Mounsey, 6.

At EMMANUEL CHURCH, STREATHAM, SURREY.—On a Monday, for practice, 756 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. Russell (aged eighty-four years), 1; W. J. Pell, 2; S. Greenwood, 3; A. G. Freeman, 4; F. Pates, 5; E. Moses (conductor), 6; G. Pell, 7; W. Shepherd, 8.

At GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 700 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. And, after service, 840. J. Bloomfield, 1; C. Waskett, 2; H. F. De Lisle (conductor), 3; H. Brazier, 4; F. Lemon, 5; J. Moore, 6; E. Prince, 7; C. Hawkes, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On a Thursday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR (twenty-two singles) in 20 mins. W. Russell, 1; H. S. Reeves, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. And 360 BOB MINOR. W. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; W. Burrows, 3; E. E. Pratchett, 4; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 5; H. Chapman, 6.

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Kettering	Exact	23 1 4
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and the compactness of the whole body would give health and vigour to each separate member; each would be raised to its full power by combination with the rest, and therefore without realised union there is so little perfection possible for individual souls. Something may be done, a beginning may be made, but each will bear the mark of incompleteness. There will be something one-sided, partial, meagre, dwindled, about it all. Gifts, capacities will be there, but will not be carried forward to their full power; they will languish, linger, lack force, lack opportunity, lack courage, lack success. The Church will live on, but it will have this peculiar sorrow, that it will not bring its fruit to perfection.

Once again, is not that exactly what we see on every side? Does it not perplex us? Does it not dishearten us? So many and so pregnant the signs of life, yet all disappointing, all missing fruition, none brought to perfection. Without unity, no perfection according to the prayer of the Lord, 'That they all may be made perfect in one.' That is the secret of our shame, and we cannot but recognise the reason of our failure, and pray with a new force to the merciful God Who has waited so long to see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied—pray Him of His infinite patience and inexhaustible compassion, to grant us again that unity by which alone His vine can yield Him the rich grapes by which He may be glorified.

The World to be Won by Unity.

Lastly, we all know too well the third loss that we must expect so long as we are divided. It is given in the prayer, 'That they all may be one, that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me.' Unity, we know, is the measure of our power to convert the world. If only we were possessed of the glory—if only we were moving in the full sunlight under the sanction and favour of God's open witness—if only we were gathered and correlated into an ordered combination of manifold gifts—if only we were welded into an organized host, complete and compact—what persuasion would be ours, what conviction should we work, what a power for the pulling down of strongholds! And this victory, our Lord tells us, would not only be over the heathen, but upon 'the world.' It is 'the world' that would yield to unity, according to our Lord's strong prayer: 'the world'—that solid, massive weight of wickedness, the sum of all that is godless; the temper, the mind, the will, the heart, that deadly confederation of all simple motives gathered into fierce and fatal defiance of all that makes for holiness and for love. 'The world'—that very world that hated Christ and took Him and nailed Him to the tree; 'the world' would yield and break under the pressure of a victorious Church; convicted by its own failure, by its own impotence, 'the world' would know at last that God had sent Him. Beloved, we have to face this threefold loss. Let us be sure of it that while we are divided from one another we shall miss in the life of faith glory, perfection, and victory—those three. The inner unity will still hold good, which knits all believers into one Christ by one Spirit; but it will be in the dark, without open signals of favour; it will be incomplete, without the crowning grace of gifts; it will be encumbered, without the seal of conquest. It must be so until we come together again. Let us face the facts and face the losses. In facing them we win a sense of calm, for we know why it is that the sunlight falls so sparsely, and the perfection comes so rarely, and the victories are so few, and the world so stubborn and unyielding. We will walk on our way, sorrowful indeed, penitent, and ashamed, yet unsurprised, and therefore unstaggered, for this dimness we know is our proper portion so long as by our sins we deny the Church its unity in the Christ.

We will face the facts. Yes, but also we will prophesy against them; we will protest against them; we will repudiate them. They should not be so; they need not be so. The Church left the hands of its Lord one within and without, one in inward essence, one in outward order, and until its original endowment is restored to it it can never be content. Therefore, lift up thy voice, O son of man, and set thy face against this mountain of human sin, that it may be removed and cast into the sea; prophesy in the name of Him Whose prayer is still at work in His Church that it may be 'one thing'; prophesy as they prophesied of old, who though the night still blackened, and the people's sin ever deepened, still only spake all the more loudly and more clearly of the good day yet to come; prophesy against the facts in the power of the Pentecostal spirit still alive with the heat of that first creative hour. 'Prophesy into the wind; prophesy, O son of man, and say to the wind, Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' Let us all prophesy. So it may yet be that if we did but prophesy as the Lord God commands, there might yet be a shaking

among the bones in the valley, be they never so many or never so dry, and the sinews of the flesh might come upon them, and the whole Church of God might yet stand upon its feet as 'an exceeding great army.'

THE LATE RIGHT REV. CHARLES ALAN SMYTHIES, D.D., BISHOP OF ZANZIBAR.

We deeply regret to announce that a telegram from Aden reached England yesterday week to the effect that the Right Rev. Charles Alan Smythies, D.D., bishop of Zanzibar, had died of fever and had been buried at sea. No further particulars have yet reached England.

Charles Alan Smythies was born in 1844, and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, whence he graduated in 1867. On leaving the University he spent a year at Cuddesdon College, and was then ordained, in 1869, by the Bishop of Winchester to the curacy of Great Marlow, where he remained until 1872. Thence he went to Roath, where he worked first as curate and afterwards as vicar until 1883. On November 30th in this latter year, in St. Paul's Cathedral, he was consecrated Bishop of Central Africa by Archbishop Benson and Bishops Jackson, Goodwin, Mackarness, Lewis, How, and Tozer. In 1891 the Bishop penetrated into the heart of Nyasaland and laid the foundations of missionary work there. Last year he returned to England in ill-health, and, while at home, raised 10,000*l.* as an endowment for a bishopric of Nyasaland, reserving for himself the remainder of the diocese, which was renamed Zanzibar. The Bishop was far from well when he was at home, but he so far recovered his health before his departure that his friends felt no anxiety concerning his health. He had a fine physical constitution, but it has not, as the result shows, lasted under the severe strain of African missionary work ten years. He is the only Anglican Bishop who has been buried at sea.



THE LATE BISHOP SMYTHIES.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL-RINGERS.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of the Council was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on Tuesday, March 27th. Of representative members 59 were present out of 72, representing 27 out of 30 Societies, and of honorary members 5 out of 12. The minutes of the meeting of 1893 were read and confirmed.

Mr. Percival Heywood and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer being the only persons nominated for the posts of President and Hon. Secretary respectively, during the ensuing three years, Mr. Dawe proposed and Mr. Hattersley seconded the former, and Mr. Foskett proposed and Mr. Catchpole seconded the latter, both propositions being carried unanimously.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed and Mr. Rees seconded that the Rev. Canon Wigram and Messrs. Pettit, Wakley, F. E. Ward, Hounslow, and J. C. Mitchell be elected hon. members. The proposition was carried unanimously.

The Hon. Secretary read the statement of accounts, showing a balance from last year of 34*l.* 7*s.* 13*d.*; receipts from subscriptions, &c., 9*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*, making a total of 43*l.* 8*s.* 23*d.*. The expenditure was 3*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*, leaving the present balance 40*l.* 3*s.* 03*d.*

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. Debenham the accounts were passed.

The Standing Committee, consisting of the President, Hon. Secretary, the Revs. F. E. Robinson and C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. Strange, C. H. Hattersley, Washbrook, Rees, Attree, Dains, Snowdon, and Dawe, were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. T. Lockwood, on the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Grove.

It was moved by Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Newson, and carried

unanimously, that the decisions of each Council should be printed and circulated at the conclusion of the successive triennial periods.

Mr. Hattersley proposed, Mr. Attree seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Sheffield be selected as the place for the Council Meeting of 1895.

The President moved, Mr. Debenham seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the following clause be added to Rule VIII. :—'At the annual meeting next after a triennial election, members of any Committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such Committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that report.'

On the motion of the Rev. A. H. Boughey, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, it was carried unanimously that the President and Hon. Secretary, with the Rev. Canon Wigram and the Rev. T. L. Papillon, be reappointed as the Church Congress Committee. It was also moved by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, seconded by the Rev. A. D. Hill, and carried unanimously, that a sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, A. D. Hill, W. S. Willett, with Mr. Phillott, to take such steps as might seem fit for bringing the subject of ringing before those attending the Exeter Church Congress.

Mr. Strange having reported the progress he had made with a bibliography, the subject was referred back to the Standing Committee on the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by Mr. Rees, in order that Mr. Strange might continue the work.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved, and Mr. Hattersley seconded, that the printed report of the Committee on Calls and Classification of Peals, now in the hands of members, be adopted. The part of the report relating to calls was adopted, with the omission of the recommendations as to the start in Stedman. The part relating to compositions was referred back for further consideration to the Committee, consisting of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. C. Hattersley, and Mr. N. T. Pitstow, who were re-elected on the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Strange.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey proposed the reappointment of the Committee on Cheap Railway Fares, consisting of Messrs. Storey and Griffin with himself, the work being unfinished. This was seconded by Mr. Dains and carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer moved, Mr. Attree seconded, and it was resolved that a Committee, consisting of the President, Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and Messrs. Dains, Pitstow, and Snowdon, be appointed to

consider the technical terms used in the art of ringing, to suggest such corrections as may seem desirable, and to prepare a glossary for the use of learners.

Mr. Debenham moved, Mr. Buckingham seconded, and it was resolved that a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Newson, Carter, Debenham, Winny, Bastable, James, and Buckingham, be appointed to consider what action the Council should be recommended to take in regard to umpires during hand-bell peals.

Mr. Snowdon moved, Mr. W. D. Smith seconded, and it was resolved that, with a view to thorough ventilation of current questions and such subjects as are likely to be brought before the Council, it is desirable that (a) some special channel should be provided for the interchange of opinions by the members of the Council between one meeting and another, and that (b) to this end the Editor of the *Bell News* be requested by the Council kindly to grant the privilege of a column set apart solely for the correspondence of members of the Council. No letter to be published except above the actual name of the writer, to which must be annexed the name of the Society he represents.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

Society.	Present.	Absent.
Ancient Society of College Youths.	F. E. Dawe. W. D. Smith. C. F. Winny. W. T. Cockerill.	
Royal Cumberland Society.	G. Newson. H. Dains. B. Foskett. A. Jacob.	
St. James's Society.	E. E. Richards. W. L. Buckingham. (Unrepresented.)	
Bath and Wells.		Rev. C. W. Griffith. Rev. J. V. Todd.
Bedfordshire Association.	Rev. W. C. Baker.	

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see next page.)



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ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS (Continued).

Society.	Present.	Absent.
Birmingham and District Society.	J. Carter.	
Chester Diocesan Guild.	H. A. Heywood. W. Walmesley.	
Devonshire Guild.	Rev. W. S. Willett.	Colonel Troyte.
Durham and Newcastle Association.	F. Lees.	R. Story.
Essex Association.	Rev. T. L. Papillon. F. G. Newman. N. J. Pitstow.	W. Nevard
Gloucester and Bristol Association.	Rev. H. A. Cockey. E. B. James. G. H. Phillott.	
Hereford Diocesan Guild.	J. J. Bratton. J. G. Wall.	
Herts County Association.	E. P. Debenham.	
Kent County Association.	Rev. E. W. Carpenter. Rev. F. O. Helmore. A. Palmer. W. Bedwell.	
Lancashire Association.	Rev. H. J. Elsee.	
Leeds and District Association.	T. Lockwood.	
North Lincolnshire Association.	N. E. Snow.	F. F. Linley.
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.	(Unrepresented.)	H. Bastable.
Middlesex Association.	G. B. Lucas.	
Midland Counties' Association.	A. P. Heywood. J. W. Taylor. J. Griffin. S. Cooper.	
Norwich Diocesan Association.	Rev. H. E. Bulwer. Rev. J. H. Pilkington. W. L. Catchpole. R. H. Brundle.	
Oxford Diocesan Guild.	Rev. F. E. Robinson. Rev. G. F. Coleridge. A. H. Cocks.	J. W. Washbrook.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.	Rev. A. D. Hill.	T. Blackbourne.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society.	S. Reeves.	
Surrey Association.	A. B. Carpenter. E. F. Strange.	
Sussex Association.	Rev. C. D. P. Davies. G. F. Attree. J. Parker. A. E. Nye.	
United Counties' Association.	(Unrepresented.)	J. Holden.
Winchester Diocesan Guild.	F. W. J. Rees. G. H. Barnett. G. Williams. H. White. R. E. Grove.	J. S. Pritchett.
Worcestershire District Association.		
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Societies represented	27
" unrepresented	3
Representatives present	59
" absent	13
Honorary members present	5
" absent	7
Total number present	66
" " absent	20

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It was quite by accident that I heard of the case of Mrs. Westren. In conversation with a prominent tradesman of this fashionable watering place, he mentioned that he knew the case of a lady who had recovered under Mr. Congreve's treatment, after the medical man who had been attending her had said it was impossible for her to get better. Learning that the husband of this lady—Mr. Westren—was at that moment in the town, I went in search of him.

In reply to my question, Mr. Westren told me:

'I believe my wife's illness was caused in the first place through worry and overwork in nursing a relative to whom she was much attached. I must tell you, though, that her family is inclined to Consumption, for two brothers and one or two sisters have died from that disease. My wife became subject to fainting fits, and was so weak that she couldn't walk across the room. Symptoms of chest disease then showed themselves: a short, hacking cough, and great loss of flesh. The doctor, a very clever man, attended her for some months. He told her her lungs were diseased, and he gave a friend to understand that she could not live very long.'

'What induced you to apply to Mr. Congreve?'

'I wrote on the advice of a friend of mine, whose wife had been cured by Mr. Congreve when ordinary medical skill had failed. My wife took the medicine, used the liniment, and followed the advice Mr. Congreve sent. After a little while the doctor called in, and told me she was much worse—I knew she wasn't; I had every reason to believe she was getting better.'

'And the result has proved that you were correct?'

'Yes. My wife continued the medicine for seven or eight months, and got well. To show you how well she is, I may say that she has walked into Ilfracombe twice in one day: that is a distance of sixteen miles. She often walks over here once a day. She is well able to attend to her domestic duties.'

'And has she continued in good health since?'

'Yes, with the exception that she had Influenza in the early part of the winter. She was very ill then; I didn't think she would get better. She wouldn't have the doctor, but took Mr. Congreve's medicine again, and pulled round all right.'

Before I left Ilfracombe, I saw the wife of the gentleman who induced Mr. Westren to apply to Mr. Congreve. She spoke very highly of the treatment, saying it had cured her when the doctor thought her case hopeless. For reasons which she gave me, however, she preferred that her name should not be published.

[Mrs. Westren, writing me March 12, acknowledging a book that I sent to her, says, "I cannot close without assuring you of my sincere gratitude, for I know that, under God, I owe my life to your valuable medicine, for I am now well, and before taking it my life was despaired of, and my doctor told me I could only live a short time."—G. T. C.]

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

THE second quarterly meeting of the year was held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, the 28th ult., the bells being rung at intervals during the afternoon. The meeting took place in the schools at 5.30 p.m. The Rev. D. W. Mountfield presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. Supporting him were the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President, and J. Redford, Secretary; Messrs. Wrecks and H. W. Jackson were also present. Representatives attended from Manchester, Rusholme, Worsley, Garston, Bolton, Tyldesley, Swinton, Walkden, Bacup, Pendlebury, Flixton, &c. The Chairman, in the name of the Vicar and Wardens, gave the members a hearty welcome. He said that he should have been pleased to have had a cup of tea with them had they thought of the matter before. The President said the quarterly meetings were not so well attended as he should wish, although they had that day a good representative meeting; however, he believed great activity prevailed in the various branches, and he could speak from personal experience of the vigorous meetings held by the Manchester branch. Perhaps they held more meetings during the year than many associations, which he thought was the cause of smaller attendance at the quarterly meetings. He next dwelt on several matters which had been discussed at the meeting of the Central Council, and concluded by expressing a hope that the association would send four members to the meeting to be held at Sheffield in 1895. Four new members were elected, including the Revs. D. W. Mountfield and C. S. Parker, curates of Eccles parish church. The latter was present at the meeting. The Secretary proposed, and Mr. Gough (Garston) seconded, the customary votes of thanks to the authorities.

The Anniversary at Braughing, Ware, Herts.

THE Annual Ringing Festival was observed here on Thursday, the 10th inst. This day has been kept as a festival for 115 years, in commemoration of the famous peal of 10,080 BOB MAJOR rung in 1779 by the local band. It is generally agreed among ringers that it would be difficult to find anywhere in the county a more perfect ring of eight than the Braughing bells—tenor, 19 cwt., in F sharp. The day was ushered in by the local ringers, who rang the bells as the visitors entered the village. The dinner took place at the 'Bell' Inn, at which the Vicar (Rev. F. G. Ward) presided, supported by Squire Proctor, Mr. A. Gray, Mr. J. R. Haworth, &c. J. W. Leader, Esq., occupied the vice-chair, supported by Mr. Rochester, Mr. Rivers, Mr. Morris, &c. About thirty sat down to dinner. The Benington band and others rang during the day STEDMAN TRIPLES and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, conducted by Mr. S. Page. Ringers from Ware, with their handbells, were among the company. Merry tunes were played on the handbells during the afternoon, with which the company were much pleased. Squire Proctor has visited Braughing with his famous band of village change-ringers for fifty years. Mr. Haworth proposed a vote of thanks to him, hoping that he would be able to come to the pleasant village for many years. This was carried with applause. Altogether it was a successful meeting.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

THE members of the above Association held their annual meeting on Saturday, the 28th ult., about fifty being present. The chair was taken by the Master of the Association, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (curate of St. Mary's, Bathwick), who was supported by the Rev. J. U. Todd (Minehead), Rev. H. Cockey (Oldland, Bitton), Rev. A. Coode (Wells), Messrs. Rupert Lewis (general hon. secretary of the Association), Boutflower, and Fussell. After dinner there was a service at St. Mary's Church. The annual meeting was held subsequently at St. Mary's Church House, Grove Street. The annual report stated that very little had been expended during the year, and the finances were in an excellent condition, there being a balance of 19*l*. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Boutflower, seconded by the Rev. J. U. Todd. It was announced by the Chairman that the Bishop had again consented to become the president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected *en bloc*. The Master was also re-elected, and at the suggestion of the Rev. J. U. Todd it was left to the Master to form a committee comprising ringers living within his own immediate neighbourhood. Mr. Rupert Lewis referred to the difficulty which had been experienced in the appointment of local secretaries, and mentioned that he had himself been unable from various causes to devote so much time to the work as he should have wished. After some further remarks, Mr. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve, was appointed to succeed Mr. Lewis as general hon. secretary, and new members having been

elected, and a vote of thanks passed to the Chairman, the meeting terminated.

- A Muffled Peal at Hyde, Cheshire.

PREVIOUS to Divine service, both morning and evening, on the 6th and 12th inst., the bells of St. George's Church were rung, deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Eleanor Bridges, who died at St. George's Vicarage, Hyde, on the 30th of April, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Deceased was the widow of the Rev. W. Bridges, formerly Vicar of Holme St. Cuthbert, Cumberland, and mother of the Rev. W. G. Bridges, M.A., vicar of St. George's, Hyde, with whom she had resided for the past few years. The funeral took place on Saturday, May 5th, at Holme St. Cuthbert's, when the body was placed in its last resting-place in the family vault. The solemn service, in which the choir assisted, was fully choral. The muffled touches rung included the following:—Plain course of BOB MINOR; 336, 240, and 224 changes of BOB MAJOR; and 576 of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in which the undermentioned members of St. George's Society of Change-ringers took part:—J. Shaw, B. Eccles, F. Hird, J. S. Wilde (conductor), T. Bradley, W. Slater, J. A. Fildes, S. Bennett, S. Bradley, T. Wilde, and D. Leigh.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 7 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; W. H. Rowland, 2; J. G. Green, 3; J. W. Driver, 4; F. M. Butler, 5; W. T. Elson, 6; E. H. Adams, 7; J. Nichols, 8. C. Charge, 9; R. H. Burgess, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt. Composed by J. George (Rugby), and conducted by C. Charge. First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

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

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Dains' peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. P. Tyler, 1; J. Searle, 2; H. Weston, 3; F. Dench, 4; B. Jorden, 5; K. Hart, 6; J. Parker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. The first peal of SUPERLATIVE by the Winchester Guild; and the composition, in three equal parts, the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, is now rung for the first time.

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

ON Sunday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 14 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; J. E. Davis, 2; H. N. Davis (conductor), 3; F. J. Pitts, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; J. George (composer), 6; C. H. Martin, 7; P. Howard, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. Mr. Martin was elected a member in the tower, and came from Hendon. This is a regular five-part composition and now rung for the first time. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. C. E. Grenside and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. H. Lobb for assisting to have everything ready.

At St. Andrew's, Wraysbury, Bucks.

ON Tuesday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Parker's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. G. Stanbrook, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson, 2; H. Shanks, 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; J. Mills (first peal), 5; G. Whatmore, 6; R. Flaxman, 7; J. Gutteridge, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At All Saints', Edmonton, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Davis' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. J. Pettit, 1; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 2; R. Goodchild, 3; L. J. Darlington,* 4; A. W. Darlington,* 5; H. Springall, 6; J. T. Crouch, 7; W. Martin, 8. [* First peal.]

AT St. HELEN'S, ABINGDON, BERKS.—On a Thursday, for practice, the first 504 of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. Clark, 1; A. Blay, 2; F. Juggins, 3; G. Staniland, 4; A. R. Bosley (conductor), 5; T. Short, 6; G. Holloway, 7; W. Absolom, 8. Also 629 GRANDSIRE CATERS. A. Blay, 1; E. Humfrey, 2; J. Brown, 3; J. Juggins, 4; G. Staniland, 5; A. R. Bosley, 6; T. Short (conductor), 7; E. Aldworth, 8; G. Holloway, 9; W. Carter, 10. On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 629 GRANDSIRE CATERS. F. Juggins, 1; E. Humfrey, 2; A. R. Bosley, 3; J. Brown, 4; G. Staniland, 5; H. Holifield, 6; T. Short (conductor), 7; E. Aldworth, 8; G. Holloway, 9; W. Cater, 10.

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The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, June 2nd. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at the Chequers Inn, business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present will kindly communicate with me not later than Wednesday, May 30th. Nearest stations, Radlett (Midland) and Watford (L. & N.W.).
E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.
St. Albans.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

ON Saturday, April 28th, the annual meeting of this Guild was held at Christ Church, Aughton. Previous to the meeting, a short service was held in the church, at which the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Markham) delivered an appropriate address. The members afterwards adjourned to the schools, and partook of tea, provided by the members of Christ Church. After tea the business meeting was held; the Rev. C. W. Markham presided, being supported by the Revs. A. Markham, A. B. Pattison, W. T. Bulpit, and Messrs. W. L. Hutton, J. Martin, J. Smith, and others, and there was about forty members present. The Chairman said he was glad to learn that their membership had increased to 143. Their society had only been formed four years, and it was doing good work, as they could bear witness in their own parish. They had an excellent ringing secretary, who was quite alive to the business of their society. He had lately been in Cornwall, and he would read some lines he had copied from a Cornish belfry, which he considered excellent advice. They were as follows:—

'Keep attentively your time;
Every Sabbath mind to chime;
Ring changes oft in proper season;
Never drink to hurt your reason.'

The first business of the meeting was the appointment of a representative to the Central Council, and on the proposition of Mr. Martin (Blundellsands), seconded by Mr. Watts (Upholland), Mr. W. Bentham (ringing secretary) was elected as representative of the Guild.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit (Crossens) moved that the reports be accepted. He was pleased to see that they had a balance in hand of 5l. 2s. 11d. on the ordinary account, and 8l. 9s. 11d. on the Benevolent Fund. Coming to the work done, he found that several 720's, date touches, and peals had been rung. He should suggest that, in future reports, mention should be made of some of the summer meetings, and suggestions should also be embodied for the work of the coming year. Mr. Holden (Southport) seconded, and the reports were passed.

Mr. Hutton moved the re-election of the retiring officers for the ensuing year. He did not think they needed any change, looking at the results of the past year.

Mr. Fielding (Southport) seconded the motion, which was carried.

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On the motion of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, the next meeting was arranged to take place at Crosby. Several new names were submitted for membership. It was resolved that the sum of 2l. 2s. be given from the Benevolent Fund to the relatives of the late John Howard, of Crosby, a ringer.

Mr. Hutton suggested that in future the honorary members should be advised of the meetings. There were a number of them who had been churchwardens, and they would naturally take some interest in the belfries and the ringers.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit thought Mr. Hutton's suggestion a valuable one.

Mr. Hutton then moved that the honorary members should be summoned to the annual meeting, and Mr. Bentham seconded, which was carried. The usual vote of thanks closed the proceedings. Methods rung:—GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR.

The Sussex County Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual general meeting of the above Association was held at Brighton on Whit Monday. In the morning touches were rung on the bells of St. Peter's, St. Nicholas', and at St. Paul's, and at noon a short special service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, the preacher being the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugesson, rector of West Grinstead. At one o'clock the members sat down to luncheon in the Central Schools, Church Street. Prior to the commencement of the business, the Rev. C. W. Bond proposed the toast of 'Church and Queen,' and, after many kind observations, thanked Mr. Knatchbull-Hugesson for his impressive and helpful sermon. Mr. Knatchbull-Hugesson said he had only been too pleased to take part in the service. He had had some experience of bell-ringing, and would like to say that he did not think enough was done to bring the younger ones forward in this direction. It was a successful meeting.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the above Association took place at Irthlingborough, on Whit Monday, by kind invitation of the Rev. E. Biscoe, when ringers were present from Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Raunds, Finedon, Irchester, Wellingborough, Doddington, Wilby, Earl's Barton, Kettering, Desborough, Yardley Hastings, Mears Ashby, and Northampton. There was Divine service at one o'clock, with sermon by Rev. E. Biscoe. At two o'clock about ninety sat down to dinner in the school-room, and the business meeting followed with the Vev. Archdeacon Lightfoot in the chair. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Dennes) read the report and balance-sheet, showing the receipts to have been 11l. 1s. and the expenditure 9l. 17s. 6d. The present number of honorary members is 20, and ringing members 100. The Hon. Treasurer (the Rev. J. Dun) said there was a balance in the bank of 7l. 14s. The next annual meeting was arranged to be held at Kettering. New members were elected from Mears Ashby, Irthlingborough, Northampton, Wellingborough, Rushden, and Wilby. After other business the ringing, which had been going on almost continuously from early morning, was resumed.

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The Kent County Association.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held on Whit Monday, May 14th, at Tunbridge. Ringing began at an early hour at the parish church. Other towers in the neighbourhood were open, but until the afternoon were little patronised. At the Committee meeting held before the service several new members were elected, and the sum of 2l. 2s. was granted towards the peal-board at Gillingham recording the two first (and at present only) SURPRISE peals rung by the local band and by the Association. The service was at 12.30. It being Bank Holiday, there was no choir in attendance; but the members of the Association proved by the hearty way in which they joined in the responses and sang the two hymns that they could do without such assistance. The prayers were read by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the lessons by the Rev. H. Wilford and the Rev. C. Kent, and the address was delivered by the Rev. T. Howard Gill, vicar of Tunbridge.

The annual dinner was served in the Public Hall, G. D. Warner, Esq., of Tunbridge (a life member of the Association), taking the chair. The company present numbered 197. The business meeting followed. The annual report was read by the Hon. Secretary, and the balance-sheet showed that the expenditure had exceeded the receipts for the year by about 11l., and for the first time was over 100l. This was mainly owing to the unusual amount of instruction given to young bands. The reserve balance on deposit amounted at the end of 1893 to 103l. 4s. 8d. The Association continued to keep up its numbers, but there was matter for complaint in the dilatoriness shown by some of the unattached members in the payment of their subscriptions. The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected. An amendment to substitute 5s. for 7s. 6d. as composition fee for non-resident life membership, proposed by Mr. W. Bedwell (Lewisham) and seconded by Mr. F. G. Newman (London), was passed, and also two additions to the rules proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by the Rev. T. S. Curteis (rector of Sevenoaks), Hon. Secretary Tunbridge District: (1) 'Non-residents may become life members after payment of annual subscription for four consecutive years;' and (2) 'No allowances will be made to non-resident life members beyond the privilege of using the Association's railway vouchers.' The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by the Rev. T. S. Curteis, and passed with acclamation.

Ringling in the various towers open to members was the chief attraction for the rest of the day, and in one or two places was carried on till late in the evening. Everything passed off most successfully, and the members returned home thoroughly pleased with their day's outing.

The Attempted Peal at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

LATELY ten members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford made an attempt to ring a peal of 17,063 changes. It appears that they rang 7362 changes, and then unfortunately the clapper

of the tenor bell broke, and so the peal was stopped. The 7000 odd changes were rung in 4 hrs. 40 mins., so it is computed that if there had been no accident the peal would have lasted over eleven hours. For continuous ringing this is a feat worth mentioning.

Accident to a Bell-hanger.

On Wednesday, May 16th, whilst Mr. H. Bowell, senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Bowell & Son, bell-hangers, of Ipswich, was engaged in re-hanging the bells of the parish church of Boxford, Suffolk, he met with a serious mishap, accidentally slipping from the bell-frame into the pit. His son was fortunately the means of preventing him from falling through to the floor below, a distance of twenty-five feet. Mr. Bowell was conveyed to his lodgings, and Dr. A. A. Thompson was summoned, when it was found that he had sustained two severe scalp wounds, and that three ribs were broken. Mr. Bowell took an active part at the meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday at Chelmsford, of which Association he is a member, and his friends will be glad to hear he is progressing favourably. His son had only that day started work after a severe attack of rheumatic fever.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

On Whit Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Hollis's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. T. Lawrence, 1; E. Bishop (conductor), 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; T. Robinson, 6; R. Richards, 7; G. F. Grist, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. This is the first peal on the bells, and all the ringers came from Swindon.

At St. Mary's, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire.

On Whit Monday, the 14th inst., a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild in 3 hrs. W. R. Small, 1; T. Horton, 2; T. J. Bratton, 3; H. Mason, 4; J. S. Pritchett, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; J. Carter, 7; J. G. Buchanan (first peal), 8. Composed and conducted by J. Carter, and is the first peal in the method rung by members of the above Guild and in the county of Montgomery.

At the Parish Church, Banstead, Surrey.

On Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Brook's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. R. Sewell, 1; F. M. Butler, 2; J. Harding, 3; G. Welling, 4; E. H. Adams, 5; Jos. Fayers, 6; W. Burkin (conductor), 7; C. Bance, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. The first peal of STEDMAN on the bells. The ringers beg leave to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

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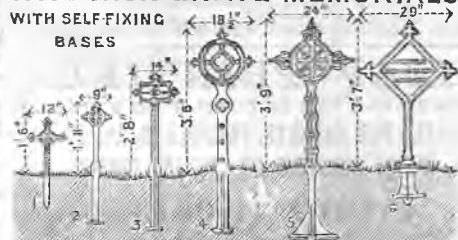
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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The St. James's Society at St. Clement Danes, Strand.

SIR,—May I be allowed to call attention through your columns to the small meetings during the past few months on the ringing nights of the St. James's Society? It seems singular that a ten-bell tower in the heart of London should be deserted, for the bells, whatever they may have been, go well now and ought to prove a meeting-ground for many young ringers, and afford enjoyable practice before their passing on to more ambitious methods and other towers.

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P.S.—Meeting on Monday next at eight.

The Bells of Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent.

SIR,—Upon paying a visit to my native place recently—Newington-next-Sittingbourne, in Kent—and examining the bells of the church, I found four of them were inscribed 'John Wilnar, 1622;' one, 'Pack & Chapman, of London, fecit, 1774;' and one uninscribed. Could you kindly give any particulars as to the foundries of the Wilnars; also Pack and Chapman—where situated, when they were founded, and when they became extinct, &c., and anything of interest in connexion with them? I have heard that Wilnar's foundry was somewhere in Kent.

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The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, June 2nd. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at the Chequers Inn, business meeting to follow. Nearest stations, Radlett (Midland) and Watford (L. & N.W.).

St. Albans.

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The Coleraine Bell-ringers, Ireland.

ON Whit Sunday a team of the Coleraine Bell-ringers' Society visited Belfast, and on the invitation of the St. Thomas's Society rang the bells of St. Thomas's Church for the services on that day. It will be remembered that about a year ago the bells of the Parish Church, Coleraine, were opened, and since the inauguration of a Society there the members have been practising continually. The ringing of the visitors was very good, and will, no doubt, continue to improve with further practice. The ringers were J. Bishop, 1; R. Edmundson, 2; T. McLaughlin, 3; M. Given, 4; J. P. Gorman, 5; S. Mitchell, 6; J. B. Murphy, 7; J. Irwin, 8. Mr. Macey conducted.

A Week of Surprise Ringing.

A WEEK'S ringing in SURPRISE methods only was held in Sussex during Whitsun week by members of the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers. The necessary arrangements had been made by Mr. G. F. Attree, the Master of the Association, and at his invitation all the peals have been taken part in by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, rector of Drayton, Oxfordshire, and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, instructor to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whilst Mr. H. Dains, of the London Cumberland Society, rang in peals on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is now three years since a week's peal-ringing has taken place in Sussex, when out of ten attempts eight peals were successful. This time it has been the aim to get quality rather than quantity, and also as far as possible to ring at the towers that were not visited on the previous occasion. The intricacy of the methods may be gleaned from the fact that on the basis of a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES scoring one point, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR scores five points, CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE six points, and LONDON SURPRISE eight points.

On Whit Monday evening, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR was attempted at St. Peter's Church, Brighton, but, after two hours, the peal came to grief owing to the illness of one of the ringers.

On Tuesday morning, at Buxted, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR proved unsuccessful after ringing an hour and a half. In the evening, at Southover, Lewes, a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. J. N. Frossell, 1; H. Dains, 2; G. A. King, 3; K. Hart, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. Williams, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8.

On Wednesday morning, at St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley (tenor, 13 cwt.), a peal of 5376 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A. A. Fuller, 1; J. Rice, 2; H. Dains, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. A. King, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. Parker, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. Another peal in the same method was attempted in the afternoon on the fine ring at St. Swithun's, East Grinstead (tenor, 25 cwt.), but unfortunately, after ringing 1 hr. 20 min., the peal ended unfinished, owing to one of the ropes breaking.

Two peals were attempted at Eastbourne on Thursday. At Christ Church a peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR was achieved in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. Weston, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; K. Hart, 3; G. A. King, 4; G. Williams, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; J. Parker, 7; J. W. Washbrook, 8. The peal was composed by Mr. Middleton and conducted by Mr. Washbrook. A peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR was also attempted on the bells of St. Saviour's (tenor, 26 cwt.), the heaviest in the county. After ringing over an hour the peal had to be abandoned, owing to the 'go' of the bells not being sufficiently good for ringing in a Major method.

On Friday a peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR was started at Henfield, but it came to an end after 3700 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. 35 mins. Another peal in the same method failed at Steyning in the evening, after about an hour's ringing. Owing to the disappointment of not being allowed to use the Hurst bells on Saturday morning, a second visit to Steyning was decided upon, and after 3 hrs. 1 min. the last of the attempts proved successful, making a total of four SURPRISE peals, two each of SUPERLATIVE and CAMBRIDGE, a record not hitherto accomplished in a week's ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Hollis's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Beams (first peal), 1; W. Chantler (first peal as conductor), 2; W. Worsfold (first peal with a bob-bell), 3; G. Chantler, 4; S. Wilson, 5; C. Read, 6; T. Miles, 7; J. Reid, 8.

At St. Peter's, Croydon, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. H. Lover (first peal), 1; E. Bennett, 2; H. Brooker (conductor), 3; A. Arnold, 4; W. Sadler, 5; A. E. Collins, 6; G. Burt, 7; F. G. Hermon, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D.

At Christ Church, Oldbury, Worcestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 15th ult., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang J. Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; J. R. Frisby (first peal as conductor), 2; J. Hares (first peal inside), 3; J. Walker (first peal), 4; S. Reeves, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Gould, 8.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 15th inst., a peal of 8800 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung by the Midland Counties' Association in 6 hrs. 16 mins. N. J. Pitstow (composer and conductor), 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; Arthur James, 3; Ernest Pitstow, 4; J. Hardy, 5; S. Smith, 6; R. F. Lane, 7; J. W. Taylor, jun., 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. This is the longest length composed and rung in the method, the first peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

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

ON Friday, the 18th ult., an attempt was made by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society to ring a peal of 10,075 GRANDSIRE CINQUES, which, however, failed, owing to a change-count, after ringing 6314 changes in 4 hrs. 28 mins. G. Longden, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; H. Heap, 3; T. Wire, 4; J. Mellor, 5; S. Booth, 6; S. Andrew, 7; J. Adams, 8; B. Broadbent, 9; J. S. Wilde, 10; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 11; A. Adams, 12. Tenor, 28 cwt.

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of the Eastern Churches, discussing the extent to which it was possible, under existing circumstances, to establish inter-communion. The Bishop has visited the leading patriarchs of the Russian Church, the Greek Church, and other Churches of the East, and thus could bring to bear on his subject a vividness of colouring which has been necessarily wanting in the case of some of the speakers. The Rev. Dr. Cutts, the pioneer of the present relations between the Church of England and the Assyrian Church, was very graphic in his description of the conditions of life among the so-called Nestorians. The Bishop of Lahore has come in contact, in his diocese, with some of the Roman Catholic missions which abound in many parts of India, and was therefore in a position to contribute valuable information to the Conference; while Mr. Eugene Stock, the well-known lay secretary of the Church Missionary Society, explained the terms on which the missionaries of the Society hold intercourse with Christian bodies not in communion with the Church of England.

In the smaller hall, the subjects treated of were 'Doctrine and Ethics,' expounded by the Rev. Robert Ottley and the Rev. G. Ensor; while the Bishop of Bloemfontein and the Rev. R. Bateman discoursed on 'Catechumens and the right time for Baptism.'

I have not attempted to give even a brief *resumé* of the substance of the papers and speeches, as the most carefully compiled précis usually fails to convey a true impression of the speaker's remarks. But I have said enough to demonstrate the widespread interest aroused by the Conference, and to show that it has fully maintained the tone, and received the support, which its promoters anticipated.

For those who wish to study more closely the numerous questions treated of during the week, it may be mentioned that an official report, published by Messrs. Spottiswoode & Co., New Street Square, E.C., will be issued on July 1st. The price will be 6s. 6d. to subscribers, if ordered before that date.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang Dains' Three-part peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 14 mins. W. Bedwell, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Pittam, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; H. Dains, 6; A. Jacob (conductor), 7; G. Newson, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5216 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. S. Macey, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; A. Pearce, 3; C. H. Watts, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; A. W. Barkus, 6; R. J. Gollop, 7; W. J. Sevier, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Composed by T. A. Card, of Speldhurst, and conducted by William J. Sevier. This composition, which is in two parts, has the 5th and 6th only in sixth place at a course-end.

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

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Dains' peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 59 mins. J. Turner, 1; W. I. Reeves, 2; T. Groombridge, 3; H. Warnett, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. J. Neale, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; E. Barnett, 8. [* First peal of TREBLE BOB.]

At the Parish Church, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 28th ult., after a Confirmation service, the first half of Mr. E. Taylor's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (2520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 23 mins. P. Ince (conductor) 1; J. Davies, 2; A. Nuttall, 3; W. Farnworth, 4; T. Honeyford, 5; F. Gratrix, 6; P. Nuttall, 7; R. Devonport, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At St. Leonard's, Bridgenorth, Salop.

ON Monday, the 28th ult., Hubbard's Ten-part peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. by the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild:—J. Overton (first peal in the method), 1; J. W. Howard, 2; R. Jones, 3; S. J. Hughes, 4; W. Price, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; W. Morgan, 7; H. Jones (first peal), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat. Rung as a welcome home to the Rector, Rev. A. L. Oldham, M.A., after an absence of four months.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. MARY'S, BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, for early service, 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Curtis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; F. Finn (Mertham, Kent), 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; W. Thomas, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On the 24th ult., in honour of the Queen's birthday, 420 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. F. Mathis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; R. Curtis, 3; C. Hyland, 4; J. Curtis (longest length), 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; W. Thomas, 7; H. Ancombe, 8. Also 504 UNION TRIPLES. H. Ancombe, 1; W. Franks, 2; C. Hyland, 3; R. Curtis, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; J. Mathis (conductor), 7; T. Hutchings, 8. On Sunday, the 27th ult., for evening service, a peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (on back six). W. Eastland (first peal), 3; J. Mathis, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6; W. Thomas, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat. [* First touch.]

AT ST. THOMAS'S, PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.—On Monday, the 21st ult., on the occasion of the Queen's visit to this city, an attempt for a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES came to an end, owing to the omission of a call, after ringing nearly 3780 changes, W. Brown, 1; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 2; H. Chapman, 3; G. Turner, 4; T. Wilde, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6; R. Ridyard (conductor), 7; T. Rushton, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. All the above are members of the Lancashire Association.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (fifteen bobs). G. Broughton, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; J. Watson (first in this method), 5; W. Pye, 6.

AT PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Halford, 1; J. George, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; W. F. Meads, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; C. H. Martin, 6; H. N. Davis, 7; F. Bentley, 8. And 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. Both touches were conducted by J. George.

AT ALL SAINTS', FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On a Friday, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES in 27 mins. R. Hunts (first 720), 1; W. Cogger, 2; C. Tully, 3; C. Winsor, 4; T. Pattenen (first 720 as conductor), 5. Tenor, 18 cwt.

AT FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. J. Parker, 1; G. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Crook, 4; J. Bovington, 5; C. Clark, 6. On a Wednesday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. On a Thursday, 720 OXFORD BOB. A. Crook, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; G. Newman, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clark (first 720 as conductor), 6.

AT CAVERSHAM, READING.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES. E. Woodley, 1; T. Newman, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; H. Smith, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike (composer and conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. For evening service, 560 BOB MAJOR. E. Woodley, 1; T. Newman, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; E. W. Menday (conductor), 5; H. Smith, 6; J. Hands, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

AT ISLEWORTH, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for men's service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 43 mins. L. Copsey, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; W. Foster, 4; E. Harris, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; W. Ward, 8. All, with the exception of F. Goddard, came from Ealing. Also on a Sunday, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 504 and 168 in the same method. A. H. Taber, 1; E. J. Walson, 2; W. Elson, 3; W. Meaton, 4; C. Charge, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; J. Basden (conductor), 7; W. Ward, 8.

AT HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On a Monday, an attempt was made for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which unfortunately came to an end after ringing upwards of 2000 changes, owing to a change-course. E. Windus, 1; V. R. Hitchman (longest length), 2; T. Short, 3; A. R. Bosley (conductor), 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; A. Thomas, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ALTON, HANTS.—On a Monday, for practice, 1554 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Ward, 1; Rev. F. Whyte, 2; E. Bryant, 3; G. Reading, 4; W. G. Withers, 5; H. Withers (conductor), 6; A. Burgess, 7; H. Forder, 8.

