

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Towcester and District Association.

A BUSINESS meeting was held at Towcester on the 17th ult., at Mr. R. T. Gudgeon's, the room being kindly lent by him. The Rev. R. A. Kennaway presided. Ringers were present from Towcester, Easton Neston, Moreton, Pinkney, Green's Norton, Blakesley, and Bradden. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Towcester with Easton Neston, on May 16th, 1895.

Honorary Members of Bell-ringing Societies.

SIR,—I should be greatly obliged if any of your readers who are Secretaries of Bell-ringing Associations, or foremen bell-ringers, would let me know if they have any rules governing honorary members of their towers. Any information on the subject will be thankfully received by me.

JOHN MEADOW, Hon. Sec., All Saints', Wigan.

Victoria Chambers, Hope Street, Wigan.

Dedication of the Leominster Priory Bells.

THE long-looked-for reopening of the bells at Leominster Priory Church took place on Tuesday, November 20th, when the bells, which had been rehung and added to, after years of waiting, were dedicated 'to the service of God and the Church' by the Lord Bishop of Shrewsbury (the Right Rev. Sir L. T. Stamer, Bart., D.D.), the Bishop of Hereford being unable to attend owing to the feeble state of his health. The nucleus of a fund having been formed, and giving every promise of speedy development into a sufficient sum, the bells committee early this year called in Mr. Harvey Reeves, of London, to inspect and report. A report had already been made, but Mr. Reeves did not consider it satisfactory and made a fresh report from his own observations. In addition to suggesting many details of a minor character, which were all improvements, he recommended the addition of two treble bells, making the peal one of ten bells, and placing it ahead of the other peals in the diocese. The work was confided to the firm of Messrs. Warner & Sons, London, by whom the bells were re-cast and two new treble bells founded for the completion of the peal. The new bells bear the date and the names of the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Edouart, M.A.) and the two churchwardens, Messrs. T. Bannister and T. B. Stallard. The bells have been rung by a local representative team, and their tone is magnificent, and movement easy. Another thing Mr. Reeves insisted on was the removal of

the ancient dilapidated clock, which he described as 'an arrangement of wheels and bars, black with tar, that looked very much like an agricultural implement, inclosed in a great summer-house of a case.' This wonderful timepiece has been cleared away, and the size of the belfry thereby enlarged. New floors have been laid down, and a roof of improved design has been fixed in the belfry. In removing the old floor a quantity of ancient oaken beams and boards, in an excellent state of preservation, were found, and out of these an ecclesiastical chair has been constructed. The workmanship is splendid, and the chair will be one of the 'sights' of the church.

The dedication service took place at 12.30 in the Norman Nave, and was well attended, a number of the neighbouring gentry and clergy being present. The officiating clergy were the Bishop of Shrewsbury, the Rev. A. G. Edouart, M.A. (vicar) and the Rev. G. Whitehouse (curate). The service was a special form. The choir was augmented for the occasion. After the dedicatory prayers and psalms a short peal was rung, followed by a hymn and the Blessing. As the congregation left the church the bells rang out cheerily. After service, was rung a peal of 5295 STEDMAN CATERERS, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. The ringers were:—T. G. Bratton (Welshpool), 1; [name illegible], 2; S. Reeves (West Bromwich) 3; W. R. Small (Tipton), 4; F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), 5; J. S. Pritchett (King's Norton), 6; J. Carter (conductor, Birmingham), 7; J. George (Rugby), 8; J. Astbury (Walsall), 9; and W. H. Fussell (Slough), 10. The bells were again rung before the evening service, which was of a festival character. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Shrewsbury. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

The special services were continued on Sunday, 25th ult. At 8 a.m., choral celebration of Holy Communion; 11 a.m., matins and Litany—preacher, the Rev. G. A. Whitehouse; 2.30–5 p.m., touches with the bells by Hereford Diocesan Guild; 6.30 p.m., festal evensong—preacher, Rev. A. C. Lee, vicar of Lugwardine, and secretary to Hereford Guild. The offertories amounted to 63l. 0s. 3d..

The Rev. A. G. Edouart was appointed vicar of Leominster in 1862, and in his time the church has been thoroughly restored, upwards of 20,000l. having been spent. Mr. Edouart has, through an affliction of the eyes, been unable to take any duty for a long time. He has lost the sight of one eye, and a cataract is forming upon the other.

The work of the church and parish depends upon the curate, the Rev. G. Whitehouse, who was licensed in 1889. He is the secretary of the Restoration Committee, and the restoration of the bells is greatly due to his efforts.

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WIRRAL BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Wallasey, on Saturday, November 17th, at which about seventeen ringing members were present from the following towers: Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Eastham, Wallasey, West Kirby, and Woodchurch. The Rev. C. E. P. Grey (rector of Wallasey) very kindly provided tea on this occasion and presided at the meeting. This is the tenth monthly meeting held during the present year, and completes the round of the towers in the branch. These meetings were started in February last, and there is no doubt that they have been very beneficial in increasing the interest in the art of bell-ringing amongst the ringers and others in the district. The ringers wish most cordially to thank the clergy and other friends in the various parishes for the kind hospitality which they had received on each occasion. Touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening; the only two worthy of record were:—720 OXFORD SINGLE BOB (eighteen bobs and two singles): N. Williams, 1; G. R. Rogers (conductor), 2; W. Webster, 3; J. Hughes, 4; S. Wood, 5; J. Dillon, 6. Also 720 OXFORD SINGLE BOB: J. Pickin, 1; J. Rogers, 2; J. Walters, 3; R. Voas, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; J. Dillon, 6. The annual branch meeting will be held at Braeside, West Kirby, on Saturday, January 26th, of which due notice will be given.

The Bells of Windsor Castle.

The following is a copy of the inscription on the bells in the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle:—

Treble.—'THOMAS LESTER OF LONDON MADE ME. FEBY. 20TH. 1727.'
Second.—'WIM. T. MORE MADE MEE "INC IPE DVICE CEOWAR." 1650.'
Third and Fourth.—'W W 1650 VENITE ELVLETEMUS. I.W. 1612.'
Fifth.—'THOS. LESTER OF LONDON MADE ME. 1745.'
Sixth.—'VOX DEI GLOIASA EST. I.W. 1615.'
Seventh.—'NOS AUREBUS NORIS VOC CORDITUR SONATI. I.W. 1612.'
Tenor.—'SEARVE THE LORD WITH FEARE. I.W. 1614.' Key D. Diameter of mouth, 4 ft. 4 in. Weight, 36 cwt.

13,440 Bob Major.

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

8064 Bob Major.

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2	4	5	3	-	-	-	-	-
5	2	4	3	-	-	-	-	-
4	3	2	5	8	6	7	s	-
2	5	4	3	8	6	7	-	-
4	2	5	3	-	-	-	-	-
5	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
4	2	3	5	8	6	7	s	-

These five courses twice repeated produce:—

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

The whole five times repeated, bob for single, in second division of third and sixth parts.

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J. ARMIGER TROLLOP.

Twice repeated, omitting '7th in,' gives 2 3 4 5 8 6 7.

The whole twice repeated contains the extent with 6-7-8 together.

J. A. TROLLOP.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Bolney, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 17th ult., a peal of 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. by the following members of the Sussex County Association and St. Peter's Society, Brighton:—H. Weston, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Composed by J. W. Washbrook, conducted by G. Williams. The first peal of LONDON SURPRISE on the bells.

At Brighton, Sussex.

On Monday, the 19th ult., at St. Peter's, a peal of 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR was rung by the Sussex County Association and St. Peter's Society, Brighton, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. G. Baker, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. A. King, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. Smart (first peal of LONDON on inside bell), 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. Composed by Rev. H. Law James, and conducted by G. Williams.—Also at St. Paul's, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., a peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. K. Hart, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. A. King, 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; G. Smart (first peal of SUPERLATIVE), 5; H. Weston, 6; J. N. Frossell (first peal of SUPERLATIVE on an inside bell), 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Composed by John Thorpe, and conducted by G. Williams. This is the first peal of SUPERLATIVE on the bells.—Also at St. Nicholas's, on Monday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 18 mins. G. Smart, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. A. King, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; H. Weston, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. Arranged by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by G. Williams. This is the first peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

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

On Wednesday, the 21st ult., by the Sussex County Association and the St. Peter's Society, Brighton, a peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 26 mins. J. N. Frossell, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. Baker, 3; K. Hart, 4; G. A. King, 5; G. Smart (first peal of CAMBRIDGE), 6; H. Weston, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs. Composed by C. Middleton and conducted by G. Williams. First peal of CAMBRIDGE on the bells.

At Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

On Friday, the 23rd ult., by the Sussex County Association and the St. Peter's Society, Brighton, a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. N. Frossell, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; G. A. King, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. Baker, 5; H. Weston, 6; K. Hart, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. Composed by H. Dains and conducted by G. Williams. The first peal of MAJOR on the bells.

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 24th ult., by the Sussex County Association and the St. Peter's Society, Brighton, a peal of 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. G. A. King, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; K. Hart, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; H. Weston, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Composed by C. Middleton and conducted by G. Williams. The first peal of CAMBRIDGE on the bells.

NOTE.—The above seven peals are the result of eight attempts between the evenings of the 17th and 24th ult., an attempt being made each evening, Sunday excepted.

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An Explanation.

SIR,—In the last issue of *Church Bells* appears a 13,440 BOB MAJOR from me. I have just had a note from Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, inclosing a similar peal, which he says he has had for some time past. I therefore relinquish all claims in his favour. I should, however, like to say that my variation contains fewer calls and still retains the qualities given at the foot, viz., the smallest number of calls yet introduced into a 13,440.

Norwich, December 10th, 1894.

J. A. TROLLOP.

The Bells of Gillingham, Dorset.

THE fine ring of bells in the church at Gillingham has been thoroughly restored and rehung by Messrs. Blackbourne & Greenleaf, of Salisbury, at a cost of 150*l.*; it is now proposed to augment the peal by adding first and second bells at an expenditure of 125*l.*

Peals of Treble Bob Major.

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4	3	5	2	6	1			2		3	6	2	4	5				1	2
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ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Isleworth, Middlesex.

LATELY, on a Saturday, eight members of the South and West Middlesex Association rang a peal of 5040 UNION TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. T. Beadle, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; F. Goddard, 3; E. Harris, 4; W. Foster, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; A. H. Taber, 7; W. Ward, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. The ringers of the treble and the 3rd belong to Isleworth; the others to St. Mary's, Ealing.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, City of London.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., thirteen members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang J. Cox's peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS in 4 hrs. 18 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; W. Burkin, 3; R. French, 4; F. G. Newman, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; W. D. Smith, 7; G. J. McLaughlin, 8; F. E. Dawe, 9; E. Carter, 10; E. Horrex, 11; W. J. Cockerill and W. Prime, 12. Tenor, 62 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

ON Wednesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. D. Farthing, 1; G. Toplis, 2; G. Davies, 3; A. Craven, 4; W. J. Thyng (first peal), 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt. Composed and conducted by Arthur Knights.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 6 mins. H. Knight (first peal), 1; H. A. Hall, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; William Smith, 4; J. S. Pritchett, Esq., 5; H. Dawkes, 6; William S. Pritchett, Esq., 7; J. George, 8; J. E. Groves, 9; William Painter, 10. Composed by James George, and conducted by James E. Groves. Rung on the fiftieth birthday of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. George, and Mrs. H. Dawkes, wife of the ringer of the 6th. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

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SEVENTY-NINTH INTERVIEW.

With MRS. HIGGINS, of Decker Hill, Shifnal, Salop, relative to her Daughter.

CASE OF RAPID CONSUMPTION, FOLLOWING ENTERIC FEVER.

Which appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on 'Consumption,' p. 78.

Looking at Mrs. Higgins' daughter, now eighteen years of age, strong, sturdy, well, and taking her full share of the domestic duties of the household, it seems difficult to believe that a few years ago she was so ill that two doctors—both men of high repute in their profession—had said it was impossible she could ever get better.

The story of this almost miracle was told me one day recently by Mrs. Higgins, and I reproduce it here for the benefit of all who may be interested in the successful treatment of chest disease.

'We come of a very Consumptive family,' said Mrs. Higgins. 'My husband's father died of Consumption, my father died of the same disease, and I only am left of eight brothers and sisters—none of the others lived to be twenty. My daughter's illness commenced about nine years ago with enteric fever, and afterwards the doctor said she was in a rapid Consumption. She had a bad cough with much and offensive expectoration; she spit blood, got very weak and thin, and could not retain food. From May, 1886, to the following October, she kept like that. The doctor who was attending on her told us there was no hope, and another doctor whom we called in said she was too far gone for him to do anything. Then it was I sent to Mr. Congreve. I hadn't the slightest hope that he would be able to cure her (I thought her much too bad for that), but hoping to get her a little relief. At this time she was like a skeleton, her skin was a livid colour, and her limbs had commenced to swell.'

'How long was it before she began to mend?'

'In about three weeks she was able to take a little food—the first solid food she had had for two months. She continued the medicine for six months, and at the end of that time had quite recovered. As you can see, she keeps strong and well.'

'I believe, Mrs. Higgins, you have known others who have taken Mr. Congreve's medicine?'

'Yes, one of my sons, and another daughter. A family in the town also took it at my recommendation, and they, too, derived great benefit. The doctor who attended my daughter says she is a miracle—every one thinks so.'

Mrs. Higgins gave me permission to publish this account of our conversation, and I have not hesitated to avail myself thereof.

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For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 44.

Full particulars of the treatment, and the details of a great number of cases pronounced incurable which have been cured, will be found in 'The Cure of Consumption' (price 2s. 6s., post free of Author), by EDWIN W. ALABONE, M.D., Phil., Dr. Sc. U.S.A., F.R.M.S., Ex-M.R.C.S. (Eng.), by Exam^r, 1870, &c., Lynton House, Highbury Quadrant, London, N. Besides which the book contains a mass of information of vital importance to all those suffering from chest disease, or their friends.

AT ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN'S, SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, the 2nd inst., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; A. Edwards, 3; R. Pilling, 4; F. Still, 5; F. Still, jun., 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; J. Humphrey, 8. Rung to celebrate the twelfth birthday of the Rector's youngest son, Lachlan Mackinnon, the youngest member of the Speldhurst band of ringers.

AT ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—The following touches of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS have recently been rung. 528 and 792, by the following:—J. Watling, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. Garrett, 4; J. W. Lines, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Saul, 7; H. Howell, 8; R. Hawes, 9; W. L. Catchpole, 10; J. Motts, 11; F. Tillet, 12. Also on Tuesday, the 12th ult., in 1 hr. 15 mins., about 1600 changes by R. Hawes, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garrett, 4; J. W. Lines, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Saul, 7; H. Howell, 8; J. Motts (conductor), 9; W. L. Catchpole, 10; A. Durrant, 11; F. Tillet, 12. This is the longest touch yet rung in the method. Also on Saturday, the 24th ult., the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association attempted a peal of OXFORD

TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, but, after 1½ hrs., ringing was stopped on account of serious illness near the church. W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 1; J. Watling, 2; I. Alexander, 3; W. Garrett, 4; W. Motts, 5; R. Hawes, 6; A. Durrant, 7; J. Motts, 8; E. Reeve, 9; F. Tillet, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; E. Pemberton, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt., in C sharp.

AT ST. LEONARD'S, ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, the 6th ult., the bell-ringers rang their first peal of 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES in 28 mins., assisted by Mr. F. Tindall, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. F. Wadley, 1; R. Stredwick, 2; G. Steele, 3; J. Dearing, 4; F. Tindall (conductor), 5; F. Dearing, 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt. Also on Friday, the 9th ult., after the laying of the foundation-stone of the new church, St. Philip's, Aldington, another peal of 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, with F. Steele ringing tenor.

AT ST. MARY'S, STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On a Sunday morning, a date touch of 1894 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Gordon, sen. (composer and conductor), 1; A. Gordon, 2; W. Gordon, jun., 3; T. Sale, 4; A. S. Gordon, 5; J. A. Gordon, 6; J. Bayley, 7; A. Sidebottom, 8.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Reopening of the Bells at Stowmarket, Suffolk.

THURSDAY, the 13th inst., was the day for reopening the belfry of the parish church. During the morning various changes were rung, and at noon the ringers and men employed on the alterations, together with ringers from Ipswich, Diss, Aldburgh, Buxhall, and other churches (about fifty in all), sat down to dinner at the King's Head Hotel. Owing to an important engagement, the Bishop of Norwich was unable to preside, but his place was taken by the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, vicar. The Vicar afterwards addressed the men, and bore testimony to the honest and good work put in the belfry by Messrs. H. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich, with whom the contract for rehanging the bells had been placed. He also thanked those who had so generously subscribed to the fund. Mr. W. G. Ranson stated that the alteration would cost about 300*l.*, of which they had collected 272*l.*, and he hoped that the bells would be free from debt after the special services to be held that evening and on the Sunday. Other gentlemen having spoken, an adjournment was made to the church, where the bells were again set in motion. In the evening a special service was held, at which the Bishop of Norwich preached. It should be stated that when the old bell-frame had been taken out, an unexpected difficulty presented itself. It was found that the fine spire, put up in 1712, and made of oak covered with copper, rested upon huge oak posts, which had been brought down inside the masonry of the steeple, and that these posts were partially supported by the old bell-frame. In this difficulty, Mr. J. S. Corder, of Ipswich, was consulted, and, upon his advice, two compound steel girders (weighing some 25 cwt. each) were placed under the roof of the tower, and the lower part of the frame of the tower was strengthened by oak tie-beams. The frame is of English oak, seated on rolled steel girders; the bells have been fitted with new head-stocks, with turned steel gudgeons working in improved gun-metal bearings, and new wheels, stays, slides, rollers, and ropes complete; and the belfry, or ringing-room, has been match-boarded and converted into a comfortable apartment. The bells have been quarter-turned and fitted with new clappers by Messrs. Bowell & Son, and the strengthening of the spire, and fixing of the steel girders was also carried out by them. A beautiful window (which was unveiled on the opening day) has been placed in the east or inward face of the tower, the lower part has undergone thorough cleansing, and the oak doors have been revarnished. For the old clock floor, a new one of pitch pine has been substituted. The clock itself has been repaired, and also the old instrument, which plays at intervals of every four hours. The tune must be over two centuries old, as the clock and carillon are supposed to have been made by a Buxhall blacksmith, in 1692. The quarter chimes have been altered, Cambridge chimes taking the place of the old-fashioned ding-dong. The peal is one of eight bells, one of them dating to the pre-Reformation times; the tenor bears the date of 1622, weighs 25 cwt., and was cast by the famous Miles Gray, of Colchester.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Saturday, the 1st inst., a peal of 5056 TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, was rung by the following members of the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; F. Gilbert, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall,* 5; J. B. Martin,* 6; A. H. Martin, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. Composed by A.