AT ST. PETER-IN-EAST, OXFORD.—On a Thursday, a quarter-peal of CAMBRIDGE SUPREISE MAJOR. A. C. Hawes, 1; P. A. Hind, 2; C. H. Fowler, 3; A. Dubber, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; W. Baston, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8.

AT ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS', PADDINGTON, LONDON.—On a Sunday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 23 mins. W. Smith, 1; D. W. Griggs, 2; E. Jones, 3; R. Bevan, 4; J. Nixon, 5; N. Alderman (conductor), 6; G. Smith, 7; H. Ellis, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Rung as a farewell touch to E. Jones, who is leaving for the country.

AT ST. MARY'S, UPCHURCH, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. G. Dennis, 1; G. Capeling, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Wood, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. H. Wood came from Rodmersham, his first 720, and was rung at the first attempt. Also 120 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR. G. Dennis, 1; W. Laker, 2; G. Capeling, 3; H. Wood, 4; W. T. Hyland, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM, SURREY.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. A. Mann, 1; T. Miles, 2; J. Crawford, 3; G. Saunders (first quarter-peal), 4; T. Tutte, 5; H. Kenten, 6; A. Gower (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8.

AT IRLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, the 5th inst., for practice, 720 BOB MINOR. A. Perkins, 1; J. Houghton, sen., 2; H. Stubbs, 3; J. Martin (conductor), 4; J. Jarratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. A. Perkins, 1; J. Houghton, sen., 2; W. Pettitt, 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Martin, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. On Monday, the 7th inst., 720 BOB MINOR. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; J. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 4; J. Jarratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6. On Saturday, the 12th inst., for practice, 720 BOB MINOR. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; J. Houghton, sen., 3; A. Tyler, 4; J. Jarratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; H. Stubbs, conductor (not ringing). On Monday, the 14th inst., 720 BOB MINOR. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; W. Pettitt, 3; H. Stubbs, 4; J. Jarratt, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; J. Houghton, sen., conductor. The above started Change-ringing January 22nd, 1894, with the exception of J. Houghton, sen., H. Stubbs, and J. Martin. Stubbs comes from Raunds; Martin, Higham Ferrers. It is over twenty-five years since a touch of 720 was rung by six residents of Irlingborough.

AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.—Handbell-ringing.—On a Monday, by four members of the Essex Association, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bells of Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent.

SIR,—The following may be of use to your correspondent, George Hewett. Pack & Chapman are of the Whitechapel Foundry, now represented by Mears & Stainbank. Thus:—Joseph Cooper, of Reading, 1610; William Yare, of Reading, his son-in-law, 1610-1619; Thomas, Anthony, and James Bartlett, London, 1619-1701; Richard Phelps, 1701-1738; Thomas Lester, 1738; Lester & Pack, 1749; Lester, Pack, & Chapman, 1761; Pack & Chapman, 1770; Chapman & Mears, 1781; the Mears family, 1784-1865; Mears & Stainbank, 1866 onwards.

The Wilnors' foundry was opened at Borden by John Wilnor in 1618, and closed at the death of Henry Wilnor in 1644.

Any additional information may be found in the *Archæological Journal* for 1893, Vol. 50, p. 150—'English Bellfounders,' by R. C. Hope, F.S.A. Gateshead-on-Tyne. N. GILCHRIST CLARK.

The Towcester and District Church Bell-ringers' Association, Northants.

THE first festival in connexion with the above Association was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at Greensnorton. At a quarter to twelve service was held in the church, when there was a good congregation, the following parishes being represented:—Greensnorton, Bradden, Blisworth, Easton Neston, Gayton, Paulerspury, Towcester, Moreton Pinkney, Courteenhall, Whittlebury, Stoke Bruerne, and Blakesley. The prayers were read by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway, and the lesson by the Rev. J. Mountain. The preacher was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Oxford, and he based an excellent discourse on the words of St. Paul (2 Cor. xiii. 9), 'This also we wish, even your perfection.'

A business meeting was subsequently held in the reading-room in the village, when the proceedings were presided over by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway. The first business was the confirmation of the election of officers at the last meeting of the Association. The Rev. R. A. Kennaway was elected president; the Rev. J. B. Harrison, the Rev. J. Mountain, and the Rev. W. Smalley Law, vice-presidents; Mr. R. T. Gudgeon, Towcester, hon. treasurer; and the Rev. R. S. Blucke, hon. secretary. The Committee consisted of one representative from each belfry connected with the Association. Towcester was selected as the place for the holding of the festival in 1895.

At half-past one the ringers and friends sat down to dinner in the school. The company, over which the Rector presided, numbered over one hundred. Dinner over, and the loyal toasts honoured, the Rev. R. S. Blucke stated the Association at present consisted of twenty-two honorary members, and sixty-six ringing members, and their income since they started in January amounted to 9*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* Their expenditure, including the expenses of that festival, amounted to 8*l.* 17*s.*, leaving a balance in hand of 6*s.* 6*d.* Mr. Gudgeon proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. Robinson for his appropriate sermon. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in reply, congratulated the

members on having formed such an Association, and on the hearty manner in which they seemed to have set about their work. He had been a bell-ringer for thirty-five years, and was as keenly fond of ringing at the present time as he was when he began. The Chairman next proposed 'Prosperity to the Towcester and District Church Bell-ringers' Association,' and in his own name, and on behalf of the parish, heartily welcomed the members to 'Greensnorton to celebrate their first festival. The Rev. J. Mountain replied. 'The Honorary Members' was given by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and replied to by the Rev. W. Wilson. Mr. J. Clarke submitted 'The President,' which met with a hearty reception. The Chairman replied, and then proposed 'The Hon. Secretary.' It was to the Rev. R. S. Blucke, he said, the organization of the Association was due, and he took a most active interest in its work and in endeavouring to promote its success. The toast was heartily received, and briefly responded to by Mr. Blucke. During the afternoon the various sets of ringers occupied the tower, and rang a number of changes on the five bells. In the early evening tea was kindly provided for the visitors by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway, in the Rectory grounds, and altogether a very pleasant day was spent.

The Bells at Lutterford, Leicestershire.

LATELY a vestry meeting was held to consider the condition of the bells of the parish church, and the generous offer of Mr. T. F. Blackwell to present two new bells. The Rector (Canon Alderson) presided, and he was supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. Watson and Footman). Among those present were the Rev. E. de C. Edwards, and Messrs. F. W. Bottrill, A. Bannister, W. Dyson, W. Adkins, E. Parrott, T. Hurley, J. King, C. Payne, and T. C. Bodycote. A letter was read from Messrs. Taylor (Loughborough), in which they stated that they had made an inspection of the ring of six bells in the tower of the church. The bells appeared all sound, but were becoming much worn at the places where the clappers strike, especially the fourth bell, which was almost half worn through. They all required quarter-turning, so that the clappers might strike in new places. The fittings were in a dilapidated condition. The framework was very old and rickety. In parts it was badly decayed, and it swayed about considerably while the bells were ringing, and was liable to do injury to the fabric of the tower. The whole of the framework should be removed, and the bells put in a strong iron frame on massive steel girders. A committee was appointed:—The Rector and churchwardens (who each started the subscription-list with 20*l.*), and Messrs. Bannister, Hurley, King, and Bottrill, with power to add to their number. A further sum of 23*l.* was subscribed in the room. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The Bells at Mawgan-in-Pydar, Cornwall.

THIS church has a south tower containing three pre-Reformation bells, the timbers and fittings of which have been worn out and unfit for use for many years. Orders for restoring and augmenting, to make the ring one of six bells and hang on new frames of oak, with chimes affixed, have been given to Messrs. Aggett, bell-hangers, of Chagford, Devon.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 520.

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The Bells of St. Mark's, Lyncombe, Somerset.

THE service on Ascension Day at St. Mark's was made the occasion of the dedication of the new ring of six bells which have been presented to the church under the will of the late Mr. T. Spender, of Tyrol Cottage, Entry Hill, who also gave three bells to the church of St. Luke, South Lyncombe. The bells were erected by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. They hang in iron frames with iron headstocks, and without cannons on the bells. The tenor weighs 10 cwt., and a chiming apparatus has been fixed.

Rehanging of Burgh Church Bells, Suffolk.

So far back as the records of 1553, Burgh Church had four bells, and the ring of five, which of late years have done duty, have now been strengthened by the addition of a new treble. The tenor bell, too, has been recast, and all have been hung on a new framework by Messrs. George Day & Son, of Eye. The casting was done by Messrs. Warner & Sons, of London. The cost is 170l. The new bells bear the name of the Rector (Rev. A. Maude) and the churchwarden (Mr. John Symmonds), through whose efforts the district is mainly indebted for the completion of the ring, the people liberally responding to their appeal. Before the dedication service, 720 changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR were rung. F. Day, 1; G. Day, 2; — Taylor (Leiston), 3; — Cooper (Aldeburgh), 4; C. Ward (Ufford), 5; J. Ward (Grundisburgh), 6. In an interval, a short touch was rung by six parishioners: G. Kidby, G. Brown, J. Last, C. Broome, G. Friend, and A. Adams.

Ringers at Keele, Staffordshire.

THE Archidiaconal Association of Change-ringers lately met at Keele for an extra monthly meeting. At noon the Norton-in-the-Moors team put in an appearance, and, under the conductorship of Mr. E. Glover (sixth) rang a peal of 720 BOB MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs) in 28 mins. These were followed by the Kingsley ringers, who were accompanied by the Rector (Rev. H. E. Beech) and the Kingsley churchwardens. This team rang 720 BOB MINOR (18 singles and 18 bobs). The Keele old ringers, under the command of Mr. George Stanier, contented themselves with BOB DOUBLES. Tea was supplied at the rectory, when the Rector and Mrs. Stamer made every one welcome. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the Rector and Mrs. Stamer, after which more ringing took place, the bells being kept going till evening.

WE have received a copy of the *Ninth Annual Report of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Change-ringing Association*, and are glad to find that this Association is going well forward. The three-method rut is left far behind. There are thirty-two peals, comprising not a few of DOUBLE NORWICH (one of 7892 changes), and several of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE. We heartily congratulate the members on these evidences of keen vitality, and earnestly hope that they are pledges of even greater successes in the future.

WE desire to acknowledge the receipt of Messrs. Taylor & Co.'s Catalogue for 1894. It naturally includes a list of the most notable of the many rings and large single bells so successfully cast by this firm; but, besides this, it is most excellently illustrated with pictures of various parts of the foundry and some of the churches where Taylor's bells are hung. A very fair portrait of the head of the firm is seen by the side of the Manchester big bell.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Salop.

ON Whit Tuesday, the 15th ult., a peal of 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES was rung in 3 hrs. 42 mins. by the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford:—J. Carter (Birmingham), 1; T. Horton (Bromwich), 2; R. Cartwright (Wombourne),* 3; W. R. Small (Tipton), 4; W. H. Fussell (Slough), 5; J. S. Pritchett (King's Norton), 6; H. Mason (Old Hill),* 7; W. Micklewright (Dudley), 8; T. J. Bratton (Welshpool),* 9; J. George (Rugby), 10; J. E. Groves (Wolverhampton), 11; H. A. Hall and A. Griffiths (Wolverhampton), 12. Composed and conducted by John Carter. The last peal of CINQUES upon these bells was rung in 1799. Permission to use the bells was kindly granted by the Vicar (the Right Rev. Sir Lovelace Stamer), and we are informed that a tablet recording this achievement will be erected in the belfry. The composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th eighteen times before and behind the 8th, with all the 5-6-7-8's both at hand and backstroke, and is the first peal produced having these qualities. [* First peal of CINQUES.]

At St. Giles's, Camberwell, London.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., ten members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 20 mins. C. Bance, 1; Edgar Bennett (composer and conductor), 2; G. Welling, 3; A. J. Ploughman, 4; J. Trappitt, 5; J. Harding (29th birthday), 6; W. Pole-Routh, Esq., 7; T. King, 8; C. Gordon, 9; J. Fayers, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. The above band, with the exception of Mr. Routh, who came from Sutton, are members of the St. Mary's Society, Beddington.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang N. J. Pitsow's peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 30 mins. J. N. Oxborrow, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; W. Burkin, 3; W. J. Sorrell, 4; F. Buck, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; S. Andrews, 8; E. H. Adams, 9; H. R. Newton (conductor), 10. Tenor, 21 cwt. The peal, which was rung at the first attempt, is the first peal of ROYAL by Messrs. Sorrell, Buck, Ellis, and Andrews; also the first in the method by E. H. Adams. The composition is now rung for the first time.

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The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE annual meeting in connexion with this Society will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Lichfield. Ringing at the Cathedral at 2 p.m., service at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, vicar of Tamworth. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

The Society of Framland Ringers, Leicestershire.

THE nineteenth annual meeting of the above Society was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Parish Church, Harby. The object of the Society is to improve the practice of change-ringing, and increase the interest of the various teams therein. That this object is realised is apparent from the improvement to be noticed from year to year. It is in a large measure due to the exertions of the Rev. C. H. Lacon, who became secretary some five years ago, that the Society is in such a satisfactory position. The annual meeting this year was favoured with fine weather, and the ringing passed off very successfully. The ringing was rendered additionally interesting from the fact that Mr. John Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, was present with a team of practical ringers, who rang before and after the afternoon service. The whole of the ten teams in the Society were present, the various captains being as follows:—Melton, Mr. C. Dolby; Barkestone, Mr. F. Schofield; Croxton Kerrial, Mr. George Towers; Waltham, Mr. G. Squires; Eaton, Mr. Thos. Pearson; Bottesford, Mr. Mark Bend; Harby, Mr. Thos. Hall; Buckminster, Mr. George Howest; Wymondham, Mr. H. Bartram; Nether Broughton, Mr. Wm. Bowley. The peal at Harby consists of five bells, so that only 120 changes can be performed. Ringing was continued at intervals from 8.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. At 1.15 the ringers and clergy dined together. The following new members were proposed and accepted:—Buckminster, Mr. Wm. Grice, Mr. Wm. Lambert and Mr. Wm. King; Wymondham (rejoined), Mr. H. Bartram, Mr. G. Huddleston, Mr. T. Thomeycroft, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. Tysoe, Mr. W. Brown, and Mr. W. H. Dyke; Nether Broughton, Mr. John Huckerby; Eaton, Mr. Thos. Pyckett.

The Bath and Wells Change-ringing Association.

THE second district meeting of the above Association was held at Backwell on Saturday evening, the 26th ult., under the direction of Mr. E. C. D. Boutflower, Hon. Secretary for the district. A peal of 240 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung. J. Young, 1; A. Waters, 2; R. Davenish, 3; E. C. D. Boutflower, 4; J. Harvey, 5; J. Winsor, 6. Several peals (120) of BOB and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were also rung, twenty ringers in all taking part. The local district includes the parishes of Backwell, Barrow Gurney, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Tickenham, and Wraxall, representatives from all of which, except Tickenham, were present.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Blanford on Monday, the 28th ult., and was numerously attended. The day's proceedings were prefaced by service at the parish church, at which the Rev. Canon Watts, rector of Stourpaine, preached an appropriate discourse. The annual business meeting was subsequently held under the presidency of the Rev. A. D. Hill, of Downton. Mr. A. D. Hill was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year; Mr. Pinckney, treasurer; Mr. Jerram, general secretary; and the Rev. — Fisher, secretary for Dorset. The members afterwards dined together at the Greyhound Hotel. In addition to the ringing at the parish church, 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung on a fine set of handbells, the property of Mr. E. R. Dale, hon. life member, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, &c., by the following members of the Salisbury band:—S. Lawrence, 1-2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Watts, 5-6; J. Elcombe, 7-8. The rest of the day was given up to visiting various towers in the neighbourhood.

Brackley and District Guild of Church Bell-ringers, Northants.

THE above Guild held their third annual festival at King's Sutton on Thursday, the 31st ult., when some sixty ringers attended from the belfries of Aynhoe, Brackley, Evenley, King's Sutton, and Middleton Cheney. The proceedings commenced with evensong in the church, and an address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Bullock, the other clergy present being the Revs. B. de M. Egerton, E. Worsley, T. W. Openshaw, and W. D. Cartwright. After service the party were entertained to a meat tea by Mr. W. A. Willes. After tea, a selection of tunes on the handbells was given by the Brackley and Middleton members. The ringers then held their annual meeting. The first business was to elect a new President. The Vicar of Brackley said it was with great regret that he resigned the office of President, but as in a few days he would be leaving the neighbourhood for Peterborough, he had no other course open to him. The Rev. E. Worsley expressed his regret at Mr. Egerton's resignation, and proposed that the Rev. W. B. Broughton, the new Vicar, be elected, and this was carried unanimously. Upon the invitation of the Rev. T. W. Openshaw, Middleton Cheney was selected for holding the festival next year. Various small matters were talked over, and the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Willes for entertaining them in his beautiful grounds. The remainder of the evening was spent in the belfry, each set ringing in turn.

A Visit to King's Norton, Worcestershire.

SEVEN members of the St. John Guild recently paid a visit to King's Norton, and with the assistance of Mr. W. Palmer, attempted a peal of BOB TRIPLES; but after ringing into the thirtieth course, a change-course occurred, and the conductor called the bells round. The number of changes rung was 2772, and the time 1 hr. 37 mins. A. Moore, 1; G. Bourne, 2; T.

Albutt, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Mason, 5; O. James, 6; G. Hayward, 7; J. Parry, 8. The peal was the composition of the late Charles Ravencroft, of Bromsgrove, and was conducted by Mr. Hayward, master of the Guild.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 544.

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SIXTY-SIXTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. J. W. UPFOLD, Windsor Terrace, Penzance.

CASE OF HÆMORRHAGE AND CONSUMPTION

Which has not been published before.

Mr. Upfold is a gentleman who has for many years devoted himself to Christian work. While an officer in the Salvation Army, his health broke down, and presumably competent medical authority decided that his labours were finished—the time had come when he was to die. He certainly owes no thanks to the medical men he consulted for the fact that he is alive to-day: but as he tells the story better than I could do, I prefer to let him do so, merely premising that the particulars here recorded were obtained at an interview I had with Mr. Upfold at the address in Penzance given above.

'My illness commenced with bronchitis about the year 1887,' said Mr. Upfold. 'From that time, until I applied to Mr. Congreve in December, 1891, I had had advice from as many as twelve doctors, none of whom did me any permanent good. Altogether I have broken four blood-vessels. Two London doctors said it was impossible for me to get better, and a doctor at Tunbridge Wells told my mother there was no hope for me.'

'What was your condition when you applied to Mr. Congreve?' I asked.

'I had a very bad cough, with much offensive expectoration; I was spitting a quantity of blood (at one time I brought up three pints); there was much pain in the right lung; the breathing was affected; I suffered from palpitation, and had some night sweats. My strength had declined and there was loss of flesh on the legs, hands, and face.'

'How long was it before you felt any decided effect from the treatment?'

'In the following February, three months after commencing, I was able to report that I had made flesh and gained strength. The cough was not so troublesome, and I had less pain. At the same time my appetite improved, and I was able to sleep better.'

'Did you continue to progress?'

'Yes, and at the end of another three months I wrote to Mr. Congreve, reporting that all the symptoms showed an improvement. I was soon able to get about, which I consider wonderful when you remember that at Tunbridge Wells I had been confined to my room for six weeks, and that when I arrived at Penzance I had to be supported by a Salvation Army Captain on one side and a stout stick on the other. Then I commenced to take part in meetings again—as many as three in one day. I started in business, and soon worked up a good connection. I sold my business and am now an insurance agent.'

'I may take it that your occupation entails a lot of walking?'

'As much as twelve miles a day sometimes, and of course I am much exposed to the weather.'

'You appear to be in good health now.'

'I have capital health, thanks to Mr. Congreve.'

'Tell me frankly, please, do you think you would have recovered if you had not placed yourself in Mr. Congreve's care?'

'If I had not done so I shouldn't have been alive. Perhaps I ought to tell you that I had a severe attack of Influenza at the end of last year. I took the medicine again, and soon recovered. Besides, I have proved its value in my family. It quite cured my children of a bad cough, and my wife also derived immense benefit from it. Wherever I go I speak of the great good I have received, and shall always be pleased to do so.'

In the course of conversation, Mr. Upfold mentioned one or two other cases of benefit, which he had personally known—(one a young widow lady at St. Just)—and after he had given me a ready permission to publish what he had told me, and promised to answer any enquiry from persons interested, I bade him good-night and returned to my hotel.

The Church Bells at Boxford, Suffolk.

THE opening of the bells of the parish church, after being rehung by Messrs. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich, took place on the 3rd inst., when numerous touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB, &c., were rung during the day. The following ringers were present:—Messrs. Howell, Harper, Campin, Tolliday (Sudbury), Slater and Garwood (Glensford), Motts (Ipswich), Brighton (Norwich), Nevard and Bowers (Great Bentley), W. Hazell (Little Bentley), Death (Edwardstone), Diggins (Waldingfield), &c. The bells are a fine ring of eight (tenor, 24 cwt.) Messrs. Motts, Slater, and Howell, sen., acted as conductors. The ringers were entertained to dinner and tea by the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Warman. Suffolk can boast of twenty-eight rings of eight bells, and the only one now in an unringable condition is the fine ring of eight at Clare. Mr. Bowell, who met with an accident recently in hanging the Boxford bells, is much better.

The Bells of Wolston, Warwickshire.

AN addition has been made to the church bells in this village, a fourth being added to the old ring of three. The new bell was cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. It bears the inscription, 'The gift of the Rev. John Wilcox, vicar of Wolston.' This refers to the late Vicar, who left a sum of money (about 1000*l.*) for the structural expenses of the church. The bells, as they are, cannot be considered a success from a musical point of view. They are as nearly as possible in the key of D minor, and, being only half the scale, have a very unfinished sound, and leave the ear straining for something it cannot hear. If they had been tuned in the major this deficiency would not be so marked.

WE have received a copy of the *Annual Report of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers* (Goulding, Bristol, 1894. 3*d.*). The report sets forth in a concise and businesslike manner the status and progress of this well-established and flourishing Association. We heartily congratulate them on having scored their first peal of CINQUES, by which they have not only earned laurels for themselves, but have dissipated any notion that may have existed as to the inability of the beautiful tower of Cirencester to withstand the strain of the swinging of its twelve melodious bells. We think it would be a good thing to give the report its annual number; this must be the fifteenth or thereabouts.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Imperial Institute, Kensington, London.

ON Saturday, May 12th, on the occasion of the inauguration by the Prince of Wales of the Summer Season, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 1183 STEDMAN CATERS. J. R. Haworth, 1; G. Muskett, 2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3; F. G. Newman, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; R. French, 6; M. A. Wood, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; E. Horrex, 9; E. H. Adams, 10. A start was made for a quarter-peal (1299 changes), but owing to shortness of time, the bells were brought round at 1183 changes, which is the longest length on the bells.

ON Monday, May 14th, ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang 595 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 480 TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and 540 STEDMAN CATERS. On Saturday, May 26th, in celebration of the Queen's birthday, 828 GRANDSIRE CATERS and 836 STEDMAN CATERS. W. Baron, 1; J. Rogers, 2; H. Dains, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Pittam, 6; G. Smith, 7; T. Tiehener, 8; G. Newson, 9; A. Jacob, 10.

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. J. Searle, 1; F. W. Cripps, 2; K. Hart, 3; F. Dench, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; J. Parker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Keith Hart's fiftieth peal. I. G. Shade came from Greenwich, for whom this peal was arranged. The composition is in two parts, and has the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty-four course-ends at home, and 2nd never in 6th's place at a course-end. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. S. Macey, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; H. White, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; C. H.

Watts, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Composed by Frank Bennett and conducted by Henry White.

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

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Harrison's (Motttram) peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; E. Horrex, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; J. I. Crouch, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; E. E. Huntley (Bushey, Herts, his first peal in the method), 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At All Saints', West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang J. Holt's Original Peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. T. Danks, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; J. Cullwick, 3; T. Horton, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. Hall, 6; R. Hall, 7; G. Griffiths, 8. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Paul Cashmore, who had been a ringer at the above church for many years.

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

ON Thursday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. G. Langford (first peal of STEDMAN), 1; W. T. Cockerill, 2; J. Willshire, 3; T. Groombridge (Chislehurst, Kent), 4; C. F. Winny, 5; W. J. Sorrell, 6; H. R. Newton (conductor), 7; W. Crocker, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Laurence's, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang B. Annable's peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. J. Harrison, 1; J. R. Ward, 2; A. T. Cope, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Bailey, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; J. Paling (first peal), 8. Tenor, 11 cwt. The first peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. C. Smart, 1; E. Rapley, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Smart, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; W. Collison, 6; G. Smart (conductor, Brighton), 7; A. Gatland, 8. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Marlborough, Wilts.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight Swindon members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Penning's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. E. Bishop (conductor); O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. Iles, 5; J. H. Shepherd, 6; R. Richards, 7; T. Robinson, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells.

At St. Anne's, Bewdley, Worcestershire.

ON Monday, the 4th inst., Haley's Variation peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins. by the following members of the Worcestershire and District Association, and the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster:—T. J. Salter, 1; N. Davis, 2; J. O. Bennett, 3; R. E. Grove (conductor), 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Palmer (steeple-keeper), for having things in readiness.

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

ON Tuesday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (Birmingham Amalgamated Society Branch) rang 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. G. Walker, 1; J. George, 2; T. Pritchett, 3; C. Sparkes, 4; G. Hitchman, 5; J. Jennings, 6; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 7; J. O. Ravenhill, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This peal is now rung for the first time, and is in ten parts, and contains quadruple bobs throughout.

At the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., the ringers of the Parish Church, Wigan, accompanied by the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, senior curate, rang Reeves's Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. T. Halliwell (conductor), 1; Rev. H. F. Lloyd, 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. F. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; R. Fisher and J. Barker, 7; W. Major and W. Jump, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. The above are members of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association. [* First peal.]

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THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the Sixteenth Annual Ecclesiastical and Educational Art Exhibition to be held in the Higher Market, Exeter, by the courtesy of the Mayor and Corporation. It will be open from October 8th till the 12th. This Exhibition has proved for many years to be a most interesting adjunct to the meetings of the Congress. All the leading church and school furnishers throughout the country have signified their intention of exhibiting, so that the Exhibition will be representative of the entire trade, and the clergy and Churchmen generally are being invited to contribute towards the loan collection. The Church Societies, who have found by experience that the Exhibition forms a splendid rendezvous for their supporters, will again muster in force, and the Exhibition will become for the week a veritable 'Church House.' The exhibits will include everything used in the furnishing of churches, goldsmith's and silversmith's work, ancient and modern, and ecclesiastical metal-work in general, tapestry, embroidery, wood and ivory carving, church furniture, paintings, drawings, and architectural designs. A very fine collection of stained glass is expected. Offers of loans should be addressed to the Manager, Mr. John Hart, Maltravers House, 17 and 18 Arundel Street, Strand, London, W.C.

REVIEWS.

'OFICIOS PROVISIONALES DE LA IGLESIA EPISCOPAL MEXICANA, ó IGLESIA DE JESUS. (Mexico: Tipografía T. Gonzalez Sucesores, Betlemitas Num. 2. 1894.)—A copy of the above has been forwarded to us for review. It is encouraging and deeply interesting to see the growth of the Anglican Communion 'in all lands,' and in Mexico among them. The Offices appear to be put forth under the approval of the Church of America, having the name of John Williams, Obispo Presidente de la Camera de Obispos en los Estados Unidos, y Obispo Provisional de la Iglesia Episcopal Mexicana ó Iglesia de Jesús. *Mutatis mutandis*, we think this strengthens the position and proceedings of the Lord Archbishop of Dublin, of the Church of Ireland, in Spain and Portugal. The Offices consist of Morning Prayer, Vespers, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion. They are based, apparently, much on the model of the American Prayer-book. The Office of Holy Communion differs in not a few respects from our own. The recitation of the Creed *after* the Canon or Prayer of Consecration as the confession of the faith of those who desire to partake is interesting and, in some respects, to be approved, although altogether we do not like the plan so well as that of the Church of England, whose Office, though not incapable of a little improvement, is really very Scriptural as it is and is not altogether equalled as a whole. The Office of Holy Baptism, too, is, in many details, unlike the Office used in England or the Office of the American Church, but is full of interest, and is based evidently upon ancient authorities, although we do not fully recognise from what authority some portions have been derived. It is gratifying, however, to see evidences of the advancement of the Church of God in Mexico.

THE THEOLOGY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. By Walter F. Adeney, M.A., Professor of New Testament Introduction, History, and Exegesis, New College, London. (Hodder & Stoughton. 1894. 2s. 6d.)—The latest volume of the excellent 'Theological Educator' series. The study of Biblical theology is a comparatively new one in this country, and may be well defined in Professor Adeney's own words, 'It does not attempt to state truth absolutely; it seeks to elucidate a certain presentation of truth. Its materials are confined to the pages of the Bible. The student of Biblical theology traces the development of revelation as this emerges through the successive books of scripture, and compares the various forms in which its ideas are conceived by the several teachers there represented.' Accordingly, we have here: (1) The teaching of our Lord; (2) the theology of the Apostles—first of the primitive type, then of the Pauline type; (3) the theology of the Epistle to the Hebrews; and lastly the Johannine type. We cannot endorse every statement of the learned Professor, but we find ourselves in substantial agreement with him, and have much pleasure in commending his book.

THE WRECKERS OF SABLE ISLAND. By J. Macdonald Oxley. Mopsie. By Dorothy Walrond. (T. Nelson & Sons.)—The relation of Eric Copeland's experiences amongst the wreckers reads like a true narrative. Eric made his unfortunate voyage across the Atlantic in the year 1799, long before the days of 'ocean greyhounds' and quick passages. The fifteen-year-old boy was accompanied by his faithful mastiff, 'Prince,' whose strength and sagacity were destined to serve him well. Cast upon the inhospitable shores of Sable Island, Eric and Prince would have fared badly, but for the staunch support and protection of Ben Harden, whose sympathies were enlisted on their behalf by the shipwrecked lad's likeness to his own lost son.—*Mopsie*, the tale of a reclaimed little she-Arab of the streets, is prettily told, although the

writer's pet descriptive phrase, 'sweet audacity,' recurs somewhat too frequently. A Salvationist girl-saint figures in the narrative, whose characteristics are a marked contrast to those of the ordinary painfully shrill preaching female, and resemble rather those of the sweetly voiced and winning 'Mother of the Salvation Army,' Mrs. Booth. Mopsie's chief friend, however, is Paul Windeatt, the self-centred elderly gentleman to whom, all unconsciously, the child gives lessons in altruism, teaching him to realise that fact which should be so obvious, but to which many of us remain so obstinately blind, viz., that 'if the nice things are to go round, everybody must take a turn at handing.' The bindings of these story-books deserve a word of praise for their dainty neatness.

THE SUPERNATURAL IN CHRISTIANITY. By Principal Rainy, Professor James Orr, and Professor Marcus Dods. (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. 1894. 2s.)—These admirable apologetic lectures were recently delivered with special reference to statements in the Gifford Lectures by Professor Pfleiderer. The Gifford Lectures as delivered (and as since published) contain about as much nonsense under the guise of criticism as it was possible to put into them. Indeed, the lecturer's fame is far greater out of Germany than in it, and it was well that so energetic and complete a counterblast should be at once issued, though its value goes beyond the special occasion that called it forth.

ARNOLD'S BIBLE READERS. By M. T. Yates, LL.D. (London: Edward Arnold. Three parts. 1894. 10s. each.)—The three parts consist of simple Bible stories, Old Testament and New Testament stories. They are well written, well printed, and well illustrated. We like them very much indeed.

MAGAZINES.

THE PORTFOLIO monograph is an account of the 'Life and Works of Frederick Walker,' from the pen of Claude Phillips. It is carefully and critically written, with a deep appreciation of the artist's genius. There are four beautiful plates of his pictures and a plentiful number of illustrations in the text.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE has a number of the powerful short stories of the kind for which it is famous, and an interesting account of an interview with Sir Francis and Lady Jeune, which is accompanied by a number of illustrations of their beautiful home. The remainder of the contents include a pleasing paper on 'The Queen's Yacht' and a sketch of Count Ferdinand de Lesseps.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains a great variety of amusing and interesting illustrations. A series of reproductions of fine-art photographs, taken from life, is particularly good.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS gives us a good portrait of and interview with Dr. Wace, on the attack on King's College; an interview with the Metropolitan of South Africa (with full-page portrait), and the editor on the 'Art of Reading.'

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS is a very interesting number this month. The 'Adventures and Aspirations of the Coxeyites,' a 'Practical Proposal for International Peace,' and the record of Mr. Stead's cycle tour through the Joan of Arc country are all worth reading.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

THE ARCHDEACON OF CORNWALL ON RINGING MATCHES AND NON-ATTENDANCE OF RINGERS AT SERVICES.

THE Venerable J. R. Cornish, archdeacon of Cornwall, in his recent charge said:—

RINGING MATCHES.

'I venture to express a very strong hope that all present—clergy and laity alike—will do their best to discourage and put an end to the use of church bells for ringing matches for prizes. The matter is, I believe, of grave importance, and may prove a serious hindrance to the efforts that are being made in so many parishes, and often with such striking success, to raise bell-ringing to its true level as a part of the direct service of Almighty God. We all know the deplorable scenes with which belfries were familiar a century and less ago. Thank God, such things have almost entirely passed away. I wish that I could say entirely, but it seems hardly possible to do so, remembering that it was but a few years ago that in a parish in this diocese the ringers were accustomed to adjourn with their drink from the public-house, when it closed, to the belfry.'

NON-ATTENDANCE AT SERVICES.

'I fear that in many parishes it is still the custom for men to call

others to the worship in which they never join themselves. In one instance, a man who had been for forty years a ringer, had never, except on a few exceptional occasions, ever entered the church for prayer or praise. I know the difficulties—the strong exercise, the danger of draughts, and the other excuses, real and unreal; but the influence of the older men upon the younger who join them is, in some parishes, I am told, distinctly bad, and tending to perpetuate the shame of godless ringing. And prize-ringing with the scenes with which sometimes the day ends cannot but tend to perpetuate this evil. Thank God, our organists and our choirs recognise far and wide the greatness and responsibility of their work—that on them as well as on the clergy rests the offering of worship to God. There are generally communicants—the day is fast approaching, I trust, when we shall be able to say, “as invariably so as the clergy themselves.” I sometimes think that they are hardly fully conscious of the immense help and encouragement which they give to us clergy, and of the importance which, as whole choirs, they are in our common worship, which would be often dull indeed without them. What a degradation would they think it to use their organs or their voices for public contests for prizes! It is only because as a body our ringers have not yet realised, in many instances, that they too are ringing for the glory of God, that prize-ringing does not seem as degrading to them as it would be to the others. We want our ringers to be devout communicants, as so many already are—doing untold good amongst their fellow-ringers. We want them to know the glory of their work and the responsibility of their office—to see clearly that it is a solemn mockery of Almighty God to call others week after week to the worship of God with a call to which they themselves do not respond. “Thou that callest another, callest thou not thyself?”

‘It has been said that in some cases, if prize-ringing were not allowed, the ringers would not ring. Be it so. Far more hope have we surely of God’s blessing on our parishes if we gathered to worship to the call of a single bell, than if a full peal summoned us, rung by those who were dishonouring God. A grave responsibility rests upon both clergy and churchwardens in this matter. The bells cannot be rung at all without their joint consent. This is not to us a piece of personal power, but a matter of grave responsibility, and I am sure that many of us do feel acutely the account that we must hereafter give of those whom we have permitted year after year to ring in our parish churches in open neglect of God.

‘I sincerely trust that the time will soon come when every ringer will

recognise the part that he is taking in the service of God, and the call which his own office makes upon him to perform it reverently as a devout partaker himself in the worship to which he calls others. There would be surely nothing wrong in the ringers of neighbouring parishes meeting to ring in turns for a common service, or through some festival; but to meet to overcome one another by superior skill and so to obtain some prize of money, is likely to foster the worst features of ringing, and to place a serious stumbling-block in the way of that steady progress in reverent appreciation of the meaning of worship, of which the signs are visible on all sides. I know that the difficulties are many and great: the pressure that will have in some cases to be resisted from those to whom ringing is a favourite exercise and no more, and to whom the realisation of the nobler and more sacred meaning of their office seems mere fancy and sentiment—if, indeed, they think of it at all—it will often be hard to withstand; but may God help us all, to whom His worship and all that is connected with it is a glorious reality, to stand firm, as in all patience and gentleness we show to those who, when they once fully understand what we are doing, may become our strongest supporters, that which in our hearts we believe to be the more excellent way. And inasmuch as it is always easier to overcome evil with good—to drive it out because its place is wanted for something better—than to merely destroy it, I hope that the time may soon come when it may be found possible to establish a diocesan ringers’ association, with branches in every deanery and parish, through which means may be found of bringing our ringers together, and of strengthening the hands of those clergy and leaders who are already trying to bring more intelligent life and order into our belfries. The practical experience gathered from the past would enable such a body to draw up rules which would possess much force and authority, though, of course, it would never interfere with the freedom of each parish. The time might then come when no choral festival would seem quite perfect unless with the members of the choir had gone some representative at least of the ringers, as jointly with them taking part in the high calling of providing for the worship of God.

‘I see that there is a Guild of Devonshire Ringers, to which two at least of the parishes of this Archdeaconry belong, combining at fixed times for united practice. I wish very much that we could found a guild for this diocese for the advancement of good ringing for the glory of God.’

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 564.

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The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Crosby, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells open, 3 p.m.; meeting, 6 p.m.

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Willenhall, Staffordshire.

SAMUEL ATKINS.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Wednesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 47 mins. F. Boreham, 1; Rev. J. Hindson (Wraybury), 2; H. Shatford, 3; R. Biggs, 4; F. Biggs, 5; Fred. Biggs, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (Marlow), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 20 mins. H. Dawkes,* 1; B. Dalton, 2; W. R. Small, 3; H. A. Hall,* 4; A. Spittle,* 5; J. George (composer), 6; R. Cartwright, 7; J. E. Groves (conductor), 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. The above was rung after meeting one short for CATERS. [* First peal in BOB MAJOR.]

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brook's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. Burkia (conductor), 1; F. Ramens, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; W. H. Dallimore, 5; F. A. Nunn,* 6; W. Pye,* 7; W. H. Freeman, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. It was rung on the birthdays of Messrs. Manning and Dallimore. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

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

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 7 mins. W. Latter, 1; T. Groombridge (conductor), 2; G. Smithers, 3; C. Goble, 4; W. Steed, 5; G. H. Stonestreet, 6; E. Mankelov, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. It was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Vicar of Tonbridge, the Rev. T. Howard Gill, M.A., who was interred on the above day.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, London.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 min. F. Carter (first peal, Waltham Abbey), 1; J. Scholes (first peal with a bob-bell), 2; H. Springall (conductor), 3; J. Pettit, 4; E. Hall, 5; S. Joyce, 6; Y. Green, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

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

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., twelve members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5148 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 46 mins. W. L. Catchpole, 1; R. H. Brundle, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; R. Hawes, 4; W. Motts, 5; A. W. Brighton (Norwich), first peal on twelve bells, 6; J. Motts (composer and conductor), 7; E. Pemberton, 8; A. Bowell, 9; A. E. Durrant, 10; F. Tillett, 11; W. P. Garrett, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Tuesday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Patchett, 1; G. Dawson, 2; J. Howe, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; W. Clarke, 5;

B. Sugden, 6; J. Flower, 7; A. Percival Heywood (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

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

ON Saturday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the English Church Union rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. in celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the latter society. J. C. Mitchell, 1; Rev. J. H. Hindson, 2; F. W. J. Rees, 3; F. S. Bayley, 4; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; E. E. Richards, 8. This is the first time that a peal has been rung by a band composed entirely of members of the E.C.U.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES, LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, the 9th ult., some members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang, for practice, 400 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. W. A. Hodson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. On Sunday, the 18th ult., for early service, 1024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. A. Hodson, 1; F. W. Walker, 2; G. Chester, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. For evening service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. Lindoff (conductor), 1; F. W. Walker, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; G. Chester, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; W. A. Hodson, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 3rd inst., before evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 46 mins. J. Goodman, 1; W. Mills, 2; S. Atkins (Willenhall, composer and conductor), 3; J. Harper (Bilston), 4; J. Screen, 5; S. Brown, 6; R. Schofield, 7; B. Fullwood, 8.

AT TUNSTALL, NEAR SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Friday, the 15th inst., on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. H. E. T. Cruso to the benefice of Tunstall, a peal of 720 BOB MINOR was rung by the following members of the Kent County Association:—H. J. Tidy, jun., 1; E. Bridges, 2; T. W. Jarrett, 3; H. Wood, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells since their augmentation (from the original five) by Mears & Stainbank in 1843.

AT WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On a Saturday, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brook's Variation) in 43 mins. by members of the Essex Association. G. W. Sorrell,* 1; W. J. Piper, 2; W. Lincoln, 3; E. Pye, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; G. Green, 8. And on a Sunday, for evening service, another quarter-peal in the same method. G. W. Sorrell, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; J. Strutt, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; C. H. Howard,* 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; T. Lincoln, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. [* First quarter-peal of STEDMAN.]

AT WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. H. Dallimore, 1; G. R. Pye, 2; A. Speller, 3; E. Pye, 4; C. H. Howard, 5; T. G. Sarel, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; E. W. Houghton, 8.

AT RAINHAM, KENT.—On a Saturday, for practice, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, in 30 mins., by the following members of the Kent County Association:—G. Capeling, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. Seamer, 5; G. A. Ransome (conductor), 6. Also 240 PLAIN BOB MINOR. G. Dennis, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; F. Ockwell, 3; G. Capeling, 4; J. Champion (longest length), 5; G. A. Ransome (conductor), 6. Mr. Ransome is leaving for Sittingbourne, but his brother-ringers hope for an occasional visit from him.

AT TOWN MALLING, KENT.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 504 BOB TRIPLES. W. Smith, 1; J. Capon, 2; J. Worsley, 3; Rev. A. L. Brine, 4; W. Harden, 5; D. Hall, 6; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 7; C. Elcombe, 8. All the above except C. Elcombe belong to the Kent County Association.

AT ST. PETER'S, NORWICH.—On a Saturday, with the bells half-muffled, for the funeral of the late Bishop Pelham, for thirty-five years Bishop of Norwich, 702 GRANDSIRE CATERS. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; E. Ward, 2; P. Sadler, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; G. Howchin, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; W. Bales, 8; G. Smith, 9; J. Smith, 10. Also touches of BOB ROYAL, STEDMAN CATERS, OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and 575 GRANDSIRE CATERS. A. W. Brighton, conductor; F. J. Howchin taking part.

AT THE NORMAN TOWER, BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday evening, for service, on the back eight, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Debenham (conductor), 1; G. Farrants, 2; W. Salisbury, 3; H. Turner, 4; A. Bridges, 5; A. Symonds, 6; R. Moore, 7; R. Gooch, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt.

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The boat fire-driven; far off, over these,
The spire-lit city. If to him they seem
Shadows of pitiless Doom that travels fast,
They realise our fathers' eager dream.'