Knights and conducted by C. W. Clarke. This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6th's place, and the 2nd and 3rd never in that position. The above is the first peal in the method by the Association, and the first in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

At the Parish Church, Aldenham, Herts.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5056 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR was rung by the following members of the Hertfordshire Association in 2 hrs. 55 mins.—W. Hewitt, 1; J. Martin, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; F. Edwards, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; E. Huntley, 6; H. G. Rowe, 7; T. Waller, 8.

At Hendon, Middlesex.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., on handbells retained in hand, a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR was rung by members of the Middlesex Association in 2 hrs. 35 mins. J. Martin, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; J. Pratchett, 7-8. Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. Umpire, J. Cummings.

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

On Saturday, the 8th inst., a peal of 5040 changes, being 720 of each OXFORD KENT TREBLE BOB, GRANDSIRE OXFORD BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, CANTERBURY, and PLAIN BOB, was rung in 2½ hrs. J. Pratchett, 1; C. Pratchett, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; C. H. Martin, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. The first peal on the bells.

At Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., a peal of 6048 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung by the following members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 4 hrs. 5 mins.—T. Titchener,* 1; B. Foskett, 2; G. Smith,* 3; J. Hannington,* 4; P. Howard,* 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson, 8. Composed by the late John Cox, and conducted by George Newson. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Essex Association in 2 hrs. 56 mins.—W. J. Coakham, 1; F. Rumens, 2; R. Elliott,* 3; J. Nunn, 4; W. H. Freeman, 5; W. R. Pinsent,* 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; F. A. Nunn, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. [* First peal with a bob-bell.] And on Sunday, the 9th inst., a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks' variation) in 45 mins. A. G. Freeman, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; J. Nunn (first quarter-peal of STEDMAN), 4; W. Pye (conductor), 5; F. A. Nunn, 6; W. B. Manning, 7; R. K. Knight, 8.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 43 mins. by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths:—T. H. Taffender, 1; H. Langdon, 2; E. H. Adams, 3; J. Baxter (from Darlington, and for whom this peal was arranged), 4; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 5; C. T. P. Bruce, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

At ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, the 18th ult., at St. Edward's Church, for service, by members of the Essex Association, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstans'). A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; B. Keble, 2; W. Pye, 3; W. Watson, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; S. James, 8. After service, 640 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Watson, 1; B. Keble, 2; A. Speller, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. Also, on Wednesday, the 14th inst. (on handbells), 508 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks'). G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

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A QUARTERLY meeting of the above Association was held at Christ Church, Walcot, on Monday, the 3rd inst. There was a strong muster of members, the following towers being represented:—The Abbey, St. Mary's, St. James's, St. Michael's, St. Andrew's, Christ Church, St. Saviour's, Twerton-on-Avon, Batheaston, Keynsham, Newton St. Lo, and Weston. The ringing included several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and 336 BOB MAJOR. The business meeting was held in the vestry, Mr. J. Smith Flower presiding. The following towers were selected to hold the first three monthly meetings for 1895:—The Abbey, January 7th; St. Mary's, February 4th; and St. Saviour's, March 4th. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Benjamin Norton Thompson for the use of the bells and the room, and to the chairman for presiding, brought a successful meeting to a close.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The nineteenth quarterly meeting of this district was held in the church room at Saxmundham on Saturday, December 8th, the Rector, the Rev. G. F. Richardson, M.A., presiding. The bells of the Parish Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at frequent intervals in various methods. The business meeting was held at five o'clock, when the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman. Mr. Charles Whiting, of Leiston, was enrolled as a performing member on the proposition of Mr. J. Button, and seconded by Mr. F. Cooper. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Kelsale on the proposition of Mr. C. Sampson, and seconded by Mr. T. Bell. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for presiding, and for the use of the bells and the church room. The meeting was well attended, each of the towers in union being represented.

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2	3	4	5	6	w	i
3	6	4	5	2	-	-
6	2	5	4	3	s	-
2	3	6	5	4	-	-
3	4	2	6	5	-	-
4	5	3	2	6	-	-

Twice repeated, omitting single in second part, gives:—

5	2	4	3	6	w	i
2	6	4	3	5	-	-
6	5	4	3	2	-	-
5	2	6	4	3	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-
3	4	2	5	6	-	-

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	Diameter. Inches.	Key.	Weight. cwt., qr. lbs.
St. Paul's, Bedford.....	52	D	27 0 0
Oundle.....	53½	D	26 1 9
Melton Mowbray	53½	D	25 1 20
Kettering.....	52	D	23 1 4
Loughborough	53½	D	28 0 0

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., a mixed band rang 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Shaw (Hyde), 1; W. Wilde (Hyde), 2; S. Wood (Ashton), 3; T. D. Miller (Wolstanton), 4; C. Ollier (Wolstanton), 5; J. Mellor (Ashton), 6; T. Wilde (Hyde), 7; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor, Hyde), 8. The third and seventh bells of this musical ring have recently been rehung by Mr. S. Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 88.

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The Bells of All Saints', Peterborough.

THE Bishop of Peterborough attended a special service at All Saints' Church on Thursday afternoon, the 13th inst., for the purpose of reopening the tower after restoration, and rededicating the bells. The tower, which occupies a peculiar position at the north side of the north aisle, dates from the thirteenth century, and was, prior to alteration, in a deplorable state. The outer stonework had perished to a great extent, very little of the original facing being left. The belfry windows had more or less fallen to pieces; the masonry of the battlement was loose, and the lead roof failed to keep out the wet. Inside, things were even worse. The framework of the bells was old and dilapidated, and (much to the detriment of the building) was wedged in places to the walls. The bells themselves were largely exposed to the weather, and the tenor (which was made by John Stafford, a Leicester bell-founder, who was Mayor of the town in 1366 and 1370) was unfortunately cracked by the frost of last Christmas Day. Under these circumstances, although there were other parts of the building requiring attention, the estimate for the whole work being over 2000*l*., it was decided to make a start

on the tower. This has been thoroughly restored, a new tenor bell has been supplied, and the whole peal has been reswung, entailing a cost of about 800*l*., over 700*l*. of which has been already obtained. The service was choral throughout, commencing with the processional hymn, 'Lift the strains of high thanksgiving,' the Bishop and his attendant clergy taking up a position beneath the tower. At the conclusion of the hymn, the Churchwardens handed the Bishop the keys of the tower, and he offered up dedication prayers for the tower and for the peal of bells. Then a short peal was rung upon the bells, and the service for the day was gone through, with special psalms and lessons. The Bishop of Peterborough preached the sermon, basing his address on the words, 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains; from whence shall mine help come? My help cometh from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth' (Ps. cxlii. 1, 2). The following members of the Leicester St. Margaret's Society of Change-ringers rang several peals in the GRANDSIRE method:—J. Jarvis, 1; S. Cooper, 2; W. Cooper, 3; W. Wilson, 4; J. Buttery, 5. This is the first ringing of its kind since the tenor bell has been recast, and was conducted by John Buttery.

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MAGAZINES.

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES. continues the Rev. A. C. Headlam's synopsis of the Epistle to the Romans, and gives a valuable contribution to our knowledge of the new Syriac text of the Gospels from the pen of the Rev. G. H. Gwilliam which may correct some wrong impressions recently created in reference to the Incarnation. The reviews are full and good, and the 'Notes of Recent Exposition' valuable as always.