MEDIAEVAL MUSIC. An Historical Sketch. By Robert Charles Hope, F.S.A., F.R.S.L. (London: Elliot Stock. 1894. 5s.)—A scholarly and praiseworthy attempt to trace the history of mediæval music, sacred and secular. It is, of course, largely technical, but of deep interest to the student. Mr. Hope shows for the first time what was the real character of the ancient Greek scale, and disposes of the Jewish origin of Gregorian tones, so called. We have read the book with much pleasure and profit, and commend it to all lovers of the history of music, especially to those who try to follow the development of the art as applied to worship.

ELEMENTARY METAL WORK. A Practical Manual for Amateurs and for use in Schools. By Charles Godfrey Leland. (London: Whittaker & Co. 1894. 5s.)—Describes the processes of cold-metal work, chiefly as applied to industrial or decorative art, specially with a view to their being taught to children in elementary or preparatory schools. Well conceived and clearly expressed.

THE HEROIC IN MISSIONS. Pioneers in Six Fields. By the Rev. A. R. Buckland, morning preacher at the Foundling Hospital. (London: Isbister. 1894. 1s. 6d.)—In six chapters, entitled 'The Heroism of Patience,' 'The Pioneer in Japan,' 'The Graves by the Victoria Nyanza,' 'A Pioneer in the Far West,' 'The Pilgrim Missionary of the Punjab,' and 'The Men who died at Lokoja,' Mr. Buckland has told the story of some of the most heroic and self-sacrificing lives of our time—lives which recall those of the early Christian days and which prove that the power of the Cross is as great as ever. No one can read this brief account without being stimulated and made better thereby.

THE BIBLE BY MODERN LIGHT. Rehoboam to Hezekiah. By Dr. Cunningham Geikie. (Jas. Nisbet & Co. 6s.)—This most excellent series is well continued in this volume. It gives a pictorial and accurate story of the current history of the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah, suited not only to the teacher but also to the general reader and student. We are indebted to Dr. Geikie for some most useful work.

WHY AM I A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND? By the Rev. Edwin Noyes. (Sears & Co., 180 Fleet Street, E.C. 3d. and 1d.)—This useful pamphlet ought to be largely circulated in places where Dissent is prevalent. Mr. Noyes gives five unassailable reasons for being a member of the Church, and writes forcibly, but nevertheless with studied moderation. The penny edition is especially useful for such distribution as we have indicated.

We are informed that a translation from the German has been made by the Rev. T. Archibald S. White, chaplain at Baden-Baden, of Professor Dr. Watterich's book, *The Passover of the New Covenant*. This volume, which will shortly appear, will be welcomed with interest as giving the Old Catholic view of the Holy Communion.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THERE will be a district meeting of the above on Saturday, July 21st, at Barking. Tea will be served at 5 p.m., and the business meeting will follow. Members intending to be present must inform the Association Secretary not later than the previous Tuesday.
HENRY T. W. EYRE.
Great Totham, Witham.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

THE quarterly district meeting was held at Stroud on Thursday, the 14th inst., when about forty-six members of different societies in union were represented. These were addressed in the parish church of St. Laurence by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Fox, LL.B., at the short service which always precedes the proceedings of this Association. At the tea in the Corn Hall subsequently, the Master, E. B. James, Esq., responded to the toast of 'Success to the Association.' The Rev. Pitt Eykyn, hon. secretary, expressed the thanks of the members to the Vicar for his address, and to the churchwardens jointly with him for their kind welcome and for the use of the bells, which were warmly praised for their perfect 'go' after their recent overhauling by Messrs. Taylor & Co. Mr. Churchwarden Ford and the Vicar suitably responded. Mitcheldean and Tetbury were then proposed for the place of the next district meeting, Wickwar also being suggested, and upon a show of hands being taken, Tetbury was fixed upon by a small majority. Several other matters were discussed, and then an adjournment was again made to the belfry, the bells being kept going till quite late in the evening. The Stroud Company are certainly to be heartily congratulated on the great interest shown in their welfare by the present ecclesiastical authorities, who have spared no pains or expense in getting their musical ring placed in excellent condition and order.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The fourth annual district meeting was held at Sweffling on Saturday, June 23rd, when twenty-one members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Rendham, Sweffling, Great Glemham, Benhall, and Framlingham. The church bells were kindly placed at the disposal of members, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening in the PLAIN BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, and GRANDSIRE MINOR methods. The business meeting was held at six o'clock in the iron Mission Room, presided over by the Rector, the Rev. H. Ruxton, M.A., when the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman. The Honorary District Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, then read the Annual Report, which showed that seven peals had been rung within the district during the year, viz., one peal each of KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR at Kelsale, two peals of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR at Leiston, two 5040's (one each in three and five methods) of DOUBLES at Peasenhall, and a 5040 in five methods of DOUBLES at Sibton, showing an increase in the way of performances as compared with the two previous years. There has been an increase of five members during the year. Since the recent restoration of the ring of six bells at Benhall, the tower has been brought into union with the Association, thus increasing the total number of towers to ten within the district. Quarterly meetings have been held at Kelsale, Peasenhall, Benhall, and Leiston, all of which have been well attended. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldeburgh on September 15th. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding, also for the use of the mission room and the church bells, brought to a close a very successful meeting.

For continuation of Bell-ringing see next page.

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The Essex Association at Sudbury, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a number of the above Association paid a visit to Sudbury on the occasion of their annual holiday, being joined by a few London ringers and numbering nearly forty. The Braintree men met the London excursionists at Braintree station with a couple of brakes, and drove to Sudbury. After dinner the visitors proceeded to All Saints' and St. Gregory's Churches, returning to the hotel for tea. The ringing party included Messrs. F. Rudkin and W. Hammond (Braintree), C. Bearman, W. Moore, S. Sergeant, F. Warren, H. Butcher, F. Radley (Bocking), F. Bumpstead (Colchester), E. Horrocks (Wandsworth), E. Carter, W. Carter, and E. Carter, jun. (Bermondsey), C. Sillitoe, J. Campin, H. Harper, A. Scott, and H. Howell (Sudbury). After tea the visitors went to St. Peter's Church. Thanks were accorded to the Vicars and Wardens of the three churches for their kindness in granting the use of the bells. Altogether, it was a successful meeting.

CHANGE-RINGING.**At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.**

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 11 mins. G. Smart,* 1; K. Hart,* 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; G. Baker,* 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; H. Weston, 7; G. F. Attree, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. This composition, in one part, has the 6th its extent in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. [* First peal in the method.]

At Holy Trinity, Barking Road, West Ham, Essex.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., six members of the Essex Association rang 5040 changes in seven 720's of BOB MINOR (each called differently) in 2 hrs. 48 mins. J. Waits, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Truss, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; G. Pearl, 5; W. Dallimore, 6. The following was the calling:—10 singles 8 bobs; 18 bobs 2 singles; 8 bobs 6 singles; 22 singles; Penning's 28 bobs 18 singles; 9 bobs 6 singles; 16 bobs 2 singles. This has the least possible number of calls among the greatest possible number of calls.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

On Monday, the 18th inst., ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 17 mins. W. R. Small, 1; W. H. Godden, 2; J. George, 3; B. Dalton, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; A. Spittle, 6; S. Spittle, 7; R. Cartwright, 8; J. E. Groves, 9; J. Pardoe, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by J. E. Groves. This composition has the 6th twenty-four times before the 9th, and seven times behind the 7th in the reversed Tittums position, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke position. It was rung half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. John Fowler. The number of changes in the above peal is interesting from the fact that the odd 75 represents the age of the deceased.

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

On Tuesday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; A. D. Mills, 3; W. Ward, 4; F. Dench, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. W. Cripps, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by J. Parker.

At the Parish Church, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Friday, the 22nd inst., a peal of 5035 STEDMAN CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 22½ mins. by the following members of the Midland Counties' Association:—J. Smith, 1; A. W. Matthews, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., 4; S. Smith, 5; E. W. Cartwright, 6; E. Reader, 7; W. T. Billingham, 8; J. W. Taylor, jun., 9; T. Grundy, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. in D. Composed by the late Mr. Henry Johnson, and conducted by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. MARGARET'S, OCKLEY, SURREY.—On Friday, the 18th ult., for practice, 360 OXFORD BOB MINOR (4 bobs and 2 singles). F. Barton, 1; Rev. C. E. Eagles, 2; G. Cox, 3; A. Knight, 4; J. Taylor, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. Also 720 WAREHAM COURT BOB (24 singles). F. Barton,* 1; Rev. C. E. Eagles,* 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor,* 4; J. Taylor, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Composed by H. Burstow, of Horsham. Messrs. Jordan came from Capel; Mr. Knight from Rusper. [* First peal in this method.]

At ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, after Divine service, a quarter-peal of BOB MAJOR (1280 changes) in 48 mins. W. H. Freemon, 1; F. Rumens, 2; R. J. Maynard, 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; F. A. Nunn, 6; E. T. Edridge, 7; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 8.

At CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM, SURREY.—On a Wednesday, for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. T. Goff (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Chantler, 3; J. Crawford, 4; T. Tutte, 5; T. Miles, 6; H. Kenten, 7; A. Bassett, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, SEVENHAMPTON, WILTS.—On a Saturday, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. T. Robinson, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; R. Richards, 4; O. W. Layng, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 on the bells.

At ST. ANDREW'S, HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On a Monday, 1260 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. S. Smith, 1; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; H. Hicks, 3; A. Finch, 4; W. Joiner, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; J. J. Pratt, 7; A. T. Dampier, 8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor.

At ST. MARY'S, BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—On a Tuesday, 720 GRANDSIRE

DOUBLES (each called differently). W. Stillwell, 1; Rev. H. C. Stokes, 2; W. Wheeler (first 720 as conductor), 3; W. Whiting, 4; G. Beagley, 5; T. Burrows, 6.

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In the spring of this year I called upon Mrs. Sandalls, of 30 Swindon Street, Cheltenham, and took down from her own lips this account of her illness and recovery.

'It was in the year 1890 that I went to Coombe Lodge with my husband,' said Mrs. Sandalls. 'I had then been ill for a long time—I have suffered from chest disease since childhood. My mother, sister, and my mother's brother all died of consumption, and at the time I consulted Mr. Congreve I had all the well-marked symptoms of the disease, including a very bad, hacking cough, with much expectoration—yellow and offensive, and a great deal of pain about the chest. I had also got very thin and weak.'

'I suppose you received advice and medicine, Mrs. Sandalls?'

'Yes. I followed the advice given me, and took the medicine for a year, gradually but slowly getting better all the time. I quite recovered, and although I am not what you would call a strong woman (I have had a large family very quickly), I have not since that time had any trouble with my chest, and am quite able to attend to all my household duties.'

'Knowing what your condition was, do you think you would have got better if you hadn't applied to Mr. Congreve?'

'I am certain that if I had not gone to Mr. Congreve when I did that I should not have lived.'

'I believe your daughter was under treatment at the same time, Mrs. Sandalls?'

'Yes, she went with me to Coombe Lodge. She was even worse than I was, for among other symptoms she had had night sweats, and spat a quantity of blood. She remained under treatment about the same length of time that I did. She keeps well now, except when she gets a cold, and then I give her a few doses of medicine, which soon puts her right again. I always keep a large-sized bottle and some of Mr. Congreve's liniment in the house.'

A certificate on the wall of the room bore indirect testimony to the recovery of the daughter, for it set forth that this child—not yet fifteen years of age—had passed, with honours, an examination of the Incorporated Society of Musicians.

Mrs. Sandalls willingly accorded me permission to publish this interview, in the hope that others might benefit.

I did not see Mr. Sandalls, for he was away at business, but I have a letter from him in which he says: '... I consulted you about my wife, she being then in a very serious condition, the symptoms those of Consumption. She took the medicine regularly for twelve months, with great benefit—in fact it saved her life. I have and always shall bear testimony to the efficacy of your remedy, and in not a few cases have I been successful in leading others to do likewise.'

130 Treble Bob Major.

5472

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5	6	4	2	3	2	-	2	
6	5	3	2	4	-	1	2	
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6	2	5	3	4	1	-	2	
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Twice repeated.

Contains the extent of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's at a course-end. G. L.

131 Treble Bob Major.

5184

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	6	3	5	4	2	-	1	
3	6	5	2	4	1	-	1	
4	2	5	6	3	2	-	2	1
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4	3	5	2	6	2	-		
2	4	3	6	5	-	2		
3	4	6	2	5	1	-	1	
5	2	6	4	3	2	-	2	1
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3	5	4	2	6	1	-	1	
6	2	4	5	3	2	-	2	1
5	6	2	3	4	-	2		
6	3	4	2	5	2	-		
3	2	6	5	4	-			
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Contains 6th its extent home. G.L.

Double Norwich Major.

132

5008

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

The second section of course repeated completes the peal. Contains 6th 22 times home. First rung at Aylesford, Kent, conducted by its composer, on September 2nd, 1893.

G. L.

133

5088

2	3	4	5	6	1	4	5	6
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5	6	2	3	4	-	-		
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2	6	3	5	4	-	-		
6	3	2	5	4	-	-		
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Repeated, omitting the three bobs braced. G. L.

Superlative Surprise Major.

134

5056

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

Contains 6th extent home. Rung at Gillingham, Kent, on May 27th, 1893, conducted by its composer. G. L.

Superlative Surprise Major.

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5088

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

Contains 4th 11 times home. G. L.

137

5040

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

Twice repeated. Contains the in course extent of 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's at a course-end. G. L.

138 (Omitted, as being merely a variation.)

THE ILLUSTRATED CHURCH NEWS'

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THE MAGAZINE OF ART for July is full of delightful things. Westminster Abbey and its projected addition, in the form of a chapel, are well discussed, and the drawings are excellent. The Grafton Galleries, by Mr. F. G. Stephens, is a most readable article, splendidly illustrated.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER opens with an excellent article on 'The Anglican Missionary Conference,' by the Editor, who points out the impracticability, in the present state of the Church of England, of abolishing societies, and conducting foreign missions under the superintendence of a Church Board. 'Suppose,' suggests Mr. Stock, 'that the Church in its corporate capacity elected Mr. Webb-Peploe, bishop of Zanzibar, in the room of Bishop Smythies, what would the Zanzibar missionaries do, or what would the subscribers to that Mission do?' Fairly full reports of the Conference proceedings are given further on.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Late President Carnot's Funeral Peal at the Imperial Institute, London.

ON Sunday, July 1st, during the funeral of the late President Carnot, in France, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang (with the bells half-muffled), on the Alexandra bells, a Funeral Peal—the usual whole-pull-and-stand; the tenor bell tolled the age of the deceased. C. F. Winney, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; F. Buck, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; E. H. Adams, 6; E. Horrex, 7; J. N. Oxborrow, 8; J. W. Hayes, 9; W. T. Cockerill, 10. This is the first muffled peal on these bells, as was also President Garfield's the first at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

A Ringers' Ramble about Rugby and Neighbourhood.

LATELY, on a Saturday afternoon, several members of the Nuneaton Branch of the Midland Counties' Association—Messrs. H. Horwood, H. Argyle, J. F. Clarke, T. W. Chapman, H. Paulson, W. Hickley, and W. Stone—visited Rugby, when they were met by Mr. J. George (Rugby) and Mr. H. Tarver (Bilton), who conducted them round the neighbourhood. On Rugby Station 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on handbells, H. Paulson being 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. The party then journeyed by wagonette to Newbold-on-Avon, and the first 720 of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR on the bells at that place was successfully brought round by H. Horwood, 1; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. George, 6. Two peals (120) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, by W. Stone, 1; W. Hickley, 2; H. Tarver, 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; and H. Argyle, 6. Also 198 BOB MINOR, by H. Paulson, 1; H. Argyle (conductor), 2; J. F. Clarke, 3; W. Hickley, 4; H. Horwood, 5; and J. George, 6. A course of GRANDSIRE CATERS on handbells by J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Paulson, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8; and J. George, 9-10. Also 112 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8, were rung. A move was then made for Rugby, and at St. Andrew's Church the first 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES at that place were rung by H. Argyle, 1; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; J. George, 4; and T. W. Chapman, 5. Also 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES by J. Coles (Rugby), 1; H. Tarver, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; H. Horwood, 4; and J. George (conductor), 5. After this, Bilton was visited, and at St. Mark's the first 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES were brought round by J. F. Clarke, 1; H. Paulson, 2; W. Hickley, 3; J. George, 4; and T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5. Two peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES by W. Stone, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. Argyle, 3; H. Tarver, 4; and J. George (conductor), 5. Also 120 BOB DOUBLES by W. Stone, 1; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 2; H. Argyle, 3; H. Horwood, 4; and J. George, 5. Dunchurch was next visited, where dinner was provided. Afterwards the church tower was ascended, when two peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung by T. W. Chapman, 1; H. Horwood, 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; and J. F. Clarke, 6. The first 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES on these bells by T. W. Chapman (conductor), 1; J. George, 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. F. Clarke, 5; and H. Horwood, 6. Also 360 BOB MINOR by T. W. Chapman, 1; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; H. Horwood, 5; and J. George, 6. The following touches were afterwards rung on handbells:—223 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; and J. George (composer and conductor), 7-8. Also 112 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by the same band. A course of GRANDSIRE CATERS followed. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Paulson, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8; J. George, 9-10. Several tunes were afterwards given by H. Horwood, T. W. Chapman, J. F. Clarke, H. Argyle, and H. Paulson. At Dunchurch great interest was manifested by the inhabitants in the performance. The ringers and others left Dunchurch at ten p.m., and were driven to Rugby by Mr. Lesson, the visitors leaving Rugby Station for their respective homes at eleven p.m., after experiencing an enjoyable holiday. The ringers desire to thank the clergy and churchwardens of Newbold, Rugby, Bilton, and Dunchurch, for the use of their bells; and also Messrs. Turland, Coles, Cockerill, and others, for the arrangements which they made.

The Anniversary at Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE annual gathering of ringers took place on Thursday, the 21st ult. Ringers were present from Ipswich, Sudbury, Long Melford, Great Bentley, Little Bentley, and Lavenham. Some good ringing was done during the

day, the principal touches being 720 BOB MAJOR: W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Duce, 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds, 7; T. King (conductor), 8. Also a touch of 576 KENT TREBLE BOB: F. Tolliday (Sudbury), 1; W. Hazell (Little Bentley), 2; W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), 3; T. King (Lavenham), 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; H. Harper (Sudbury), 7; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor) 8. Other touches included 630, 504, and 560 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and some short touches of BOB MAJOR, in which Mr. H. Bowell of Ipswich took part. Touches and courses of GRANDSIRE CATERS and TRIPLE BOB MAJOR, &c., were also rung on the handbells, including a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS by F. Tolliday, 1-2; M. J. Nevard, 3-4; C. Sillitoe, 5-6; A. Symonds, 7-8; H. Harper, 9-10. It may be interesting to readers to know the exact height of Lavenham tower. It was measured during the afternoon by some of the party, and is exactly 135 feet high. The weight of the tenor bell is 24 cwt., in D flat.

A Ringers' Holiday.

ALTON RINGERS AT PRIVETT.—The members of the Alton branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took a trip on Saturday, the 9th ult., to Privett, for the purpose of attempting a peal on the fine ring of eight, and to have a friendly pull with the Privett ringers. The party left Alton about two o'clock in a brake, reaching Privett just before four o'clock. The bells were soon raised in peal, and at 4.20 p.m. 'go' was called for GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 43 mins. After taking a rest, and meeting several of the local band, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following members:—L. Goodale, 1; W. Withers, 2; H. Withers, 3; G. Reading, 4; A. Baker, 5; G. Gasson, 6; H. Sutton (conductor), 7; E. Finden, 8. The members arrived home about ten o'clock, having enjoyed the afternoon's holiday. The members wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

The Bells of Mears Ashby, Northants.

THE following are the inscriptions and weights of the bells of the church of All Saints, Mears Ashby:—

1. 'IN DEI GLORIAM. H. M. STOCKDALE & T. MERCER 1879.' (Weight, 6 cwt. 14 lbs.)
2. JOHN CALLIS CHURCHWARDEN E. ARNOLD FECIT 1793.' Weight, 6 cwt. 2 qrs.)
3. 'GOD SAVE OVR KING 1621 E N.' Weight, 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.)
4. 'A B C D F G H I K L M N O P Q R S T.' (Weight, 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.)
5. 'IHS NAZARENVS REX IYDEORVM FILI DEI MISERERE MEI S. PRATT. & W. CHURCH HIEROPHYLACIBVS T. & J. BAYRE FECERUNT 1718.' (Weight, 9 cwt.)

The bells were completely rehung in the year 1879, when a new Treble was added. It was the joint gift of the two gentlemen whose names are inscribed upon it. The third bell was, probably, cast by a founder named Keene, of Woodstock. The fourth (an Alphabet bell bearing no date) appears to have come from the old Leicester foundry of the Newcombes, the latter part of the sixteenth century. The Tenor was one of the first bells made by the Eayres of Kettering, who afterwards became so celebrated for clocks and bells. Its diameter is 39½ inches, and it is rather light in weight and deep in tone for its size.

Mr. H. M. Stockdale, J.P., of Mears Ashby Hall, take considerable interest in the bells and ringers. Mr. Stockdale, jun., handle a rope in the belfry, and is instructing the local company in change-ringing. The Misses Stockdale, too, occasionally amuse themselves by ringing on the handbells.

The Bells of Stroud, Gloucestershire.

	Date.	Correct Net Weight.	Diameter.	Note.	Founder.	Inscription.
I.	1815	cwt. qrs. lbs. 5 2 11	ft. ins. 2 5	G	T. Mears	In sweetest sound let each its note reveal, Mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal.
II.	1815	5 3 11	2 6½	F	T. Mears	We come with harmony to cheer the land; The public raised us with a liberal hand.
III.	1720	6 0 10	2 6	E-flat	---	Prosperity to my worthy Benefactor.
IV.	---	6 0 11	2 7½	D	---	Prosperity to all our Benefactors.
V.	1771	7 1 1	2 9½	C	T. Rudhall	Prosperity to this Parish.
VI.	1713	7 3 3	2 11½	B-flat	A. Rudhall	Prosperity to this Place.
VII.	1771	9 2 15	3 2½	A-flat	T. Rudhall	Wm. Knight, Esqr., Mr. Richard Aldridge, Churchwardens.
VIII.	1815	11 0 17	3 4½	G	T. Mears	Wm. C. Chambers, Esqr. & Richard Cooke, Ch Wardens.
IX.	1721	14 1 4	3 8½	F	A. Rudhall	John Long & Henry Cooke, Ch Wardens.
X.	1815	20 1 20	4 2½	E-flat	T. Mears	Wm. C. Chambers, Esqr., & Richard Cooke, Ch Wardens.
Total tons... 4 14 0 19						May all whom I summon to the Grave, The blessings of a well-spent life receive.

5040 Bob Triples.

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

Five times repeated, omitting bob at end of 2nd, 4th, and 6th parts.
Contains all 6-7's the right way.

J. A. TROLLOP.

The Peal at Willenhall, Staffordshire.

SIR,—I was much surprised to see, in your issue of June 22nd, a peal purporting to be the composition of Samuel Atkins, Willenhall. I myself gave Mr. Atkins that peal a short time ago, explaining to him at the same time that all peals of TRIPLES starting from a different lead and comprising the same calling were the same. I find now that he has started three leads sooner, used the same calls, and put his name to it. What is composing coming to?

JOHN CARTER.

Forward Villa, Park Road, Aston, Birmingham, July 2nd, 1894.

NOTICE.—The paragraph about the ring of eight bells at Lutterford, Leicestershire, in our issue of June 8th, should be Lutterworth.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

On Wednesday the 20th ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. W. S. Wise (conductor), 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; S. Macey, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; A. W. Barkus, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; S. Ames, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang C. Middleton's peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 16 mins. G. Martin, 1; A. Pitstow, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; N. J. Pitstow, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The first peal in the method rung in the Eastern Counties, and was accomplished at the third attempt.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Dains' peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A. J. Neale, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; G. Conyard, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; H. Warnett, 5; C. Wilkins, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. The above is a one-part composition with the 6th nine course-ends at home.

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

On Saturday the 23rd ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. A. Hughes (first peal in the method), 1; J. Pettit, 2; T.

Langdon, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; E. E. Richards, 6; W. Richards, 7; J. Scholes, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., twelve members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS in 3 hrs. 51 mins. A. E. Durrant, 1; W. P. Garrett, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. L. Catchpole, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; C. E. Borrett (first peal on twelve bells), 6; R. Hawes, 7; J. Motts, 8; E. Reeve, 9; A. Bowell, 10; R. Brundle, 11; F. Tillett, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt. Composed by D. Prentice and conducted by W. L. Catchpole. Messrs. Brighton and Borrett came from Norwich.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 1st inst., for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 41 mins. W. Stone, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. Argyle, 3; H. Poulson, 4; J. F. Clark, 5; H. Horwood, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; W. Gilbert, 8. W. Gilbert is tower-keeper of Holy Trinity, Coventry, where there is a ring of eight bells in a wooden structure, not safe for them to be rung.

AT HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 720 BOB MINOR (thirteen singles and nine bobs). A. Symonds, 1; J. Cockel, 2; D. Gooch, 3; H. Turner, 4; W. Salisbury, 5; G. Debenham (conductor), 6. Tenor, 6½ cwt. A. Symonds came from Lavenham, H. Turner from Bury St. Edmunds; the rest are local men.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Thursday, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 50 mins. A. E. Macey, 1; W. C. Hasted, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Harris, 8. On a Thursday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 49 mins., taken from Troyte. R. White (first quarter-peal in the method), 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; H. White (Basingstoke), 3; C. J. North, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Also 280 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. R. White, 1; C. J. Choct, 2; R. Hasted, 3; W. Andrews, 4; C. J. North, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt.

AT WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, after evening service, 720 BOB MINOR in 27 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; F. Gowers, 2; W. Truss, 3; W. Doran, 4; G. Cornell, 5; J. Marks (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, LAMBETH, LONDON.—On a Monday evening, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 26 mins. E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 1; G. McLaughlin, 2; F. Buck, 3; S. Andrews, 4; H. Ellis, 5; W. T. Cockerill, 6. And 528 BOB MINOR in 18 mins. G. T. McLaughlin, 1; H. S. Ellis, 2; F. Buck, 3; S. Andrews, 4; E. P. O'Meara, 5; W. T. Cockerill (conductor), 6.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. George (thanks); and many others.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 604.

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Violet Major.

139	5376	140	5376
2 3 4 5 6	W M H	2 3 4 5 6	W M H
6 4 2 3 5	--	6 4 2 3 5	--
4 6 5 8 2	--	4 6 5 3 2	--
4 5 3 6 2	--	2 5 4 6 3	--
4 3 6 5 2	--	2 4 6 5 3	--
6 5 4 3 2	--	6 5 2 4 3	--
5 4 6 3 2	--	5 2 6 4 3	--
4 5 2 3 6	--	2 5 3 4 6	--
4 2 3 5 6	--	3 4 2 5 6	--

Twice repeated. J. T.

Twice repeated. J. T.

London Surprise Major.

141	5376	142	5376	143	5376	144	5376
23456	M W H	23456	M W H	23456	M W H	23456	M W H
54632	--	54632	--	54632	--	54632	--
64235	--	64235	--	35642	--	35642	--
24536	--	32546	--	46253	--	46253	--
35642	--	45623	--	54263	--	54263	--
46253	--	26354	--	24365	--	36245	--
54263	--	53462	--	34562	--	42563	--
65243	--	65432	--	65243	--	65324	--
42356	--	34256	--	42356	--	42356	--

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

J. T.

145	5376	146	5376	147	5376	148	6048
23456	M W H	23456	M W H	23456	M W H	23456	M W H
54632	--	54632	--	54632	--	54632	--
36245	--	36245	--	36245	--	36245	--
26543	--	26543	--	54263	--	42563	--
34562	--	34562	--	26543	--	52364	--
25463	--	25463	--	45362	--	63425	--
62453	--	64352	--	64352	--	43526	--
35426	--	25346	--	25346	--	25634	--
42356	--	42356	--	42356	--	65432	--

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

J. T.

149	6048	150	5184	151	5760	152	5760
23456	M W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H
54632	--	35426	--	35426	--	35426	--
36245	--	36524	--	52364	--	52364	--
42563	--	62345	--	26543	--	26543	--
52364	--	62453	--	64235	--	64235	--
63425	--	25463	--	64352	--	64352	--
24536	--	56234	--	45362	--	45362	--
35642	--	63542	--	56423	--	56423	--
65243	--	34625	--	62534	--	62534	--
42356	--	42356	--	23645	--	42635	--

Twice repeated, or 34256 -- instead of the last course 6048.

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated, the 60 course-ends.

Twice repeated, 60 course-ends.

J. T.

153	5760	154	5760	155	5760	156	5760
23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H	23456	M B W H
35426	--	35426	--	35426	--	26354	--
52364	--	52364	--	52364	--	24653	--
26543	--	26543	--	26543	--	45236	--
64235	--	64235	--	64235	--	53462	--
64352	--	64252	--	64352	--	36524	--
45362	--	45362	--	45362	--	62345	--
56342	--	56342	--	56342	--		
64523	--	64523	--	64523	--		
42356	--	34625	--	34625	--		
42356	--	42356	--	34256	--		

Twice repeated. 60 course-ends.

Twice repeated. 60 course-ends.

Twice repeated. 60 course-ends.

Four times repeated. 60 course-ends, one wrong and one at home at any part-end, will reduce it to 5184. J. T.

A Peal of Grandsire Caters.

157	5003	Continued:
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		3 4 2 6 5 8 in 3
4 2 3 5 6 7 in and out at 3		5 3 4 6 2 9 " 3 s
3 4 2 5 6 9 in 3		4 5 3 6 2 9 " 3
4 5 2 3 6 8 " 3		3 4 5 6 2 9 " 3
5 3 2 4 6 8 " 3		2 3 4 6 5 9 " 3 s
2 5 3 4 6 9 " 3		5 2 3 6 4 9 " 3 s
3 2 5 4 6 9 " 3		4 5 2 6 3 9 " 3 s
2 4 5 3 6 8 " 3		2 4 5 6 3 9 " 3
4 3 5 2 6 8 " 3		5 2 4 6 3 9 " 3
5 4 3 2 6 9 " 3		3 5 2 6 4 9 " 3 s
3 5 4 2 6 9 " 3		2 3 5 6 4 9 " 3
5 2 4 3 6 8 " 3		4 2 3 6 5 9 " 3 s
2 3 4 5 6 8 " 3		5 4 2 6 3 9 " 3 s
5 3 4 2 6 1 s		3 5 4 6 2 9 " 3 s
4 5 3 2 6 9 in 3		4 3 5 6 2 9 " 3
5 2 3 4 6 8 " 3		5 4 3 6 2 9 " 3
2 4 3 5 6 8 " 3		2 5 4 6 3 9 " 3 s
3 2 4 5 6 9 " 3		3 2 5 6 4 9 " 3 s
4 3 2 5 6 9 " 3		4 3 2 6 5 9 " 3 s
3 5 2 4 6 8 " 3		2 4 3 6 5 9 " 3
5 4 2 3 6 8 " 3		3 2 4 6 5 9 " 3
2 5 4 3 6 9 " 3		5 3 2 6 4 9 " 3 s
4 2 5 3 6 9 " 3		2 5 3 6 4 9 " 3
2 3 5 4 6 8 " 3		4 2 5 6 3 9 " 3 s
3 4 5 2 6 8 " 3		
6 2 4 3 5 8 " 3		
4 6 2 3 5 9 " 3		
2 4 6 3 5 9 " 3		
4 3 6 2 5 8 " 3		
3 2 6 4 5 8 " 3		
6 3 2 4 5 9 " 3		

Round as usual.

This peal has the sixth its extent in sixth's place, and also behind the ninth.

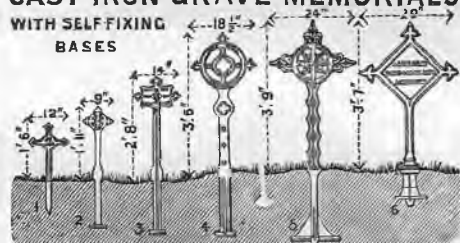
JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.

Stedman's Caters.

158	5079	Continued:
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9		5 1 2 6 3 4
3 1 5 6 2 4 9 7 8	1 4 5 6 16	3 1 2 4 5 6 4 5 16
3 1 4 5 2 6	16	3 1 6 2 5 4 16
3 1 6 4 2 5	16	3 1 4 6 5 2 16
6 1 3 5 2 4	5 16	4 1 3 2 5 6 5 16
6 1 4 3 2 5	16	4 1 6 3 5 2 16
6 1 5 4 2 3	16	4 1 2 6 5 3 16
5 1 6 3 2 4	5 16	2 1 4 3 5 6 5 16
5 1 4 6 2 3	16	2 1 6 4 5 3 16
4 1 5 3 2 6	5 16	6 1 2 3 5 4 5 16
2 1 5 6 4 3	4 5 16	6 1 4 2 5 3 16
2 1 3 5 4 6	16	5 1 4 3 6 2 4 5 16
2 1 6 3 4 5	16	5 1 2 4 6 3 16
6 1 2 5 4 3	5 16	5 1 3 2 6 4 16
6 1 3 2 4 5	16	3 1 5 4 6 2 5 16
6 1 5 3 4 2	16	3 1 2 5 6 4 16
5 1 6 2 4 3	5 16	3 1 4 2 6 5 16
5 1 3 6 4 2	16	4 1 3 5 6 2 5 16
3 1 5 2 4 6	5 16	4 1 2 3 6 5 16
4 1 5 6 3 2	4 5 16	2 1 4 5 6 3 5 16
4 1 2 5 3 6	16	2 1 3 4 6 5 16
4 1 6 2 3 5	16	
6 1 4 5 3 2	5 16	
6 1 2 4 3 5	16	
6 1 5 2 3 4	16	
5 1 6 4 3 2	5 16	
5 1 2 6 3 4	16	

Bobs at 2, 8, 9, 15 produce rounds.

Composed by W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), and conducted by Henry Roberts, at Cheltenham, on 9th November, 1893.

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always omitted, that most of the prayers are to 'God,' to 'the Sacred Presence who fillest all time and space,' and some are addressed to the Sacred Spirit. The nearly entire absence of the name of Christ is very remarkable, and we conclude the pious and well-meaning author has got some notions upon prayer and, perhaps, about the second Person of the Eternal Trinity which greatly mar what might have been a good work.

THE CHURCHMAN'S MANUAL. By the Most Rev. Enos Nuttall, D.D., bishop of Jamaica and Primate of the West Indies. (Jamaica: Aston W. Gardner & Co.)—A distinctly good, useful book of devotions. It reminds us of one or two manuals which were published in this country a few years ago, and which we highly approved. The Bishop has brought out his manual for the especial benefit of the people of his diocese, and it appears to us to be very well adapted to that purpose. Church people need teaching Church truths sadly, or there would not be so many Dissenters as there are, for much dissent is based on ignorance of true Church principles which our preachers have greatly and shamefully neglected—sometimes, we fear, at the shrine of popularity—to teach and explain. We think this manual of the Bishop is well fitted to prove very useful in Jamaica and the West Indies.

SUMMER RESORTS, a handbook of picturesque places in Great Britain and Ireland, price sixpence, which has just been issued by the Mazawattee Ceylon Tea Company, deals briefly and as clearly as possible with 240 places in Great Britain and Ireland which are acknowledged to be holiday haunts, and gives illustrations of ninety-six of them. It is a handy book of reference for all holiday-seekers. The covers are a striking feature, being a representation of tea-leaves in the natural state, and they have a delightfully cool and refreshing appearance.

AMONG seasonable publications is an Official Guide issued by the Scarborough and Whitby R. Co., which gives some interesting particulars about the beautiful country which the railway passes through.

MAGAZINES.

THE ECONOMIC REVIEW, which we have missed for some little time past, and which is the organ of the Oxford Branch of the Christian Social Union, is a very full and useful number. Dr. Talbot on 'Moral Threads in Social Webs,' the anonymous but telling indictment entitled 'Three Months in the London Milk Trade,' and Mr. Sidney Ball on 'Socialism according to Bebel,' deserve deep and continued study. The short summaries of the legislative side of social work are well done.

THE CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE continues Mr. Rendel Harris's interesting addresses, this month's being on the 'Sabbatism of the People of God.' Mr. R. J. Weatherhead writes with sound reason on the necessity of keeping up our Greek.

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES should be read for Professor Walter F. Adeney's article on 'Principal Fairbairn,' Professor A. B. Davidson on the 'Eschatology of Isaiah,' Professor H. H. Wendt on the 'Kingdom of God in the Teaching of Jesus,' and the many useful and helpful notes of recent exposition and reviews of books.

THE EXPOSITOR is at its best this month. Dr. Gifford sums up the recent discussion between Professor Ramsay and Mr. Chase, and inclines considerably to the side of the Scotch Professor. The summary is masterly. Mr. John Watson's article on 'Love, the Law of Spiritual Gravitation,' should be read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested by every student and preacher; and Mr. Benjamin Kidd's masterly criticism of Professor Drummond's new work contains a necessary protest against the fundamental fallacies of that fascinating but misleading production.

THE THINKER is remarkable for the thoughtful and pregnant notice of Professor Mozley by Principal H. R. Reynolds, and Professor H. B. Swete's article on 'Some Controverted Points in the Apostles' Creed.' The usual summaries of thought, home and foreign, are full and adequate.

THE CRITICAL REVIEW is worth reading from cover to cover. The principal items are Mr. Taylor Innes on Mr. Kidd's 'Social Evolution,' Dr. A. Plummer on Reusch's recent work on the Jesuits, Professor J. G. McKendrick on Drummond's *Ascent of Man*, Mr. D. Somerville on Pfeleiderer's Gifford Lectures, and Major C. R. Conder on Professor G. A. Smith's 'Historical Geography of the Holy Land' (a valuable original contribution to the subject).

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE contains a full and interesting report of the N. and C. Europe Anglican Church Conference of 1894.

THE INDIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW contains some noteworthy articles. The Archdeacon of Rangoon on 'Dæmonology and Nat Worship in Burma,' Canon Churton on the late Dr. Hopkins of America, Mr. W. Lock on 'Our Lord's Teaching by Parables,' Mr. F. C. Channing on 'The Re-marriage of Converts,' are all excellent, and there is a very wide and full review of recent theological literature.

The first number of a little paper called **NIGER AND YORUBA NOTES**, which is to be a record of work in Western Equatorial Africa, has just been issued.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The South Staffordshire Association.

THE annual gathering in connexion with the above Association took place at Lichfield on Saturday, the 30th ult., when upwards of a hundred members were present. Shortly after two o'clock a 'touch' was rung on the Cathedral bells, and the ringers afterwards attended the service, a sermon appropriate to the occasion being preached by the Rev. E. Downing Pollock (vicar of Tamworth). At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Lichfield Coffee House for tea. Subsequently a general meeting was held, at which the Rev. O. W. Steele (rector of St. Michael's, Lichfield) presided, the Rev. E. D. Pollock and other clergymen being present. The Chairman apologised for the absence of Archdeacon Scott, and expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Rev. E. D. Pollock for his excellent sermon. The Rev. D. Jones (hon. treasurer) then read a statement of the accounts, which showed the receipts during the year to have been 24l. 7s. 2d., and the expenditure 13l. 19s. 10d., thus leaving a balance in hand of 10l. 7s. 4d. It was decided to hold three quarterly meetings, instead of four, during the ensuing twelve months, at Wood Green, Stafford, and Bloxwich respectively. The Rev. D. Jones (hon. treasurer) and Mr. S. Reeves (hon. secretary) were re-elected, and the Committee was also elected.

Ulcombe Ringers at Dover.

THE annual excursion of the ringers of All Saints', Ulcombe, Kent took place on Monday, the 25th ult., when a party of twenty-two paid a visit to Dover. Before starting a merry peal was rung as the first item in the day's programme. Dover was reached before ten o'clock, and a long and enjoyable day was spent by the seaside. As is his custom, the Rector of Ulcombe most kindly gave the dinner.

The Stowmarket Bells, Suffolk.

THE parish church bells are in such a dangerous condition that the churchwardens (Messrs. W. G. Ranson & G. Marriott) have ordered them not to be rung until put in thorough-going repair. The chiming may be performed 'with care.' A sum of 200l. is required to put them in a condition for ringing.

Restoration of the Bells at Buxhall, Suffolk.

THE village of Buxhall was lately the scene of considerable rejoicing on the occasion of the reopening of the parish bells. The heavy expense incurred in repair was met by the energy and perseverance of Miss Nellie Hill, daughter of the Rector (Rev. H. Hill). Miss Hill collected the entire amount, over 50l., and the bells were reopened free from any liability. The bells are in the key of F; the tenor (weight about 17 cwt.) was cast in 1632, and the remaining four a few years later. They have been entirely rehung with modern improvements by Messrs. Day & Son, of Eye. A large congregation assembled for the re-dedication service, which was fully choral. Ringing was continued at intervals during the day. The ringers—W. Durrant, H. Edwards, T. Durrant, A. Sawyer, and W. Welham—were joined by the Stowmarket ringers, Messrs. Wade, Rouse, Ponder, Jeffries, and Welham. These, with others from neighbouring villages, numbering about fifty, were entertained at the Rectory.

New Bells at Solihull.

ON Friday last the Bishop of Marlborough dedicated the new bells at Solihull Parish Church, Warwickshire.

Prize Ringing.

'TENOR BELL,' in the *Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette*, says:— 'I should like to call attention (especially that of ministers and churchwardens) to the need of giving more attention to the encouragement of ringing. In many rural parishes there is scarcely any ringing. Ringing matches seem to be stamped out. But I fail to see any harm resulting from friendly rivalry on church bells. If ringing for money is wrong, why not find some other way to give encouragement? I do not think ringers care so much for a prize as the honour of winning it, and that if we were to offer prizes of pieces of church furniture for the respective churches of the winning sets, we should get plenty of competition, and thereby revive the good old music we all delight to hear. If any of your readers will make suggestions, I shall be very glad.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Abbey Church, Waltham, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Waltham Abbey Society rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. F. Carter, 1; H. James,* 2; G. E. Peace (first peal with a bob-bell), 3; F. Jelf, 4; D. Tarling, 5; G. Thurgood (first peal as conductor), 6; T. Colverd, 7; G. Cole,* 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Skipton, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday, the 1st inst., before the morning service, a course of DUKE OF YORK was rung in honour of the birth of the infant Prince. In the afternoon eight members of the Yorkshire Association of Bell-ringers rang a peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 3 mins. W. Clarke (Gargrave), 1; J. Boothman, 2; S. Doughty, 3; F. Metcalfe, 4; W. L. Mason (Gargrave), 5; H. Horner, 6; W. Billows, 7; W. D. Hillary, 8. Composed by Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, and conducted by Mr. Billows.

At the Parish Church, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. P. Ince (first peal as conductor), 1.

W. Thornley (Halliwell), 2; R. Seddon (Halliwell), 3; W. Farnworth,* 4; T. Honeyford,* 5; J. Gregory (Halliwell), 6; J. Seddon* (Halliwell), 7; J. Moulden* (Bolton), 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt. The peal contains 194 bobs and 46 singles, with the 6th at home every 42 changes, and the 6th and 7th at home every 210 changes, and the 6th, 6th, and 7th at home together every 840 changes or part-end. [*First peal.]

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 18 mins. S. Hayes, 1; J. Pettit, 2; Y. Green, 3; H. Springall, 4; H. J. Tucker, 5; H. Prior, 6; W. T. Cookerill, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. Composed by Y. Green, and conducted by J. M. Hayes.

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

LATELY, eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang J. S. Wilde's peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. T. Brewis, 1; F. Lees, 2; A. F. Hillier, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; H. D. Dall, 5; W. Brewis (first peal on eight bells), 6; F. J. Harrison, 7; W. Holmes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Messrs. Brewis belong to Tanfield, the rest to St. John's.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE.—On Coronation Day the bells were rung in the morning with a touch of SLEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Ireland (Diss), 1; G. Archer (Diss), 2; J. Souter (Diss), 3; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 4; I. Hills (Bedford), 5; J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden), 6; C. W. Clarke (Bedford), 7; W. Marshall (Saffron Walden), 8. A touch of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL was also rung by W. Ireland (Diss), 1; G. Taylor (Cambridge), 2; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 3; G. Archer (Diss), 4; I. Hills (Bedford), 5; H. J. Tucker (Bishop Stortford), 6; C. W. Clarke (Bedford), 7; J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden), 8; G. Pye (Romford), 9; J. Souter (Diss), 10. Tenor, 31 cwt., in D flat.

AT ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, an attempt was made on the back eight bells for a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Carter's Twelve-part), but after ringing a quarter of an hour it ended. Another start was made, but the time being short, 840 was rung. H. Jones, 5; W. Taylor, 6; W. Owen, 7; G. Burrows, 8; A. Espley, 9; F. Taylor, 10; G. Boylin (conductor), 11; W. Davies, 12. Tenor, 43 cwt., in C.

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S, MEREWORTH, KENT.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs, two singles). L. Newman, 1; G. E. Boorman, 2; G. Butler, 3; E. H. Newman, 4; W. Steed (Tonbridge), 5; W. Eldridge (conductor), 6.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ERITH, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins. A. Deards, 1; H. E. Parker, 2; A. Hardy (first quarter-peal), 3; T. Faulkner, 4; A. Whight, 5; E. Lucas, 6; F. J. Cullum (conductor), 7; H. Boar, 8. Also 503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Hardy, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; G. Cullum, 4; A. Whight, 5; F. J. Cullum, 6; S. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. And 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Lucas, 1; H. E. Parker, 2; A. Hardy, 3; T. Faulkner, 4; S. Hayes, 5; J. Garard, 6; A. Whight (conductor), 7; H. Boar, 8. Messrs F. J. and G. Cullum, W. Smith, and J. Garard are local men; the others came from Barking, Essex.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BARKING, ESSEX.—On a Saturday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. A. Hardy, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; H. Parker, 3; Y. Green, 4; A. Deards, 5; H. Springhall, 6; A. Whight, (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On a Wednesday, an attempt was made for a peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, which came to an end through a wrong call after ringing 4620 changes in 2 hrs. 41 mins. P. Brooker, 1; E. Mankelow, 2; H. Porter, 3; G. Stonestreet, 4; W. Latter, 5; W. Steed, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; C. Goble, 8. This is W. Steed's first attempt for a peal as conductor, and he, with G. Stonestreet, came from Tonbridge.

AT WESTERHAM, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. R. Stone, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; G. Steer (composer and conductor), 4; E. R. J. Dunk, 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby, 7; D. Ashdown, 8.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Thursday, 540 GRANDSIRE CATERERS. C. J. North, 1; G. Smith, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. Choct, 4; T. Newnham, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; D. Froome, 10. And 532 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. R. Hasted, 1; C. J. Choct, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; T. Newnham, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt.

AT SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On a Monday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR (eight bobs and six singles), with the tenor covering. J. Shedd, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Wood, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6; W. Walter, 8. On a Sunday, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. J. Shedd, 1; T. W. Jarrett, 2; H. Baker, 3; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; H. Burling, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; W. Walker, 8. Messrs. Bridges, Baker, and Burling belong to Ospringe.

AT ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, LONDON.—On a Saturday, an attempt was made for a peal of 5440 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. After having rung 4640 changes, a mistake occurred, which caused the conductor to call stand. W. Bedwell, 1; H. Dains, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Hannington, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; P. Howard, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8.

AT TOWN MALLING, KENT.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 360 CANTERBURY PLEASURE. W. Capon, 1; W. Smith (first 360 in the method), 2; J. Worsley, 3; W. Harden, 4; Rev. A. L. Brine, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

AT CRAFTFORD, KENT.—On a Tuesday, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was attempted, but came to an end after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins., there being only a little more than another course to ring to finish the peal, the last bob having been made, and the bells in the plain course. J. Turner, 1; F. Hayes, 2; W. I. Reeve, 3; G. Conyard, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Peill, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; A. Saxby, 8. It was at first arranged for a peal of TREBLE BOB, but one of the band not being able to come at the last minute, STEDMAN TRIPLES was substituted.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 624.

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SIXTY-EIGHTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. HODGE, 56 Victoria Road, Exeter, relative to her
Daughter.

CASE OF BRONCHO PHTHISIS,

Which has not been published before.

Probably if Mrs. Hodge had known much earlier what she knows now she would have been able to have saved herself years of anxiety and expense, and her daughter years of ill health and suffering. To-day Miss Hodge is in the enjoyment of fairly good health, able to attend to her business, and able to enjoy life; not a great while ago those who loved her best thought that such a thing was impossible—that the illness from which she suffered for so long could have but one termination.

In a conversation I had with Mrs. Hodge recently, at the address in Exeter given above, and at which her daughter was present, I heard the history of the case.

'My daughter's illness commenced when she was two years of age, with a severe attack of bronchitis,' Mrs. Hodge told me. 'This left her weak on the chest. At various times afterwards the bronchitis returned, and each attack increased the weakness. She was under several medical men—one at Torquay for four years; another at Brixham for three years; under homoeopathic treatment for six months. The report of these medical men was that my daughter was suffering from chronic bronchitis, which had settled on the right lung, causing disease in that organ. Gradually she got worse, until, when she had been confined to her bed for six months, the doctor told me no more could be done for her.'

'I believe it was then you applied to Mr. Congreve. Will you tell me what Miss Hodge's condition was at that time?'

'She was very ill—so ill that I didn't think it possible she could recover. She spat large quantities of blood—she broke one blood-vessel; and she was reduced to a mere skeleton. She had very bad night-sweats, and suffered much pain.'

'After being ill so long, of course it was some time before you saw any good effects of Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'Yes; for some time there was no sign of improvement, but I continued to persevere with the remedies, and by-and-bye she began to mend. Gradually she recovered her health (she remained under treatment altogether over three years), and was able to learn the dressmaking, at which she works. Of course, even now she gets a cold sometimes, but a dose or two of the medicine taken at once cures her immediately. As recently as six months ago I had her examined by a local doctor, who told me her lungs were now perfectly sound.'

In answer to a further question, Mrs. Hodge told me she had known of other cases where benefit had been derived from the use of Mr. Congreve's remedies, and also gave me full permission to publish this interview.

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Merchant's Return Major.

5184

2 3 4 5 6 in 5th with 4th

2 3 6 4 5 -

6 3 5 4 2 -

2 6 4 3 5 - 2

5 2 4 3 6 1

4 2 3 5 6 1

Twice repeated.

JAMES THORPE.

Superlative Surprise Major.

160 6144

161 6144

162 6048

Continued: M W H

23456 B M W H

64352 - -

36452 - -

24653 - -

24536 - -

65432 - -

46532 - -

54632 - -

54326 - -

35426 - -

42356 - -

Twice repeated.

Sixty course-

ends.

J. T.

23456 B M W H

23564 - -

52364 - -

35264 - -

26354 - -

26543 - -

52643 - -

65243 - -

24653 - -

62453 - -

34256 - -

Twice repeated.

Sixty course-

ends.

J. T.

23456 M W H

45236 - -

24536 - -

52436 - -

43526 - -

65324 - -

36524 - -

52364 - -

35264 - -

23564 - -

56234 - -

25634 - -

62534 - -

53624 - -

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th before the 8th. J. T.

166

6048

2 3 4 5 6 M W H

6 4 3 5 2 - -

3 4 2 5 6 - -

6 2 4 5 3 - -

4 6 2 5 3 - -

2 4 6 5 3 - -

3 6 4 5 2 - -

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Ashton-under-

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J. T.

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Sixty course-ends.

J. T.

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Sixty course-

ends. J. T.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN BOARD SCHOOLS.

THE House of Lords, on May 29th, ordered a return to be prepared showing what regulations the School Boards in England and Wales have made for religious instruction in their schools. In order to furnish such return the Education Department have issued a circular to the School Boards asking for the necessary information. The schedule of questions put by the Department embraces the following points:—Is any religious teaching or religious observance practised or given in the schools of the Board? Are any hymns or prayers used? Is the Bible read (with or without comment thereon)? State the time (if any) allotted to each subject. Give the syllabus of religious instruction. Give the rules (if any) for annual examination in religious knowledge. A copy of the regulation of the Board in pursuance of which the religious observances and instructions are carried out should be furnished. If no formal regulation has been passed, state the practice of the schools under the Board.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

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The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Guild held their monthly meetings at Crosby on Saturday, June 28th, when about forty members attended from Aughton, Bootle, Sefton, Southport, Tue-Brook, Crossens, Ormskirk, and Upholland, besides the local Company. The Guild was heartily welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Love, who conducted a service in the church, an impressive address being given by the Rev. Mr. Johnson. Several ladies of the congregation entertained the members of the Guild at an excellent tea. An interesting incident was the presentation of 'button-holes' by a pretty little child, the granddaughter of the Vicar. The Organizing Secretary (the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, vicar of Crossens) drew attention to the fact that a certain peal of bells in the neighbourhood of Bootle has lain silent for the last twelve months. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Shortt be requested to see the Vicar and wardens of the church named, and place before them the views of the meeting, with an expression of deep regret that the bells have been silent so long. One honorary and eight performing members were afterwards elected. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The members of this branch held their monthly meeting on Saturday, the 30th ult., at Woodchurch. Tea was kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Robin, to which some eighteen members sat down. The following towers were represented:—Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. The Rector presided at the tea and meeting, and in a few well-chosen words gave some useful advice to those present. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Robin for his hospitality, and also for allowing the tower to be open during the afternoon and evening, when several touches were rung, the only one worthy of record being 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE. H. Bird, 1; E. Breeze, 2; F. Jones, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Society was held at Armley, on Saturday, the 30th ult. Although a fair muster of members and ringing friends were present, only one touch on tower bells was gone through, that being for evening service. The weather (which had during the afternoon been exceedingly hot) having cooled down a little, handbells were considered the pleasantest practice, and several courses of changes and tunes were rung. At the business meeting the President, Mr. J. Thackray, took the chair. The minutes of previous meetings were read and passed, and several new members were next elected. One of the summer holidays was on the list, and, by kind invitation of Mr. Waland, Ilkley (the resting-place of one whom all Yorkshire ringers revere) was selected. The usual votes of thanks were passed. The Chairman hoped all members would avail themselves of the cheap fares now offered during this month to attend the next meeting, Ilkley being a place which must be an attraction to all ringers.

The Surrey Association.

THE annual meeting of the above Association took place on Monday, the 2nd inst., at Dorking. By permission of the Vicar, the tower was open for ringing. The attendance, however, was small. Several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, KENT TREBLE BOB, STEDMAN, &c., were rung on what is one of the best peals of eight in the county (tenor, 25 cwt.). Tea was provided in the schools at six p.m.; afterwards the usual business meeting took place. The Rev. E. A. Chichester was elected an honorary member of the Association. The business being finished, the tower was again ascended, when several more touches were rung, all being satisfied with the 'go' of the bells.

Visit of the College Youths to Tunbridge Wells and Speldhurst, Kent.

By kind invitation of Miss Rosa McAlpine Leny twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths visited Speldhurst and neighbourhood on Saturday last, the 14th inst. Arriving at Tunbridge Wells at 11.10 a.m., a brake was in attendance to take the visitors—who were met by Miss Leny, the Comtesse de Bussy, Mr. Edward Mackinnon, R.N., and Master Lachlan Mackinnon—to the 'High Rocks,' on their way to Speldhurst. The grandeur of the scene was much enjoyed, and a course of GRANDSIRE CINQUES was tapped off double-handed on the handbells, of which there is no doubt this is the first ever achieved there. Speldhurst having been reached in due course, the day was given over to quiet rambles on the country-side, and ringing on the tower bells of DOUBLE NORWICH, COURT BOB MAJOR, TREBLE BOB, and STEDMAN TRIPLES (comprising altogether over 2600 changes). GRANDSIRE CINQUES, CATERS, and STEDMAN TRIPLES, double-handed on the handbells, also tune-playing, were performed on the lawn. After dinner Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon, sister of Miss Leny and wife of the Rector of Speldhurst, expressed the great pleasure it had given them to once more welcome the College Youths to Speldhurst. Mr. W. T. Cockerill, secretary of the Society, responded in suitable terms on behalf of the visitors. The return journey was commenced at 8.10 p.m., and the Youths were accompanied to the

station by their honorary member, Miss Leny, also Mrs. Mackinnon, Miss Stanley (of Ponsonby, Cumberland), Mr. Mackinnon, R.N., and Master Lachlan Mackinnon. Having arrived at Tunbridge Wells station seats were taken in a reserved carriage, and the train moved out amidst loud hurrahs from the Youths. Thus ended a most enjoyable day. The visitors were Messrs. M. A. Wood, J. R. Haworth, E. Horrex, W. T. Cockerill, H. R. Newton, W. W. Smith, H. Springall, G. J. Smith, R. French, W. Cooter, C. F. Winney, and W. Prime.

The Late Beadle of St. Michael's, Cornhill, City of London.

AFTER a very brief illness, Mr. John Elvish, late beadle of St. Michael's, died on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., aged sixty years. He had held this appointment twenty-eight years, and was highly respected by the many ringers whom he had met during that period. Though Mr. Elvish was not a practical ringer himself, he was extremely fond of hearing the bells well struck, and admired the performance of a good 5000 on St. Michael's fine peal of twelve. He had a good knowledge of Church music, anthems, services, &c., and had heard all the famous oratorios. Having a retentive memory, he could relate many interesting anecdotes of singers of former days. On Friday, June 29th, the closing day of the Handel Festival, he was at the Crystal Palace, where he heard the performance of *Israel in Egypt*. Through his resignation of his duties at St. Michael's, Sunday, the 8th inst., would have been his last day in office, and a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths had arranged to ring before service that evening a farewell touch to him as a congratulation on his retirement to his native Essex, where he proposed spending his remaining years. Through his lamented death this was changed to the solemn funeral peal. On the same evening, after service, which closed with the 'Dead March,' the usual whole-pull-and-stand was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, by Messrs. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; W. Jones, 3; Muskett, 4; Horrex, 5; Winney, 6; Dorrington, 7; F. S. Bayley, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; Cockerill, 10; Prime, 11; F. G. Newman, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt. This was followed by three courses of STEDMAN CINQUES, in which Messrs. Langdon, Marriott, and Brighton took part.

The Church Bells at Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

A CORRESPONDENT sends the following:—'On a visit to Clacton, on looking round the country, I came to the old church and had a chime upon the bells for Sunday morning service; but when it came to the fifth bell, I found it was cracked, and spoiled the sound of the first four bells. I asked if I could go up and see the bells one day, and I found them not in very good order; the tenor bell cracked, clappers all in a bad state, and ropes about the same. On the bells are the following words:—On the first, "Gardiner, Sudbury, Feat, 1721." Second, "Gardiner, Sudbury, Feat, 1721." Third, "Gardiner, Sudbury, Feat, 1721." Fourth, "Miles Gray made me, 1649." Fifth, "Miles Gray made me, 1649." I was told that there were six bells in the tower at one time; there are only five now. There is the vacant place in the frame for the sixth bell. It is said that one was sold to pay for the repairs of the tower some years ago. I do not know if it was so or not, but if so, it must have been the first bell in the six.'

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 644.

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The Bells of Tickhill, Yorkshire.

THESE bells (six in number) are noted for their fine tone and bear the following inscriptions:—Treble, 'Be light and glad in God, which is our strength; 1726.' 2nd, 'Be joyful, and lift up voice to Jacob's God alway; 1726.' 3rd, 'James Harrison, of Barton Foundry; 1815.' 4th, 'Strike up with harp and lute, most sweet on every pleasant string.' 5th, 'James Harrison, Founder, Barton; 1796.' Tenor, 'Our sounding is each man to call to serve the Lord, both great and small; 1726.' (Weight, 19½ cwt.) There is also a small bell, the gift of Ann Turnel, widow (of Tickhill), daughter-heir of Richard Brownlow Thrumpton; 1727.

Notice.—Peals.

HAVING in our last issue inserted an impression of the figures of all the peals that remained in type at our office, we give notice that we shall be unable to receive any further contributions of this class. We still have a very few peals in MS., and these we hope to be able to insert before long. Though closing our columns to fresh compositions, we shall at all times welcome any criticisms or corrections of peals that have been published.

In this connexion, Mr. James George, of Rugby, writes:—'Allow me to point out that my peal of *GRANDSIRE CATERS*, published in your paper of July 6th, is false. I will forward the correct figures for publication shortly.'

Mr. Percival Heywood, of Derby, says:—'No. 148 is the fourth peal, on page 829, of Sottenstall, reversed. No. 152 is his No. 1 on page 828, reversed. No. 156 is *Thurstans'* peal of *TREBLE BOB MAJOR*, with the sixty course-ends, as rung by the Society of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, for their first peal of 'LONDON' and arranged for this method by me, begun at a different course. Many of the others are simple variations of existing peals, the 5760's especially.'

We have received a copy of the *Twelfth Annual Report of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers* (Bemrose, Derby). Like its predecessors, it maintains an exceedingly high standard of excellence as a business-like compilation, exhibiting thoroughly the work and status of this most flourishing Association. We would like to give one little hint. We think it would be well to specify well-known peals by their ordinary names. For instance, on p. 41 (peal No. 521) is a peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*. We heartily approve of the footnote referring to the figures of the peal, but not having the first report we cannot tell what peal it is. Probably it is *Holt's Ten-part or One-part*. In that case it would much simplify matters to say so.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Woburn, Bedfordshire.

On Tuesday, July 3rd, Lord Charles James Fox Russell was buried in the churchyard at Woburn amid a large gathering of relatives and friends. The deceased was formerly M.P. for the county of Bedford, and afterwards became Sergeant-at-Arms in Parliament. The large bell at the new church was tolled at the funeral, and in the evening touches of *DOUBLES* and *TRIPLES* were rung with the bells half-muffled. Also 720 *BOB MINOR*. C. Wild, 1; C. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; J. C. Cooke, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; C. Herbert (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. And on handbells, a course of *BOB ROYAL*. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 9-10.

At St. Mary's, Putney, London.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang A. Knight's peal of 5024 *KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR* in 3 hrs. 1 min. H. N. Davis, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. G. Perrin,* 3; G. Smith, 4; A. R. Davis,* 5; W. C. Hasted,* 6; J. E. Davis (first peal of *MAJOR* as conductor), 7; P. Howard, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. W. Taylor came from Leiston, Suffolk, and was elected a member of the above society previous to starting. This composition is a three-part, containing the 4th, 5th, and 6th, their extent in 6th's place. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang H. Dains' peal of 5120 *KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR* in 3 hrs. 14 mins. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; W. Taylor (Leiston), 2; H. Warnett, 3; A. J. Neale, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; W. Ingham, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; F. W. Thornton, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang *Thurstans'* peal of 5040 *STEDMAN TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. S. Wise (conductor), 1; Rev. C. A. Clements, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; S. Macey, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; A. W. Barkus, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; S. Ames, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a peal of 5040 *DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR* was rung in 3 hrs. 19 mins. A. Symonds,* 1; Z. Slater,* 2; W. Pye,* 3; S. Slater, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; A. Pitstow, 6; F. Pitstow (composer and conductor), 7; G. Taylor, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The first peal in this method on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. Great credit is due to Mr. A. Symonds for the way in which he rang the treble. Messrs. Pitstow are from Saffron Walden; Slater, Glensford; Sillitoe, Sudbury;

Symonds, Lavenham; Pye, Romford; and Taylor, Cambridge. [* First peal in the method.]

At Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

On Monday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang *Thurstans'* peal of 5040 *STEDMAN TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 50 mins. C. Hounslow, 1; H. Mills, 2; T. East, 3; F. W. Hopgood, 4; J. Sawyer, 5; W. Newell, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; E. Napper, 8. First peal of *STEDMAN* on the bells. Rung at the Annual Festival of the Guild.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At St. GEORGE'S, HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, the 15th inst., for evening service, eight members of the United Counties' Association and the St. George's Society, Hyde, rang a date touch of 1894 *BOB MAJOR* in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Shaw, 1; W. Wilde, 2; T. Wilde, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; S. Bennett, 6; J. S. Wilde, 7; D. Leigh, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt. Composed and conducted by James S. Wilde.

At St. NICHOLAS', RODMERSHAM, KENT.—On a Tuesday, 720 *BOB MINOR* (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Coast, 1; I. Dixon, jun., M.A., 2; E. Day, jun., 3; I. G. Grensted, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; H. Wood (first 720 as conductor), 6. And a peal (120) of *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*. G. Coast, 1; I. Dixon, jun., M.A., 2; E. Day, jun., 3; H. Wood (conductor), 4; I. G. Grensted, 5; C. Clift, 6. G. A. Ransom came from Sittingbourne, the others are members of the local company. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On a Friday, 720 *BOB MINOR*. J. Avis, 1; F. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On a Sunday, 720 *CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE*. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 *GRANDSIRE MINOR*. A. Roots, 1; G. Hayes, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

At SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, ST. OSYTH, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the morning, 720 *BOB MINOR* (twenty-one bobs and six singles). G. Humm, 1; H. Bowers, 2; A. Fuller, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; W. Hazell, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Composed by S. Hammond. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. MARY MAGDALENE'S, THORRINGTON, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for afternoon service, several peals (120) of *GRANDSIRE* and *BOB DOUBLES*. W. Hazell, 1; H. Bowers, 2; A. Fuller, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5. After the service, two peals of *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*. C. H. Howard, 1; H. Bowers, 2; A. Fuller, 3; W. J. Nevard, 4; W. Hazell, 5. Conducted by C. H. Howard and W. J. Nevard, respectively. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. MARY'S, GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the evening, 720 *BOB MINOR* (twenty-two singles and two bobs). G. Humm, 1; H. Bowers, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; A. Fuller, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; W. Hazell, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt., in A.

At St. MARY'S, FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On a Tuesday, 720 *OXFORD BOB*. J. Bavington, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; A. Crook, 4; G. A. Newman, 5; C. Clark (conductor), 6. Also, on a Tuesday, 720 *OXFORD BOB*, conducted by C. Clark. On a Sunday, 720 *GRANDSIRE*, rung in honour of the birth of the prince, conducted by J. J. Parker. On a Tuesday, 720 *OXFORD BOB*, conducted by C. Clark. Also 720 *GRANDSIRE*. J. Parker, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; A. Finch, 3; J. J. Parker, 4; C. Clark, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. First 720 in these methods by A. Finch.

At WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—On a Tuesday, 1260 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*. E. Whatmore, 1; H. Shanks, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Day, 4; R. Parker (first 1260), 5; G. Whatmore, 6; J. Mills, 7; S. Bradford, 8.

At St. ANDREW'S, UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday, 720 *BOB MINOR*. H. Wilkinson, 1; A. Finch, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. J. Pratt, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; G. Stanbrook, 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On a Friday, three peals of *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*. Also 360 *OXFORD BOB*. J. J. Parker, 1; J. Elderfield, 2; J. J. Pratt, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clark (conductor), 6. Also three peals of *DOUBLES*.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On a Friday, 720 *OXFORD BOB*. J. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (composer), 2; J. J. Pratt, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clark, 6. Also three peals of *DOUBLES*.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, CHALFONT ST. PETER'S, BUCKS.—On a Friday, 720 *OXFORD BOB*. J. Elderfield, 1; J. J. Parker (composer), 2; J. J. Pratt, 3; G. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clark (conductor), 6. Also 720 *BOB MINOR*, conducted by J. J. Parker; and four peals of *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*.

At MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, 720 *BOB MINOR*. G. Boswell, 1; F. R. Rump, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; T. E. Ellis, 4; A. B. Bennett, 5; J. Lee, 6. And on a Sunday, 720 *DUKE OF YORK*. F. R. Rump, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. And on a Wednesday, 720 *CANTERBURY PLEASURE*, *OXFORD SINGLE BOB*, and *DUKE OF YORK*. C. Tribe, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6.

At ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Wednesday, on handbells retained in hand 504 and 252 *STEDMAN TRIPLES*. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

At St. MARY'S, TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.—On a Sunday, 720 *OXFORD BOB* rung in 25 mins. A. Wright, 1; W. Coates, 2; G. Hackford, 3; T. Lee, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Tue-Brook on Saturday, August 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULFIT, } Hon.
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The Lancashire Association.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 7th inst., the usual monthly meeting was held at Halewood Parish Church, when upwards of thirty members attended from Aughton, Grassendale, Garston, Hale, Liverpool, Wootton, Warrington, Farnworth, and Southport. The tower was opened for ringing at 3 p.m., and the methods rung during the day were GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, and BOB MAJOR. The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Rev. H. Gibson Smith presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Farnworth, were read and confirmed. The chairman heartily welcomed the ringers to Halewood. Mr. J. Williams was elected a member of the Association. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Hale. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for the use of the bells and for the welcome they had extended to the visitors brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Walsden on Saturday, the 14th inst., members being present from Rochdale and Heywood, together with the local company. Several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, KENT TREBLE BOB, and COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR were rung, including 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. R. E. Hoyle (Hamer), J. T. Robertshaw (Heptonstall), J. Crossley (Hamer), E. Schofield (Hamer), J. Harrison (Heywood), F. Birtwistle (conductor, Rochdale). Also 720 COLLEGE SINGLE was rung. R. E. Hoyle, F. Robertshaw, J. Crossley (conductor), E. Schofield, G. Hoyle, and J. Harrison. Afterwards, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members had tea at the Cocoa Rooms, followed by the meeting in the schoolroom. The Vicar welcomed the Association to Walsden, and said he had thoroughly enjoyed the ringing that had been done. The first business was the election of a new Secretary for the next year. Mr. J. W. Cockeroff (Shaw), being elected, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for having presided and entertaining the members, and to the ringers for having everything in readiness, concluded the meeting.

The St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

THE above Society had its annual holiday on Saturday, the 7th inst., Birchington, in Kent, being the place selected. A start was made from Charing Cross at 7.30, and after an enjoyable ride through hop gardens, &c., Margate was reached soon after 11 a.m. After luncheon, the party (ten in number) had a drive to Birchington, about four and a half miles distant. Here dinner had been prepared by Mrs. Busbridge, of the Square. Conducted by Mr. T. B. Read, of Birchington, a visit was paid in the afternoon to the ring of twelve in Quex Park, where touches in several methods were attempted. After tea, another drive brought the party again to Margate, where a pleasant evening was spent. The members desire to thank Mr. Read for his kindness in arranging the dinner and ringing at Birchington, and to the other friends who helped to make the outing of 1894 such a success.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, July 21st, at Barking. The tower of St. Margaret's was open for ringing and some fifty members assembled from the surrounding districts. It being the octave of the dedication festival, the ringers were warmly welcomed by the Vicar and inhabitants. A short service was held in the church at 5 p.m. and an address, bearing upon the antiquity of the church, the privileges and duties of ringers, and the crosses that belong to every vocation, was given by the Vicar. At its conclusion, tea was partaken of. The chair was occupied by the Vicar, and he was supported by the Honorary and Association Secretaries. The usual business was transacted and a special resolution was unanimously passed bearing upon the lamented death of the late Member for the Romford division: 'This Association desires to express its hearty approval of the proposed peal of bells at Havering Church—for which facilities exist—as a memorial to the late Mr. Theobald, and considers the proposal is one that would prove the most fitting and best memorial that could be adopted in the division.'

Visit of the College Youths to Tunbridge Wells and Speldhurst, Kent.

UNDER the above heading appeared last week an account of the visit paid by the 'Youths,' in which they had the honour of being conducted by two ladies, Miss Leny and the Comtesse de Bussy, and which a correspondent supplements with some particulars of the High Rocks:—Having passed through the entrance gates, the visitor turns towards the Bell Rock, first passing the Warning Rock. Having reached it, and, entering the dark chasm, the deep caverns running right through the heart of the rocks from top to bottom will be seen. Arriving at the Bell Rock, passing up above the second flight of steps, taking one of the cudgels at your feet and striking the shelving mass upon the left, you will be satisfied with its ringing properties. A flight of stones upon the left leads up to the top of the rocks. Here the visitor can look down the dark abyss to the Bell Rock. From these heights there is a view that is unsurpassed by any beauty-spot in

England. Wandering among these deep shadowy caverns and fissures in the very heart of the rocks, the question arises, What has caused these stupendous works of nature? What has cut their shapes and formed their chasms, and what may be their age? In the deepening shadows of their sandy hearts, let the geologist tell the story of the rocks. Millions of years ago, when the sea left what is now called England high and dry above its wavy bosom, our home counties were covered with a strata of chalk. This extended far away to the west, where now flow the English Channel and the great Atlantic. This land was drained by a gigantic river, the course of which is well known to the geologist. As in the case of all great rivers, large lakes were formed at intervals in its journey. It is in the bed of one of these lakes that we are now situated. The main arteries that fed the noble river bore down after every storm tons and tons of chalk to find a resting-place in the sea. By this means hills and dells were formed, the former becoming hills because the surrounding land had been washed away, and the latter valleys because the rocks which once filled them up had met a similar fate. This is known as the period of the "Denudation of the Weald," or, to use a general term, the origin of the present shape of the ground. The North and South Downs running from Salisbury Plain to the sea, on the south-east coast, terminating at the South Foreland in the case of the North Downs, and at Beachy Head in that of the South Downs, is all that now remains to us of that large area of chalk strata. The Weald, that is to say the land between these two ranges, has all been denuded or robbed of its chalk by atmospheric conditions and the river. Soon after this denudation the river ceased to flow as formerly, but not before it had carried down thousands of tons of sand from its now chalkless banks, and deposited it in the present position of the rocks. Yes, these rocks are simply the sediment brought down by the river and deposited in the lake. If we look closely along the faces of the rocks, we shall in many instances be able to trace the different layers of sediment that time and the process of hardening have still left intact. Their shapes, the gloomy passages, their beautiful rounded lines, have all been formed by water and the atmosphere. How grand, how awful, to have stood above, thousands of years after that period of denudation, and ere yet the river had ceased to flow! How deafening must have been the hissing and gurgling of the water, as boisterously, mid clouds of spray, it swept around these narrow channels! Like ever turbulent milk, the thick foam must have hung around their faces at the gradual retreating of the waters. At their feet the waters played for ages, and the last desperate splashing of the waves is plainly visible in the gradual undermining, as it were, of the rocks above. From that bygone age they have passed through the succeeding years in about the same condition as we at present find them. Atmospheric changes, such as water, frost, &c., have scored many holes all up the faces of some of the softer ones, but, on the whole, they present a very favourable appearance, after passing through so many millions of years exposed to the ravages of Time's unmerciful fingers.

Funeral Peal at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, City of London.

ON Saturday, the 21st inst., the parochial ringers of the above church rang the bells half-muffled (whole-pull-and-stand) in memory of the Rev. J. Jackson, M.A., who was for upwards of forty-three years Vicar of the above parish, and died in the ninety-second year of his age. He was buried at Woking Cemetery on that day. Mr. Churchwarden Woodhill visited the tower during the ringing. On the following day (Sunday) the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the evening service. J. Nelms, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; A. Newman, 3; W. J. Moore, 4; G. Watkins, 5; J. Lewis, 6; A. E. Church, 7; W. D. Matthews, 8; J. Barry, 9; D. Lovett (conductor), 10. Tenor, 31 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 3 min. J. Broadley, 1; J. F. Pearson, 2; W. Bolland, 3; D. Newton, 4; E. Wheeler,* 5; F. W. Hargreaves, 6; J. Cotterell,* 7; D. Stephenson, 8. Composed by J. Thorp and conducted by J. Cotterell. Tenor, 16 cwt. Messrs. Broadley, Pearson, and Cotterell, came from Bradford; Bolland and Wheeler, Tong; Stephenson, Ossett; Newton and Hargreaves belong to the local company. [* First peal in the Oxford Variation.]

A CORRECTION.—At Chipping Norton on the 16th inst. Charles Giles rang the 4th bell, not F. W. Hopgood, as reported.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. MARY'S, WILLESDEN, LONDON.—On a Sunday, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs two singles) in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; H. Kilby (first 720), 2; R. Kilby, 3; A. Pittam (conductor), 4; H. Carter, 5; J. Jackman, 6. And on a Sunday, 720 BOB MINOR (eight bobs six singles) in 24 mins. A. Kirby, 1; H. Carter, 2; H. Preskett (first 720), 3; J. Jackman, 4; R. Kirby, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6.

AT ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA, LONDON.—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, 1372 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (from Holt's Original) in 48 mins. G. Turl, jun. (first quarter-peal), 1; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 2; W. Barber, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; C. Hinde, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; T. E. Barber, 7; A. Chesterman, 8. Messrs. Turl, Pitts, and Griggs belong to the Royal Cumberland Society; the others are local men. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING

Wedding Peal at St. Clement Danes, Strand.

On Thursday, the 26th ult., ten members of the St. James's Society rang Hubbard's peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 22 mins., to celebrate the marriage of the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., son of the late Right Hon. W. H. Smith and Viscountess Hambledon, with Lady Esther Gore, daughter of the fifth Earl of Arran. The bells were rung before and after the wedding, and the peal in the evening. J. R. Haworth, 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; A. W. Barkus, 5; R. French, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; J. Barry, 8; C. F. Winny (conductor), 9; W. F. Meads, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt.

The Midland Counties Association.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Melbourne, on Saturday the 14th ult. A pleasantly situated little Derbyshire town is Melbourne, possessing a fine old Norman church, with central tower and ring of eight bells; among its personalities are a painstaking band of ringers, and last, not least, a Rector, who takes a genuine interest in his ringers.

Shortly after two o'clock ringers began to assemble from Derby, Nottingham, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Duffield, Leicester, &c., and GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, &c., were rung. Many took the opportunity to stroll through the Melbourne Hall Gardens, which had been kindly opened for the members. At five o'clock some fifty-six ringers and friends sat down to dinner at the National School. Among those present were the President, A. P. Heywood, Esq., the Rev. Canon Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, sen., Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, jun., Mr. E. Denison Taylor, &c. At the meeting which followed the President took the chair. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes, which were passed and signed. One new member was admitted. The President, in addressing the meeting, said that looking over the record of the past quarter there were one or two pleasing points upon which he would briefly touch. First, the 8800 of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR rung by the Loughborough Company, which he should consider to be one of their greatest achievements. Secondly, they all would be pleased that two of their companies, viz., Long Eaton and Melbourne, were again pushing steadily on. The Association had rung fifteen peals during the quarter, which made a total of twenty-eight during the year, their position among the leading Associations being fourth. He urged upon all companies, in order to keep up the status of the Association, the necessity of practising regularly, of introducing new blood, and of attempting the higher methods. The President then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Singleton for being present. Mr. Taylor seconded, and the motion was carried with applause. Canon Singleton, in responding, said it gave him much pleasure to welcome the Association to Melbourne. With regard to his own ringers, he hoped they would still persevere, although they had had some great drawbacks through some of their band leaving the town, and the difficulty was to find others to take their places. Mr. Hickling proposed, and Mr. Wilde seconded, that the next meeting be held at Long Eaton, which was carried. The meeting concluded with a few farewell touches on the church bells.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Monday, the 16th ult., the members of the above Association (including ten from Basingstoke) met at Farnham for their annual meeting and Guild Day. Bands from various towns and villages in Hampshire and Surrey were present, numbering in all upwards of 250. The annual meeting was held at the Conservative Club-room at eleven o'clock. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, hon. secretary of the Guild, took the chair in the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. J. P. Stillwell. The officers of the Guild were all re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Rees, the local secretary for Surrey (who has removed to Suffolk), Mr. Barnett, of Farnham, being elected in his stead, and the meeting terminated. The members then proceeded to the church, where they listened to an excellent address by the Lord Bishop of Winchester. About 100 members sat down to dinner at the Town Hall, after which they proceeded to various towers in the neighbourhood for an afternoon's ringing.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE annual festival of this Guild was held at Chipping Norton on Monday, the 16th ult., when the following places were represented:—Appleton, Englefield, Reading, Hurst, Hagbourne, Wantage, Boyne Hill, Great Marlow, Great Haseley, Christ Church, Oxford, Witney, Shipton, Great Tew, Woodstock, Bladon, Middleton Stoney, Brize Norton, Burford, Chipping Norton, &c. Amongst those present were the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild) and the Rev. R. Hart-Davis, secretary and treasurer.

The proceedings commenced with Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, which was reported in this paper on July 20th. Afterwards, a short service, taken by the Vicar, was held in the parish church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Bowers from 1 Cor. xiv. 10, 'There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.'

Immediately after the service, the annual meeting was held in the Infants' Schoolroom, under the presidency of the Master of the Guild. About 140 members were present. After the minutes of the last general and committee meetings had been read and confirmed, the election of officers took place, the following being elected:—Master, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading; Committee, twelve elected members—Revs. H. Blagden, T. E. E. Chataway, G. F. Coleridge, A. H. Drummond,

J. Hindson, H. Archer-Houblon, A. Majendie, R. P. Newhouse, T. R. Terry, Dr. Wood, with A. H. Cocks and J. E. Hern, Esqrs.; and twelve change-ringing members—Messrs. J. Allit, H. D. Betteridge, R. Burden, E. Elburn, J. Evans, J. E. Glanville, F. W. Hopgood, C. Hounslow, W. Napper, W. Newell, J. W. Washbrook, J. W. Wilkins, and representatives from local branches. For the next annual festival Wokingham and Maidenhead were proposed. The choice fell to Wokingham by a large majority.]

After the meeting an adjournment was made to the Town Hall, where dinner was provided. The Master presided, and there were present about 153 friends.

During the afternoon bands of ringers visited various towers in the neighbourhood and rang as follows:—Chipping Norton, touches of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR; Great Tew, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; Shipton-under-Wychwood, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; also GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and MINOR at Charlbury, Spelsbury, and Chadlington.

The St. John-at-Hackney Society, London.

THE members of the above Society paid a visit to Loughton, Essex, on Saturday, the 21st ult., and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and TREBLE BOB were rung on the tower bells by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. J. Whittaker Maitland. A meat tea was provided at the 'Plume of Feathers,' and amongst the visitors was our much-respected friend, Mr. J. R. Haworth; Mr. W. H. Edgely, a sidesman at Hackney, and his son. The company was honoured by the presence of several of the local half-pull band, including Messrs. Lebbon, Rann, and others, in the evening, whose attention to the visitors' comfort was much appreciated. A pleasant hour was spent in, handbell tune-playing, which concluded another happy holiday.

St. Lawrence Church Bells, Appleby, Westmoreland.

THE fine-toned bells of the parish church are now being rehung upon improved principles by Messrs. Mears, of London, at the expense of the Mayor, Dr. Armstrong. The bells are six in number. They were cast at that well-known foundry some sixty-one years ago, and were provided for by what is known as the 'Templesowerby Trust,' founded by the famous Countess of Pembroke, for repairing the church, bridge, &c. It has frequently been suggested that two additional bells should be added to complete the octave, and the present affords a favourable opportunity.

The Bells of Kimbolton, Hunts.

MR. E. J. DENNES writes:—'Can you or any of your readers oblige me with any information regarding the above bells?'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Saviour's, Bacup, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 19th ult., Annable's Three-part peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. F. Howorth, 1; J. A. Brown, 2; A. Whitworth, 3; J. T. Standring, 4; J. B. Taylor, 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; W. Ashworth, 7; J. Shephard (conductor), 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt. This is the first peal rung in Rossendale in this method by a local company.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 634

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At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Ringmer, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. Goldsmith, 2; R. W. Hoather, 3; R. J. Dawe, 4; H. Jones, 5; K. Hart, 6; C. Painter, 7; A. J. Turner, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The first peal of STEDMAN on the bells. Messrs. Williams and Hart came from Brighton; Goldsmith, Turner, Dawe, and Hoather, Lewes; Painter and Jones are local men.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung :—

At St. THOMAS'S, DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 29th ult., after evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS (1259 changes) in 47 mins. H. Faulkes, 1; J. C. Groves, 2; E. Pearsall, 3; S. Spittle, 4; A. Spittle, 5; J. Fellows, 6; W. Micklewright (conductor), 7; L. Bullock, 8; J. George (composer, Rugby), 9; C. Cadman, 10. Also 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on handbells retained in hand. A. Spittle, 1-2; L. Bullock (burlton), 3-4; J. E. Groves (Wolverhampton), 5-6; J. George, 7-8.

At St. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. F. Davey, 1; W. Stocker, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; T. Madge, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; J. Moss, 8. Rang as a compliment to W. Stocker, who is on a visit from Bournemouth.

At OSPRINGE, KENT.—On a Sunday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 45 mins. S. Croucher, 1; H. Foster,* 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; A. Briggs, jun.,* 4; F. Hunt, 5; E. Bridges, 6; C. Millway (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; W. Holdstock,* 8. Millway belongs to Borden, Ransom to Sittingbourne, the remainder to the local company. * First quarter-peal.]

At TOWN MALLING, KENT.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., the Archbishop of Canterbury preached at a special service of thanksgiving on the conclusion of an eight weeks' Itinerant Mission held in the deanery. After service, 720 BOB MAJOR was rung. J. Capon, 1; Rev. A. L. Brine, 2; W. Harden, 3; D. Hall, 4; E. Bonner, 5; J. W. Leonard (conductor), 6.

At St. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On a Saturday, eight members of the St. Peter's Society, Brighton, rang 448 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. J. Batts, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; G. F. Attree, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; K. Hart, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. The first touch of LONDON SURPRISE on the bells. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At BENTLEY, SURREY.—On a Monday afternoon, on the occasion of the Annual Festival at Farnham, the Bagshot ringers went to Bentley and rang 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Collins, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6.

At BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On a Monday, in honour of a wedding, several touches of GRANDSIRE and OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, and a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES. T. Boniface, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Maynard, 3; J. Bashford, 4; J. Bashford, jun., 5; J. Tidy, 6; W. Hawkins (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, CHILTON, BERKS.—On a Sunday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of E. Morland, Esq., West Ilsley, and brother of the Rector. J. Green, 1; J. Spiers, 2; A. Woodley, 3; W. G. Green, 4; H. Blissett, 5; E. Blissett, 6.

At St. LAWRENCE'S, READING, BERKS.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 575 GRANDSIRE CATERS. H. Osborne,* 1; C. Giles, 2; C. Foxell, 3; H. Tucker,* 4; F. Tarrant, 5; A. Osborne,* 6; F. Hopgood (conductor), 7; L. Rolfe,* 8; W. Newell, 9; R. Sawyer, 10. [* First 500 CATERS.]