The paper, 'Scenes in Canton,' in the *CENTURY* of this month, is very gruesome reading. The 'Life of Napoleon Bonaparte' deals with an obscure and somewhat puzzling epoch in the life of the great Corsican, and does not exhibit him in a favourable light. The accounts of the 'Festivals in American Colleges for Women,' by different writers, are interesting, and Mr. Hiram S. Maxim's account of his 'New Flying Machine' is especially appropriate just now. Mr. Marion Crawford's serial is continued, and there are a number of clever short stories. The illustrations are, if possible, better than ever.

THE ANTIQUARY commences the new year with better paper in order to give clearer impressions of illustrations, and with its price reduced from 1s. to 6d. The illustrations are to be increased in proportion to the letterpress, and efforts will be made to give this interesting magazine a more distinct position as a high-class illustrated journal of antiquities. This month's contents are varied and interesting, including a paper by Wilfred J. Cripps in 'A Pre-Reformation Chalice,' and some 'Further Notes on Manx Folk-lore,' by A. W. Moore.

The frontispiece of the *ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE* is a process-reproduction of a photograph of the Empress of Russia, which has the advantage of showing what Her Majesty is really like in profile. There are a number of complete short stories, including an historical one by Stanley J. Weyman, and an amusing one of to-day by Anthony Hope. Of the remainder of an excellent variety of contents, the interview with Mr. J. N. Maskelyne, of Egyptian-hall fame, and Philip Norman's 'Historic London Houses,' are perhaps the most noteworthy.

THE INDIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY contains a thoughtful review of the 'Parliament of Religions' by Canon Churton, a useful article by Dr. Needham Cust on the 'Civil Disabilities of Christian Converts in India,' and a full paper by Dr. K. S. Macdonald on the supposed influence of the life and doctrines of Buddha on those of Christ. The whole number is interesting and useful.

GREAT THOUGHTS has, among its large variety of contents, an account of 'Ian Maclaren,' the well-known depicter of Scottish life; interviews with the Rev. J. W. Carlike, of the Church Army, and Mrs. G. Linnaeus Banks, the novelist; an account of a visit to the Mint; and an interesting paper on 'Schiller and his Works,' by the Editor.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS for December concludes the fifth year of publication of this index and guide to periodical literature. The present number contains a Character Sketch of Crispi, by an intimate friend, and is, in many respects, the most appreciative notice of the talented Italian statesman that has appeared in the English Press. There is also a copiously illustrated paper on Oliver Wendell Holmes, and another on Rubinstein. There is a full report of the useful work done by the National Social Union on the School Board election and the elections held in connexion with the Parish Councils Act.

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THE YEAR-BOOK FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SCOTLAND, 1895. (Edinburgh: St. Giles' Printing Company.)—The present is the eighteenth year of publication of this useful book of reference. It has been compiled carefully, and, as usual, contains a large and almost exhaustive variety of information concerning the Church in Scotland. Its value is enhanced by some excellent maps.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The North Notts Association of Bell-ringers.

THE second quarterly meeting in connexion with the above Association was held at Shireoaks on Saturday, the 15th ult. There was a fair attendance of ringers from Anston, Harthill, Killamarsh, Treeton, Workop, Ordsall, East and West Retford, and Shireoaks. The bells of St. Luke's (by the kind permission of the Rev. H. Cowgill) were placed at the disposal of ringers from 2 until 9 p.m. At four o'clock the members, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to the schoolroom, where the usual business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. H. Cowgill, supported by the Secretary (Rev. H. T. Slodden). The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Harthill, were read and confirmed, after which Mr. White proposed, and Mr. R. Smith seconded, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Misson, on Easter Monday, 1895, which was unanimously carried. It was pointed out that the Workop ringers were anxious to learn the art of change-ringing, and after discussion Mr. D. Russon, of Shireoaks, was appointed to give them instruction, half of the cost to be borne by the Workop members and the other half by the Association. The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Rev. H. Cowgill, for the use of the bells and schoolroom and also for presiding, and to the Rev. H. T. Slodden, secretary, for conducting the business. At five o'clock the ringers adjourned to partake of a good meat tea, kindly provided by the local ringers and their wives. After tea three peals of 720 changes in the TREBLE BOB method were rung, in addition to several shorter touches. The first peal of any importance was 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, by the following, in 25 mins.—T. Bettison, 1; H. Haigh, 2; W. Lambert, 3; T. Smith, 4; W. Newbury (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. The following then rang 360 OXFORD TREBLE BOB:—J. White, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; W. Lambert, 3; B. Hall, 4; F. Hargreaves, 5; R. Potter, 6. This was Mr. Potter's first attempt to ring a TREBLE BOB method. The next, and undoubtedly the best-struck peal of the day, was 720 MERCHANT'S RETURN, by the following, in 25½ mins.—J. White, 1; H. Haigh, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; A. Marshall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; R. Smith, 6. It should be mentioned that three of the performers in this 720 had never rung the method before. The last peal of the day was 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, by H. Haigh, 1; J. White, 2; B. Hall, 3; A. Marshall, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; R. Smith, 6. Train-time having now arrived, a pleasant evening's ringing was brought to a close. Messrs. Haigh, Potter, and White came from Retford; Bettison, from Kallamarsh; Lambert, from Treeton; Marshall and R. Smith, from Anston; Newbury and T. Smith, from Harthill; and Russon, Hargreaves (2), Fitzjohn, and Hall, belong to Shireoaks.

The Largest Bell in Yorkshire—'Great Peter' of York.

ABOUT fifty years ago the citizens of York were desirous of possessing the largest bell in the United Kingdom; in this ambitious enterprise they were supported by the inhabitants of Yorkshire, who, with pardonable pride, were convinced that their shire was the one which ought to possess the largest bell, and that its magnificent Minster should contain it. Subscriptions flowed in, and the Dean and Chapter agreed to expend 2000l. in putting the north-

western tower in a state of repair suitable for the reception of the monster bell. The order for casting was given to Messrs. C. & G. Mears, of Whitechapel Foundry, London, who cast it on the 18th of January, 1845, seventeen tons of metal being prepared for it, which was run in seven and half minutes, and took fourteen days in cooling before removal was possible. The bell proved one of the most perfect specimens of gigantic casting known. It was exhibited in London at a bazaar in Baker Street before being sent to York, and although removed in the night from the foundry, its progress attracted great attention, eighteen horses being required to draw it along the streets. In June it was dispatched to York by railway, where it arrived on Tuesday evening, the 17th, about nine o'clock, and was welcomed by joyous peals on the Minster bells, at the hearing of which a general rush of the citizens from their houses to the Minster took place in expectation of seeing the bell. They were disappointed, however, as it was decided not to remove it until the following day. On Wednesday arrangements were made for conveying Great Peter to the Minster at one o'clock in the afternoon, and, although no public notice was given, the streets and windows of the houses on the route were densely crowded, and the greatest excitement prevailed to see the long-looked-for Great Peter. It was decorated with two flags and mounted on a powerful truck drawn by ten horses; Walker's brass band played the National Anthem, and the procession started from the old station to the strains of 'See, the Conquering Hero comes.' The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and several members of the Bell Committee accompanied it. Passing along Hudson Street (now Railway Street) and over Ouse Bridge, it eventually arrived at the north-west door of the Minster. Here the monster bell was placed on planks and gratuitously exposed to view until the necessary alterations in the doorway were made to admit the bell within the Minster.

On the evening of Wednesday, the 14th of July, 1845, this mountain of metal was safely suspended in its destined elevated position, after occupying the numerous workmen fifteen hours in placing it there. A merry peal was rung in honour of the occasion on the Beckwith bells. The framework was completed on Wednesday, the 18th August, under the direction of Mr. Charles Oliver, bell-hanger. On Thursday, the 19th, at noon, in the presence of the Dean and Archdeacon Musgrave, a trial was made to swing the bell without its clapper; but it required eighteen men to raise the bell a foot above the framework. The same evening a special train from Sunderland brought the news that Mr. George Hudson, the 'Railway King,' had been elected to represent that borough. In honour of the event the bell, with its clapper attached, was rung three times.

Great Peter is situated at a height of about 130 feet, and placed

diagonally in the tower for greater security to the building. Above 300 cubic feet of timber are used for its support, and the oaken stock on which the bell is fixed weighs, with the bolts, three tons. The bell weighs ten tons fifteen hundredweight, having a diameter of eight feet four inches, and is in height seven feet four inches, without the stock, its thickness at the sounding bow being seven inches. The clapper is of wrought iron of Yorkshire manufacture, and weighs four hundredweight one quarter five pounds. Round the top of the bell is the inscription: 'In sanctæ et æternæ Trinitatis honorem pecunia sponte collecta Eboracenses faciendum coraverunt in usum Ecclesiæ Metrop. B. Petri, Ebor.' Encircling the rim are the words: 'Anno Salutis MDCCCXLV. Victoria Regina VIII Edwardi Archiepi XXXVIII. C. et G. Mears, Londini, fecerunt.' The civic and ecclesiastical arms of the city are on the waist of the bell, opposite each other. Its note is F sharp. The cost of the bell was about 2000*l*. On each side of the axle is a wheel, fourteen feet in diameter, by which it may be rung, but, as it would require about twenty-four men for the purpose, that mode of ringing has been abandoned, and a powerful hammer attached to a lever, easily worked by one man, substituted, but by this imperfect method the full powers of the bell are not developed. The bell is struck twelve times every day (except Sunday) at mid-day after the Minster clock has struck twelve on the tenor bell in the other tower. It is also struck at midnight on the 31st of December, when it tolls the old year out; and is used as a minute bell at deaths and funerals, sounded for an hour on the payment of a fixed fee to the Dean and Chapter.

'What triumph that the hand of skill
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Thy majesty of form and weight,
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Who scans thee with astonished eyes.'

Visitors to the Minster may see Great Peter on the payment of a fee of 6*d*. In days gone by the bell was the attraction of the Minster, and few visitors left the edifice without seeing the King of Bells; but the interest began to wane in 1858, when Big Ben, of Westminster, was cast, weighing nearly three tons more. In 1881, Great Peter retreated to the position of the third largest bell in England; Great Paul, of London, occupying the premier position, weighing about six tons more than Great Peter.

GEORGE BENSON, in the 'Yorkshire Post.'

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 108.)

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A Lecture on Bells at Wootton Bassett.

THE Rev. Vere Awdry (vicar of Broad Hinton) lately gave an interesting lecture on bells at the Town Hall, Wootton Bassett. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. E. Cockshott, vicar of Wootton Bassett. Mr. Awdry, who has had a good many years' experience as a bell-ringer, and, when at Great Marlow, himself taught a band of young volunteers to ring, humorously sketched the result of the notions of 'Snooks' and 'Brown' of thirty years ago, who mistook chiming for ringing, and explained the difference. We give a few extracts:—

There is a record that about the year 1500 it was customary to baptize bells, and dedicate them by names, such as St. John, St. Michael, the B.V. Mary, and Holy Trinity; and a motto not infrequently used was 'Sancta Maria ora pro nobis.' The old custom of ringing a bell at sunset, originating in the curfew of William I., is in some parishes still continued. Among the societies formed for promoting the art of bell-ringing was that known as the 'College Youths' (A.D. 1637), but becoming extinct in 1788. During the eighteenth century peals of 5000 changes and upwards began to be indulged in. The composition of bell-metal generally consisted of three parts of copper to one of tin. The notion that silver as a rule entered into the production of bells was incorrect, but might have arisen from the fact that during the casting of the great bell at Moscow of 198 tons (which, by the way, never was hung), offerings of silver and gold were mixed with the other metals. The exact composition of bell-metal is a secret with each bell-founder, some mixing charcoal, and others sand, with the metal. By the help of a series of diagrams, the lecturer explained the details of the process of bell-founding. The casting is performed in moulds of brick and clay. If the note does not turn out quite true, the correction of the tone is accomplished either by chipping the lip of the bell, or using a lathe to shave it, so as to widen the mouth, when the note is too sharp; or by lessening the length of the bell by scraping its edge when the note is too flat. The hanging of the bells in the tower is another interesting phase of the subject. The lecturer explained that, in chiming, the clapper is made to strike the bell, and a chiming apparatus is a machine to enable Snooks, the sexton, to communicate with the clappers by cords arranged in a frame.

The following figures show the principle of the arrangement of change-ringing on six bells, the sixth bell (tenor) remaining the same; and it will be seen that the stroke of each bell shifts one place either down to the tenor or up to the leader:—

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

Of course there were many details, which none but a ringer would understand, involving not only healthy physical exertion, but also mental calculations equally beneficial; but the above arrangement shows the general principle.

[We are always glad to hear of any efforts to spread interest in scientific ringing, and our thanks are due to Mr. Awdry for his endeavours. We must, however, draw attention to one or two inaccuracies in the lecture as reported to us. The Society of College Youths has never become extinct. Its life since 1637 has been continuous, and it is most flourishing at present. We never heard that bell-founders mix sand with their metal. In proper chiming the bell itself swings through a small arc. The bells hunt up, not down, towards the tenor, and hunt down to the front.—Ed. C.B.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, Staffordshire.

On Monday, the 17th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 47 mins. by the following members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford:—S. Bowcutt, 1; A. Hickman Hill (conductor), 2; T. Horton,* 3; W. R. Small, 4; W. James, 5; E. Goodreds, 6; J. Hall,* 7; F. Bywater, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [*Came from West Bromwich.]

At Oxhey, Herts.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Herts Association rang Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 46 mins. H. E. Heath (first peal), 1; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; H. G. Rowe, 5; C. S. Heath, 6; G. Hunt, 7; A. Maynard, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in G. Messrs. Huntley, Edwards, Pate, Hunt, and Maynard come from Bushey; Rowe, Elstree; the rest belong to the local band.

At Drayton, Berks.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., Thurstan's Variation peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 45 mins. A. Bosley, 1; A. Thomas, 2; E. Butler, 3; H. Mills, 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. Hitchman, 8. The conductor's 450th peal. [Hearty congratulations to the conductor.—Ed. C.B.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BISHOPWEARMOUTH, DURHAM.—On Christmas Day, in the early morning, Shipway's quarter-peal of BOB TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung in 45 mins. by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. R. C. Hudson (conductor), 1; W. T. Robson, 2; R. W. Lovie, 3; G. Lowden, 4; H. G. Dawson, 5; J. Field, 6; T. Hudson, jun., 7; R. W. Langton, 8. This is the longest touch by all except the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, and 7th bells. Also for morning service, three courses of BOB MAJOR; and in the evening 576 BOB MAJOR, with T. Hudson, sen., 2nd.

ERRATUM.—On p. 88, 'The Bells of Peterborough,' for Peterborough read Leicester.

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The above peals contain the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, the extend in 6th's place, and the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th's.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

5003 Grandsire Caters.

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8-9	3	2	6	5	4	6	4	2	5	3	8-9	2
8-9	6	2	4	5	3	4	2	6	5	3	8-9	2
7-8	2	4	6	5	3	6	2	3	5	4	8-9	2
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7-8	4	3	6	5	2	6	3	4	5	2	8-9	2
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With 5th and 6th exclusively each twelve times in course and eleven times out of course behind the 9th bell.

JOHN ROGERS, Royal Cumberlands.

A Long Peal at St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, Northants.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 10,176 TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, was rung in 6 hrs. 12 mins. by the following members of the Bedfordshire Association:—J. Houghton, sen., 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Chasty, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; P. Howard, 7; H. Sharp, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs. Composed by the late William Harrison, and conducted by Charles W. Clarke. This is the longest length by all the band, the longest peal by the Association, and was rung at the first attempt. It is supposed to be the longest length ever rung in the South Midland Counties. Great credit is due to the treble man, who is sixty-six years of age, is a local ringer, and rang his first 5040 over forty years ago. Messrs. Howard, Clarke, Sharp, Hills, and Chasty came from Bedford; Gilbert from Raunds; Martin from Higham Ferrers; and Houghton belongs to Irthlingborough.

The Ringers of Wellingborough, Northants.

By kind invitation of Miss Tetley, the parish church ringers visited Hatton Hall on Friday evening, December 21st, where, after supper, they went through their Christmas programme of handbell-ringing. The pleasure of the evening was enhanced by a most appropriate reading from Tennyson's *In Memoriam*, given by Mr. G. Tetley, and the presence of Miss Snowden, of Ilkley, Yorkshire, sister of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden.

Ringers' Supper at Torrington, Devonshire.

THE ringers of St. Michael's Church held their annual supper at the Newmarket Hotel on New-year's Eve. The Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Jones, M.A.), presided, and was supported by the Town Clerk (Mr. G. Mark Doe), Colonel Yonge, Dr. Burt, and Mr. W. Vaughan, C.C. After supper, the loyal toasts were duly honoured. 'Success to the Guild' was intrusted to Mr. A. J. Lawman, who remarked that the Ringers' Guild was a very useful society, bringing men together and encouraging friendly feeling. It had been in existence nine years, and it spoke well for Mr. Richards' patience, perseverance, and tact in keeping them so well together. An Oxford visitor had said that the Torrington bells were one of the finest sets in England. Mr. Richards (the captain) suitably responded, and gave an interesting history of the Guild since its formation. Other toasts were 'The Officers of the Guild,' proposed by Mr. Moore, and acknowledged by Mr. Matthews; and 'The Chairman,' proposed by Mr. Matthews. During the evening selections were given on the handbells.

Tattingstone Church Bells, Suffolk.