At CHRIST CHURCH, BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—On a Monday, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a date touch (1894 changes) in eight methods, being 360 of TULIP, and 240 each of the following: PRIMROSE, WOODBINE, DUKE OF YORK, VIOLET, OXFORD, KENT, and 94 of NEW LONDON PLEASURE, all being Triple peals. L. Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. Shottin, 3; E. J. Cockcroft, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

At GLENSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, 720 NEW LONDON. Z. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; R. Theobald, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And on a Saturday, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. J. Slater, 1; S. Slater, 2; Z. Slater, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6.

RECEIVED ALSO :—J. Taylor & Co.; and many others.

NEW MUSIC.

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ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS FOR THE ORGAN. Nos. 201 to 210 inclusive. The most noticeable of these are twelve pieces in six books by J. Rheinberger. No. 204, 'Reverie and Intermezzo,' by B. Luard Selby, also, is well adapted for recital or teaching purposes, being written in a true organ spirit.

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THE MORNING AND EVENING SERVICE. Together with the Office for the Holy Communion. Set to music, in the key of G, by Edmondstone Duncan.—These settings are rather lacking in continuity; we notice several false relations, and there are too many changes of key. Surely the words 'Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory' in the *Sanctus* should not be sung in the minor mode. The many fugal expositions, however, are undoubtedly clever.

PROGRESSIVE STUDIES FOR THE PIANOFORTE. Edited by Franklin Taylor. Parts 12, 24, and 50.—The parts mentioned above of these excellent publications contain respectively studies for 'Left Hand,' 'Figures in Sequence,' and 'Extensions and Skips.'

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MAGNIFICAT AND NUNC DIMITTIS IN D. Composed by Frank L. Moir.—An effective setting. The voice parts are well laid out, the treatment of the first part of the *Nunc Dimittis*, for bass chorus, being particularly happy. But there are some crotchet chords in the accompaniment, on p. 4, which we think would puzzle any one to figure.

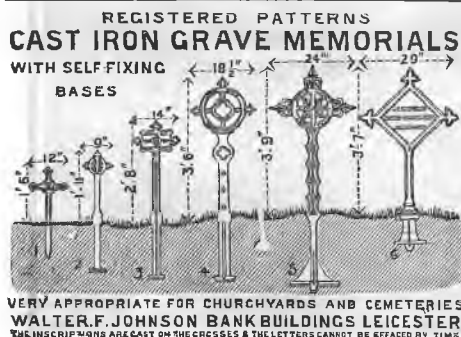
FROM a number of new songs we select for special notice 'Three of Shakespeare's Sonnets,' set to music by A. C. Mackenzie, being some of the most elegant little works the Academy Principal has given us. Also three songs from the opera, *Eugene Onegin*, by the Russian composer, Peter Tchaikowsky, whose recent death, while still in the prime of life, created a void in the ranks of composers that it will be difficult to fill.

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THE CHURCHMAN includes a strong and interesting paper on 'The New Creation' well worth reading—a sermon originally preached on the occasion of the meeting of the British Association at Nottingham last year. There is also a valuable paper from the able pen of Chancellor P. Vernon Smith. As partisans, which in one sense we all must be, how far must we go and where should we stop? It is a healthy answer that is offered recommending the positive and constructive attitude. The Editor offers well-meant advice on Church Reform.

GOOD WORDS contains the first of a series of papers on 'York Minster,' by Dr. Purey-Cust, who introduces his subject by giving an able historical account of the edifice from its earliest days. There are several illustrations by Alexander Ansted. Mr. Waller continues his explorations 'Under the Streets of Paris,' guiding his readers through 'the Catacombs,' the deserted quarries to which the mortal remains of the martyrs of St. Bartholomew, of the victims of the Revolution, and of other men and women of the past, were transferred from their several resting-places towards the end of the last century. Archdeacon Sinclair, who supplies the 'Sunday Readings' for the month, brings the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount to bear forcibly on the duties, difficulties, and dangers of the present day.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE is rich in articles worth reading. We note especially the Rev. A. R. Buckland's description, abounding in fun and pathos, of 'Child-gatherers of Food and Fuel,' a justly severe catechism on 'Slander,' by the Rev. J. W. Horsley; Mr. Howson's second instalment of 'Hymns and Hymn-writers of the Eighteenth Century,' dealing with men of the Evangelical school—Watts, Doddridge, Toplady, Wesley, Newton, and others; an appreciative biographical sketch of 'Catharine of Siena,' by Mrs. Charles Garnett; and Mr. Holden Pike's 'Facts about the Deaf and Dumb,' of whom it is calculated that there are some 21,000 in the United Kingdom.

IN THE LEISURE HOUR, the author of notes on 'The Peoples of Europe' treats of Russia, Mr. Lewis Wright points out the wonders and beauties of the wings of 'Lepidoptera' (butterflies and moths), and Dr. Schofield offers useful hints to those in charge of the young, under the heading, 'Modern Hygiene in Practice.'

THE SUNDAY AT HOME gives the life-stories of two missionaries—'John Eliot,' the Apostle of the Red Indians, nearly 4000 of whom he was instrumental in converting to Christ; and 'The Late Gerasimos D. Kyrias, Evangelist to the Albanians.' 'A Holiday Prayer,' by Mary Rowles Jarvis, in verse, is timely and good.

THE NET describes the consecration of the new church at the now historical station of Kwamagwaza. The writer says, 'I overheard a little conversation between one of the native deacons and some of the heathen headmen of the neighbourhood, who came to witness the dedication of the church that cannot be kept down. . . . The deacon said, "Did you fancy you had destroyed it?" pointing to the church. One of the heathen said, "Yes, we thought the Christians' house was dead, ground to dust, but here it is up again; it will not die. It is too much for us; we are heathen."

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE contains much regarding the recent Gibraltar Diocesan Conference, and gives the full text of the Bishop's inaugural address.

THE YOUNG MAN and THE YOUNG WOMAN each contains much varied reading. In the former, Archdeacon Sinclair tells the story of his journey from London to John o' Groats on his tricycle, and the latter has a paper on 'Cycling for Girls,' in which we have the opinion of Sir B. W. Richardson that it is an excellent exercise for them.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C. M. S.) publishes the missionary sermon preached at St. Martin-in-the-Fields by the Rev. H. E. Fox, on 'A City which hath Foundations,' and Mr. Hackett's sensible paper, read at the recent Missionary Conference of the Anglican Communion, on 'Associate Missions and Family Life,' the latter of which he cordially advocates as an assistance in the work of the foreign field.

THE G. F. S. ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL AND ADVERTISER is twice its usual size, and contains a full report of the anniversary service and meetings, with the Bishop of Peterborough's thoughtful sermon on 1 Cor. ii. 2, addressed primarily to G. F. S. workers, but full of needed and helpful counsel to all who attempt to deal with the spiritual life of others. Ladies wishing to gain a clear idea of the aims and methods of the G. F. S. could hardly do better than study this number, in which all departments of the Society's work are freely discussed.

THE ZOOPHILIST criticises the attitude adopted by the 'Church of England Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals' towards vivisection.

ST. NICHOLAS.—We liked the old front better, but the substance of the magazine, especially its illustrations, are as beautiful as ever, and have much to do this month with water and ships.

ALSO received:—THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER, CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE, CHURCH WORKER, and MISSION FIELD, all fairly average numbers; SMOKING FLAX, the organ of the Church Army; FRIENDLY LEAVES (G. F. S.), THE ANIMALS' FRIEND (Victoria Street Society), JEWISH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE (Nisbet & Co.), GLEANER, AWAKE! and CHILDREN'S WORLD (C. M. S.).

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

A QUARTERLY meeting was held at Kelsale on Tuesday, July 17th, which was attended by about thirty members, mostly from the surrounding district, the towers represented being Framlingham, Halesworth, Hasketon, Hethersett, Leiston, Norwich, Otley, Saxmundham, Wenham, Wrentham, and Woodbridge, with the Kelsale company. The hon. members present at the lunch (which, by kind permission of the Rector, was served in the large room at the new Church House, recently presented by him to the parish) were the Rev. G. Irving Davies (rector), who presided; Rev. Canon Raven, president of the Association; F. W. J. Kees, Esq. (Nayland); Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, secretary for the Framlingham district; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, Rev. J. B. Clare, Mr. W. Taylor, secretary for the Leiston district; Mr. John Fosdike, secretary for the Woodbridge district; and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, hon. secretary to the Association.

The Rector of Kelsale, in giving the usual toasts, expressed the pleasure with which he welcomed the Society. Dr. Raven, in replying to the toast of 'The Association,' thanked Mr. Davies heartily for his presence on the occasion, and for the use of the bells and room. The Hon. Secretary, seconding these expressions of gratitude, took the opportunity of making his usual statement as to the progress of the Society, which was still steadily increasing the number of its adherents, and had further distinguished itself by appearing at the head of Mr. Attree's list for the first four months of the year: the number of points accorded to the performances did not reach the figure which might have been expected from such a position, and, indeed, hardly exceeded the number obtained by another Society for half the total number of performances. He thought their members ought to set themselves to work in earnest to correct this disparity, which was hardly creditable to so old a Society, containing in its ranks skilled ringers, quite equal to the achievements of other societies, if they would only take the trouble to master the higher methods.

One life member, eight performing members, and three probationers were elected at this meeting.

The United Counties' Association.

THE quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Mottram on Saturday, July 21st, members being present from Ashton-under-Lyne, Glossop, Gorton, Hyde, Manchester, Mossley, Saddleworth, and the local company. During the afternoon touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR were rung by mixed companies. Tea was served in the schoolroom at 4.30 p.m.; the business meeting followed, presided over by the President, Mr. John Holden. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, also to the ladies for providing an excellent tea. The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, in September.

The Change-ringers of Bushey, Herts.

FRIDAY, July 24th, was a day to be remembered by the members of the Bushey Society. This Society, which of late, under the guidance of Mr. E. E. Huntley, has made vast strides in the art of change-ringing, having in the last three years rung several peals of GRANDSIRE and BOB TRIPLES, determined to pay a round of calls on other parishes in the neighbourhood possessing peals of bells. With this intent a party of twelve, accompanied by the Rector, at 9.30 a.m. started from the parish church in a carriage and pair driven by the owner, Mr. F. Spicer. The weather throughout the day was all that could be desired. The first halt was made at Pinner, where touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung. The party then proceeded to Ruislip, where they were met, in the absence of the Vicar, by Mr. Woodman, who kindly conducted the party over the church, which is dedicated to St. Martin, dates back to the twelfth century, and contains many objects of interest. Here a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung, after which a start was made for Uxbridge, which was reached about one o'clock. The bells at the parish church were found to be unringable, but at the church of St. Andrew, Hillingdon, where there is a ring of eight in perfect order, a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung, in which the Vicar assisted. At 2.30 an adjournment was made for dinner at the George Hotel. Afterwards another 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung, after which the road was taken to Denham, where the Rector, the Rev. R. A.

Lathbury, met and welcomed the party. The church, dedicated to St. Mary, is of Norman construction, and one of the most ancient in the kingdom, and, as well as the parish at large, is full of interest. It contains many fine monuments and brasses, particularly of Agnes Jordon, abbess of Zion; Sir Edward Peckham (executor of Henry VIII.) and family; also of the families of Bowyer, Hill, Lockety, and Way. The bells are a fine ring of eight, the tenor weighing 24 cwt., the whole a recast of five old bells taken from Hyde Abbey at the Dissolution. After tea 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was attempted, but not finished, the Rector (who before had so kindly endeavoured to show and explain every object of interest in his parish and church to his visitors) taking his turn at the tenor. At seven o'clock the return journey began, Mr. Lathbury accompanying the party a portion of the way home, and giving them a warm invitation to visit him again. Rickmansworth was reached at 8.15, Watford an hour later, and home at 9.40, all agreeing that it was one of the happiest days they remembered having spent.

The Ringers of Embleton, Northumberland.

THE bell-ringers of the parish church (twelve in number) had their annual excursion on Tuesday, July 17th. They went by an early train to Durham, where a pleasant day was spent, favoured by fine weather. After dinner the party had an enjoyable row for some miles down the river. At four o'clock there was a Special Choral Festival at the Cathedral; the musical part was performed by a choir of over 900 voices, and the singing was much enjoyed. After tea the ringers proceeded to the belfry of St. Oswald's, Durham, where a short peal was rung by permission of the Rev. Joshua Barker. The party left Durham at eight p.m., after an enjoyable holiday. The expense was met out of the Ringers' Fund, supplemented by subscriptions from the Vicar, Churchwardens, and several kind friends in the parish.

The Bells of Saddleworth, Lancashire.

SADDELEWORTH Church has long been famous for its bells. The inscriptions read:—Treble, 'Fear God and honour the king;' No. 2, 'Peace and good neighbourhood;' No. 3, 'Prosperity to this parish;' No. 4, 'Thomas Rudball, Gloster Foundry, 1781;' No. 5 has no inscription; tenor, 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.' All the bells except the 5th bear the date. This is surrounded with scroll-work, and is supposed to be one of an older peal. In the year 1881 the ringers of the present church began to agitate with a view to the bells being increased to eight, which resulted in the realisation of their wishes. Two new bells were cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of London. The inscriptions on the new bells are as follows:—'Ring out the false, ring in the true,' and 'O Christ, King of Heaven, may the sound be pleasing to Thee.' The two new bells, and certain necessary repairs to the tower, involved an outlay of nearly 150*l*.

The Bells at Attleborough, Norfolk.

THE ringers of this place, it is said, have to go to Besthorpe when they require to practise; yet there are six bells in the steeple here, but unfortunately damaged—only two can do the chiming on Sunday and toll the curfew morning and night. Attleborough is making great strides, is always to the front if any improvement is required, and it is hoped that the inhabitants will not let the bells remain out of repair, but will cause them to again ring out the merry peal.

Dedication of Bells at Alvaston, Derbyshire.

THE bells of Alvaston Parish Church were dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Saturday afternoon, the 28th ult., in presence of a large congregation.

At the opening service 720 BOB MINOR were rung in 30 mins. A. E. Thompson, 1; W. H. Poyser, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; J. Newbold, 4; T. Alton, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Afterwards several 120's of GRANDSIRE and BOB DOUBLES, and touches of GRANDSIRE, PLAIN BOB, and TREBLE BOB MINOR, were rung. On Sunday, the 29th inst., for each service, 360 of GRANDSIRE MINOR, and after evening service 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 30 mins. by the same band.

We append some particulars of the bells:—First—weight, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs., note D; second, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs., note C; third, 8 cwt. 25 lbs., note B flat; fourth, 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs., note A; fifth, 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., note G; sixth, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs., note F; total weight, 59 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs. The diameter of the tenor is 3 feet 9½ inches, and it bears the following inscription:—'This peal of six bells is dedicated to the glory of God, and in memory of George B. Mills, for nearly forty years resident in Alvaston. He died January 10th, 1894. Donor, William Bradshaw, A.D. 1894.'

The bells are fitted with all the latest improvements by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The headstocks are of iron, the steel gudgeons being riveted in, and afterwards turned up in their place in a specially constructed lathe, thus ensuring perfect accuracy. The H-shaped framework is used, the castings standing on five massive rolled steel girders. A new clock, chiming the Cambridge quarters, has been erected by Messrs. John Smith & Sons, Derby. This is also the gift of the generous donor of the peal, Mr. William Bradshaw.

Death of Mr. F. G. Crawley, of Hertford.

WE regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Frederick George Crawley, of West Street, Hertford, which occurred on Monday night, the 23rd of July. The deceased was a native of Hertford, having been born there on August 10th, 1828, and he was consequently in his sixty-sixth year. By trade he was a tailor, and for twelve years he occupied the post of parish clerk of St. Andrew's, which post he relinquished eight years ago to take the

office of sexton at All Saints', which he filled up to the time of his death. Mr. Crawley was also the first School Attendance Officer appointed by the Corporation, and he had held that appointment for about ten years. He was an enthusiastic change-ringer, and from his early days had been a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, as well as a member of the St. Alban's Society of Change-ringers, and had taken part in several long peals. For some years Mr. Crawley was Sheriff's Marshal at the Assizes, holding that appointment until its abolition a few years ago. The funeral took place in All Saints' Churchyard.

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SEVENTIETH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. R. J. NORTHEY, Hodgklands, Altarnun, near
Launceston, relative to her Husband.

CASE OF DISEASED LUNG FOLLOWING PNEUMONIA,

Which has not been published before.

It was on the recommendation of a well-known member of the legal profession in Launceston that Mrs. Northey was led to apply to Mr. Congreve on behalf of her husband, who was at that time seriously ill. When I called upon the lady recently, at the address given above, I asked her what was the then condition of her husband, and she replied:

'In the autumn of 1890—the year of the great blizzard—Mr. Northey had an attack of inflammation and congestion of the lungs. He raised a considerable quantity of phlegm, and some blood. He complained very much of pain in the right lung, and other symptoms were night perspirations, shortness of breath, and palpitations. He was very weak, and for a time was confined to his bed. He was under a doctor here for some weeks; but, as he did not seem to be getting on, Mr. Stevens, who is a relative of mine, wrote to Mr. Congreve. Just then my husband was very ill—he had had a relapse.'

'Having commenced the medicine Mr. Congreve sent him, what was the result?'

'He soon found relief, and gradually got better. After a time he was able to go out, and then he began to attend to his farm again. From a remark the doctor made to me, I did not believe he would ever work again. He is not what you would call a strong man, but he has practically recovered his health, and I am certain he owes his cure to Mr. Congreve's treatment.'

I had heard from other sources that Mrs. Northey had been instrumental in inducing other sufferers to try the treatment, and I asked her whether this was so.

'Yes,' she replied, 'I have recommended it to others. One man living in the neighbourhood was dangerously ill, and there seemed no hope for him. In consequence of my testimony, and seeing the announcement in the weekly journals, he placed himself in Mr. Congreve's hands. He got quite well, and is now at work again. Another person, the wife of a tradesman in the village, who is weak on the chest, takes it and speaks very highly of it; and a nurse at Coad's Green—a few miles away—also took it with benefit.'

So that in this quiet little Cornish village, one lady, living in a secluded farmhouse, knew personally four persons who had received great good from Mr. Congreve's remedies, and two of these when ordinary medical skill seemed unavailing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Hagley, Worcestershire.

On Thursday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Worcestershire and District Association and the St. Mary's Society (Kidderminster) rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5098 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. E. C. Hunt, 1; T. J. Salter, 2; J. O. Bennett, 3; J. S. Pritchett (first peal of SUPERLATIVE), 4; W. H. Barber, 5; A. E. Parsons, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. The first peal in the method on the bells.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (the Duffield Society) rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2 mins. G. Dawson, 1; J. Howe, 2; A. P. Heywood (composer and conductor), 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 5; B. Sugden, 6; W. Clarke, 7; W. Hickling, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire.

LATELY, eight members of the Bedford Association rang a peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 min. J. Houghton, sen., 1; Isaac Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; G. Burton, 4; F. Gilbert, 5; W. Parker, 6; W. C. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Houghton, jun., 8. Messrs. Clarke, Hills, and Chasty came from Bedford; the Houghtons, Irthlingborough; Parker, Higham Ferrers; Gilbert, Raunds; and Burton, Rushden.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At St. Mary's, LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Monday, the 6th inst., 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Gallimore, 1; A. Spittle, 2; F. J. Cope, 3; C. Barratt, 4; S. Spittle, 5; J. Hall, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. E. Groves, 8. Also, on handbells retained in hand, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Spittle, 1-2; L. Bullock, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, STOKE, DEVON.—On Thursday, the 19th ult. with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Prebendary St. Aubyn, touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN DOUBLES and touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. Also on Wednesday, the 26th ult., for practice, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. This is the second 720 with Mr. Taylor as conductor. It was rung before with an outside conductor, an old friend, Mr. T. Hibbert. Those who took part in the above are W. Pearce, F. Gover, E. Taylor, R. Ford, E. Hendy, H. Myers, W. H. Marsh, W. Dennis. On Monday, the 23rd ult., at Charles Church, on the occasion of a visit from the Diocesan Secretary, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Peal, 1; E. Taylor, 2; the Rev. Maitland Kelly, 3; E. Hendy, 4; F. Gover, 5; W. H. Marsh, 6; H. Myers, 7; C. Legg, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, CHICHESTER.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 38 mins. D. H. Falconer, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; G. Attfield, 3; F. B. Tompkins, 4; D. Falconer, 5; J. H. Blake, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; C. Cheeseman, 8. And 504 in the same method. D. H. Falconer, 1; G. T. Farley, 2; F. B. Tompkins, 3; T. A. Butland, 4; P. Tyler (Crawley), 5; J. H. Blake (conductor), 6; R. Walters, 7; W. Spurlock, 8.

At WOOBURN, BUCKS.—On Saturday, the 21st ult., being the jubilee of the Court of Foresters, it was intended to ring a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but, two of the band failing to appear, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was rung in 46 mins., consisting of ten and a half peals (120), each called differently. W. E. Yates (conductor), 1; W. Wheatley, 2; J. West, 3; F. Couzens, 4; F. G. Healey, 5; G. Whiteman, 6.

At St. Mary's, WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (from Thurstans' Original) in 42 mins. H. Randall, 1; G. Grimwade, 2; J. H. Wilkins, 3; A. G. Freeman, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; W. B. Manning, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; F. A. Nunn, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E.

At LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On a Wednesday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. F. Connell, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; R. Theobald (Stanstead), 3; H. Duce, 4; P. Bixby, 5; R. Brett (Stanstead, conductor), 6. Several touches were then rung on the handbells by S. Ford, C. Bixby, H. Ruse, and F. Connell (first 720).

At STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE. S. Slater, 1; A. Clarke, 2; R. Theobald, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Gowers, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. And on a Thursday, 720 New London, standing as before. On a Wednesday, several touches of BOB ROYAL and TREBLE BOB MAJOR were rung on the handbells by the same band.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday, 360 BOB MINOR. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Russell, 3; W. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6. And on a Thursday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR (thirty singles and six bobs) in 24 mins. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Tubb, 5; W. Burrows (conductor), 6.

At HITCHAM, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday afternoon, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Levitt, 1; A. Symonds, 2; R. Grimwade (first 720), 3; H. Sewell, 4; A. Long, 5; J. Taylor (conductor), 6. This was arranged to celebrate the wedding-day of Mr. H. Sewell, who kindly invited Messrs. A. Long and A. Symonds to a substantial tea.

At GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On a Tuesday, on handbells, at the residence of J. C. Truss, 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. E. Yates, 1-2; W. H. Fussell, 3-4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5-6; J. C. Truss, sen., 7-8. And a course of STEDMAN TRIPLES, standing as above.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. P. Evans, who is now leaving the curacy of Arundel for the curacy of Clayton-cum-Keymer. G. Treagus, 1; F. Luxford (conductor), 2; O. Evershed, 3; H. Lee, 4; D. Baker, 5; G. Balchin, 6; C. Blackman, 7; J. Netley, 8.

At THE CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 280 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with 6-8-10 covering. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; G. Smith, 3; R. Hasted, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; J. Weaver, 7; H. Paddington, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. Harris, 10. And on a Thursday, 360 GRANDSIRE CATERERS. A. E. Macey, 1; C. J. North, 2; G. Smith, 3; C. J. Choctet, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; W. C. Lampard, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (conductor), 9; J. Harris, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt

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THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE LIBRARY, being a classified collection of the chief contents of the *Gentleman's Magazine* from 1781 to 1868. Edited by George Laurence Gomme, F.S.A. (Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row.)—This book will be a joy and delight to all lovers of churches and church history. It is devoted to the subject of ecclesiology, and exceedingly well Mr. Milne, the editor for this subject, has performed his task. He has carefully collected a great mass of most interesting articles, letters, &c., dealing with 'Early Church Building,' 'Church Interiors,' and 'Church History.' It is impossible to give any sort of account of the contents, which are as varied as they are interesting; but the archaeologist, the antiquary, and the Churchman will find herein many quaint and useful pieces of knowledge which it would be hard to pick up anywhere else. We have ransacked these treasures with the deepest possible enjoyment, and cordially recommend the volume as worthy to occupy a prominent place on the parson's bookshelf.

RECEIVED ALSO:—In one volume (price 1s. 6d.), Ouida's SILVER CHRIST and THE LEMON-TREE, published by T. Fisher Unwin.

MAGAZINES.

THE PORTFOLIO monograph is a charming account of the New Forest from the pen of Mr. C. J. Cornish. It is excellently illustrated with four plates, including two etchings, and a number of smaller pictures in the text. The history of the New Forest is fully told from the time of the Conqueror who made it. Incidentally, Mr. Cornish devotes a good deal of attention to dealing with the Rufus legend, and it will be a shock to some historical convictions to hear that his conclusions point to Rufus's death as the result of preconceived murder, and not of an accident. The King was killed, not *in*, but at the very edge of the wood, almost indeed at the last tree. The author's theory is that as he stood shading his eyes with his hand and gazing after the wounded deer as it ran out across Stony-Cross Common he received the fatal arrow. That he would have been shot by accident in such a place seems most improbable. For various reasons, on the other hand, it offered an assassin admirable opportunities for escaping, and Tyrrell's course seems to fit exactly with the theory that he committed murder with the intention of instant flight by a convenient road to Poole, and thence to France. So here is a nice little matter for historians to settle.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains some more of the interesting illustrations from fine-art photographs, and a great variety of other pictures. There is this month a series of portraits of the leading athletes, which will be much appreciated by a large number of young men.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE continues all its popular features. There are a number of complete short stories; an account of an interview with Sir Donald Currie, which is well illustrated; a capital article on 'Ostrich Farming in South Africa'; the first part of an account of 'Engine Drivers and their Work,' and a number of other articles and papers. From its first to its last page the magazine is full of interest.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.

A QUARTERLY meeting of the above Society will take place at Moulton, on Saturday, August 25th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Holding. The peal of six bells (tenor about 18 cwt.) at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul will be at liberty for ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting of delegates after tea. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

Wellingborough.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., in St. Peter's Mission Hall, Rock Ferry. There were sixteen ringing members present from the following towers:—Bebington, Bromborough, Eastham, Rock Ferry, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. Previous to the meeting an excellent tea was provided by the kindness of the Vicar. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. L. Paige Cox for his hospitality and for the use of the bells, and also to the Rev. T. Warburton for presiding at the meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. Several touches were attempted during the evening, the only one completed being 480 changes, made up of 120 each of OXFORD SINGLE, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, BOB, and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. J. Pickin, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; J. Dillon (conductor), 5.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE monthly meeting of this Guild was held at Tuebrook on Saturday, the 4th inst. The ringers assembled in the belfry of the church of St. John-the-Baptist, and rang several touches on the fine ring of eight, afterwards joining in a very hearty service in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. P. M. Clark) giving an instructive and inspiring address. The ringers, through the generosity of the Vicar, were invited to tea in the Church Institute, when the Vicar expressed the pleasure he experienced in meeting the Guild and his sympathy with its objects. He trusted it would never fail in the prin-

ciple of making 'the man a better ringer and the ringer a better man.' The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, organizing secretary, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, expressing the thanks of the Guild for the hearty reception, which was unanimously carried. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Southport, on Saturday, September 15th.

The Bells of Stowmarket, Suffolk.

THE Stowmarket Parish Church bells are to be rebung in a new English oak bell-frame of improved construction, with all new fittings. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Henry Bowell & Son, of Ipswich. This grand ring of eight (the tenor weighing about 25 cwt.) are the work of several different founders. Treble and second, Dobson, of Downham (1810 and 1791); third, Darbie (1669); fourth, black-letter bell; fifth, Charles Newman (1699); sixth, Mears (1823); seventh, Darby (1672); tenor, Miles Graye (1622). Several improvements are to be carried out in the ringing-room, and when all is complete Stowmarket will have one of the best rings in the county.

Bells in India.

THE long-expected bells were hung in St. Stephen's, Ootacamund, diocese of Madras, on June 8th. A correspondent of the *Madras Mail* thus describes them:—'The "bells" consist of eight tubes of gun metal ranging from nine feet to five and a half feet in length, and four inches to three in diameter. The actual thickness of metal of the tenor is five-eighths of an inch. They are suspended from a frame eleven and a half feet high, in two rows, by ropes passing through eyelet holes and attached to hoops. It may be said at once that their tone is in no way inferior to that of an ordinary peal, but it may be doubted whether they will be heard as far. In the first place, the usual clangour of a peal of bells is absent, and it is this clangour which lends much of its charm.'

The new peal was dedicated at a special service on June 16th, which is thus described:—'All the clergy in the station were present in their robes, including, beside the Bishop and the Chaplain, the Revs. F. Alexander, A. W. Atkinson, R. J. Brandon, E. S. Burgess, A. H. Lash, J. T. Lawrence, S. Morley, J. B. Panes, and J. Stone. The church was very prettily decorated in all parts and about four hundred people were present. The processional hymn was the Old Hundredth and the proper P-salms the 98th and 150th. The Lesson, 1 Chron. xxix. 6-21, was read by the Rev. Dr. Brandon, and after the Rev. E. S. Burgess had intoned the first part of the service a move was made to the space under the tower at the west end, where the Rev. S. Morley read the proper collects, and the Bishop offered up the following prayer of dedication:—'We receive these bells for the service of this sanctuary, and do hereby dedicate them to the worship and honour of Almighty God, separating them from all profane or unhallowed uses, and consecrating them to holy and sacred purposes, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.' This was followed by a short peal on the newly dedicated bells. The service was concluded by the Rev. J. T. Lawrence, and the Rev. A. A. Williams then preached the sermon, in which he referred to the liberal response which had been made, not only in the present instance, but many others, and which indicated the affection felt for the house of God and all that pertained to His worship.'

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 724.

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The Late Rev. W. W. Hutt.

On Monday evening, the 30th ult., muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Ely (eight—tenor, 19 cwt.), as a mark of respect to the late Rev. W. W. Hutt, rector of Hockwold-with-Wilton, Norfolk. By the death of Mr. Hutt, change-ringing loses one of its most hearty and genial supporters, and they are few and far between in East Anglia.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., the above Society held a quarterly meeting at Dronfield, only a small muster of members being present, partly on account of the weather. The following towers were represented:—Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, Wingfield, Staveley, Ecclesfield, Bradfield, and the local company. At the business meeting Mr. C. Severn (president) occupied the chair. The minutes having been confirmed, it was arranged to have the next quarterly meeting at Eckington, on the last Saturday in September. The following were rung during the afternoon:—720 OXFORD. H. Jervis, 1; E. Platts, 2; G. Marsden (conductor), 3; C. Kitson, 4; S. Allen, 5; C. Platts, 6. And 720 KENT. W. Daffin, 1; W. Butler, 2; E. James, 3; G. Marsden, 4; J. P. Tarlton, 5; A. Brearley (conductor), 6.

In the issue of the *Hardware Trade Journal* of 31st ult. will be found an article on Mr. J. J. W. Carr, the managing partner in the firm of 'Charles Carr,' bell-founder, &c., Birmingham, this firm now carrying on, with its own original business, the bell-founding business lately in the hands of Mr. Blews. The article is illustrated with an excellent portrait of Mr. Carr, and also with a picture of his father standing beside the first ring of (three) bells cast by the Messrs. Carr. The letterpress gives a clear and detailed description of Mr. Carr's history and his connexion with the firm, together with well-deserved praise of his management and of the work turned out under his superintendence. Many excellent bells have been cast by this well-known firm.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Cathedral, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

On Monday, the 6th inst., ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 16 mins. B. Dalton, 1; A. Spittle, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; S. Spittle, 4; F. J. Cope, 5; J. Hall, 6; L. Bullock, 7; J. George, 8; J. E. Groves (composer and conductor), 9; J. H. Gallimore, 10. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D. This composition has the 6th twelve times right and wrong in the Tittums position, and twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, and is in two equal parts. The ringers thank the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells; also E. Gallimore, steeple-keeper, for making arrangements.

At the Parish Church, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. H. Hurcomb (first peal), 1; W. E. Yates (conductor), 2; W. Large, 3; J. F. Barlow, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; J. Monk, 6; R. H. Burden, 7; A. Joyner, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt. Messrs. Hurcomb, Barlow, Burden, and Joyner, came from Chipping Norton; Large and Glanville, Burford; J. Monk, Witney; and W. E. Yates, Great Marlow. These bells are in excellent going order, having recently been rehung in a steel frame and bell-metal bearings.

At the Parish Church, Southwold, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and the Norwich Diocesan Association rang J. Lockwood's peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. Motts (conductor), 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; C. E. Borrett, 4; W. L. Catchpole, 5; E. Reeve, 6; R. H. Brundle, 7; E. Pemberton, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. A. W. Brighton and C. E. Borrett came from Norwich; the rest belong to Ipswich. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Pemberton, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector and Churchwardens for permission to ring.

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

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang a Six-part peal of 5040 DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. F. W. Tharby,* 1;

W. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; J. Knight,* 4; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 5; W. W. Tucker, 6; H. Prior, 7; T. Newman, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Bacup, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Holt's peal of 5040 UNION TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 47 mins. F. Howorth, 1; J. A. Brown, 2; A. W. Whitworth, 3; J. T. Standing, 4; J. Shepherd (conductor), 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; W. Ashworth, 7; W. Law, 8. It was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. Zenas Pickup, the esteemed teacher of their Sunday-school class.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE, KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Monday, the 6th inst., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberlands rang the following touches on the Alexandra bells in the Queen's Tower:—578 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 480 TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and 530 STEDMAN CATERS, the band standing the same in each touch. W. Baron, 1; J. Rogers, 2; C. Wilkins, 3; T. Titchener, 4; A. Pittam, 5; H. Swain, 6; G. Smith, 7; J. Hannington, 8; G. Newson, 9; A. Jacob, 10. Tenor, 36 cwt.

AT ST. GABRIEL'S, PIMLICO, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the evening, 1200 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 46 mins. G. T. M. Laughlin, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; H. Swain, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; E. Carter, 5; H. R. Newton, 6; J. Oxborough, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, FULHAM, LONDON.—On a Sunday, in the evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS (1259 changes) in 49 mins., composed by H. J. Tucker. A. Ough, 1; G. Woodiss, 2; W. Meaton, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; C. Charge, 6; R. Chichester, 7; J. Nichols, 8; E. H. Adams (conductor), 9; H. Adams, 10.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR was rung by six members of the Essex Association in 25 mins., being the first in the method by the whole band. W. Watson, 1; E. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. Also a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. G. Boughton and B. Keeble on 1 and 2 respectively.

AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.—Handbell-ringing.—On a Wednesday, 756 STEDMAN TRIPLES (bells retained in hand). G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. Also a course of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for the Flower Service, 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR—the first touch of TREBLE BOB MAJOR for upwards of twelve months by a local company. S. Slater (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; G. Honeybell, 3; A. Garwood, 4; H. Thompson, 5; B. Mingay, 6; A. Symonds, 7; G. Maxim, 8.

AT HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On a Friday, an attempt was made for Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, but was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 46 mins. J. C. Truss, jun., 1; W. Truss, 2; H. Stratford, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; F. Boreham, 5; R. Biggs, 6; S. Goodchild (conductor), 7; W. E. Yates, 8.

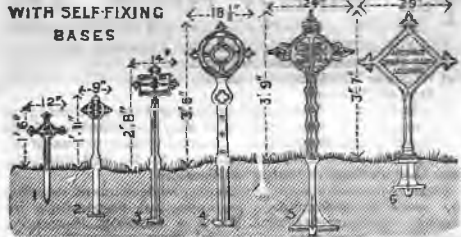
AT BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On a Friday, for practice, four peals (120) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung, the following taking part:—T. Tapping, S. Wade, W. Ball, F. Price, G. Tapping (conductor), R. Price, A. Worley, G. Leslie, and R. Buckland. The above are the first without outside assistance.

AT BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.—On a Monday, the following touches were rung:—A quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 48 mins. H. Harcomb, 1; W. Large, 2; J. F. Barlow, 3; A. Joyner, 4; T. E. Glanville, 5; J. Monk, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; R. H. Burdon, 8. Also 360 GRANDSIRE MINOR, two courses of GRANDSIRE MAJOR, and 210 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, being the occasion of the Church Sunday-school treat, 720 BOB MINOR in 28 mins. S. Slater (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; R. Brett, 5; A. Avis (late of Lewisham, but now of Haverhill), 6. Other touches were rung, including OXFORD TREBLE BOB, CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, DOUBLE COURT, &c.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. E. Yates, Great Marlow (thanks; we shall be glad to publish what you send: two of the 'touches' appeared last week); and others.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE seventh annual festival in connexion with the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers was held at Macclesfield on Bank Holiday, the 6th inst., when about 150 members came to the town from Chester, Bowdon, Stockport, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Northenden, Marple, Mobberley, Cheadle, Crewe, Wrenbury, Alsager, Grappenhall Holmes Chapel, Macclesfield, Gawsorth, Prestbury, Bollington, Poynton, Northwich, Runcorn, and Wirrall.

The festival commenced by a service in St. Michael's Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., rector of East Marden, Chichester, who himself is a practical bell-ringer. He spoke of the bell-ringer as taking a part in the service of the church just as much as the clergyman or other officers of the church, and of the lessons which bell-ringing taught them, such as patience and unselfishness, unity and temperance.

The annual general meeting was afterwards held in the National School, Duke Street, under the presidency of Archdeacon Woosnam, of Liverpool. The statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1893, showed that the Guild commenced that year with a balance in hand of 66*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*, and ended it with a balance of 55*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* The Treasurer's statement of accounts having been passed, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber was elected Master of the Guild. The Rev. Richard Greenall was unanimously elected Hon. Sec. and Treasurer in the place of Mr. Heywood. The following six hon. members were also appointed on the Committee:—Rev. Canon Holme (Great Budworth), Rev. Canon Blencowe (West Kirby), Rev. S. A. Boyd (Macclesfield), Rev. H. L. Mallory (Mobberley), Rev. G. J. Howson (Crewe), and Mr. H. Hatt Cook (Northwich). The following six change-ringing members were also appointed on the Committee:—Messrs. R. Holding (Crewe), J. Bythell (Chester), W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), Spence (Grappenhall), W. Forster (Northwich), and Jas. Dillon (Bromborough). The following ringers were appointed Instructors:—Messrs. P. Hamblett (Grappenhall), R. Holding (Crewe), W. Forster (Northwich), J. Dillon (Bebington), Moulton (Chester), and W. Walmsley (Macclesfield). Mr. R. Holding, of Crewe, was appointed a representative on the Central Council for two years in the place of Mr. H. A. Heywood, who was expecting to leave the county. Invitations to Chester and West Kirby as the place of next meeting were received, and on a show of hands West Kirby was chosen by a large majority.

At 1.15 the members sat down to an excellent dinner in the Town Hall, the Ven. Archdeacon Woosnam presiding. The Chairman proposed 'The

health of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers,' and said he was glad for the first time of having an opportunity of meeting with them. Their position as bell-ringers in the National Church was a most important one, and he would urge them to honour their position. Messrs. Holding (Crewe) and W. Walmsley (Macclesfield) responded. The members of the Guild were afterwards, through the kindness of Messrs. Brocklehurst, conducted through their silk mills, in which they were much interested. During the afternoon merry peals were rung on the bells of St. Michael's, and the towers of Bollington, Prestbury, Poynton, and Gawsorth were also open to the ringers.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 744.

CONSUMPTION

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INTERVIEWS RELATIVE TO NEW CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

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SEVENTY-FIRST INTERVIEW.

With Miss PROWSE, residing near Launceston, Cornwall.

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Miss Prowse lives at Chariton, St. Giles-in-the Heath, a few miles from Launceston.

'My mother and sister both died of Consumption,' said that young lady to the writer, recently, 'and for years I suffered from every symptom of chest disease. The doctor said my lungs were affected, and that I should go as my mother did.'

'I believe you had been under medical treatment some time before you applied to Mr. Congreve?'

'For a long time. I had been attending a public institution in Launceston—for three months as an in-patient, and for nearly nine months as an out-patient. When I wrote to Mr. Congreve, about Christmas 1893, I was very ill—great pains in the chest, breath so short that I couldn't walk across the room, a dry, hacking cough, and very bad night perspirations. I had lost much flesh and got very weak. My aunt, who has had much experience as a sick nurse, told my father I was going fast.'

'Well, it is pretty evident that she was mistaken as to the issue. Will you tell me how soon you began to mend after taking the medicine Mr. Congreve sent you?'

'After a few doses. But just at that time I had a severe cold, and that threw me back a little. Later on, when I had been under treatment a few months, I had another cold; but with these exceptions, I progressed slowly to recovery.'

'How long did you remain under treatment?'

'About nine months, and now I am better and stronger than I have been for eight years. I have had no return of cough, or anything of that kind during this winter, and am able to get about—up-hill or down-hill—without trouble. I believe Mr. Congreve saved my life, and my father says that if I had not applied to him when I did, I should have been lying in the churchyard now.'

'Is it correct to say that since your recovery your father has himself found benefit from the medicine?'

'Yes. I sent for a bottle for him in December. He had had a winter cough for many years, but the Elixir cured him.'

Unlike one other patient I had seen that day, Miss Prowse was anxious that others should benefit from her experience, and very willingly accorded me her permission to publish this account of our chat.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

THE monthly ringing meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at Ilkley. Ringing included OXFORD BOB MINOR, GRANDSIRE, TREBLE BOB, and DOUBLE NORWICH. The interior of the church was afterwards visited, the memorial window erected to the memory of the late Jasper W. Snowdon being the chief attraction—a privilege granted the visitors, for which the Society thank the respected church-keeper. At the meeting-house, a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and MAJOR were rung on the handbells by J. Whitaker, 1-2; T. Lockwood, 3-4; R. Binns, 5-6; J. Thackray, 7-8. At the meeting, the President, Mr. J. Thackray, took the chair. About fifty members were present from Addingham, Armley, Birstall, Calverley, Horbury, Hull, Lincoln, Leeds, Northallerton, Otley, and St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley. The minutes were passed as read, and several new members were elected. The usual votes of thanks for use of bells, &c., were carried. Then followed a double course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, two octaves in F. Tunes were then begun. The Leeds (St. Peter's) Society of Handbell-ringers were the principal performers, and rendered some selections in excellent style. The weather was all that could be desired, and the meeting will be remembered as a red-letter day in the annals of the Society.

St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, Cornwall.

NEW bells have just been placed in this old church tower. At an afternoon service Archdeacon Cornish dedicated the bells. The ringers of St. Columb rang out a fine opening peal. The bells are a splendid ring of six, hung on massive frames of oak fittings, with chimes complete. One was presented by Mr. E. Carlyon, of St. Austell, and the others were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Brydges Willyams, of Carnanton.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Berwick-on-Tweed, Northumberland.

ON Monday, the 30th ult., several members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association visited Berwick and rang 'Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEEDMAN TRIPLES on the newly restored bells in the Town Hall spire in 3 hrs. 2 mins. W. Holmes, 1; T. Hudson, 2; R. S. Story, 3; F. Lees, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; A. Hillier, 6; F. J. Harrison, 7; J. Buffery, 8. The visitors were kindly entertained by the Mayor of Berwick to breakfast and dinner.