THE five bells of the above church have been entirely rehung on a new six-bell frame of English oak, so constructed as to avoid any oscillation when the bells are rung, being double-braced and bolted with iron bolts. The bells have been quarter-turned and retuned, and hung with new headstocks,

bearings, wheels, stays, sliders, rollers, ropes, and clappers complete. The bells are a musical ring of five, the tenor weighing about 12 cwt. They bear the following inscriptions:—Treble, second, and third—'John Darbie made me 1661.' Fourth—'Thomas Mears of London Fecit 1795.' Tenor—'Ransomes and Sims made me 1853.' At the reopening, ringers attended from Ipswich, Great and Little Bentley, Sproughton, and Bramford. Several peals of GRANDSIRE, PLAIN DOUBLES, STEDMAN'S and SIMOND'S DOUBLES were rung during the day. The ringers were hospitably entertained to dinner and tea by the Rector, and Mr. Roger Kerrison, of Tattingstone Place. The work of hanging and tuning the bells was satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Henry Bowell & Son, of Ipswich.

The Bells of Christ Church, Herne Bay, Kent.

For some time past a movement has been in progress to raise and complete the tower of Christ Church, Herne Bay. The old bell, dated 1816, has been in an imperfect condition for either ringing or chiming for a considerable time. Since the present Vicar, the Rev. T. B. Watkins (from St. Dunstan's, Canterbury), has been located, a strong desire has existed to forward this movement. On Saturday, December 29th, the old bell and a new bell (cast at the Bishopsgate Foundry, London) were placed in a new timber campanile by Mr. S. B. Goslin, the new bell bearing inscription of dedication, 'Pro Gloria Dei,' and the names of the clergy and churchwardens, the weight of the bell being about 3½ cwt., note F sharp, and it is to form the treble of the projected ring for the new tower.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 128.)

CONSUMPTION

AND

ALL CHEST DISEASES.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS AND NEW CASES

By Mr. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

EIGHTY-FIRST INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. MARTHA POOLE, 36 Gloucester Street, Chester.

SEVERE COUGH AND HÆMORRHAGE.

Whose case appeared in the weekly journals in September, 1892.

This case has been permanently cured by Mr. Congreve's treatment notwithstanding the patient's hereditary predisposition to chest disease, for, as Mrs. Poole told me when I called upon her at the above address recently:

'My mother died of asthma and bronchitis. I was ill a long time before I applied to Mr. Congreve. For three years I was troubled with chronic catarrh. I had a dreadful cough, which troubled me all the night, and in the morning I brought up a quantity of phlegm, mixed with blood, in addition to fluid blood. My breathing was very bad, and I lost both flesh and strength.'

'I suppose you had some advice, Mrs. Poole?'

'Yes. I took cod-liver oil, and other medicines, besides going under medical treatment on several occasions. At times I seemed a little better, but I fell back again. I received no permanent good from anything.'

'I believe you had a different experience after you commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment in March, 1891, for I see that in three weeks you were able to report that the cough and expectoration were less, and the breathing better; and that in two months you said you were "wonderfully better," and shortly after that "I thank God for all the blessing I have derived from your medicine."'

'Yes, that is so. From that time I commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment I began to recover, and after a time became quite well.'

'Will it be correct to say that you have continued in good health?'

'Yes; I am not troubled at all with my chest now. I have been very well indeed during the last two years.'

Mrs. Poole was kind enough to permit me to publish this Interview in the hope that some other sufferers might be induced to persevere with the remedy.

MR G. T. CONGREVE'S work on CONSUMPTION, &c. in which are detailed THE CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, PROGRESS, and SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF THIS SCOURGE OF ENGLAND. With nearly FOUR HUNDRED CASES OF CURE. Also on COUGH, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, &c. &c. The Book will be sent post free for ONE SHILLING by the Author, Coombe Lodge, Peckham, London, S.E.

Bell-casting at Loughborough: A Complete Peal for Shepshed, Leicestershire.

By the invitation of Mr. Taylor, of the bell foundry, Loughborough, the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth, vicar of Shepshed, and a number of the parishioners, attended at the foundry to witness the casting, at noon on Monday, December 31st, of two new bells to be added to the existing bells in the Shepshed parish church to form a complete peal. Before the casting of the bells a short service was held at the foundry. An appropriate prayer, specially composed for the occasion by the Vicar of Shepshed, was read, and addresses were given by the Rev. T. Pitts and the Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth. The two additional bells have been given by Mr. S. Harriman and Mr. S. Cotton, the latter in memory of his father, and the former in memory of his mother. The old bells at Shepshed, which were hung on wood frames, will henceforth (together with the two new bells) be rehung on more substantial iron framework. Through the kindness of Messrs. Taylor the visitors were shown over the works. It may be mentioned that they witnessed the casting of six bells—two for Shepshed, one for Sapeote (Leicestershire), one for Pawlett (Somersetshire), one for Barrington (Somersetshire), and one for St. Mary's, Oxford. The bells for Shepshed Church will be suitably inscribed and placed in position in the course of a few weeks.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts.

ON Saturday, the 15th ult., the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins.:—T. Robinson, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; T. Ricketts, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; G. C. Iles, 5; H. B. Slack, 6; R. Richards, 7; B. Bishop, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. Composed by John Thorpe and conducted by Ernest Bishop.

At Diss, Norfolk.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., a mixed company of the Norwich Diocesan Association visited this town and rang a peal of 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 20 mins. F. Clayton (Worlingworth), 1; A. Trollope (Nor-

wich), 2; F. G. Meadows (Otley), 3; W. G. Crickmer (Soham), 4; J. Souter (Diss), 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. Flory (Framlingham), 7; F. Day (Eye), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed by H. Johnson of Birmingham, and conducted by W. G. Crickmer. These bells, cast in the year 1832, have just been rehung by Messrs. G. Day & Son, of Eye.

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

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., by the North and East Lincolnshire Association, 5040 changes of DOUBLES, each called differently, containing 237 callings in twelve methods, viz., ANTELOPE, CHASE, OLD DOUBLES, BOB DOUBLES, PLAIN BOB, HUDIBRAS, DREAM, ST. DUNSTON'S, LONDON DOUBLES, SUNSHINE, GRANDSIRE, and LINCOLNSHIRE SINGLES, were rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins.:—J. Phillips, 1; F. S. Stafford, 2; E. Clayton, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; John Sharpe (conductor), 5; Joseph Sharpe, 6. Afterwards a six-score of GRANDSIRE. C. R. Lilley, 1; J. Phillips, 2; H. Staffarth, 3; E. Clayton, 4; John Sharpe (conductor), 5; Joseph Sharpe, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. First peal by 1st and 4th. J. Phillips came from Butterwick; C. R. Lilley, Boston; the rest from Frieston.

At St. Leonard's, Hythe, Kent.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. A. J. Dyson,* 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; S. Binfield, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; C. Lurry, 5; P. H. Pierce, 6; R. Goodbourn, 7; H. Wellard,* 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. First peal on the bells since they were rehung a year or two ago. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Crawley, Sussex.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., the following members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 9312 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 5 hrs. 20 mins.:—E. Jordan, 1; J. Rice, 2; A. D. Mills, 3; W. Ward, 4; F. Dench, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker, 7; W. Rice, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in F. Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by James Parker. This is the longest peal yet composed and rung in this method, and was accomplished at the first attempt. [We give the peal on page 125.]

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will be a disappointment to those whose ideas of the humour and pathos of life in our great dependency are gathered from the pages of Rudyard Kipling. In the first chapter we make the acquaintance of a group of Anglo-Indians returning home in the P. and O. steamer *Elephanta*, of whom one Lady Jervois is the most important. Their conversation is rather thin and drags at times, but it serves to introduce the reader to the characters. On the whole the book provides some interesting reading.

STORIES FOR OUR MOTHERS' UNION. (Wells Gardner & Co. Price 1s. 6d.)—Well meant, but aimed too evidently at the mothers to be quite natural or entirely interesting.

THREE CROWNS. By L. A. H. S., author of *Idle Thoughts*, &c. (Chas. J. Thynne, Wycliffe House, Great Queen Street, W.C.)—An outline of the life of 'Jeanne d'Albret,' 'queen of Navarre,' given in blank verse. Some of the lines halt grievously. We should have preferred good prose.

IDYLLS OF THE DAWN. (London: George Bell & Sons. 1894 3s. net.)—Graceful poetry (some of it strong also), chiefly reprinted from the *Sydney Mail*. The unknown author has the faculty of perception and also that of expression, and the combination is sometimes very effective.

EXETER CATHEDRAL. By the Rev. J. E. Boggis. (Exeter: H. S. Eland.)—A pleasant and handy little book, well illustrated, ably describing this highly interesting West-country Cathedral and See. The architectural portion of the work is particularly well done.

MAGAZINES.