At St. Paul's, Shipley, Yorkshire.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang H. Haley's peal of 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4½ mins. T. Dixon (conductor), 1; T. B. Kendall, 2; J. Mulligan, 3; S. H. London, 4; H. Wooding, 5; S. Thomas, 6; W. Biggin, 7; G. A. O. Nettleton, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent.

ON Thursday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Dains' peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 35 mins. G. Conyard, 1; J. Saxby (first peal in the method), 2; W. Reeve (birthday), 3; W. Ingham, 4; T. Groombridge, 5; A. Peill, 6; C. Wilkins (conductor), 7; E. Barnett, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Messrs. Groombridge and Ingham came from Chislehurst; the rest are local men.

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

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Lates' one-part peal of 5040 STEEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. Turner,* 1; T. Groombridge, 2; W. I. Reeve, 3; G. Conyard, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; W. Ingham,* 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; J. Garard, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. [* First peal of STEEDMAN.]

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, London.

ON Tuesday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society and St. Peter's Society (Waltham) rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. T. H. Taffender (first peal away from the tenor), 1; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 2; J. E. Davis, 3; J. Barry, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; W. F. Meads, 6; E. P. O'Meara, 7; A. R. Davis, 8. The band thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Waite for having all in readiness.

At St. James's, Bath, Somerset.

ON Wednesday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 19 mins. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Temple, 2; C. Langdon, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; F. King, 5; C. W. Bell (conductor), 6; W. J. Hinton, 7; J. Fussell, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT YORK MINSTER.—On Sunday, the 12th inst., for morning service, two courses of GRANDSIRE CINQUES and three leads of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS. G. Breed, 1; G. Worth, 2; T. Haigh (conductor), 3; J. Thompson, 4; F. Earnshaw, 5; R. Thompson, 6; A. Fearnley, 7; A. Haigh, 8; W. Morrell, 9; T. Hodgson, 10; T. Hibbert (Reading), 11; W. H. Howard and T. Neill, 12. For the MAXIMUS—T. Neill, 1; T. Hodgson, 3; T. Hibbert, 9; T. Haigh, 10; W. Morrell, 11; G. Breed (conductor), 12. In the evening, at SS. Philip and James', Clifton, being the farewell service of the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Hopkins, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. G. Breed, 1; A. Haigh, 2; F. Earnshaw, 3; W. Morrell, 4; T. Haigh (conductor), 5; T. Hibbert, 6. Afterwards the Vicar entered the tower, and bid the ringers farewell with a hearty shake of the hand, thanking them for their visit.

AT POTTERNE, WILTS.—On Thursday, the 16th inst., five members of St. John's, Devizes, and Mr. Burden (a native of Potterne, who came from London) rang six peals (120 changes) of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. T. Raddon, 1; W. King, 2; S. Hillier, 3; A. Draper, 4; C. S. Burden (conductor), 5; D. Phillips, 6. Also one peal with A. Draper (conductor), 5.

AT NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.—Lately, at the residence of Mr. Paulson, on handbells, 896, 228, and 260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Paulson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; H. Argyle, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. Also a course of BOB MAJOR, the band standing as before.

AT ST. JAMES'S, BATH, SOMERSETSHIRE.—On a Wednesday, an attempt was made for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but it failed. Afterwards, a quarter-peal was rung. W. Simmonds, 1; J. Hinton, 2; G. Temple, 3; C. Bell, 4; J. Fussell, 5; J. Holman, 6; A. Brearley, 7; W. Colston, 8. Also 384 GRANDSIRE MAJOR. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Temple, 2; C. Bell, 3; F. King, 4; J. Fussell, 5; J. Holman, 6; A. Brearley, 7; J. Hinton, 8. J. Holman and A. Brearley came from Sheffield.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PUTNEY, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. E. W. Beckwith (Coggeshall, Essex, and first quarter-peal), 1; A. R. Davis, 2; E. Adams, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6; J. E. Davis, 7; W. Crocker, 8.

AT WALTHAM, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, the last 700 of Holt's Original. H. Taffender, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; W. Langdon, 5; T. Langdon (conductor), 6; J. E. Davis, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, LAMBETH, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. H. Taffender (first quarter-peal away from the tenor), 1; W. Langdon, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; E. P. O'Meara, 4; T. Langdon, 5; A. R. Davis, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; W. Stoneman, 8. W. H. George came from Winchester. Rung as a farewell touch to the Hon. the Rev. F. G. Pelham.

AT ISLEWORTH, LONDON.—On a Sunday, for men's service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 42 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. J. Parker (composer and conductor), 3; J. Basden, 4; W. Foster, 5; F. Goddard, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; W. Stanney, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CROYDON, SURREY.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the morning, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Lover, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. Sadler, 3; G. Burt, 4; W. Bulpitt, 5; F. Hermon, 6; C. Kitching, 7; B. Blake, 8. And for evening service 504 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. W. Dolton, 1; G. Burt, 2; A. E. Collins, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; H. Brooker (conductor), 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; W. Warman, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.—On a Wednesday, a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. G. H. Ashworth, 1; J. Rollerson, 2; T. Rollerson (longest length as conductor), 3; S. Holgate, 4; G. H. Hargreaves, 5; J. H. Nuttall, 6; J. Smith, 7; J. Ramsbottom, 8. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. R. Parker, vicar of Stonefold, to Miss Townsend, of The Holme, Rawtenstall.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. W. Bentham (appeared last week); and others.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

THE Rev. Harry Drew, who has just returned to England, paid Kimberley a visit of a week or two, and made a flying trip to Taunus to see a native town and the mission work there. On his return, accompanied by the Rev. the Hon. A. V. Lyttelton, he left for Graham's Town to be the guest of the Bishop of that See, and afterwards proceeded by sea to Natal to see the Bishop of Maritzburg. The change has been substantially beneficial to his health.

REVIEWS.

MOUNTAIN, MOOR, AND LOCH. Illustrated by pen and pencil, on the route of the West Highland Railway. (Sir Joseph Causton & Sons.)—A delightful holiday book, which simply makes one long to rush off to Scotland. We should think that many who read it will hardly be able to resist exploring the beauties of the West Highland Railway line without delay.

THE GHOST OF GAIRN. By M. M. Black. (Price 1s. Oliphant, Anderson, & Ferrier, Edinburgh and London.)—This is another of Oliphant's popular shilling series. It is an interesting story of the Jacobite Rebellion of 1746. It is constructed with some little skill, is pleasantly told, and is readable from the beginning to the end.

COREA OF TO-DAY. (Nelsons, London. Price 6d.)—We are frankly informed that much of this little book has been compiled from *Corea from its Capital*. It is pleasantly put together and contains much information about the country. New matter has been added to bring it up to date, and it will be found particularly useful and interesting at the present juncture.

THE RAJAH'S SECOND WIFE. By Headon Hill. (London: Ward, Lock, & Co. Price 3s. 6d.)—This is a story of Indian life. A fascinating native of India is sent over here by his uncle, the Rajah of Jhalwa, 'to study law or something,' and succeeds in winning the affections of, and in marrying, a very charming girl, who assumed that he was a Christian. This young native unexpectedly became the ruler of Jhalwa through the death of his uncle and cousin, and hastily returned to India. His wife, who followed him later, arrived there full of European notions of the position she would occupy as the wife of the Rajah. Her awakening is a rude shock; various complications ensue, including rumours of the existence of an infant wife of the Rajah, who was thought to have died, and for a period the Ranees' Indian experiences are full of sadness. A missionary—an excellent fellow who is the good genius of her and her husband—opportunistically converts him. The story ends with the death of the missionary, the punishment of the evil-doers, and the re-establishment of the happiness of the Rajah's second wife. The result to her might, however, have been very different, and the book will serve a good purpose if it prevents English girls from too hastily contracting marriages with natives of India studying law, or something, over here. The story is cleverly constructed and well written.

MACKESON'S GUIDE TO THE CHURCHES OF LONDON (Innes & Co., Bedford Street, Strand: price 2s. 6d.), is a marvel of condensed information about the 1050 churches of London and the suburbs. Originally issued by Mr. Mackeson in 1865, it is the result of thirty years' skilled experience. After a somewhat exhaustive test of the book, we have found the information most accurate and 'up to date' in all respects, with the exception of the Wardens. This exception is inevitable, as these officials are all elected at Easter, so that an annual guide, if published in January, must be incorrect in this particular for more than half the year. Under these circumstances we should be inclined to doubt whether it is worth while to insert the names of the wardens, more especially as their addresses are not given. We observe that Mr. Mackeson proposes to include the names of Deaconesses in future issues. This will require some caution, as such very different types of women workers pass under the name.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE contains a variety of excellent short complete stories, and several articles on different subjects. Of the former the 'Faithful Fortnight' and 'Comrades in Arms' are the best, and of the latter the 'Moated Castle of Leeds'—not the celebrated manufacturing town in the North, but the Leeds in Kent—and 'Memories of Prato.' The magazine is plentifully illustrated.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THERE will be a District Meeting of the above on Saturday, September 22nd, at Bishop Stortford. The tower (ten bells) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Also the tower of Sawbridgeworth (three miles). Tea and business meeting will be held at the 'Chequers' at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present must notify the same to the Association Secretary, Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, not later than the previous Monday.

There will also be a meeting for six-bell ringers in the neighbourhood of Witham later on in the year. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Association Secretary.

The Lancashire Association.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Hale Parish Church on Saturday, the 4th inst. The towers represented were Farnworth, Warrington, Huyton, Halewood, Prescott, and the local company. The tower was open for ringing from 3.30 till 8 o'clock. 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 being read and confirmed, the reverend gentleman welcomed the ringers to Hale. It was proposed by Mr. Oxley, seconded by Mr. Byron, and carried, that Wootton be the next meeting-place.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Leesfield on Saturday, the 11th inst. Members were present from Rochdale, Shaw, Moorside, and the local band. The meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. Travis, of Shaw, when three new members were nominated. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells concluded the business of the meeting. During the evening touches of TREBLE BOB MINOR, MAJOR, GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, and TRIPLES were rung.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society.

A QUARTERLY meeting of the above Society took place at Moulton, Northants, on Saturday, August 25th. The six bells at the church of SS. Peter and Paul were at liberty for ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Over fifty ringers attended from Northampton, Kettering, Earls Barton, Mears Ashby, Wilbye, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Wellingborough, Moulton, Brixworth, and Kingsthorpe. The Vicar of Moulton and Mr. R. York were present, and did their best to make the visitors welcome and point out objects of interest connected with the fine old church, which has been carefully restored at the cost of about 3900l.

Tea was provided at five o'clock, to which about forty, including the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Channer of Ravensthorpe, and the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell of Wilbye, sat down. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, to which the Rev. W. Holding replied. The usual business meeting followed, at which the Rev. E. C. Channer presided. It was unanimously decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Northampton on Saturday, October 20th. The Rev. H. Law James, of Stamford, was admitted as an 'out-of-county' ringing member. Later in the evening a large peal of handbells, kindly brought over by the Kettering ringers, furnished much enjoyment.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 764.

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The Sudbury (Suffolk) Ringers' Holiday.

On Saturday, August 18th, the ringers of the three churches of this town had their annual holiday, and again visited London. The arrangements were undertaken by the conductor of the company, Mr. C. Sillitoe (who is a member of the London Ancient Society of College Youths), in conjunction with Mr. C. F. Winny, of the same society. We regret that the oldest member of the company, Mr. W. Cross, was prevented from going by serious illness. The journey to Liverpool Street was enlivened by ringing 'touches' on handbells. Arrived in London, the party were met by Mr. Winny, and a move was made to Greenwich to ring at the church of St. Alphege, the Vicar having kindly given permission. The journey was made by way of the new Tower Bridge. At Greenwich, a touch of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR (400 changes) was rung, the following being the performers:—F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; C. F. Winny (London), 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. The tenor bell weighs 25 cwt. They also rang a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in which Messrs. W. Bacon and H. Harper took part; and a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS, Mr. H. Brackett ringing the tenor. An adjournment was then made for dinner, after which the Park and Observatory were visited. Much amusement was caused by one or two well-known members of the company being continually watched by the park-keepers, who evidently thought that the innocent-looking bag carried by them contained some infernal machine or other! It contained nothing, however, more harmful than a set of handbells. Evidently the metallic jinks which now and then proceeded from the bag had a suspicious sound about them. The journey back to London was made by water, and after a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, tea was partaken of.

At the College Youths' headquarters, J. R. Haworth and C. F. Winny rang, with four of the ringers, a course of GRANDSIRE CINQUES. In the evening, the bells of St. Clement Danes, Strand, were rung (permission being readily granted by the Rector, the Rev. J. J. H. S. Pennington, M.A.), a course of DOUBLE NORWICH by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe, 7; C. F. Winny (conductor), 8. Also two courses of STEDMAN CATERS and a touch of TREBLE BOB MAJOR conducted by C. Sillitoe. The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing. The ringers arrived at Sudbury at 12.45 p.m., after having spent an interesting and enjoyable day; and they beg through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. Winny and the other ringers who kindly met them, also the authorities of the churches where they rang, for kindly giving them permission to do so.

The Bells of Moulton, Northamptonshire.

In the year 1552 Moulton possessed four bells, a little 'Sanctus Bell,' and one 'Great Bell.' The latter was used as clock-bell, also to summon the parishioners to town's meetings, and to sound alarm in times of danger. There were five bells in the year 1700. These were recast into the present six by Arnold, of Leicester. The bells were completely rehung ten years ago by Taylor & Co.

If two trebles were added to this peal it would make a very beautiful octave in the key of F, similar to those at St. Edmund's, Northampton. Like most of Arnold's bells, the tenor at Moulton is of soft and musical tone. He cast the heavy ring of eight at St. Giles', Northampton, in the year 1783.

The inscriptions on Moulton bells are as follows:—

1. 'OMNIA FIANT AD GLORIAM DEI E. ARNOLD FECIT 1795.'
2. 'REVD. WM. STANTON VICAR. WM. PELL MOULTON LODGE, S. CLARK, PAGE BARBER, CHURCHWARDENS.'
- 3, 4. 'REVD. WM. STANTON, VICAR. WM. PELL MOULTON LODGE, S. CLARK, PAGE BARBER, CHURCHWARDENS. E. A. FECIT, 1795.'
5. 'REVD. WM. STANTON, VICAR. WM. PELL MOULTON LODGE, S. CLARK, PAGE BARBER, CHURCHWARDENS. E. ARNOLD LEICESTER FECIT.'
6. 'I TO THE CHURCH THE LIVING CALL AND TO THE GRAVE DO SUMMONS ALL. E. ARNOLD LEICESTER FECIT 1795.' Diameter of tenor, 45½ in. Weight, about 18 cwt.

Moulton Church dates from the Norman period, and has portions of later styles down to the end of the fourteenth century. The lofty tower (recently restored), is Early Decorated, the upper stage being an Early Perpendicular addition. There was formerly 'a small wooden spire covered with lead, which was pulled down in the time of the Great Rebellion.' The Rev. William Stanton, whose name appears on several of the bells, was Vicar of Moulton from 1768 to 1830.

The Bells of Leominster, Herefordshire.

LEOMINSTER people will learn with pleasure that they will soon hear once more the grand old peal of bells ringing out from the Priory Church tower. The work of rehanging and restoration has been commenced by Messrs. Warner & Son, of London, and is now progressing rapidly. Two new treble bells have been added to complete the peal of ten, and the work is expected to be finished by the end of October.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. S. Hutson, 1; C. Millway, 2; C. Duttall, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5; W. Tassell (first peal with a bob-bell), 6; R. Staines, 7; A. Hardy, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. S. Wise (conductor), 1; A. Pearce, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; S. Macey, 4; W. G. Gifford, 5; S. Lawrence, 6; A. P. Goddard, 7; S. Ames, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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

On Sunday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Dains' peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; W. G. Grove, 2; A. J. Neale, 3; W. Ingham, 4; H. N. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; J. George, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At All Saints', Besthorpe, Norfolk.

LATELY, on a Sunday, six members of St. Peter Mancroft (Norwich) Society of Change-ringers, with three members of the Attleborough Company, rang various changes on the new bells, consisting of GRANDSIRE, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, and STEDMAN DOUBLES, the latter methods being the first time they had been rung on these bells. The following took part:—Messrs. E. Ward, F. and G. Howchin, A. Trollope, A. Brighton, E. Borrett, J. Lawrence, J. Howes, and J. Miles.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. LEONARD'S, SOUTHWIMSTER, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 25th inst., six members of the Essex Association rang 720 BOB MINOR, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, and 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. C. Dempsey, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Dallimore, 3; E. Lucas, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; H. Randall, 6. A. Deards rang the treble of the 720 TREBLE BOB and the STEDMAN DOUBLES. Also a touch of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, with Mr. Carriage, one of the local ringers. These are the first 720's rung upon these bells for twenty years. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

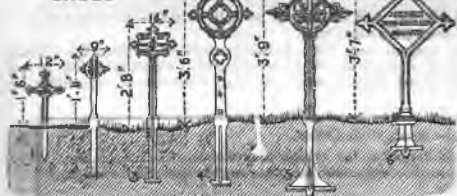
At WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On a Saturday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 48 mins. F. Carter, 1; H. James, 2; E. Wallage (composer), 3; G. Peace (conductor), 4; F. Jelf, 5; E. Hall, 6; D. Tarling, 7; G. Cole, 8.

At ST. MICHAEL'S, BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. T. Holmes, 1; H. Ling, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; W. Webb, 4; H. Hopson, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6; H. Simpson, 7; R. Freestone, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. A. W. Brighton came from Norwich, the rest belong to the local company.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, for practice. 1008 BOB MAJOR in 35 mins. A. Button, 1; H. J. Button, 2; S. J. Wolf, 3; J. M. Button, 4; F. Cooper, 5; T. Bell, 6; C. Sampson, 7; G. Wilson (conductor), 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.—On a Monday, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. R. H. Hayward, 1; Dr. G. F. W. Meadows, 2; J. Tarrant, 3; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 4; E. W. Round-Turner, 5; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 6. Tenor, 6½ cwt.

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The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; meeting, 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULFIT, } Hon.
W. BENTHAM, } Secs.

The Royal Cumberland Society.

The Annual Election of Officers of this Society will take place on Friday, September 14th, when all members who can make it convenient are requested to attend.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec.

The St. James's Society, London.

At the Annual Meeting of the above Society, held at headquarters, the following members were elected to take office for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. E. E. Richards (re-elected); Treasurer, Mr. E. Albone (re-elected); Senior Steward, Mr. J. George; Junior Steward, Mr. C. F. Winney; Secretary, Mr. W. F. Meads, 85 Diggon Street, Stepney Green, E. Members are particularly requested to attend the fortnightly meetings at St. Clement Danes as often as possible. Next meeting night, September 10th.

Reopening of Melton Mowbray Bells, Leicestershire.

The bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Melton Mowbray, having been rehung and the number increased to ten by the addition of two new bells, special services to mark the successful completion of the work were held on Friday, August 10th. Messrs. Taylor & Sons, of Loughborough, have had charge of the work, and, in addition to the improvements made in the peal, they have also effected some important alterations in the belfry. The necessity for some kind of restoration had long been apparent, for the bells themselves were getting sadly out of tune, while the beams upon which they hung were known to be in anything but a sound condition. The original peal consisted of eight bells, but it was thought the rehanging would provide a good opportunity for increasing the peal to ten, and accordingly the Vicar and churchwardens solicited subscriptions with that object, while the cost of retuning the old bells was borne by the Ward Trustees. At this time, however, Mrs. Robert Brown and Mr. William Giles came forward and generously offered to defray the cost of the two new bells, an offer which was gratefully accepted. But the occasion has not been allowed to pass without the parishioners generally having an opportunity of giving something in connexion with the work, it being further decided to renew the chimes and provide a ringing machine, of which the Rev. E. H. Horne, a former curate of Melton, is the patentee, while the church clock was also in need of renovation. The cost of these improvements, it is expected, will be nearly 150*l.*, towards which sum subscriptions have been received amounting to over 120*l.* The following particulars of the bells will, no doubt, be of interest, the two first being the new bells:—

No.	Diameter. ft. in.	Weight. cwt. qr. lb.	Key.
1	2 4	5 3 26	F sharp.
2	2 6	6 2 21	E
3	2 8	7 1 9	D
4	2 8½	7 0 1	C sharp.
5	2 11½	9 2 3	B
6	3 1	9 1 1	A
7	3 4½	11 1 7	G
8	3 8½	15 3 4	F sharp.
9	4 1½	21 0 0	E
10	4 5½	25 1 20	D

Total weight ... 119 1 8

The two new bells bear the following inscriptions:—'Presented to this Church by Eliza Brown in memory of her parents, Joseph and Mary Ann Littlewood, of this parish, A.D. 1894. R. Blakeney, M.A., vicar; J. H. Petch, W. Willcox, churchwardens;' and 'Presented to this Church by William Giles, of this parish, in memory of his parents, William and Martha Giles, of Colston Bassett, Notts, A.D. 1894. R. Blakeney, vicar; J. H. Petch, W. Willcox, churchwardens.' The total cost of the undertaking, including the two additional bells, will be over 500*l.*

The special services commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at nine a.m., the Vicar (Rev. R. Blakeney) and the Rev. J. W. Crowther officiating. At 2.30 p.m., the rededication of the old peal, and dedication of the two new bells, took place, with an address by the Vicar. There was a large congregation, and the service was of an appropriate character. The Rev. G. A. Crawshaw said the prayers, and the lesson, taken from Hag. ii., was read by the Rev. J. W. Crowther. During the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the clergy walked under the tower, where the Vicar offered up the special dedicatory prayers for the occasion. After a hymn, the Vicar delivered a short address upon Ps. xxvi. 8, 'Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house.' After the service, a peal was rung by members of the Melton Society of Ringers.

A Puzzling Inscription.

SIR,—I enclose a page from an old volume of Somerset archæological papers, giving a curious inscription on a church bell. It will be seen that the second word of the inscription was in 1850 regarded as undecipherable. Perhaps knowledge has increased since that date so much as to have revealed the mystery.

R. DENNY UELIN.

Rustington, Sussex.

'The Rev. F. B. Portman exhibited a rubbing of an inscription on one of the bells in the church of Staple Fitzpaine. He had forwarded it to the British Museum, but no one there had been able to decipher the second word in the line, a fac-simile of which is here given.



The inscription runs thus:—

† Est * * * collatum ibc istud nomen amatum.'

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 784.

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SEVENTY-SECOND INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. BELL, 212 Derby Road, Southampton, relative to
her daughter.

CASE OF CONSUMPTION IN EARLY STAGE.

Not published before.

Early in the present year I called upon this lady, who, in reply to my question, said:—

'My daughter, who is away at business, was taken ill in the winter of 1892. She caught a violent chill. She became very feverish and had a terrible cough, with much expectoration, yellowish in colour, and great pain in the side.'

'I suppose you had a doctor for her, Mrs. Bell?'

'Yes, she had medical advice, but did not get better. Her cough was so bad that I feared she was going into Consumption. On the recommendation of Mr. Webb, the Baptist Minister at the chapel we attend, and who thinks very highly of the treatment, my daughter took Mr. Congreve's medicine. At that time she had had to give up her employment.'

'And what was the result?'

'She soon got better, and is well now. She recovered very rapidly—I could hardly believe the medicine would cause such a great change in her.'

'I saw your minister's daughter just now, and she told me Miss Bell appeared to be much better.'

'She is indeed. She has got through this winter very well, though as she goes to and from business morning and night, she is much exposed to the weather.'

Mrs. Bell was good enough to accord me permission to publish this account of her daughter's case, in the hope that other sufferers might be encouraged to try the remedy which had restored her to health and strength.

Reopening of Holsworthy Bells, Devon.

EVER since Whit-Sunday of 1890, when the lightning struck the tower and demolished one of its pinnacles, the bells of Holsworthy Church have been unsafe to ring, and its fine carillon has been dumb. Not only were the bells damaged, but examination revealed the fact that the woodwork and fittings of the belfry were decayed and dangerous. Soon afterwards a fund was opened for their restoration, and the movement receiving an impetus with the advent of the new Rector, the Rev. T. S. Kendall, M.A., orders for the rehanging of the bells and the renovation of the bell chamber were placed with Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of London, and for the repair of the carillon with Messrs. Gillett & Johnstone (late Gillett & Bland). The peal of eight was cast, in the key of F sharp, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, in 1836, and was hung by a local firm. It is stated that proper timber was not used, for the woodwork when removed was found to be completely rotten and dangerous. It is said that portions of the framework were taken from a Bude wreck of 1836. The peal has now been hung with the latest modern fittings and appliances, and the bells have been quarter-turned for the clappers to strike on a new surface. A new floor has also been laid in the bell chamber, massive oak beams being fixed. The aggregate weight of the bells is 54½ cwt., but although a light one, the peal is considered very musical. Inscriptions on four of the bells record the fact that the expense incurred in placing the set in the tower were defrayed by a subscription raised through the exertions of Francis Thorne, his nephew, Francis Thorne Honey, and that the individual bells were the gift of Earl Stanhope in 1836, and Sir Humphrey Davy. The carillon and quarter chimes were placed in the tower in 1875, the work being carried out by Gillett & Bland at a cost of 364l. The carillon is fitted with two barrels of seven tunes each. The total cost of the repairs and rehanging is estimated at about 280l. A considerable portion of this sum has been raised by the exertions of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson. It is proposed in time to add two new barrels, Mr. Sinclair, the organist of Hereford Cathedral, having promised to select and adapt tunes for the third barrel. When these are obtained, a fresh tune will be played every day for a month.

The reopening proceedings, on the 24th ult., commenced at seven a.m., when merry peals were rung by the Holsworthy ringers, under the direction of Mr. J. Featherstone. At eight o'clock, Holy Communion was celebrated. Morning prayer was held at eleven o'clock. Special hymns were sung, and Dr. Lloyd's anthem, 'Give the Lord the honour due to His name,' was most efficiently rendered by the choir. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Thynne, M.A., rector of Kilkhampton. In the afternoon a band of the Devon Guild of Ringers rang some touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. The first touch consisted of about 1000 changes. — Taylor, 1; S. Godfrey, 2; E. Munday, 3; F. Davey, 4; J. Godfrey, 5; F. Shepherd (conductor), 6; P. Shepherd, 7; W. Marsh, 8. Rev. M. Kelly afterwards took the second, and a touch of 518 changes was rung, with E. Shepherd as conductor. The striking throughout was excellent. After tea some GRANDSIRE CATERS and TRIPLES were rung on handbells by Messrs. F. and E. Shepherd, E. Munday, F. Davey, and W. Marsh.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', Wootton Bassett, Wilts.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. E. Bishop (conductor), 1; O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; R. Richards, 4; G. Iles, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; A. P. Goddard, 7; T. Groves, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. Messrs. Blackburn, Goddard, and Groves came from Salisbury, the others from Swindon.

At St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln.

On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 16 mins. J. B. Fenton, 1; G. Lindoff (composer and conductor), 2; R. E. Clarke, 3; R. Dawson, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Chester, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This composition contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in sixths place.

At St. Peter's, Old Windsor, Berkshire.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Parker's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. W. Guttridge, * 1; W. Ware (first peal with a bob-bell), 2; G. A. Newman, 3; J. J. Parker (conductor), 4; G. Williams, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; J. Guttridge, 7; W. Ralph, * 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. [* First peal.]

At Leicester.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., four members of the Midland Counties Association rang, on handbells retained in hand, P. Heywood's peal (No. 1) of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 21 mins. J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; G. Cleal (conductor), 3-4; S. Cotton, 5-6; A. R. Aldham, 7-8. Referees, Messrs. J. Buttery and J. Marlow, who ticked off each bob as called, and examined the position of the bells every time the 7th left the front; and W. Willson. This is the first peal in the method on handbells by the Association, also the first peal in the method on handbells by the ringers.

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

On Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. W. Ward, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. W. Cripps, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; F. Dench, 5; I. G. Shade (Greenwich, for whom this peal was arranged, it being his first peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt), 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Middlesex.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 47 mins. Rev. H. E. Bird (first quarter-peal), 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; H. Hicks, 3; J. J. Pratt, 4; W. Ginns, 5; H. Wilkinson, 6; A. Finch, 7; J. Peddle, 8.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, BORDEN, KENT.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 47 mins. C. Willshire (conductor), 1; S. Hutson, 2; R. Staines, 3; E. Allen, 4; C. Dutnall, 5; G. Willshire, 6; A. Hardy, 7; W. Tassell, 8. G. Willshire came from Quex Park, Birchington.

At HAWLEY, HANTS.—On a Tuesday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. W. Mustow (first 720), 1; S. Riddle, 2; B. Hawkins, 3; J. Butler, 4; F. Bunch, 5; G. Hawkins (conductor), 6.

At St. Stephen's, Bristol.—On a Sunday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. E. Millard, 1; E. Duckman, 2; H. Pring, 3; A. Knights (conductor), 4; G. Colston, 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Hinton, 7; W. Colston and H. L. Stacey, 8. Messrs. Knights and Davies came from Chesterfield.

At St. James's, Hull, Yorkshire.—On a Thursday, for practice, 720 BOB MINOR in 28 mins. W. Marshall, 1; H. Jenkins, 2; F. Moulson (first 720 with a bob-bell), 3; W. Southwick, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6. Also on a Thursday at the parish church an attempt was made for a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES; but, after ringing 1512 changes in 50 mins., a change-course occurred in the slow work, and it was lost. G. T. Miller, 1; W. Verity, 2; J. Highfield, 3; J. Dixey, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6; W. Cockerill (London), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. On a Sunday, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR in 30 mins. J. W. Dale (first 720 in the method), 1; G. T. Miller, 2; G. T. Marshall, 3; T. Nixon (Grimsby), 4; J. Dixey, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6.

At St. Nicholas', Newbury, Berks.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, the last 742 changes of Holt's Original in 27 mins. J. Crocker, 1; A. Bird, 2; C. W. Jenkyn, 3; E. Duff, 4; D. Geater, 5; J. Willshire (conductor), 6; S. Quinton, 7; J. Wills, 8. A. Bird came from Thatcham, Berks; C. W. Jenkyn, Cambridge University; Messrs. Duff and Wills, London; the rest are local men.

At LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On a Wednesday, being the occasion of the School Treat, 720 BOB MINOR was rung on the back six. A. Ambrose, 1; S. Slater, 2; F. Connell, 3; H. Duce, 4; O. Garwood, 5; P. O. Bixby (conductor), 6. Other touches were rung during the day.

At SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, for practice, on handbells retained in hand, a touch of 640 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7, 8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor.

At St. Helen's, Worcester.—On a Friday a touch of 2376 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. D'Arcy Catley, son of the Rev. Canon Catley. W. Bright, 1; W. Cotton, 2; W. Powell, 3; G. Hinton, 4; E. Davis, 5; W. H. Johnson, 6; W. Page (conductor), 7; W. Bradford, 8.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Cumberland Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held lately at Workington, when twenty-eight ringers attended from Carlisle, Keswick, Cleator Moor, and Workington. Service was held in the parish church, the Rev. T. Bulman (curate) giving an address. After tea in the Parish Room, the Rev. T. Bulman presided and welcomed the members. He regretted that the condition of the Rector's health prevented the use of the bells on the occasion. The Secretary, Mr. J. D. Baxter, read the sixth annual report, which spoke favourably of the work of the Association. The officers for the year having been elected, a discussion took place as to the desirability of a trophy for change-ringing; and a letter was read from the President, the Rev. Canon Rawnsley, offering such a trophy, and suggesting that regular attendance also be taken into account. It was decided to accept the offer of the President, to whom a vote of thanks was passed. The suggestion of Mr. Stuart (Workington) that the trophy be not won out-and-out, but that medals be given to the winning band, was also agreed to, a peal of 720 BOB MINOR to be the test.

The Holiday of the St. Nicholas' (Newchurch-in-Rossendale, Lancashire) Ringers.

LATELY, on a Saturday, the ringers and their wives and friends, forming altogether a party of thirty-six, had their annual picnic, and went for a drive by the North Road. They left Newchurch at 6.15 in two waggonettes, drawn by six black horses, a 'turn-out that would be a credit to any pleasure party.' The route taken was down turnpike, up through Whitewell Bottom, past the new Waterworks and Deerplay Wood to Burnley, and finally on to Nelson, where all were ready for their breakfast. Then they went on to Graystone House, where the ringers gave selections and changes on the handbells. Continuing their drive, they halted next at Gisburne, where a dinner awaited them, after which the Rector, the Rev. Richard Wright, invited them into the rectory grounds and gave all a hearty welcome. The handbells were again in requisition, and the ringers, ascending the church tower, gave some changes on the larger bells. After receiving the thanks of the Rector, the drive was once more resumed to Bolton-by-Bolland, where the party, by the kindness of C. E. B. E. Wright, Esq., were shown through the grounds, vineries, greenhouses, gardens, and even stables, coach-houses, &c., of Bolton Hall. This was considered a great treat. The party then proceeded by Sawley and Chatburn to Clitheroe, where they were kindly received by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Bellhouse) and the Wardens, who, after hearing them ring upon their eight bells (only six of which are usually rung), thanked them, and invited them to come again at an early date. From thence the travellers had a pleasant but uneventful journey home by way of Whalley and Accrington, arriving at Kirk at about midnight, all thoroughly delighted with their annual holiday.

A Puzzling Bell Inscription.

SIR,—In the actual rubbing the strokes are, I should suppose, more nearly equi-distant than in your woodcut, and if so, by placing it the other side up, you have *michi*, the very word wanted to fill up the blank in the inscription, which is not a very uncommon one. The letters may be misplaced on the bell itself; such founders' errors frequently occur. J. T. FOWLER.

Winterton, Doncaster.

SIR,—The second word in the inscription which your correspondent, Mr. Umlin, is unable to decipher is *michi* (an old form of *mihi*), turned upside down. Words were frequently transposed in this way on old bells. If he will turn the word round he will find it read *michi*. In old 'black-letter' inscriptions the strokes of the letters were often widely separated from each other in some cases, and run too near together in others, and the 'i's' were rarely, if ever, dotted. The whole inscription is 'Est michi collatum ihs istud nomen amatum,' a common-enough inscription at that period.

Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

SIR,—A reference to the late Mr. Ellacombe's *Bells of Somerset* would soon explain the puzzle. He says (page 7), 'It may be well to observe here, that occasionally it is found that a word or letter may be set in upside down, which makes it more difficult to decipher. For instance, in the first volume of the *Transactions of the Somerset Archaeological Association* (page 31), there is an engraving of a word on one of the bells at Staple Fitzpaine, which is

nothing more than the word *michi* in this legend upside down, 143111. The word appears to be put for "*michi*,"

HENRY T. TILLEY.

Smethwick, September 10th, 1894.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Handsworth, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Guild (Birmingham) rang P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; H. Mason, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; J. Buffery, 4; C. Dickens, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; T. Westwood, 7; W. Painter, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. John's, Picnic, London.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Peter's Society (Caversham) rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. H. Simmonds, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. B. Foskett, 1; E. Barnett (composer and conductor), 2; G. Newson, 3; G. Smith, 4; H. Swain, 5; C. Wilkins, 6; A. Pittam, 7; A. Jacob, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Philip's, Birmingham.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5039 GRANDSIRE CATER was rung by the following members of the Midland Counties' Association (Birmingham Amalgamated Societies Branch) in 3 hrs. 27 mins., with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Bowly, bishop of Coventry and rector of St. Philip's, who died on August 27th, in his seventy-second year:—J. Prickett, 1; J. Jennings, 2; G. Walker, 3; R. Bowkett, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Sparkes, 6; G. Hitchman, 7; J. T. Perry, 8; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 9; F. Mumford, 10. Tenor, 29 cwt. It contains the 6th twenty-four times before the 9th, six times behind the 7th in the inverted Tittums position, and also twenty-four times behind the 8th in the handstroke position.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT TWERTON, SOMERSET.—On Monday, the 3rd inst., at the monthly meeting of the Bath and Wells Association, a touch of 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. S. James, 1; G. Temple, 2; G. Hill, 3; W. Lanham, 4; F. King, 5; J. Melhuish, 6; H. Wotton (conductor), 7; V. Wake, 8. Also 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Hill (conductor), 2; J. S. Flower, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; F. King, 5; C. Langdon, 6; J. Fussell, 7; W. Gulley, 8. And 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. R. Lewis, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Lanham, 3; F. King, 4; H. Wotton (conductor), 5; C. Langdon, 6; J. Fussell, 7; G. Crisp, 8.

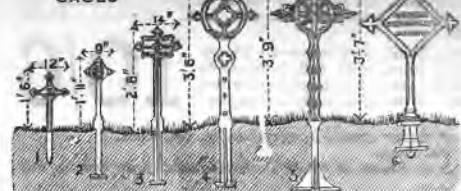
AT ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS, LINCOLN.—On Saturday, the 8th inst., by members of the North Lincolnshire Association, 348 GRANDSIRE MINOR. W. Weaver, 1; T. Walker, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Hoyes, 4; H. Palmer, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6. Also, 280 KENT TREBLE BOB. C. R. Lilley, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Maidens, 3; the rest standing as before. And 360 BOB MINOR. T. Walker, 1; H. Maidens, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; the rest standing as before. A plain course of BOB MINOR. C. R. Lilley, 2; H. Hoyes, 3; W. Panel, 4; the rest as before. First attempt at TREBLE BOB and GRANDSIRE by C. R. Lilley.

AT ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On a Sunday, the following members of the Ordsall Society rang 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 24 mins.:—J. C. Whitstone, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all on extreme bells.

AT ST. LEONARD'S, DEAL, KENT.—On a Tuesday, 720 BOB MINOR (fourteen bobs two singles), in 23 mins. A. Denne, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Barton, 5; H. Castle, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in G. Mr. Barton is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and this is his first 720 on six bells.

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. H. Royston (We have not received any letter from you—glad to do so); and others.

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REVIEWS.

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES. Volume V. (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. 1894. 7s. 6d.)—We are always glad to welcome the *Expository Times*, whether in monthly parts or yearly volumes, the latter of which are beginning to make quite a goodly show on our bookshelves. The present volume is no whit behind its predecessors in value and interest. To specify items would take more space than we could spare, but we would note Prof. A. B. Davidson's articles on 'Isaiah,' Prof. Margoliouth on 'Christ in Islam,' Prof. Stalker on the 'Parables in Zechariah,' and last, but not least, the Editor's 'Notes and Comments,' which are not only a summary of the month's theological work, but in many cases a permanent contribution to our knowledge.

AN ARTIST'S FATE. By Cecil Clarke, author of *Alrica, Love's Loyalty*, &c. (Elliot Stock).—A romantic love story. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say *two* love stories, one of which has a Scandinavian, the other an English, setting. The artist, Frederick Verner, is the link connecting the two.

The third series of Mr. John Palmer's 'Catechisms for the Young' (Church of England Sunday School Institute) is entitled **TEACHINGS FROM THE PRAYER-BOOK**. This catechism has the merit—a rare one in works of the kind—of being simply and clearly worded. It should be useful to teachers in providing them with suitable and sensible questions

MAGAZINES.

GOOD WORDS has the commencement of a study of 'Galileo' by Sir Robert Ball, who does justice to the various talents of that many-sided man, whilst giving a concise account of his earlier discoveries, and quoting extracts from his daughter's letters, which show the sympathy that existed between father and child. 'Puritanism with the Chill On and with the Chill Off' is the title of an article by Professor Gordon Blaikie, who points out that love, not an admixture of worldliness, is the right complement to the sterner features of the religion of Christ.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS, we are sorry to note, shows a great falling off. Mr. Stead's impossible 'Civic Church' and his incredible 'Common Creed' do not compensate for what used to be very useful and readable matter; so we venture to doubt whether *The Coming Revolution* was the book of the month. The *Review* must improve, or its circulation will still further and much more largely diminish.

The most striking illustrations in the **PICTURE MAGAZINE** are a number of beautiful reproductions of fine-art photographs, by Mrs. E. Main, of snow scenes at St. Moritz and the neighbourhood.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE continues all its popular features, and is as interesting as it has ever been. There are plenty of the complete short stories, and notable articles on 'The King and Queen of Denmark,' 'Distinguished Women and their Dolls,' and 'An Expert in Hand-writing.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Folkestone on Saturday afternoon, September 29th. Committee meeting at 5.30. Allowances (2s. for full members, 1s. for probationers) will be paid at 5 p.m. Members not present at that hour will forfeit their claim to payment.

Hythe.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,

District Secretary.

The Lancashire Association.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at Heywood, on Saturday, September 8th, members being present from Rochdale, Shaw, Oldham, and the local band. Mr. James Millett presided. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that Mr. Oliver, of Shaw, be the Secretary for the next year. During the afternoon and evening touches of **BOB MAJOR**, **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, and **KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR** were rung by mixed bands.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; T. H. Taffender (first peal with a bob-bell), 4; A. R. Davis, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6; J. E. Davis, 7; D. Lovett, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. The peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. G. W. Wild and Miss Agnes Bateman.

At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, Norfolk.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., twelve members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and the Norwich Diocesan Association, rang a peal of

5040 **KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS** in 3 hrs. 40 mins. C. E. Borrett, 1; W. G. Crickmer, 2; R. C. Hudson, 3; H. D. Dall, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; C. L. Routledge, 6; G. Howchin, 7; E. Francis, 8; F. J. Howchin, 9; F. Lees, 10; W. Holmes (conductor), 11; F. J. Harrison, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt. Composed by A. Durrant of Ipswich. Messrs. Howchin (2), Borrett, and Francis, belong to the St. Peter Mancroft Society; and W. G. Crickmer to Earl Soham, Suffolk. The first peal on twelve bells by the Durham and Newcastle Association.

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

On Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Hubbard's peal of 5024 **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR** in 2 hrs. 58 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; M. A. Wood, 2; J. Bonney, 3; J. Pettit, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; G. Thompson, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 824.

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SEVENTY-THIRD INTERVIEW.

With Mr. CORNELIUS SMITH, Albion Street, Cheltenham.

THIRTY YEARS' RECORD.

Mr. Smith's experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment for the various forms of chest disease resembles Sam Weller's knowledge of London—it is 'extensive and peculiar.' In his own family, among friends, and to a still greater extent among mere acquaintances and even comparative strangers, Mr. Smith has seen and known of scores of cases where great benefit has resulted from an intelligent and persevering use of Mr. Congreve's medicines. In giving me permission to publish this interview, he expressed his willingness to answer any inquiries which might be addressed to him. I hope, however, that only persons personally interested will trouble him, and that others will forbear.

'Between twenty-five and thirty years ago,' Mr. Smith told me, 'my father went to London and saw Mr. Congreve. He took the medicine for several years, and derived great benefit from it. In my own case I commenced the treatment about twenty years ago. At that time four medical men had said I couldn't live. My family doctor told me that one lung was completely gone, and the other was very badly diseased. That was my condition when I applied to Mr. Congreve. I remained under his treatment a few months—I forget exactly how long—and recovered rapidly. Since that time I have had remarkably good health, and am stronger to-day than I was twenty years ago. I ought to add, that whenever I get a cold I take the medicine—I always keep it in the house.'

'That is very satisfactory so far as your own case is concerned. What has been its effects on others to your knowledge?'