GOOD WORDS and the **SUNDAY MAGAZINE** both begin their new volumes this month, and each periodical appears in new dress. *Good Words* contains an Art Supplement, consisting of reproductions of eight pictures by well-known artists, Alma Tadema, Orchardson, &c. The two serial stories promise well—'Heart of Oak,' by W. Clark Russell, being evidently intended for girls, whilst S. R. Crockett's 'Men of the Moss-Hags,' is a tale of the Covenanted days in Scotland, sure to be of general interest. The *Sunday Magazine* issues the first instalment of a new story to be continued throughout the year, 'The Tender Mercies of the Good,' by Christabel R. Coleridge. Mr. Baring-Gould's description of 'The Old Gallery,' wherein sat the orchestra in many an ancient church, is racy, and adorned with capital illustrations. For more solid reading, the Bishop of Ripon's study of the principles underlying the Sermon on the Mount, entitled 'The Great Charter of Christ,' and Mr. Franklin Richards' review of 'The Eve of Christianity: How the World Stood,' are worthy of mention.

THE LEISURE HOUR gives the life-story of 'Dean Buckland' in a brief but by no means 'dry' paper by Dr. James Macaulay. Canon Tristram's 'Rambles in Japan,' and the article by Tighe Hopkins on 'Early Writing Materials,' are well worth reading.

THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW for January is an exceptionally good number. It contains an appreciative notice (with portrait) of the late Miss Buss, and an earnest appeal for funds for King's College, London. The College is losing the Government Grant of 1700*l.* which it has had since 1889, because of its loyal defence of the principles on which it was founded, and its refusal to dispense with the rule that its professors must be members of the Church of England. Churchmen should see that the important educational work of the College is not allowed to suffer. The *Review* also contains papers by Professor Skeat and Professor Boulger. Its notes for the month are excellently done. It is doing very valuable work in defending the work of the Church in Secondary Education and it should have a wide circulation.

THE CHURCHMAN has an interesting article on 'Altruism,' which includes a sympathetic allusion to Mr. Kidd's well-known book. Mr. Marston's suggested answer to the question, 'Why did Pusey not follow Newman?' will appear as amusing as it certainly is novel—'He did not think it worth while.' Has the writer never read Newman's answer to the question in the *Apologia*, and is not that more likely to be the right one?

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1895, at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Also on the following days:—

Thursday, Jan. 24	6 to 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival)	9 to 10 a.m.
Wednesday, May 15 (Sons of the Clergy Festival)	2.30 & 5 p.m.
Thursday, May 23 (Ascension Day)	9.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Friday, May 24 (Queen's Birthday)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 20 (Queen's Accession)	9 to 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14 (Harvest Thanksgiving Service)	6 to 7 p.m. and after the service.
Friday, Nov. 1 (All Saints')	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day)	1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)	9 to 10 p.m.
Wednesday Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	9.30 to 10.30 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)	9 to 10 p.m.

On the following Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. for practice:—Feb. 12th, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd and 30th, Aug. 27th, Sept. 24th, Oct. 22nd, Nov. 19th.

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 (1895):—

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, every four weeks from Jan. 1st.*
St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, Friday, every four weeks from Jan. 4th.
St. Michael's, Cornhill, Friday, every four weeks from to-day.†

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, every fortnight from Jan. 7th.

EIGHT BELLS.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, every Sunday, 10 a.m.
St. John's, Hackney, Thursday, every fortnight from Jan. 3rd. On Sunday, Jan. 27th, at 6 p.m., and every fourth Sunday.
St. Paul's, Shadwell, Wednesday, occasional.
St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Thursday, every fortnight from Jan. 1st.
St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, Wednesday, every fortnight from Jan. 9th.
St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow, Monday, every fortnight from Jan. 14th; and at 6 p.m. the first Sunday in the month.
Christ Church, Spitalfields, Wednesday, every fortnight from Jan. 2nd.
St. John's, South Hackney, occasional.
St. Mary's, Walthamstow, second and fourth Saturday in the month, and every Sunday for morning and evening service.
St. Gabriel's, Pimlico. At 6 p.m. every alternate Sunday from Jan. 13th.
St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, every Friday, from 8 p.m., and every Sunday morning, 10 to 11.
All Saints', Edmonton, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, and every Sunday for the morning and evening services.

* No ringing during Lent and Advent.

† No ringing during Lent.

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Five times repeated with the addition of singles at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6th's place.

If the three bobs 'w' bracketed are omitted in any two parts, the peal is reduced to 7040.

If this is done in all six parts the peal is reduced to 6144.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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2 6 7 4 3 5	6 2 5 3 7 4
4 6 2 5 7 3	2 5 6 3 7 4
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Round at hand is 1895 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

S. ATKINS, Willenhall.

The Kent County Association.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—A meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday afternoon, the 26th January. No allowances.
C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,
Hythe, January 16th, 1895. District Secretary.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Saturday, the 29th ult., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang the late H. Johnson's peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS in 3 hrs. 56 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; C. F. Winny, 2; G. J. Smith,* 3; E. H. Adams,* 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; F. S. Bayley,* 6; F. M. Butler,* 7; J. N. Oxborrow, 8; W. D. Smith, 9; R. French, 10; E. Horrex (42nd twelve-bell peal), 11; W. T. Cockerill, 12. Tenor, 36 cwt. This peal was rung on the eighty-fifth anniversary of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone's birthday, and it is the first in the method on these bells since the year 1853. [* First peal of MAXIMUS.]

At St. Andrew's, Litchurch, Derby.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., Morris's Five-part peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Midland Counties' Association (St. Andrew's Society), in 3 hrs. 31 mins, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of great respect to their late Vicar (the Rev. R. Hey, M.A.), whose death is deplored by his ringers and parishioners in general, who also deeply sympathise with the bereaved family:—W. Shardlow, 1; J. Dent, 2; C. Draper, 3; C. T. Dowell, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; A. E. Thompson, 6; C. Hart (conductor), 7; S. Maskrey, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, London.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 34 mins. E. Horrex, 1; C. F. Winny, 2; J. N. Oxborrow, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; H. E. Newton, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. Composed by Henry Dains. The first peal in the method on the bells.

We are pleased to hear that the bell-ringers at St. Edmund's, Salisbury, have set a good example by introducing the improved portable electric lamp into their church tower, where the stairs are of wood, with consequent danger of fire.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S, BATH, SOMERSET.—On New-year's Eve, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 47 mins. by the following members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association:—W. Eames, 1; H. Wotton, 2; W. Lanham, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; W. Wells, 5; J. Fussell, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; E. Holder, 8. Was rung in honour of Messrs. Lanham and Holder's birthday, and is the first quarter peal by E. Holder.

AT ALL SAINTS', ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.—The old custom of ringing the old year out and the new one in took place on New-year's Eve, when a peal of three courses, KENT TREBLE BOB, was rung. H. Mellor, 1; A. Boothroyd, 2; T. North, 3; W. Field, 4; S. Schofield, 5; W. Womersley, 6; E. H. Haigh, 7; A. Haigh, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

AT ST. LEONARD'S, BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 6th inst., a date touch of 1895 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins., with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Prebendary Jeffcock, vicar of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. J. Mark, 1; T. Lowe, 2; John Gough, 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 5; E. Unitt, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Jones, 8.



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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, February 2nd. Further particulars next week. E. A. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Essex Association of Church Bell-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of the above will be held at Colchester on Saturday, February 16th. The tower of St. Peter's (eight bells) will be open for ringing, also the tower of St. Mary's, Ardleigh (eight bells). Tea will be provided at the parish room at five p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present must notify their intention and the station from which they proceed not later than the previous Monday to me. Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham. HENRY T. W. EYRE.

Peals of Grandsire Caters.

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5 4 2 3 6	3 2 5 4 7 6 †	
2 3 4 5 6		

Contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right and the 5th twelve times right.

* Call the 7th in and out at 3.

† Call the 9th in and out at 2.

JOHN CARTER.

5003	3 2 5 6 4	9 with 3 s
2 3 4 5 6	4 3 2 6 5	9 " 3 s
4 5 3 2 6 *	2 4 3 6 5	9 " 3
2 5 3 4 6	3 2 4 6 5	9 " 3
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2 3 6 4 5		
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5 4 2 6 3		
2 5 4 6 3		

Contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right without a bob on 8, 9, or a 9, 7, 8 throughout.

* Call the 7th in with a single, and out at 2.

† Call the 9th in and out at 2.

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(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 168.)

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Which appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on 'Consumption,' p. 48.

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'Then, I suppose, you applied to Mr. Congreve's?'

'Yes, and received benefit immediately. I was soon able to return to work, and before very long was able to sing at a concert—a form of recreation of which I am very fond. I recovered very rapidly indeed, and I am thankful to say I have never suffered with my chest from that day to this. As I wrote to Mr. Congreve six years ago, I feel certain he was the means of saving me from an untimely grave.'

Mr. Morgan's occupation is certainly not the healthiest, for he is employed in some large tin-works in Llanelly.

'I believe you have recommended other sufferers to apply to Mr. Congreve?' I asked.

'I have sent a large number to him, and I know many cases of people who have been restored to health. I have recommended his treatment to students of Bala College. As I said before, Mr. Congreve's name is a household word in Llanelly.'