'Exactly the same. As I told Mr. Congreve once in a letter, I have been thanked over and over again by persons to whom I have recommended it. My wife suffered from bronchial asthma. At first she was very sceptical about the medicine, but she acknowledges now, it is the only thing that gives her relief. Her father, who suffers in the same way, takes it to advantage. A gentleman who used to be in the office here, took it for bronchitis, and recovered. He is now seventy years of age, and is living retired at Torquay. Another man here in Cheltenham was similarly benefited.'

These are only a few samples of the large number of cases which have come under Mr. Smith's notice—the names and circumstances of many of them have been forgotten long ago.

Mr. Smith is a busy man, carrying on a large business as a timber merchant, so feeling that I had claimed quite as much of his time as I ought to do, I took my leave.

At St. Mary's, Bletchley, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A. Jacob, 1; B. Foskett, 2; P. Howard, 3; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 4; G. Smith, 5; N. Alderman, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; H. Sharp, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. Messrs. Clarke and Sharp were elected members before starting, and it is their first peal in the method, being rung at the first attempt; it is also the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. W. Bennett for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. Sear for having everything in readiness. Messrs. Sharp, Howard, and Clarke came from Bedford; the rest from London.

At St. Oswald's, Oswestry, Salop.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., a peal of 5008 BOB MAJOR was rung by the following members of the Oswestry Society in 3 hrs. 1 min.—R. Evans, 1; H. Jarman, 2; W. Morris, 3; R. Martin, 4; E. Jones, 5; R. Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; J. S. Wilde (Hyde), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Composed by the late Wm. Harrison and conducted by J. S. Wilde. First peal of MAJOR and in the method by all except the conductor, and probably the first peal of MAJOR on the bells.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT TUXFORD, NOTTS.—On Saturday, the 8th inst., a company of ringers, comprising two from East Retford and four from Ordsall, visited Tuxford,

and rang three peals, 720 changes each, viz.:—720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE: G. Swannack, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. 720 BOB MINOR: H. Haigh, 1; G. Swannack, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; Crawford, 5; T. White (conductor), 6. And 720 COLLEGE SINGLE: Crawford, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Each of these peals was rung in 25 mins. The ringers thank the Vicar and Churchwardens, also the steeple-keeper for having everything ready.

AT ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On a Sunday, before morning service, a peal of BOB MINOR was rung in 25 mins. by Messrs. Briggs, 1; Preston, 2; Johnson, 3; Lambert, 4; Whetstone (conductor), 5; White, 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for evening service, a date touch was rung in six different methods in 1 hr. 30 mins. F. Dale, 1; H. Elliott, 2; J. Frost, 3; H. Evers, 4; W. Elliott (conductor), 5. Tenor, 21 cwt.

AT GIGGLESWICK, YORKSHIRE.—On a Wednesday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins. S. James, 1; J. L. Bulcock, 2; W. Fell, 3; W. Snowden, Esq. (President of Yorkshire Association), 4; J. Parker, 5; J. Morphet (conductor), 6.

AT ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, CITY OF LONDON.—On a Saturday, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 26 mins. T. H. Taffender, 1; A. K. Davis, 2; W. F. Meads, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 6.

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CHURCH DEFENCE.—Mr. G. H. F. Nye's telling little work, *How Dissent is Established and Endowed*, has, we are glad to see, reached another edition. It has been much enlarged, and is published at 6d., a price which places it within the reach of all. A new and revised edition of *THE CHURCH AND HER STORY*, by the same author, has also been issued at 1s. 6d. net. Both are issued by Simpkin, Marshall, & Co., and the more widely they are circulated the better will people understand all that is involved in the attack upon the Church and religion.

MAGAZINES.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED has come out this month with a charming coloured frontispiece, and is, as usual, full of excellent complete short stories. Of these the 'House with the Broken Shutter,' by Gilbert Parker, is, perhaps, the most notable. There is a capital article on the 'Marquis of Bute and Cardiff,' by F. Dolman; and another on the 'Measurement Identification of Criminals,' by Colonel Howard Vincent. The illustrations are excellent, and among the contributors we observe, in addition to those already mentioned, the names of Grant Allen, Stanley J. Weyman, Robert Barr, and 'Q,' which are a guarantee of the quality of the contents. Each number is complete in itself.

THE PORTFOLIO has an able sketch of the 'Life and Work of Thomas Gainsborough,' by Walter Armstrong, which is well illustrated with four excellent plates, and numerous other illustrations in the text, of the painter's work. The author at the outset remarks on the fact that the materials for a history of Gainsborough's life and work are disconcertingly meagre. The chief authority for this sketch is Mr. Fulcher's essay on the painter. In spite of the difficulties, Mr. Armstrong has succeeded in producing an interesting monograph, which will help to make the painter better known by the general public.

In the *FOREIGN CHURCH CHRONICLE*, Canon Meyrick, continuing his discussion of the question of the Sabbath, asks whether 'our old English Sunday, with its habits, associations, and teaching, is really lost,' and there is an interesting article on 'Education in France.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—*THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE*.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

The quarterly meeting in connexion with the above Society will be held on Saturday next, September 29th, at the Parish Church, Bloxwich. Ringing at 2.30 p.m.; tea at 6 p.m. Reports will be ready for this meeting.

The Royal Cumberland Society.

On Friday, Sept. 14th, at the Society's Headquarters, the election of officers took place, when the following were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. B. Foskett (re-elected); Treasurer, W. Baron (re-elected); Secretary, A. Jacob (re-elected); Senior Steward, W. Meads; Junior Steward, G. Turl. A. Jacob, Hon. Sec., 10 St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The eighteenth quarterly meeting of the members forming this district was held in the Parish Room at Aldeburgh, on Saturday, September 15th (the Vicar, the Rev. H. Thompson, M.A.), presiding. The bells of the fine old Church of SS. Peter and Paul were kept going in various methods at frequent intervals. The business meeting was held at 5.30, when the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman. The Rev. T. Cyril Dale, Messrs. W. S. Newton, E. Wigg, and S. J. Spall (all of Leiston), were enrolled as probationary members on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. F. Cooper. It was unanimously resolved to hold the next meeting at Saxmundham on December 8th. A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells and the Parish Room, and for presiding, concluded the business of the meeting.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above was held at Bishop Stortford on Saturday last, the 22nd inst. Ringers assembled from various centres. Several touches were rung during the day on the fine peal of ten in St. Michael's Church; and also at the neighbouring church of Sawbridgeworth on the heavy peal of eight. Forty-three sat down to tea, which was presided over by the Hon. Sec., Rev. T. L. Papillon, who was supported by the Association Secretary, Rev. H. Eyre, and the curate of the parish, Rev. A. White. Afterwards a short business meeting was held. Some of the members on the return journey stopped at Witham to have a pull on the ring of six.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The members of this branch held their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 22nd, at Eastham. Twenty-three ringing

members were present from the following towers:—Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Eastham, Rock Ferry, and Woodchurch. Previous to the meeting a substantial tea was provided by W. H. Cochran, Esq., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for his generous hospitality; also votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. E. Torr, for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. A. Charlesworth, for presiding in the unavoidable absence of the Rector. Mr. J. Dillon, in supporting the votes of thanks, remarked that the interest which had lately been shown by the clergy and others in this branch towards the ringers was much appreciated by them, and was encouraging them to persevere in their work. The Chairman, in some well-chosen words, responded to the vote of thanks. The following touches were well struck during the afternoon and evening:—720 KENT TREBLE BOB: J. S. Hough (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Wilcox (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; Jas. Griffiths, 4; Jas. Martin, 5; Jas. Dillon, 6. 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE: J. Pickin, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Rowlands, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells. 720 OXFORD SINGLE: F. Jones, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Cliffe, 3; J. Martin, 4; E. Hough, 5; J. Dillon, 6. Conducted by J. Dillon. Messrs. Dillon, Jones, Martin, and Pickin, came from Bromborough; Messrs. Breeze, Hough, and Cliffe, from Bebington; Messrs. Wilcox and Griffiths, from Bidston; Messrs. J. Rowlands and W. Smith are local men.

The Ilkeston (Derbyshire) Ringers' Holiday.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., by the kindness of their President, the Vicar, the St. Mary's ringers had their annual holiday. Haddon Hall was the place chosen for the excursion, and accordingly five of the ringers, accompanied by the Rev. C. H. Strudwick (vice-president), Mrs. Longman, and several of the Vicar's family, started by the 2.45 p.m. train. At Rowsley the party found the Vicar awaiting them, and all set off to walk the two miles to Haddon. On arrival the Vicar, having procured an 'open sesame' in the shape of a substantial key, piloted the party through the house, explaining the different historical rooms as they went. Tea was afterwards served, and Ilkeston was reached about 9.45, the party dispersing well pleased with their visit.

A Visit to Wells, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., Messrs. A. Crisp, J. W. Marjoram, F. G. Burleigh, S. F. Burleigh, and J. Wells, of Dereham; Rev. H. E. Bulwer, of Stanhoe; and F. M. Aldis, of Norwich, paid a visit to the parish church, when an attempt was made for a peal of BOB MAJOR, assisted by J. Skinner, of Wells, but after ringing 40 mins. it failed, and time would not permit to pull off again. Afterwards touches of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR and BOB MAJOR were rung, also a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of BOB TRIPLES, with tenor cover, in 44 mins. A. Crisp, 1; F. M. Aldis, 2; J. Skinner, 3; J. W. Marjoram, 4; F. G. Burleigh (conductor), 5; J. Wells, 6; S. F. Burleigh, 7; C. Alderton (Wells), 8. This is the longest touch on the new bells, and the ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of them, and Mr. J. Skinner for having everything in readiness.

The Bells of Kimbolton, Hunts.

Mr. E. J. DENNES writes: 'I am indebted to the Rev. Kater Vinter, vicar of Kimbolton, and the Rev. R. S. Baker, of Hargrave, for the following particulars concerning the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Kimbolton, Hunts, about which I made inquiry a few weeks since.'

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2. 'HIS TRIBVS HANC FORMAM GREENUS DEDIT ARTE IOANES. 1571.' Diameter, 36½ inches.
3. 'HENRY PENN FVSORE 1713.' Diameter, 39 inches; weight, 11 cwt.
4. 'WILLIAM. ELDRIDGE. MADE. MEE. 1660.' Diameter, 42½ inches weight, 14 cwt.
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Pen was a Peterborough bell founder; Bagley's foundry was at Ecton (Northants). William Eldridge's bells are generally found more in London and the south of England. He cast the tenor bell of Mayfield, 'the sweetest village in Sussex,' in the year 1680. He was in business as a bell founder at Chertsey, Surrey, for over fifty years.

The Bells of Hardwycke, Northamptonshire.

AN interesting event in the history of the village of Hardwycke took place on a Thursday afternoon lately, when the new tubular bells, recently placed in the ancient church of St. Leonard's, were dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese (Dr. Creighton). Previously the square tower only contained one bell, which, after many years of service, had become cracked, necessitating another bell or set of bells. The ancient bell is of much interest from an antiquarian point of view. It is inscribed 'Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Katerina Vocata,' in well-formed 'black letters,' relieved by the trademark or sign of the maker, William Underhill. Like most very old bells it is not dated, but the character of the lettering and inscription clearly shows that it was cast previous to the Reformation. Its diameter is 36 in., weight 8 or 9 cwt. Until the year 1795 there were two bells, but at that period one was sold to raise funds to take down the south aisle of the church, since rebuilt. Now a new peal of eight tubular bells has been supplied. They take up little space, and are worked by one ringer alone. The tubular bells cost 120l., and were supplied by Messrs. Harrington & Co., of Coventry. The bells, though sending forth no voluminous sound, are quite enough for the village. A large congregation attended the dedication service, which

was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. T. Richards, R.D., and several of the neighbouring clergy were present. The service commenced with a processional hymn, after which the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the belfry, where the usual prayers were said by the Bishop, at the conclusion of which a short peal was rung on the bells. The usual evening service was then proceeded with, the sermon being preached by the Bishop. The church of St. Leonard, Hardwyke, is an interesting structure mostly in the Early English style. It was restored in the year 1866, when the aisle taken down at the end of the last century was rebuilt. The magnificent pulpit is modern, but the font is ancient. The present Rector, the Rev. T. Richards, has held the living for twenty-nine years.

The Royal Exchange Chimes, City of London.

THE carillons of the Royal Exchange are about to receive the attention they so badly require. For some time past these chimes have been much out of tune and out of time, and totally unworthy of the important position they fill in the Exchange of the first city in the world. The Gresham Committee have now taken the matter in hand, and appointed a sub-committee to inquire thoroughly into the matter and draw up a report. The chimes consist of a set of fifteen bells, cast by Mears in 1844 at a cost of 500l. The tenor is about 30 cwt., in the key of C. The bells are not hung for ringing. The airs chimed are 'God Save the Queen,' 'The Roast Beef of Old England,' 'Rule, Britannia,' and the tune 'Hanover.'

The Glasgow Cathedral Bell.

THE great bell of Glasgow Cathedral tells its own history in the following inscription:—

'In the year of grace 1583, Marcus Knox, a merchant in Glasgow, zealous for the interest of the Reformed religion, caused me to be fabricated in Holland for the use of his fellow-citizens, and placed me with solemnity in the tower of their cathedral. My function was announced by the impress on my bosom, *Me audito venias doctrinam sanctam ut discas*, and I was taught to proclaim the hours of numbered time. One hundred and ninety-five years had I sounded these awful warnings, when I was broke by the hands of inconsiderate and unskilful men. In the year 1790 I was cast into the furnace, and returned to my sacred vocation. Reader, thou also shalt know a Resurrection. May it be to eternal life! THOMAS MEARS, fecit, London.'

According to an entry in the burgh records, 'The Kirk beadies (Hie kirk) were to allow none to enter the steeple to trouble the knock and bell here, but to keep the knock going at all times, and the five-hours bell in the morning, and the eight-hours bell at even, and these for a long space.'

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., ten members of the Waterloo and St. Margaret's Societies rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 20 mins. W. Baron, sen., 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; H. N. Davis, 4; D. W. Griggs, 5; G. Smith, 6; E. P. O'Meara (first peal of CATERS with a bob bell), 7; C. Burden, 8; F. J. Pitts, 9; W. F. Meads, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. Composed by J. Nelms, and conducted by F. J. Pitts.

At St. Peter's, Fareham, Hants.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. W. Whiting, 1; J. G. Shade, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; H. Weston, 4; T. Blackbourne, 5; K. Hart, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; W. J. Sevier, 8.

At St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Dains' peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; T. Durling, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; H. Warnett, 4; J. George, 5; W. Ingham, 6; W. Latter, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. The first peal in the method by Messrs. Durling and Latter, also the first peal in the method on the bells. This composition has the 6th the extent in 5-6, the 2nd never in 6th's place at a course-end, and is now rung this way of calling for the first time.

At St. Edward's, Netley, Hants.

ON Sunday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. W. Whiting, 1; J. G. Shade, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; H. Weston, 5; T. Blackbourne, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Also, on Monday, the 17th inst., a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. G. Shade, 2; K. Hart, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; W. J. Sevier, 5; T. Blackbourne, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; H. Weston, 8.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

ON Monday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang a peal of 5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; B. Foskett, 4; W. Brook (Birmingham, first peal in this method), 5; G. Thompson, 6; J. E. Davis, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by J. E. Davis.

At St. Michael's, Southampton, Hants.

ON Monday, the 17th inst., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. W. Whiting, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; K. Hart, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; H. Weston, 8. All members of the Winchester Guild.

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

ON Wednesday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. E. H. Adams, 1; C. F. Winny, 2; H. R. Newton, 3; J. N. Oxborrow, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

ON Thursday, the 20th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 47 mins. W. Adler, 1; W. Stone, 2; J. H. Paulson, 3; H. Horwood, 4; J. George, 5; T. W. Chapman, 6; H. Argyle, 7; W. Johnson, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in E. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by J. George. This is the 2nd and 8th men's first peal.

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

ON Saturday, the 22nd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang C. H. Hattersley's peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cooter, 2; I. G. Shade, 3; J. Bonney, 4; M. A. Wood, 5; S. E. Joyce, 6; R. French, 7; W. Prime, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. A. Wood, who attained his sixty-eighth anniversary on the above date.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Saturday, the 15th inst., for practice, 720 BOB MINOR. G. Davies (longest touch), 1; G. Whitfield, 2; W. Morris, 3; W. H. Jones, 4; R. Evans, 5; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 6. On Sunday, the 16th inst., for morning service, 560 BOB MAJOR. R. Evans, 1; H. Jarman, 2; W. Morris, 3; G. Whitfield, 4; Ed. Jones (conductor), 5; R. Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; J. S. Wilde, 8. For afternoon service, 720 BOB MINOR. H. Jarman, 1; Ed. Jones (conductor), 2; R. Martin, 3; R. Edwards, 4; W. H. Jones, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6. And for evening service, 560 BOB MAJOR. J. S. Wilde, 1; H. Jarman, 2; W. Morris, 3; R. Martin, 4; Ed. Jones (conductor), 5; R. Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; R. Evans, 8.

AT ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, CITY OF LONDON.—On Sunday, the 16th inst., before service, a wedding peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Frederick Charles Davis, of 2 Paradise Street, Marylebone, to Mary Elizabeth Ellis, only daughter of Mr. James Ellis, of Muscovy Court, Trinity Square, Tower Hill, by the Rev. A. Povah, D.D., rector. The ringers were:—J. Barry (conductor), 1; H. Benham, 2; W. Crutchley, 3; A. Linstead, 4; G. Woodage, 5; E. Thorne, 6.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, BATH.—On a Thursday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 48 mins. by the following members:—J. S. Flower, 1; W. Chew, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; H. Wootton, 4; W. Lanham, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; W. Gulley, 8.

AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH, KENT.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 896 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Harman, 1; W. Aldridge, 2; A. J. Neale, 3; H. Hill, 4; R. Carter, 5; E. Wells (conductor), 6; H. G. Harvey, 7; R. Carter, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, a peal of 720 BOB MINOR was rung. S. Slater (Glemsford), 1; E. Herbert (Woburn), 2; Chas. Herbert (Woburn), 3; H. Thompson (Cavendish), 4; Cyril Herbert (Woburn), 5; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 6. Also a peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. H. Thompson, 1; E. Herbert, 2; C. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; C. Sillitoe, 5; S. Slater, 6. C. Sillitoe conducted both peals.

AT CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.—On a Sunday, 720 BOB MINOR. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; G. Lord, 3; H. Hayes, 4; T. Duxbury, 5; W. Heaton, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

AT ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On a Monday, for practice, 360 BOB MINOR. W. W. Scott, 1; C. Osborne, 2; F. Bampstead, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; W. Birch, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6. And 360 BOB MINOR. W. W. Scott, 1; W. Button, 2; W. E. Green, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; W. Birch, 5; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 504 BOB TRIPLES. W. Schofield, 1; W. Fenner, 2; C. Osborne, 3; E. Abbott, 4; F. Clements, 5; F. Bumpstead, 6; G. M. Rashbrook (conductor), 7; A. Youngs, 8. Messrs. Bumpstead, Osborne, and Rashbrook came from Colchester.

AT ST. MARY'S, BANHAM, NORFOLK.—On a Sunday, before morning service, 360 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. And after service, another 360 in the same method. W. Nudds, jun., 1; J. Saunders, 2; W. Nudds, 3; J. Cunningham, 4; J. Woods (conductor), 5; G. Westdale, 6.

AT ST. MARY'S, BALDOCK, HERTS.—On a Thursday, for practice, 672 BOB MAJOR. J. Morley, 1; E. Bray, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; W. Bidnell, jun., 4; Rt. Jackson, 5; T. Webb, 6; Rd. Jackson, 7; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 8.

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S, GREAT WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On a Thursday evening, a half-peal of BOB MINOR (360 changes) was rung. C. Herbert (Woburn, Beds), 1; E. Herbert (Woburn), 2; J. Campin (Sudbury), 3; Cyril Herbert (Woburn), 4; H. Harper (Sudbury), 5; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 6. Another half-peal of BOB MINOR was also rung by E. Herbert, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; J. Campin, 3; C. Herbert, jun., 4; H. Harper, 5; H. Diggins (Waldingfield), 6. C. Sillitoe conducted both touches.

AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday evening the Sudbury ringers met at St. Gregory's Church and rang several courses of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, and also a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB, containing 640 changes. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Bacon, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Howell, 5; A. Scott, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. On a Sunday four members of the Coggeshall Company of Ringers (Messrs. Beckwith, Dyer, Elliott, jun., and Sadler), with four of the Sudbury Company, rang several touches of BOB MAJOR and KENT TREBLE BOB at St. Peter's Church. Also on a Sunday evening the following members of the Sudbury Company, with Messrs. Herbert of Woburn, rang for evening service at St. Peter's, a touch of 720 BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; E. Herbert, 3; M. Silvester, 4; Cyril Herbert, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe, 8. Also after service a touch of 420 STEEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Sillitoe, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; C. Herbert, 5; W. Howell, sen., 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Conducted by C. Sillitoe.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ARMLEY, YORKS.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 240 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. J. Cooper, 1; J. Thackray, 2; E. Redshaw (Bramley), 3; J. T. Holgate (Bramley), 4; J. Heckingbottom, 5; M. Broadbent (conductor), 6. And 720, being 240 each of TULIP, PRIMROSE, and COLLEGE TREBLE. J. Thackray, 1; S. Oddy (Tong), 2; H. Oddy (Tong), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; G. Bolland (conductor, Tong), 5; M. Broadbent, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

AT ISLEWORTH, LONDON.—On a Sunday afternoon, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. T. Beadle, 1; L. Copsey, 2; E. J. Walsom, 3; A. H. Taber, 4; F. Goddard, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; W. Smith, 7; W. Stanney, 8.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 953 GRANDSIRE CATERS. T. H. Taffender, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 3; R. Bevan, 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; D. W. Griggs, 6; G. Smith, 7; H. Heams, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; H. N. Davis, 10.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. George (no paper arrived); Reuben Hall (no name of town or church—send them); and others.

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Dedication of Bells at St. Alphege, Canterbury.

ON Wednesday evening, September 26th, a very hearty service was held to celebrate the Harvest Festival. The preacher was the Rev. G. F. C. De Carteret, B.A., of Tulse Hill (late curate of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury). After the service the clergy and choir proceeded to the ground floor of the tower, where a dedication service was held of three new bells, and a peal of 720 BOB MINOR was rung by M. Pierce, 1; F. Constant, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; H. G. Fairbrass, 4; G. Sayer, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6. About two years ago the hangings and framework were altered to receive six bells, when one new bell was added by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of Bishopsgate Foundry, London. Recently the ring has been completed by him by the addition of two more and smaller bells, the 'go' of which is pronounced to be easy and well suited for young ringers. The new bells are inscribed:—(1) 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo,' (2) 'Adoramus Deo,' (3) 'Laus Deo.' The tenor is 34 inches in diameter, in B; weight about 7 cwt. The last two new bells have been presented by the Rector and Curate, and their names, with those of the Churchwardens, are recorded.

The services were continued on Sunday, and in the afternoon 720 BOB MINOR was rung. F. Marriott, 1; F. Constant, 2; M. Pierce, 3; H. G. Fairbrass, 4; G. Sayer, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

The Bells of Exminster, Devon.

THE grand old ring of six bells in Exminster Church, which has been silent over twelve months, in consequence of defective gear, has now been set in order, and their welcome voices are again heard. This peal is one of the finest in Devon, the tenor being 22 cwt., E flat.

Clifton Church Bells, Nottinghamshire.

THE Bishop of Southwell, on Friday, the 28th ult., dedicated new bells and stalls in Clifton Church.

WE have received from Messrs. John Astley & Sons, Limited, of Broad Gate, Coventry, a specimen of a church bell rope. The name of the firm is well known for good articles, and, so far as we can judge by mere inspection, the rope in question fully supports their reputation. The rope is described as being of pure Russian hemp. To us the hemp appears long, fine, and strong, and is made up into a rope of just the right amount of hardness for a new rope. It appears thoroughly genuine and devoid of any adulteration that would tend to weaken it or render it liable to fray out or wear in places of special trial, such as at the fillet; nor does it seem likely to cause unavoidable irritation to the ringer's hand. If specially ordered, the firm are prepared to make rope with Italian hemp, either above or below the sally, or all through the rope. The colours in the sally are pleasingly blended and devoid of glare. We have forwarded the rope to a well-known tower for practical trial.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Holy Trinity, Privett, Hampshire.

ON Wednesday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. H. White (first peal of SUPERLATIVE), 1; I. G. Shade, 2; H. Weston, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; K. Hart, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The first peal of SUPERLATIVE on the bells.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 864.

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SEVENTY-FOURTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. BOWEN, Tregynon near Newtown, Montgomery, relative to his Son.

PHTHISIS. 'NO HOPE OF RECOVERY.'

A brief reference to this case is to be found in the weekly journals of August, 1891.

The case of Mr. Bowen is remarkable in more than one respect. Of him it may with truth be said that *he was taken home to die*—at least such was the verdict of presumably competent medical authority; and equally true is it that, thanks to Mr. Congreve, he is to-day well and strong, and making his way in the world, with every prospect of success.

Tregynon is seven or eight miles from a railway station, but a little enquiry revealed the fact that Mr. Bowen would be in Newtown the evening I was there, and it was in one of the hotels of that town that I elicited the particulars which follow.

Asked to tell me his son's condition, and what led up to it, Mr. Bowen said:

'His state was very critical, and we were told he could not possibly live another month. It was just a cold with which the illness commenced, but inflammation of the lungs and Phthisis followed. He lost flesh very rapidly, and appeared to be wasting away. I never saw anyone so thin, and he was so weak that he couldn't move. He brought up a large quantity of very offensive phlegm, together with some blood.'

Mr. Bowen told me his son was under treatment as an in-patient in a public institution in the town, and how, when the doctor said there was no hope of his recovery, he obtained a private omnibus, placed a bed in it, and so took the young man home.

'Then it was that, having seen the announcements in the papers. I sent to Mr. Congreve. My son took the medicine regularly for a year and a half, and got better. It was a wonderful cure—everyone said so.'

'Your son is not living here now, is he?' I asked.

'No; he is at Merthyr Tydvil in South Wales. He is right well—in splendid health, and is married and doing well in his occupation as an engineer's pattern-maker.'

'I believe, Mr. Bowen, you have interested yourself in several other patients in this locality?'

'Yes, I have sent for medicine for many others, and have known a good many cases where great benefit has been derived.'

Mr. Bowen further evinced his interest and gratitude for his son's marvellous cure by giving me full permission to publish this account of our chat.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Northampton on Saturday, October 20th. The bells of the following churches will, by special permission, be at liberty for ringing from 2 to 4.30 and 6 to 7.30 p.m.:—St. Peter's—a ring of eight; diameter of tenor, 42 inches. St. Sepulchre's—six bells; tenor, 43½ inches. St. Edmund's—eight bells; tenor, 46½ inches.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THERE will be a district meeting of the above at Braintree on Saturday, October 27th. The towers of Braintree and Bocking (six bells each) will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at five o'clock, to be followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present should signify the same to the Association Secretary not later than the previous Monday.

HENRY T. W. FYRE, *Association Secretary.*

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The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

A MEETING of this Guild was held at Southport on Saturday, September 15th, when fifty members attended from Aughton, Ormskirk, Crosby, Crossens, Croston, Halsall, Hindley, Bootle, Sefton, Tue Brook, West Derby, Upholland, and Wigan, besides the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR were rung until 5 p.m., when the members adjourned to the Albion Restaurant, where dinner was provided. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. W. T. Bulpit presided, and said he was glad to see so good a muster, and in the course of an excellent address explained the aims and objects of the Guild. Mr. Martin read the statement of accounts, which were in a satisfactory condition, and called particular attention to the benevolent fund. Mr. Short then gave a few practical hints as regards new methods being learned, and suggested the use of the handbells in learning them before practising the same on the tower bells.

At the recent Bakers' Exhibition, the proprietors of Hoivis Flour offered a number of prizes to bakers for the most perfectly made and baked loaf of bread made from their flour. The result was that cartloads of competing loaves were sent in by bakers from different parts of the country.

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MAGAZINES.

GOOD WORDS has a capital account, by Mr. W. C. Preston, of 'Mudie's Library,' the origin, growth, and present condition of that large institution being graphically described with the aid of numerous illustrations. We learn that the volumes sent out often number 5000 to 6000 in a day, and that the working staff consists of 254 persons. Sir Robert Ball concludes his life-story of Galileo, and 'Shirley,' under the heading of 'Table Talk,' contributes various interesting reminiscences of Thomas Spencer Baynes.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE devotes much space to the cause of missions at home and abroad, detailing the story of 'Miss Steer's Homes for Girls,' recording a voyage of 'A Thousand Miles up the Irrawaddy,' and concluding the notice of 'Customs connected with Burial among the Sihanaka.' 'The Dean of Ely at Home' gives a good idea of the strong, sympathetic, large-hearted nature of Dr. Stubbs, whose portrait enriches the letterpress; and Mr. Canton contributes a paper of archaeological and historical interest on the 'Green "Rings" of Old Sarum.'

THE LEISURE HOUR, SUNDAY AT HOME, and GIRL'S OWN PAPER conclude their annual volumes this month, and accordingly bring their serials to a happy termination. The *Sunday at Home* has been fortunate in the publication of Miss E. Everett Green's 'Mystery of Alton Grange,' a bright, healthy story for family reading, which is to be succeeded by 'Nadya: a Tale of the Steppes,' by a new writer, who proposes introducing his readers to the Stundists, and portraying some aspects of modern Russian life.

FRIENDLY WORK (G.F.S.) tells the life-stories of 'James Smetham and 'The Lady of Manipur' (Mrs. Grimwood), whilst FRIENDLY LEAVES narrates that of 'Mrs. Mousell,' the first Superior of the Clewer Sisterhood.

THE C.M.S. periodicals are, as usual, full of valuable matter, the INTELLIGENCER opening with an able article by Professor A. H. Keane on 'The World: Population, Races, Languages, and Religions.'

THE STRAND MAGAZINE contains portraits of Her Majesty at the ages of six and eleven, and an account of an illustrated interview with no less a personage than the Maharajah of Gwalior. There are capital articles on 'The Handwriting of Thomas Carlyle,' 'The Dogs of Celebrities,' and 'The Pigeons of London,' in addition to quite a number of excellent complete short stories. The 'Portraits of Celebrities' include a good series of the Bishop of Bedford. The magazine is full of charming and beautiful illustrations.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE has some more excellent illustrations from fine-art photographs, and its large variety of other pictures includes a very interesting series of portraits of 'Heroes of the Victoria Cross.'

WE are glad to learn from the NET that the endowment fund for the Zululand Bishopric is now complete. Several good friends have given 50% each, and the S. P. C. K. promises 250% as soon as the rest of the money is securely invested in South Africa. But some of us stay-at-home Christians must be put to shame when we read that a missionary bishop in Africa is supposed to be sufficiently provided for by 400% a year. The same NET tells us of the ordination of Titus Mtambu, the first native priest in the Zulu mission, after many previous disappointments, from the time of Miss Mackenzie, the founder of the mission, thirty years ago, who had in mind one and another of the Zulu youths she had known, but passed to her rest with such hopes unfulfilled.

For remainder of Reviews see page 922 of Supplement.

THE *World*, on Tuesday, asserted that it had 'excellent authority' for stating that for some time after Mr. Gladstone's resignation he was bent on taking Holy Orders, and that it was with a view of taking this step he announced his intention of retiring from Parliament. The *World* added that if Mr. Gladstone's health and sight allow, he will probably be a candidate for ordination, and, meantime, the right hon. gentleman's views regarding Welsh Disestablishment have become considerably modified, so that if a Bill to disestablish the Welsh Church were brought in next session, the member for Midlothian would not vote for it, and would probably oppose it. On a news agency telegraphing to Mr. Gladstone at Colwyn Bay on Tuesday, and asking if there was any foundation for the foregoing statements, the right hon. gentleman replied that the assertions are quite untrue.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, October 27th, at Braintree. The towers of Braintree (six bells), Bocking (six bells), and Black Notley (five bells) will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at the 'Wheatshaf Hotel' at five p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Any members intending to be present must send notice to me not later than the previous Monday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, October 27th, when the tower of the Parish Church will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30 at the George and Dragon Hotel; business meeting to follow. I shall be glad to hear from all those who intend to be present at the meeting not later than the previous Wednesday, in order that arrangements may be made.

St. Albans, October 9th, 1894.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Secretary.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 257th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 1894, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Committee:—Messrs. Dawe, Pettit, Dorrington, Muskett, Langdon, Coles, W. D. Smith, Butler, Horrex, Winney, McLaughlin, F. G. Newman, Garrard, O'Meara, or W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W. Hon Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Norwich, when about 250 members were present, and visits were paid to various church towers. The annual sermon was preached at St. Peter Mancroft, by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association. The dinner was served in St. Giles' Assembly Room. The Rev. Dr. Raven, of Fressingfield (president of the Association), was in the chair, and gave the toast of 'Success to the Society.' The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (hon. secretary), in response, said some of the districts were not making so much progress as could be desired, but during the last four or five years they had been successful on the whole, having increased their numbers and enlarged their sphere of influence. He was anxious that five-bell companies should join the Association. The annual report set forth that the resident list of members was now 786, while the number of towns represented was ninety-one. During the last twelve months there had been a net increase of forty-two members. Brampton and Otley had been added to the list of towns, while Coddensham, Monk Soham, and Sproughton had become more fully represented. In the matter of peal performances, all previous records had been beaten, no fewer than seventy-seven peals having been recorded. The report was adopted. Dr. Raven was re-elected president, and Mr. Bulwer was re-appointed hon. secretary. It was proposed to alter one of the rules so as to provide that a card of membership should be filled up by the applicant, and that on it should be the words, 'As a member of the Church of England I request admission into the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.' This proposal was adopted, and the proceedings were brought to a close by a vote of thanks being passed to the clergy and churchwardens of Norwich for the use of their bells.

The Sussex County Association.

A DIVISIONAL meeting was held at Billingshurst, on Saturday, the 29th ult., when the following towers were represented:—Angmering, Arundel, Billingshurst, Capel, Chichester, Horsham, and Midhurst. The bells were started at 2 p.m., and were kept going till 9 o'clock, with an interval for tea. Various touches of KENT and OXFORD were brought round, and also BOB MINOR and GRANDSIRE, the various conductors being Messrs. A. Bennett, T. Chantler, C. Hills, and W. Wade. The most noticeable touch was 720 OXFORD, the striking being especially good, and the more remarkable because, of the six ringers, one had been a constant ringer for fifty-five years and another for fifty-one years, viz., Mr. W. Chantler, of Billingshurst, and Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham. At the business meeting various interesting topics were discussed, and a vote of thanks was tendered by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. J. W. G. Loder-Cotter) to the Vicar of Billingshurst (Rev. A. H. Barron) for his kindly welcome. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Ringmer.

The Heavy Woollen Districts Association.

THE monthly meeting of the above was held at Tong on Saturday, September 15th. Members were present from Low Moor, Birstall, Batley Carr, Tong, and other places. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. G. Bolland. Very little business was done, the greater part of the day being spent in ringing. The next monthly meeting will be held at Dewsbury.

The Bells of Rugby, Warwickshire.

THE bells of the parish church were lately lowered into the body of the church, preparatory to removal to the foundry at Loughborough. The first, or smallest, dates as recently as 1814, the inscription being, 'J. Briant, Hertford, Feclit.' The second, 'Henry Merton, rector; Alexander Rigby made me, 1705; Thomas Iliffe and John Wright, churchwardens.' The third is dated 1640, and simply contains the alphabet in capitals. The fourth bell, of the same date, is also marked in the same way. The fifth bell, which weighs about 12 cwt., is inscribed, 'T. Rears, of London, Feclit.'

1828.' The sixth and largest, weighing 16 to 17 cwt., is also of recent date, having been put up in Bishop Ryder's time, and bears the inscription, 'Honble. and Rev. Henry Ryder, rector; W. Nash and J. Tilley, C.W. John Briant, Hertford, Feit, 1812.'

The Bells of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

THE following 'charges' for repairs, &c., to these bells during the years mentioned, as taken from the Churchwardens' accounts, will be read with interest:—

- 1546.—Itm payde for ij bawdryckes to ye bells xxd.
Itm payde for a wele to on of ye bells vs. jd.
Itm payde for medying of the lytyll bell vd.
1547.—Itm pd to ye smyth o Kyrkeby for peesying the Grett beill clapper xs.
Itm pd to ij ryngers weh rong to ye sr mon when the bishop of lincoln was here ijd.
1549.—Payd for mending the cloke and chyme ijs. ijd.
1553.—Itm payd to John Hynmane and to Robert Bagworth for rynginge of ye great bell for master latimore [Hugh Latimer] sarmon ijd.
Itm payd to the Ryngers at the dyryge for the Kyng [service for the dead, Edward VI.].
Itm payd the x daye of Aprell to Thos. Owefield for castyng of the sants bell xs.
Itm payd for iij li and du. o bell mettell for the sanctus bell ijs.
Itm payd for a clapper for ye bell viijd.
Itm payedd to goodman hobbs for hangyng of the saunce bell vjd.
1557-8.—Itm pd for a galland of ale to ye Reyngars when ye bychype was here ijd.
1558.—Pd for makynge ye greyt bell claper vjs. viijd.
pd to Pykeiung ffor mending ye for bell xd.
1562.—pd for drinck at the lifting of ye Ladye bell iiijd.
pd for a bawdrick viijd.

The Townwarden's accounts tell us more about 'Our Ladye bell':—

- 1562.—Itm to Willm tille for takinge down the bell xs.
Itm to John Hindman his wife for ale at the takinge downe of the bell xxiij.
Itm to John Poley for carrying a letter to Lester xijd.
Itm to Willm freers for worke for the bell xvjd.
Itm to Alhyne Alee for carrying the bell to Lester and bringing it home xijs.
Itm for ij gallons of ale for them weh blewe the bellows at Lester at the casting of the bell xxiij.
Itm at the same tyme for fishe ijs vd.
Itm for bryd and ale iij viiid.
Itm to Mayster Newkom the half of his money dew at the casting of the bell iij li viijd.
Itm more to hym for mettill xl ijs.
Itm to frauncis his s'vunt viiid.
Itm our charge at the casting of the bell at Lester viijs.
Item for breade and ale at the hanging up of the bell xvjd.
Itm to Tilley for hanging up the bell xs.
Itm to Mayster Newkom for the full payment of the bell more than was gathered vijs xd.
Itm for a quarte of wyne at Lester vd.
1584.—('five catches for ye chyme.')

- 1592-4.—Payde for mending the clappers at Nottingham for casting of them and for carriage in Ano. 1594 xv vjd.

The Churchwardens' accounts further state:—

- 1601.—Received of the bell founder for mettell which was overplus of the forthe bell weh was cast by him xxijs.
It paid Willm Smarte and his man for hanging the bells and mending them xjs viijd.
1610.—Another levie made the x of December for castinge the 3rd bell and other nedeful charges about the churche weh came to xli ixs viijd.
1612.—The churchwardens charge for 'Yokes for the bells'—'pynes for the greate bell'—'cappes, sheres, crowne, stapell and the kayes about the greate bell'—'mending the anselllice of the greate bell.'

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE CHIMES, CITY OF LONDON.—We are informed that the bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor, not by Mears.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Soberton, Hampshire.

On Tuesday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang N. J. Pitstow's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. W. Whiting (first peal of SUPERLATIVE), 1; I. G. Shade, 2; H. Weston, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; K. Hart, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G. The first peal of SUPERLATIVE rung in Hampshire. Also a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. W. Whiting, 1; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 2; I. G. Shade, 3; H. Weston, 4; G. Gatland, 5; H. White, 6; K. Hart, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells.

At St. Michael's, Hughenden, Bucks.

On Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Dains' peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

W. Truss (first peal in the method), 1; J. Evans, 2; F. G. Biggs, 3; A. C. Fussell, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; R. H. Biggs, 6; H. N. Davis, 7; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells.

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

ON Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang York Green's peal of 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. Holmes (conductor), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; A. F. Hillier, 4; W. Story, 5; A. E. Hind, 6; F. Lees, 7; F. J. Harrison, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Mr. Hind's first peal with the Durham and Newcastle Association, and was rung as a farewell to Mr. Routledge, who is leaving the district.

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 2nd inst., ten members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5187 STEDMAN CATERERS in 3 hrs. 16 mins. A. W. Humphris, 1; G. H. Phillott, 2; S. Greenwood (Streatham, Surrey), 3; W. T. Pates (composer), 4; F. W. Townsend, 5; C. Pockotts, 6; W. Dyer, 7; F. E. Ward, 8; H. Roberts (conductor), 9; F. Musty, 10. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 916.

CONSUMPTION AND ALL CHEST DISEASES.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS AND NEW CASES

By Mr. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

SEVENTY-FIFTH INTERVIEW.

With Rev. J. B. GROVES, Baptist Minister, Aldringham, Saxmundham, Suffolk, relative to the recovery of his daughter.

A 'HOPELESS' CASE.

Also of another (more recent), which cases have not been published before.

The experience which Mr. Groves has had of Mr. G. T. Congreve's treatment of Consumption is well worthy of note, for he has a *personal knowledge of a case considered hopeless* by the doctor attending it, in which the recovery was not only complete but permanent. He has also known of a recent case where great and immediate benefit was received; and he has besides these tested the efficacy of the Balsamic Elixir as a *remedy for HOARSENESS* caused by cold, with the result (as he himself puts it) that his *voice became 'clear as a bell,'* and he was enabled to preach when otherwise such an effort would have been impossible.

The case referred to as showing the permanence of the cure which usually follows the intelligent use of Mr. Congreve's remedies, was that of Mr. Grove's own daughter, of which he told me recently when in conversation at his house in the quiet little Suffolk village:

'My daughter, at that time six years of age, was on the recommendation of Mr. Ashby (then minister at Chelmsford), placed under Mr. Congreve's care. Her symptoms were much cough, heavy yellowish expectoration, rapid wasting of flesh, and loss of strength;—she was a living skeleton. The local doctor who had her in hand did her no good, and her condition was so bad that one morning when I went out to preach I bade her good-bye—I didn't expect to find her alive on my return. Before she had taken one bottle of Mr. Congreve's medicine she began to rally, and gradually but surely recovered. I consider she got remarkably strong under Mr. Congreve's treatment, for afterwards, when she had in succession scarlet fever, small-pox and typhoid fever, she came safely through them all, and to-day she is married and the mother of two healthy children. *We attribute her life, under God's blessing, to Mr. Congreve's treatment.*'

Asked as to the more recent case Mr. Groves said:

'It was that of a young woman residing near here, in whom I was interested and for whom I communicated with Mr. Congreve. I am glad to say that although her condition was very serious—she couldn't walk a dozen yards without assistance—she has quite recovered. In addition I should like to say that I use the Balsamic Elixir myself for the voice. If I take cold I always resort to it at once, and the next day my voice is clear as a bell, and I am able to speak or preach without difficulty.'

Mr. Groves expressed his pleasure in giving me his full permission to publish all that he had told me.

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At the Parish Church, West Kirby, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 46 mins. by the following members of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch):—E. Pownall,* 1; T. Hammond,* 2; F. Jones, 3; J. Pownall,* 4; T. Hughes, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6; F. Smith,* 7; C. Powell,* 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Dillon, Jones, and Hughes came from Bromborough; the rest belong to the local band. [* First peal.]

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. Searle,* 1; H. Dains* (composer), 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. Baker, 4; G. A. King, 5; J. N. Frossell,* 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. The first peal of LONDON SURPRISE by the above Society, and was rung at the second attempt. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells. H. Dains came from London; J. Searle, Burgess Hill; the rest belong to the St. Peter's Society, Brighton. [* First peal of LONDON SURPRISE.]

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

On Friday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Wilde's Four-part peal of GRANDSIRE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; H. Barton, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; T. H. Taffender (first peal of MAJOR), 4; F. G. Perrin, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; H. N. Davis, 7; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 8. First peal in the method by all the band.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5000 STEEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 14 mins. F. G. Newman, 1; R. French, 2; E. Horrex, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; F. M. Butler, 5; W. Burkin, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; E. O'Meara, 8; W. Prime, 9; W. H. Freeman, 10. Composed by G. Newsom and conducted by F. C. Newman. Tenor, 28 cwt, in D.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. GUTHLAC'S, FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, the 23rd ult., on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a six-score of BOB MINOR

and of April Day. W. Covill (first attempt), 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Messrs. Palmer and Lilley came from Boston; Clark and Woods, Skirbeck.

AT ST. NICHOLAS, SKIRBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 4th inst., on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. Kirk (formerly a ringer there), the following touches were rung—a six-score each of GRANDSIRE, BOB MINOR, EARL SOHAM DELIGHT, PRIMROSE, APRIL DAY, OLD DOUBLES, and GOG MAGOG. J. Colman, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Tenor, 18 cwt.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Saturday, eight members of the Essex Association rang a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Watson, 1; A. Deards, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; E. Pye, 4; W. Doran, 5; H. Randall, 6; J. Dale (longest touch in this method), 7; W. Pye, 8. Has the sixth at home throughout. Also on a Sunday evening, 224 and 336 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. W. Watson, 1; H. Randall, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Pye, 4; W. H. Doran, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 360 GRANDSIRE MINOR. W. Eastland, 1; W. Thomas, 2; C. Hyland, 3; H. Elliott, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Mathis (conductor), 6; W. Eldridge, 7; C. Carter, 8. On a Monday, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 24 mins.

AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.—On a Tuesday, for practice, two peals (720) of BOB MINOR in 50 mins., one containing twenty-six singles and four bobs, the other fourteen singles and four bobs. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; T. Allibone (North Wingfield), 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On a Monday, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. W. Bond, 1; A. C. Harmer, 2; A. E. Edwards, 3; F. Gardner, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; C. Sparks (Birmingham), 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Midwinter, 8; H. P. Gardner, 9.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Sunday, the 30th ult., for morning service, 560 BOB MAJOR. R. Martin, 1; H. Jarman, 2; W. Morris, 3; G. Whitfield, 4; E. Jones (conductor), 5; R. Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; R. Evans, 8. Also on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., a plain course of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR on handbells. G. Whitfield, 1; R. Martin, 2; W. Morris, 3; R. Evans, 4; W. H. Jones, 5; E. Jones and R. Edwards, 6.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Ringing Tour of the Midland Counties Association.

AT ALL SAINTS', WELLINGTON, SALOP.—On Saturday, the 6th inst., Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. Carter (Birmingham), 1; G. Chester (Lincoln), 2; H. Mason (Old Hill), 3; W. H. Fussell (Slough), 4; W. Small (Tipton), 5; J. George (Rugby), 6; T. J. Bratton (Welshpool, conductor), 7; J. Groves (Wolverhampton), 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. The above was the opening peal of a ringing tour in Shropshire and North Wales, commencing on the 6th and ending on the 13th inst. All the ringers who took part in the several peals and attempts were members also of the following societies:—The Hereford Diocesan Guild, Worcester Association, Birmingham Amalgamated, and Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, CONDOVER, SALOP.—On Sunday afternoon, the 7th inst., for Divine service, a peal of 5040 DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins. James George, 1; T. Bratton, 2; H. Mason, 3; J. George, 4; G. Chester, 5; W. Fussell, 6; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 7; T. W. Chapman (Nuncaton), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. This is the first peal in the method in the county and by all the band. It is also the first in the method by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The only other peal rung on these bells (GRANDSIRE TRIPLES) was in 1842.

AT ST. MARY'S, MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Monday, the 8th inst., a peal of 5072 BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. George, 1; W. Small, 2; J. Carter (conductor), 3; G. Chester, 4; J. Groves, 5; H. Mason, 6; T. Chapman, 7; W. Fussell, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F. The first peal on the bells and the first peal of MAJOR by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. The composition, by Carter, is now rung for the first time; it contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th place at the course ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there.

AT ST. ALKMUND'S, WHITCHURCH, SALOP.—On Tuesday, the 9th inst., Carter's one-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Carter, 1; W. R. Small, 2; T. Horton (West Bromwich), 3; G. Chester (first peal of STEDMAN), 4; J. George, 5; H. Mason, 6; J. Groves, 7; T. J. Bratton, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. First peal in the method on the bells. The composition is now rung for the first time.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, LIANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., John Carter's peal of 5184 BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. J. Carter, 1; T. J. Bratton, 2; W. R. Small, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; T. Chapman, 5; G. Chester, 6; J. S. Pritchett, 7; J. E. Groves (conductor), 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. First peal in the method in the county. The tourists met at Wellington, and disbanded at Welshpool. A brake and pair of horses was employed for the whole time to drive them round to the several places visited. The following unsuccessful attempts were made during the tour:—

Tower.	Method.	Time. hrs. mins.	Remarks.
Market Drayton	Stedman Triples	0 41	Shift course.
"	"	0 44	" "
Whitchurch	"	1 0	" "
"	Bob Major	1 31	Rope slipped.
Wrexham	Stedman Caters	0 40	Rope broke.
"	"	1 0	Shift course.
"	"	2 9	Tenor man ill.
Gresford	Grandsire Triples	1 3	Misunderstanding.
Oswestry	Kent T. B. Major	2 58	Treble amiss.
Welshpool	Forward Major	1 0	Call omitted.
"	Kent T. B. Major	2 55	Call late.

The company wish to express their thanks to the clergy, churchwardens, and others, who kindly gave them the use of bells, &c., through the medium of *Church Bells*.

Powis Castle and Grounds at Welshpool, Messrs. Edishung & Co.'s Factory at Wrexham, and the Grounds of Condover Hall, were open to view by special permission accorded to the party.

The outing was arranged as a holiday, affording opportunities for peal ringing to those joining in it. It was hoped that greater interest in the art of change-ringing would be taken by the laity in those towns visited, and that the clergy would assist their local societies to improve themselves and their work.

Higham Ferrers, Northants.

A SALE of work and 'jumble sale' was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., in the Bede House in aid of the Bell Fund. The sale was well attended, amongst those present being the Mayor (Mr. W. Spong), the Rev. J. Dun (vicar) and Mrs. Dun, and the Rev. E. W. Forrest. The amount realised was over 38l. A concert in aid of the same object on the following evening realised 6l.

AT EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, the East Retford Society rang a quarter-peal of 1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 47 mins. W. Skelton, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharpe, 5; T. H. Denman (first quarter-peal and longest spell on ten bells), 6; J. Swannack, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Metcalfe, 10.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 942.

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

Alliance Major.

(1)

5040

2 3 4 5 6 W M H
4 2 3 5 6 - - -
6 3 4 2 5 - - -
4 2 6 3 5 - - -
6 4 2 3 5 - - -
2 6 4 3 5 - - -
8 2 6 5 - - -
4 6 3 2 5 - - -
2 4 3 6 5 - - -
3 6 2 4 5 - - -
2 3 6 4 5 - - -

Twice repeated.

H. D.

(2)

5040

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

Twice repeated.

REV. H. E. BULWER

(3)

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

Twice repeated.

REV. H. E. BULWER.

(4)

5016

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

Repeated, produce—

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

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GEORGE NEWSON.

(5)

5040

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

Repeated.

(6)

5040

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

Twice repeated.

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A Correction.

SIR,—Will you kindly state in your next issue that the 5184 TREBLE BOB MAJOR peal, No. 125, published as a composition of mine, is, I find, only an improved variation of an old peal by Mr. W. Harrison (see *Treble Bob*, Part II., page 12.) Therefore, it must be awarded to him in future.

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The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

By desire of some of the Northampton ringers, who are members of the above Association, a quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, October 20th, at Northampton. By special permission the bells of Holy Sepulchre, St. Peter's, and St. Edmund's were open for ringing. Ringers were present from Irchester, Doddington, Wilbye, Kettering, Raunds, Wellingborough, Earls Barton, Mears Ashby, Rushden, Irthlingborough, Wollaston, Higham Ferrers, and St. Sepulchre's, St. Peter's, and St. Edmund's, Northampton. The Rev. W. H. Abbot, curate of Kettering, and the Rev. H. C. Holmes, curate of St. Sepulchre's, both took part in the ringing. Tea was provided at five o'clock, to which over sixty sat down, including the Rev. R. Y. Whytehead, vicar of St. Edmund's; the Rev. E. C. Channer, vicar of Ravenshorpe; W. Tomes, Esq., churchwarden of St. Edmund's and Mayor-elect for Northampton; also Mr. S. Slark, of the Towcester Association. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of the respective churches for the privilege of using their bells, also to Mr. Tomes for honouring the ringers with his presence at tea.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. E. C. Channer presided. Minutes of the last quarterly meeting, held at Moulton on August 25th, were read and confirmed. The Rev. R. Y. Whytehead and W. Tomes, Esq., kindly consented to become honorary members, and the Rev. H. C. Holmes a ringing member. The Chairman and the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, rector of Wilbye, were unanimously elected as additional honorary members' delegates, both of those gentlemen taking much interest in the Society and frequently attending its meetings. It was suggested that the next quarterly meeting be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, February 23rd, 1895, if permission could be obtained, or, failing that, at Yardley Hastings.

In addition to the three peals used, there are two other rings at Northampton, viz., at All Saints, a peal of eight; and St. Giles's (the heaviest octave in the town). St. Sepulchre's is the only church in the town retaining any of its seventeenth-century bells.

The Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

The monthly meeting of the Wirral Branch was held at Bidston on Saturday, October 20th. There were twenty members present, representing the following towers:—Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, Wallasey, and Woodchurch. Tea was provided by the kindness of the Rev. J. F. Buckler, who was present, as was also the Chairman of the Branch, Rev. Canon Blencowe. During tea, the Bidston ringers gave much pleasure to the visitors by ringing several selections and touches on the handbells. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. F. Buckler for his hospitality, and Canon Blencowe afterwards addressed a few words to those present. Several touches were rung before and after tea, the only one worthy of record being 720 OXFORD SINGLE (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Hammond, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; J. Cliffe, 3; G. R. Rogers, 4; F. Jones, 5; J. Dillon, 6. Conducted by J. Dillon.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On Tuesday, the 16th ult., twelve members of the St. Martin's Guild rang H. Johnson's peal of 5139 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 45 mins. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; W. Bryant, 2; W. S. Pritchard, 3; J. Carter, 4; B. Witchell, 5; W. R. Small, 6; S. Reeves, 7; J. George (first peal of STEDMAN CINQUES), 8; J. Astbury, 9; T. Reynolds, 10; T. Miller, 11; R. Hall, 12. Tenor, 36 cwt. The composition, which has not been previously rung, contains the first twenty-four courses in the ordinary Titum position, and the last fifteen courses with the large bells in the hand-stroke position.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

On Wednesday, the 17th ult., ten members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 22 mins. F. Lees, 1; W. Holmes (composer), 2; H. Dall, 3; J. E. B. Keen, 4; E. Wallis, 5; R. C. Hudson, 6; W. Story, 7; A. H. Hillier, 8; J. George, 9; F. J. Harrison (conductor), 10. Tenor, 19 cwt. The first peal of ROYAL on the bells. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

At the Parish Church, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Friday, the 19th ult., the following members of the Loughborough Branch of the Midland Counties Association rang 5009 STEDMAN CATES in 3 hrs. 25 mins. (changes per minute, 24, 43):—W. A. Tyler, 1; A. Mills, 2; A. W. Matthews, 3; W. H. Inglesant, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Willson, 6; E. W. Cartwright, 7; R. T. Lane, 8; J. W. Taylor, jun., 9; T. Grundy, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by John W. Taylor, jun.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 962.

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By Mr. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

SEVENTY-SIXTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. MARTHA SKYRME, 16 Meyrick Street, Pembroke Dock.

ADVANCED DISEASE IN BOTH LUNGS.

Whose case appeared in the weekly journals of December, 1892.

Almost the first words Mrs. Skyrme said when I explained my business to her were—'I regard myself as a miracle,' and perhaps this will not be regarded as very extraordinary when the circumstances are considered.

'I was ill altogether for three years,' Mrs. Skyrme told me, 'and at the end of that period spent several months in bed, being far too weak to rise.'

'What were the most prominent symptoms, Mrs. Skyrme?'

'The symptoms were those of Consumption—both lungs were diseased. The expectoration was very profuse and offensive, and I brought up a considerable quantity of blood.'

'Of course you had medical advice?'

'Yes, the doctor who attended me told my husband that I was bringing up my lungs as fast as I could do, and that there was no chance of my getting better. He now says I am a living wonder.'

'What induced you to apply to Mr. Congreve?'

'I saw his announcements in one of the papers, and sent to him as a last resource. After taking the medicine some little time I began to

improve, and after persevering a year—during which time I went twice to Coombe Lodge—I recovered.'

'This all happened a long time ago, Mrs. Skyrme—in 1881—will it be correct to say you have enjoyed good health since?'

'Yes; as I wrote to Mr. Congreve in 1892, when I was fifty years of age, "I feel stronger than when I was twenty."'

'Do you happen to know of any other case in which benefit has been received?'

'My son was ill with his chest, but we didn't let him get as bad as I was, but applied to Mr. Congreve at once. He soon got well and is married now. I always give it to the children for coughs and colds, and always find it efficacious.'

Mrs. Skyrme consented to my publishing this account of her case, and then I bade her good day and departed.

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

On Friday, the 19th ult., ten members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. W. Holmes (conductor), 1; F. Lees, 2; H. Dall, 3; E. Wallis, 4; E. A. Hind, 5; J. George, 6; F. J. Harrison, 7; H. Pearson, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. in G.

At the Parish Church, Saddleworth, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., three of the local ringers and two from Mossley, with Mr. Edward Dawson, of Meltham, rang 5040 changes, comprising seven TREBLE BOB MINOR peals, being 720 changes each of DUKE OF YORK, YORKSHIRE DELIGHT, KENT TREBLE BOB, MERCHANT'S RETURN, NEW LONDON PLEASURE, OXFORD, and VIOLET, the whole being completed in 3 hrs. E. Dawson, 1; Joseph Radcliffe, 2; J. Holden (conductor), 3; James Radcliffe, 4; J. Wood, 5; T. B. Dickens, 6.

At St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, London.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., to commemorate the induction of the Rev. T. W. Gibson, M.A., as vicar, ten members of the Royal Society of Cumberland rang a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS in 3 hrs. 35 mins. J. Rogers (composer and conductor), 1; J. Nelms, 2; W. Doran, 3; G. Pearl, 4; H. T. Scarlett, 5; J. Barry, 6; A. E. Church, 7; D. Stackwood, 8; H. Randall, 9; W. F. Meads, 10. At the completion of the peal Mr. Churchwarden Woodhill kindly entertained the men.

At the Parish Church, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 16th ult., Taylor's Six-part Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 49 mins. by the following members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild:—G. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; P. H. Harvey, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Fairclough, 5; W. Bentham (conductor), 6; J. Watts, 7; J. R. Park, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Friday, the 19th ult., the Duffield Society (Midland Counties Association) rang a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. Patchett, * 1; G. Dawson, 2; W. Hunkling, 3; B. Sugden, 4; G. Hingley, 5; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 6; J. Flower, * 7; W. Clarke, 8. This peal is a variation of Biddleston's Twelve-part by H. W. Wilde, and is now rung for the first time. [* First peal of TRIPLES.]

Treble Bob Major.

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4th and 6th their extent in 5-6, and the 5th the extent wrong.

ROBERT KNIGHTS.

R. K.

At TOWCESTER AND EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, the 30th ult., the Stony Stratford ringers, together with Mr. J. Read, of Wicken (a member of the Towcester and District Association), visited Easton Neston, and rang a touch of 360 BOB MINOR in 15 mins. A. Clarke, 1; A. E. Gidman, 2; G. Yates, 3; R. W. Valentine, 4; J. Read, 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. Also six-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. A. E. Gidman, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; G. Valentine, sen., 3; G. Valentine, jun., 4; T. Yates, 5; W. Bonham, 6. Also at Towcester Parish Church, 720 BOB MINOR in 27 mins. A. Clarke, 1; A. E. Gidman, 2; E. Yates, 3; R. W. Valentine, 4; J. Read, 5; G. Valentine, jun. (conductor), 6. Also two six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; G. Valentine, sen., 3; A. Valentine, jun., 4; A. E. Gidman, 5; W. Bonham, 6. The tenor bell at Easton Neston weighs 14 cwt., in G. The one at Towcester weighs 16½ cwt., in F.

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GOOD WORDS (Isbister & Co.) is not at its best this month; but 'Auckland Castle,' 'Crafty Crustaceans,' 'A Cup of Tea,' and 'Motion,' may be mentioned as instructive papers. Dr. John Clifford, in the 'Sunday Readings,' suggests strengthening thoughts on 'God's Help for Burdened Men.'

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER provides two new continued stories—'Marsh Marigolds,' by Ada M. Trotter, and 'Her Own Way,' by Eglanton Thorne. Mrs. Brewer gives an interesting little account of the child-Queen of the Netherlands, and Mr. Holden Pike offers sensible advice with reference to 'Flirts and Flirting,' which we hope all girls will read.

RECEIVED:—OUR OWN GAZETTE (Y. W. C. A.), FRIENDLY WORK, FRIENDLY LEAVES, and the ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL (G. F. S.), the MISSION FIELD and GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED (S. P. G.), and the GLEANER, AWAKE! and the CHILDREN'S WORLD (C. M. S.), the BOY'S OWN PAPER (R. T. S.); and THE SCOTTISH STANDARD BEARER.

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THE CHURCH PARISH ALMANACK (Sunday-school Institute, Serjeant's Inn, Fleet Street) reproduces in the centre a fine engraving of the Good Shepherd, by George Tinworth. It has views of the Cathedrals of Durham, Winchester, Rochester, and St. Asaph, and good portraits of these four Bishops.

THE 'HOME WORDS' and 'FIRESIDE' ALMANACKS (London: 7 Paternoster Square) are printed in colours. The former has some pretty rural scenes, with a bright arrangement of flowers and butterflies. The latter has a good central picture, 'Look Aloft.' The corner pictures of the 'Baptism,' the 'Wedding Day,' and 'Family Prayers,' are pretty, but we cannot say the same of the 'Confirmation.' It is always a difficult subject, and the artist has not been successful. The pictures of York and Canterbury Cathedrals come in well, and the whole effect of the sheet (save for the 'Confirmation' corner) is pleasing.

NEW MUSIC.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING

The Royal Cumberland Society.

THE meetings for ringing before service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields were renewed on Sunday last (November 4th), and will be continued fortnightly. Meeting-time, six p.m.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT, Master.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Change-ringing Association.

THE quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday afternoon, the 27th ult., when there were present ringers from Bath and Bristol and the following parishes:—Barrow, Long Ashton, Tickenham, Wraall, Abbot's Leigh, Portbury, Portishead, St. George's, Easton-in-Gordano, and Old Cleeve. The proceedings commenced, as usual, with a service in the church, followed by a practical address by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. W. Wadmore). The other clergy taking part in the service were the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, of Bath (Master), and the Rev. H. A. Cockey. A substantial tea in the Court barn, which was lent by Mr. Martin Gibbs, followed; and at the business meeting the Master presided, and there were present the Revs. J. A. W. Wadmore and H. A. Cockey, Messrs. H. W. Tomkins (hon. secretary), C. E. D. Boutflower (the hon. local secretary of Bristol), and J. Fussell, of Bath, and the representatives from all the parishes named. At the suggestion of the Master it was unanimously resolved that a hearty address of welcome should be sent to the new Bishop of the diocese. Several new members were elected, including four from Tickenham. The next quarterly meeting was fixed to be held at Wiveliscombe, near Taunton, subject to the approval of the Vicar of the parish. Hearty votes of thanks were passed.

The Bells of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

ADVANTAGE has been taken of the opportunity afforded by the restoration of St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, to have the bells turned and rehung. Mr. Edward Turner has defrayed the expense, amounting to

130l. The peal consists of eight bells, inscribed as under:—Tenor, 'Thomas Taylor, Esq., Mayor,' 17 cwt. Seventh, 'John Fenton and Ralph Audley, gentlemen, Justices of the Peace,' 13 cwt. Sixth, 'The Rev. Robert Fenton, curate,' 10 cwt. Fifth, 'Thomas Fenton, Esq., steward,' 9 cwt. Fourth, 'John Ridgway and Thomas Lovatt, bailiffs,' 7½ cwt. Third, 'John Ridgway and Edward Vernon, churchwardens,' 6½ cwt. Second, 'We were all cast at Gloucester by A. Rudhall,' 6 cwt.; and treble, 'Peace, and good neighbourhood,' 5½ cwt. The bells were cast in 1732, and, as will be seen, they bear names once very well known in the ancient borough. They have twice previously been turned. The present work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of London. The dials of the clock have also been painted and regilded.

A Peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major.

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

Five times repeated with a single instead of bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts.

This peal contains the extent of the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd are never in the 6th place at a course-end.

H. W. WILDE.

A Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

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

Five times repeated with a single instead of bob in the first course of the 3rd and 6th parts.

Contains the extent of the combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

This peal may be reduced to 5152 by omitting the three bobs braced in any one part.

H. W. WILDE.

AT ALL HALLOWS', ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On the occasion of the Harvest Festival several touches in various methods were rung. For early celebration, touches of YORKSHIRE COURT MINOR and CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR by H. Merrills, J. C. Whetstone, H. Blagg, W. H. Johnson, H. Lamberts, H. Haigh (conductor), and J. White. For morning service, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins., by H. Merrills, 1; G. Swannack, 2; W. H. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; J. C. Whetstone, 5; White, 6. And for the children's service, 360 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, by J. White, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. B. Joynes, 6. This is the first touch in the method by all except the conductor. For evening service touches of GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung standing, as in the BOB MINOR.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 982.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At Southwell Cathedral, Notts.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., by the Midland Counties Association, Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 27½ mins. W. E. Holroyd, 1; J. Hickman, 2; A. W. Matthews, 3; E. Robinson, 4; W. A. Tyler, 5; H. W. Abbott, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor, London), 7; T. Grundy, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D flat. This is the first peal ever accomplished on the Cathedral bells, and the ringers thank the Rev. Canon Trebeck for so kindly granting permission, and for providing an excellent repast after the peal.

At Gloucester Cathedral.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstans' composition) was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. F. E. Hart, 1; F. E. Dawe (conductor, London), 2; E. B. James, Esq., 3; H. Roberts, 4; R. T. Hibbert, 5; W. T. Bennett, 6; Rev. H. L. James, 7; A. Roberts, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. The first peal in the method ever accomplished on the Cathedral bells, the second of which is nearly 550 years old, and only two other peals have preceded it. The ringers thank the Dean for kindly granting permission.

At St. Andrew's, Prestwold, Leicestershire.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., the following members of the Loughborough Branch of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers rang Washbrook's peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 58 mins. E. Reader,* 1; A. W. Matthews,* 2; J. Hardy, 3; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 4; W. H. Inglesant,* 5; R. F. Lane, 6; E. W. Cartwright,* 7; J. Smith,* 8. Tenor, 11 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Friday, the 26th ult., the Loughborough Branch of the Midland Counties Association rang 5000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. (changes per minute 24.15.) W. A. Tyler, 1; R. F. Lane, 2; A. W. Matthews, 3; A. Millis, 4; J. Smith, 5; S. Cooper, 6; W. H. Inglesant, 7; E. W. Cartwright, 8; W. F. Billingham, 9; J. Taylor, jun., 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At GIGGLESWICK, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 30th, for Harvest Festival, 720 BOB MINOR. H. Monk, 1; J. L. Bulcock, 2; W. Fell (conductor), 3; J. Parker, 5; J. Morphet, 6. And on Wednesday, the 3rd ult., 720 from the following methods, in 29 mins.:—120 VIOLET TREBLE BOB, 120 KENT TREBLE BOB, 124 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 120 BOB MINOR, 120 GRANDSIRE, and 120 COLLEGE SINGLE. H. Ingham (Settle), 1; J. L. Bulcock, 2; W. Fell, 3; S. James, 4; J. Parker, 5; J. Morphet (conductor), 6. Also, lately, on a Wednesday, a date touch of 1894 was rung from the following methods:—94 GRANDSIRE, 720 KENT, 360 COLLEGE SINGLE, and 720 BOB MINOR—in 1 hr. 13 mins. W. Middleton, 1; J. L. Bulcock, 2; W. Fell, 3; S. James, 4; J. Parker, 5; J. Morphet (conductor), 6.

At ST. PETER'S, COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On a Monday, for practice, touches of 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 480 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, and a course of DOUBLE LONDON COURT BOB MAJOR were rung 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; E. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At ALL SAINTS', EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On a Saturday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (with nine bobs) in 28 mins., by members of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association. A. Chapman, 1; G. Johnson, 2; H. Line, 3; F. Jones, 4; A. White, 5; W. Willis (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. The first 720 on these bells by local ringers.

At ALL SAINTS', SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., on the occasion of Harvest Thanksgiving services, in the morning, touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by the following:—G. Evans (Foxearth), 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; F. Tolliday, 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; H. Howell, sen. (conductor), 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett and E. Making, 8; and at the evening service, touches of BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Harper, 8.

THE RUGBY BELLS.—Mr. Richard Over, churchwarden, writes to say that the paragraph referring to the above bells, which appeared in our issue of the 19th ult., is not correct, as 'the bells have not been in any way interfered with, nor has any consideration been given as to dealing with them when the new tower and spire are erected.' We regret the mistake should have occurred.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE members of the Bradfield Deanery Branch of this Guild held their Annual Festival on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Theale. After practice in the church belfry, a good tea was, by permission of the Rector, the Rev. S. Angel Smith, partaken of in the schoolroom, and business of the Branch was transacted. The Rev. J. B. Burne (rural dean) wished to be relieved of the office of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, which he had held since the foundation of the Branch, a period of twelve years. The Rev. Arthur L. C. Heigham, rector of Englefield, an expert ringer and an ardent supporter of the Guild, was, at the instance of the Rev. T. H. Bushnell, vicar of Beenham, persuaded to fill the vacancy. Choral service was afterwards held in the parish church, the preacher being the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, curate of Boyne Hill.

The Norwich Diocesan Change-ringers' Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above Association was held at Laxfield, Suffolk, on Wednesday, November 7th. The parish received the members of the Association most hospitably at a dinner, at which the newly appointed Vicar, the Rev. E. Stafford Finch, presided, supported by the Rev. Canon Raven, D.D., the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (President and Secretary of the Association), the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, rector of Framlingham (District Secretary), and the leading parishioners. A large number of ringers were present from Halesworth, Framlingham, Eye, Fressingfield, and other places. Ringing went on during the afternoon and evening, and a well-attended meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which addresses were delivered explaining the work of the Association.

Death of Mr. John Askham.

JOHN ASKHAM, the Northamptonshire poet, died at Wellingborough, his native place, on Sunday, the 28th ult., at the age of sixty-nine. He was a Nonconformist by birth and training, but a Churchman from choice. A great part of his life he resided very close to the parish church, and had an intense love for the bells, the chimes, and the venerable old building. None were more pleased than he when, in the year 1884, the bells were increased from six to eight by the addition of two trebles (the result of a letter he wrote suggesting that improvement). In his younger days he 'handled a rope' in the belfry himself, and was fond of relating that he assisted to toll Wellingborough 'Great Bell' on the occasion of the death of King William IV. His poems, entitled 'The Belfry,' 'The Bells,' 'The Old Church Clock,' 'The Ringers,' 'The Old and the New,' and 'The Sabbath,' are evidence of his love of bell music. On the evening of the funeral the parish church bells were rung full-muffled.

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AT ST. MARY'S, BRAMSHOTT, HANTS.—On Monday, the 5th inst., being the Anniversary of the reopening of the bells, 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (each called differently), in 27 mins. W. Stilwell, 1; Walter Whiting, 2; W. Wheeler, 3; Rev. H. C. Stokes, 4; G. Beagley, 5; William Whiting, 6. Conducted by G. Beagley and W. Wheeler.

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AT ALL SAINTS', EARL'S BARTON, NORTHANTS.—On a Saturday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, with nine bobs, were rung in 28 mins. A. Chapman, 1; G. Johnson, 2; H. Line, 3; F. Jones, 4; A. White, 5; W. Willis (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. The first 720 on these bells by local ringers.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at the Old Town Hall, Tunbridge, on Saturday, December 1st, at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for members at 3.30 p.m.

T. S. CURTEIS, District Secretary.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Newbury on Saturday, October 27th. During the afternoon a well-struck peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Many members of the Guild were present from Reading. After dinner, Mr. Robinson took a party to Speen, where 720 BOB MINOR was rung. At five o'clock service was held, which had been arranged with much pains, but only about a dozen attended. The Rev. F. A. Hill gave an earnest address. Tea was held in the Parish Room, to which about forty sat down. After tea a good muster of the ringers again went into the tower and rang several touches.

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Has the 5th and 6th exclusively behind the 9th.

Rung at St. Clement Danes, London, on October 3rd, 1892. Composed and conducted by George Newson, Royal Cumberland Youths.

Canterbury Pleasure Major.

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Five times repeated, with a single at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal contains the 6th eighteen times right and eighteen times wrong. H. W. WILDE, Duffield, Derbyshire.

Twice repeated. This peal contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6, and the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th place at a course-end. H. W. W.

Five times repeated with a single instead of bob at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. This peal contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6.

If the three bobs braced are omitted in any one part, except the 3rd or the 6th parts, the peal will be reduced to 5152 changes.

H. W. W.

West Kirby, Cheshire.

A VERY interesting ceremony took place at the Parish Church, West Kirby, on Thursday, November 1st, viz., the uncovering of a new peal-board by the Rector. The peal, which was recorded in *Church Bells* on October 19th, was the first peal rung on the bells since the opening of the complete set in 1890, when a peal was rung by members of the Midland Counties' Association.

The peal on the 6th of last month was rung by five members of the West Kirby Society, it being their first peal; the other three came from Bromborough.

At the conclusion of the evening service on All Saints' Day, the Rev. Canon Blencowe and the Rev. H. L. Harrison led the way up into the belfry, followed by the two churchwardens, five ladies, three hon. members of the Guild, fourteen ringing members, and the Secretary. The Rector then uncovered and displayed a handsomely painted board, and, addressing the ringers, congratulated them on the fact that, for the first time in the history of the parish, they had been able, with the help of three ringers from another parish, to ring a complete peal upon the church bells. It was a fact which showed that they had taken great interest and had made much progress in their work. They could not have accomplished it except by practice, perseverance, and patience—three of the most necessary qualifications for a successful change-ringer. One of the oldest inscriptions on a church bell ran thus:—

'Who sways this belle
Let him look well
To honde and hedde and herte;
Ye honde for werke,
Ye hede for wytte,
Ye herte for worshippe.'

He asked the ringers to remark how this ancient inscription taught them to devote themselves to their task.

Psalm l. was then said, followed by two special prayers. A short touch was then rung on the bells for the gratification of the visitors. Touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were also rung before the service and during the remainder of the evening.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

On Friday, the 9th inst., the ringers of Loughborough Parish Church (members of the Midland Counties' Association) visited Melton Mowbray, and by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. Blakeney) rang a peal of 5008 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 30 mins. on the fine ring of bells which have been recently augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles. It is the first peal in the method on the bells. W. A. Tyler, 1; J. Smith, 2; F. Barrett, 3; A. W. Matthews, 4; S. Smith, 5; E. Reader, 6; J. Hardy, 7; R. F. Lane, 8; J. W. Taylor, jun., 9; T. Grundy, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. The peal was composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun.

At the Parish Church, Raveningham, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., a peal of 6000 changes was rung in 3 hrs. 20 min., in the ten following methods, viz.:—600 BOB MINOR, 600 GRANDSIRE, 600 APRIL DAY, 600 MORNING STAR, 600 MASTERPIECE, 480 CANTEBURY, 480 ANTELOPE, 600 JOLLY DICK, 600 St. SIMON'S, and 840 St. DUNSTON. W. Jermy, 1; J. Jermy, 2; Philip Grice, 3; C. Dove (conductor), 4; E. Chilvers, 5. Tenor, 10 cwt.

[We should be glad of a plain lead with bob and single of some of these methods on five bells which are new to us, e.g., APRIL DAY, MASTERPIECE, and JOLLY DICK.—ED. C. B.]

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LAST week's GREAT THOUGHTS contained an interesting account of a talk with the Rev. G. A. Lefroy concerning the Cambridge Mission at Delhi. A large presentation plate, 'The Death of Cæsar,' is given with this month's *Great Thoughts*, which contains further instalments of Grant Allen's interesting serial story, 'Blood Royal,' an account of 'A Journey Across Thibet,' the continuation of the editor's critical essay on Goethe's 'Faust,' an article on the late Walter Pater, and a number of papers on a great variety of topics.

GILBERT'S CLERGYMAN'S ALMANACK (London: Stationers' Company; 2s. 6d.) gives good space for the insertion of engagements, and contains the usual useful information; but this year it has given up a special feature which commended it to many, viz., the list of churches and incumbents within ten miles of London.

THE THUMB READY RECKONER (London: Henry Frowde; price 1s.) is a tiny book of 640 pages, weighing less than an ounce, and giving all necessary calculations, from one-sixteenth of a penny to nineteen shillings and ninepence. Those who wish a ready reckoner for the waistcoat pocket should order this little book.

THE 'Life' of Bishop J. G. Hill, of Western Equatorial Africa, will be published early next month by Mr. H. R. Allenson. It has been written by Miss N. E. Faulkner for Miss Leachman (Mrs. Hill's sister), who is now taking care of the children. The profits arising from the sale of the book are to be given to the Niger Mission, whither, it will be remembered, Bishop Hill was journeying at the time of his sudden death at Lagos less than a year ago. The volume will contain three portraits: two of Dr. Hill, one in ordinary attire, and another in Bishop's robes; the third will be his wife, who ably helped him in his work in New Zealand and elsewhere.

MESSRS. A. D. INNES & Co. announce a new Church Magazine, well illustrated and of a popular character, to begin with the new year, to be named *The Minster*. The *Newbury House Magazine* will be at the same time withdrawn. It is the purpose of the *Minster* to occupy a field which hitherto has been left vacant; inasmuch as none of the existing magazines of a distinctively religious character are primarily conducted for Churchmen. The proprietors intend to produce a magazine which will be interesting and popular, but will at the same time treat the graver questions of the day which appeal more directly to Churchmen in a weighty and effective manner. The January number will appear shortly before Christmas; and the contributors to this, the first number, include the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Head Master of Harrow (Rev. J. E. C. Welldon, D.D.), Wilfrid Cripps, Dayrell Trelawney, Sir Benjamin Baker, K.C.M.G., Corney Grain, George Gissing, the Dean of St. Paul's, George Spottiswoode, Sir Edwin Arnold, K.C.I.E., George Saintsbury, Linley Sambourne, and James Payn.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Bell-ringing in Ireland.

THE report of St. Thomas' (Belfast) Honorary Society of Bell-ringers for the society's year now closed proves most satisfactory, the number of peals rung being greater than that of last season, while the general attendance of the members leaves nothing to be desired. Since the date of the last general meeting, 170 peals have been rung in the tower, of which 102 were of eight bells, 35 of seven, 28 of six, and 5 of five bells, this being 35 peals more than last season, and the largest number rung during one season since the foundation of the society. The usual peals were rung on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and also for the services on Christmas Day. The society regret having to record three muffled peals being rung during the year. On the 21st January, in consequence of the sudden and greatly regretted death of Mrs. Kameke; on the 22nd July, owing to the death of Dr. F. Murray, who had been for many years a prominent member of the society, in which he had always taken much interest; on the 26th August, owing to the death of Mr. A. F. Featherstonhaugh, who had been a member of the society. A special peal was rung on 26th September, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. O. W. Andrews and Miss F. Ferrar. At the invitation of the society, a team of the Coleraine Bell-ringers' Society travelled to Belfast, and on Whit Sunday rang for both services on that day. It will be remembered that the St. Thomas' Society had the privilege of opening the bells of the Parish Church, Coleraine, about eighteen months ago. The society regret the loss of the Rev. R. E. Waters, *ex-officio* vice-president, who has left the parish. The following gentlemen were elected members during the year:—Messrs. T. Henry, A. P. Tibbey, H. W. Warnock, C. E. C. Ward, and S. R. Ward.

[We are delighted to hear of this activity on the part of our Irish brethren, but may we point out to them that a 'peal' is 5000 true changes and upwards? Of such a performance we have no record from them. The 170 mentioned may have been only rounds for practice for ten minutes or so.—Ed. C. B.]

A Famous Bell.

We are told that Charlemagne gave three thousand pounds of silver for the manufacture of a bell for his favourite cathedral at Aix-la-Chapelle. The founder, a dishonest man, substituted pewter for the precious metal, thinking no one would ever discover the fraud. But when the bell was hung, the Emperor, finding he could not ring it, bade the founder pull the rope. Hoping to bring out a loud, resonant tone by an extra effort, the man tugged so hard that the huge clapper fell down upon him, crushing him to death. The fraud was then discovered, and all unanimously declared that the man had been justly punished for his dishonesty. Since then the bell whose silvery tones were intended to summon the people to church has been rung only for fires or in times of great danger, when its dull, ominous clangor fills even the boldest hearts with terror.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 1042

CONSUMPTION

AND

ALL CHEST DISEASES.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS AND NEW CASES

By Mr. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. WILLIAM FORWARD, Crosskeys, Newport, Mon., with reference to his Sister, Mrs. Lewis.

CASE OF ADVANCED PHTHISIS.

This case appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on 'Consumption,' p. 47.

[NOTE.—Probably few persons who peruse these interviews properly appreciate the fact that the cures here recorded—all of them noteworthy, many of them marvellous—are of persons who have first commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment when everything else has failed—when the local doctor (who has to treat as best he may everything from *nettle-rash* to typhus and from tooth-ache to acute organic disease) announces that he can do no more, that the only relief possible for the sufferer is that brought by the gaunt hand of Death. In the greatest number of instances it is only when the family doctor pronounces the case 'hopeless' that the friends think of Mr. Congreve, and what they have heard and read of his success. A typical illustration of this will be found in the lines which follow this.]

Mr. William Forward first made application on behalf of his sister as

long ago as 1834. In reply to my question as to what her condition was at that time, he told me:

'She had been ill several months with a severe cough, much offensive expectoration, and in addition had brought up a quantity of blood. She had got so low that her bones seemed to protrude through her skin, and she was quite unable to turn in bed without assistance.'

'Before she got as bad as that, of course, you had had some medical advice?'

'She had two doctors, but did not get better. At last they told us their opinion was that *she could not live more than a few days*, and quite poo-pooed the idea of our applying to Mr. Congreve. However, I did so, and corresponded with him on her behalf all the time she was under his treatment.'

'Do you mind telling me what progress she made?'

'She mended rapidly. Soon she was able to get up, and to be out a little, and in every way she was better. After ten weeks two doctors examined her, and said the disease was much less. She got through the winter well with one slight relapse, and by the spring she was quite restored to health. You would scarcely call her a robust woman, but she enjoys good health. I quite believe Mr. Congreve's medicines saved her life.'

'I believe she is now married?'

'She has been married nine years. I should like to add that I have known of many other cases in which great benefit has been derived through the use of Mr. Congreve's medicines.'

At the time I called upon Mr. Forward, Mrs. Lewis was out. Just as I was leaving, however, she returned. In the few moments' conversation I had with her, Mrs. Lewis not only corroborated the account I had heard from Mr. Forward of her marvellous recovery, but also endorsed the permission I had received from that gentleman to make public the interview.

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Repeated.

JOSEPH POTTER.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. H. W. Wilde, Derwent Bridge, Driffield, writes:—“I find that the 6048 of CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, published in *Church Bells* for November 9th as my composition, is not original, therefore I wish to give up my claim to it. This composition was published last century as a peal of BOB MAXIMUS, by J. Reeves (see the *Clavis*, page 349).”

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of an artistic little pamphlet entitled *Church Bells of Daventry, Staverton, and Neighbourhood*, published last July by Barrett, Daventry. The compiler is Mr. A. Johnson, F.B.P. It contains a history and inscriptions of the bells, and has doubtless proved of interest and utility to those for whom it was compiled.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Hathern, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., five members of the Midland Counties Association (Leicester Branch) rang 5040 changes of DOUBLES in five methods, viz., ST. SIMON, PLAIN BOB, CANTERBURY, EXTREME, and GRANDSIRE, each 120 called differently, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. Ballard (Belgrave), 1; A. Smith (Birstall), 2; W. Cornish (Birstall), 3; W. H. Inglesant (conductor, Loughborough), 4; E. Smith (Birstall), 5.

At the Parish Church, Syston, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties Association rang, at the second attempt, Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. W. Bail, 1; G. Freeman, 2; J.

Wilson, 3; A. Swann, 4; W. Moore, 5; T. Briggs, 6; W. Willson, 7; J. Hall, 8. Conducted by W. Willson, of Leicester. The first peal on eight bells by the Goscote Society.

At All Saints', Edmonton, London.

On Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. P. J. Darlington,* 1; H. A. Barnett, 2; C. A. Button, 3; H. W. Nix,* 4; A. Darlington, 5; J. Pettit (conductor), 6; W. Prime, 7; W. G. Darlington, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. [* First peal.]

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

On Saturday, the 24th inst., a peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 12 mins. by the following members of the Sussex County Association:—W. Ward, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. S. Bayley, 3; F. Dench, 4; F. W. Cripps, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; J. Parker, 7; F. Rice, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by James Parker.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ALL HALLOWS, ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., a peal of 720 YORKSHIRE COURT BOB MINOR was rung by the following members of the North Notts Association:—G. M. Farr, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. B. Joynes, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. Also on Saturday, the 17th inst., 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, by the following: G. Swannack, 1; J. B. Joynes, 2; H. Blagg (Ordsall), 3; H. Lambert (Ordsall), 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White (Ordsall), 6. Messrs. Farr, Swannack, Joynes, and Haigh are members of the East Retford company.

AT WALTER BELCHAMP, ESSEX.—On a Monday, in the schoolroom, the following members of the Belchamp Walter Company of Ringers rang for practice six-score of BOB DOUBLES:—G. Deal, 1; T. Reeve, 2; W. Deal, 3; G. Smith, 4; Hawkins (conductor), 5-6. This is the first six-score of DOUBLES by G. Smith. Also 360 BOB MINOR, standing as before. Longest touch of MINOR by G. Smith.

H. W. WILDE.—Please give the reference in our columns to which peal of 5184 you refer in your letter of withdrawal.

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