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The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE anniversary meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers was held at Gloucester on Thursday, January 10th, the city members being joined by representatives from Bristol, Cheltenham, Stroud, Tewkesbury, Bisley, Dursley, Thornbury, Barnwood, Upton, Churchdown, and Painswick. In the morning several bands rang touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES at the Cathedral and at St. Mary-le-Crypt Church. A short service was held at St. Michael's Church in the afternoon, when an address was given by the Rev. G. James, the lessons being read by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol, hon. secretary of the Association. The preacher based his remarks on Matt. ii. 1, 2, and said that personally he knew little of their science, but they might be interested to know that the church in which they were assembled was very much associated with bells. In days gone by, that illustrious bell-founder, Abraham Rudhall, was churchwarden of St. Michael's, while an old monumental brass of pre-Reformation date on the walls bore the name of William Henshawe, bell-founder and Mayor of the city. After tea, a business meeting was held for the election of officers, &c.

A Visit to Misson, North Notts.

ON the 14th inst., the members of the Tickhill Society of Change-ringers paid a visit to Misson to try the new peal of bells, which have been recently hung in the tower, after the disastrous fire which occurred sixteen months ago, and burnt the tower entirely. They rang 2160 changes in three different methods, viz., 720 DUKE OF YORK, 720 VIOLET, and 720 OXFORD in 1 hr. 14 mins. A. Wright, 1; W. R. Guest, 2; G. Hackford, 3; P. Mannifield, 4; C. Ainley, 5; J. S. Jenkinson (conductor), 6. F. Jenkinson rang the third bell in DUKE OF YORK.

Ringers' Annual Supper at Chipping Norton, Oxford.

ON New-year's Eve the Parish Church bell-ringers, together with the Rev. R. O. Williams and the Churchwardens (Messrs. Rawlinson and Pettipher), were invited to supper at the Vicarage. After supper the business of electing officers and other matters connected with the tower was transacted. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his continued kindness and hospitality was proposed, and acknowledged by the reverend gentleman. Special reference was made to the presence of the two Churchwardens, this being the first time they had attended these gatherings. The absent were not forgotten, many good wishes being expressed for their welfare and happiness. The bells were rung from 11.30 until 12.30, partly muffled for the first half-hour.

Ringers' Dinner at Cirencester, Gloucester.

THE annual dinner of the parish church band of voluntary ringers and the Watermoor band of ringers was held at the 'Fleece Hotel' on Saturday, January 5th. The President of the Association, the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, was in the chair, and the vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. W. K. Weston, curate-in-charge of Holy Trinity. About forty sat down to a substantial and well-served repast.

After dinner, Mr. Thomas Gardiner proposed 'The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese,' to which the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Rev. R. C. S. Jones, and the Rev. G. L. Amphlett responded.

The toast of the 'Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers' was given in suitable terms by the Chairman, and acknowledged by Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham, treasurer of the Association.

Mr. Ward said the Association was improving its position, both as regards numbers and finances, and it was admitted that the object in view when it was started had, to a great extent, been gained.

The Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Cirencester Band of Voluntary Ringers,' complimenting them upon the progress they had made in campanology. He also dwelt upon the fact that they were a body of Church-workers, and said it should afford them satisfaction to know that they were doing a valuable work very efficiently.

Mr. C. Bond replied as leader of the parish church band, and Mr. Samuel Moore on behalf of the Watermoor band.

Mr. E. P. Harmer submitted the health of the Churchwardens, which was heartily drunk, Mr. F. Boulton and Mr. W. J. Jefferies returning thanks. The health of the Secretaries (Mr. F. Bond and Mr. J. Waters), and the 'Host and Hostess,' concluded the list.

The intervals between the toasts were very pleasantly filled with song, and sentiment, and business conversation. In the latter the condition of

the parish church bells was a prominent subject, and the necessity for re-hanging was emphasised by several of those present. Archdeacon Hayward and Mr. Boulton entered sympathetically into the discussion, and intimated their willingness to further the scheme, though mindful of the somewhat heavy expense it would involve. Another subject of interest was the idea of erecting two extra bells in the Watermoor steeple, thus making a serviceable ring of eight. In regard to both matters, it was remarked that a generous donor might do the church much service. Altogether the ringers spent a very pleasant evening.

Death of an Old Norfolk Bell-ringer.

ON Saturday, January 5th, William Skinner, aged ninety years, one of the oldest inhabitants of the parish of Shropham, was laid to rest. Deceased had formerly been a bell-ringer, and the local ringers, having muffled the bells, rang 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. J. Perfit, 1; W. Allen, 2; F. Angel, 3; O. Hunt, 4; G. Potter, 5. Tenor, 18 cwt.

A Muffled Peal at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

ON Wednesday, the 12th ult., eight members of the St. James's Society rang, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole-pull-and-stand, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Bishop, who died after a few days' attack of pneumonia, at the early age of twenty-five years, and who was buried the previous day. The deceased was greatly respected by the ringers. R. Matthews, 1; A. Linstead, 2; W. March, 3; E. Thorne, 4; J. Bismire, 5; C. Ward, 6; J. Barry (conductor), 7; J. Rayner, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Brighton, Sussex.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., the following members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 12 mins. —G. Williams (conductor), 1; G. Smart, 2; A. J. Allfrey, 3; P. Allfrey, 4; F. Hill, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; K. Hart, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. T. W. S. Collis, late vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Brighton.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., a peal of 5056 CHAMPION SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 14 mins. G. A. King, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; G. Williams,* 3; G. Smart, 4; H. Weston, 5; E. C. Merritt,* 6; K. Hart, 7; G. F. Attree (conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. Composed by John Carter of Birmingham. [* First in the method.]

At St. Faith's, Havant, Hants.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins. by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—J. Staples,* 1; W. S. Wise,* 2; J. G. Shade, 3; H. Dains, 4; K. Hart, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; G. Williams, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Composed by J. S. Wilde and conducted by George Williams. The first peal of SUPERLATIVE on the bells. [* First peal of SUPERLATIVE.]

AT ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 8th ult., 1894, an attempt was made for Atkins' peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but it came to an end, owing to a change-course, after ringing 2410 changes in 1 hr. 25 mins. B. Dalton, 1; H. Darks, 2; S. Atkins (conductor), 3; J. Harper, 4; John Gough, 5; J. Pardon, 6; W. Smith, 7; James Gough, 8. All members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Messrs. Atkins came from Willenhall; Harper, Bilston; Dalton, Tettenhall; Pardon and Darks, Wolverhampton; Smith and Gough, Darlaston.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On a Thursday, 720 BOB MINOR in 28 mins. J. Heasman, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Preston, 5; W. Collison, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt. First peal in the method by all, and first peal on the bells.

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'Selfishness seeking its own, disappointed hopes, wounded vanity, these are the great causes of turbulence; but to him who is meek and lowly they do not even exist. A self-centred life is always imagining slights and mortifications; but he who thinks little of himself can never be hurt by the seeming forgetfulness of others. The meek, the lowly, are proof against all real or imaginary slights and mortifications, and they possess the earth, they dominate the world, simply by not caring for anything it has in its power to give. Realise, too, my daughter, that CHRIST bids you, through my poor lips to-day, *learn meekness and lowliness of Him*. He does not say, "If you come to Me, I will give them to you, so that you can put them on as a garment and be clothed in them at once;" but He urges you to come and learn how they are to be obtained: you must acquire them by practising them. These all-conquering qualities are not to be attained in the twinkling of an eye, they cannot be transferred from one to another as a gift. You must learn them. Enter yourself as a pupil in His school, and your training will begin immediately.'

THE ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER'S DIARY. Compiled by Ralph H. Baker. (Sampson Low & Co. 2s. 6d.)—This excellent diary should be in the hands of all organists who wish to keep systematic records of choir attendance, salaries, voluntaries, anthems, and general service music. The quotations from well-known authors on the subject of Church music will be found very useful.

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MAGAZINES.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains a series of striking fine-art reproductions of marine photographs. These seascapes, which have been obtained under circumstances of exceptional difficulty, are a splendid testimony to the skill of the photographer. There are a large variety of other illustrations of a pleasing and amusing description.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE contains several powerful complete short stories—including one from the French of Alys Hallard and another by 'Q.'—an interesting account of the Duchess of Albany and her children in their home at Claremont, an article on 'Some Curiosities of Modern Photography,' another on 'Hospital Days and Hospital Ways,' and a paper containing some remarkable calculations, tables, and illustrations. The illustrations, of which there are 150, are excellent.

GREAT THOUGHTS has a pleasing illustration of 'The Road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem,' and contains interviews with Dr. Barnardo and Mr. J. Henniker-Heaton. Among the varied contents are some forecasts for the coming century. Dr. Parker gives a general account of his views; Canon Scott Holland, in the next number, remarks that the world will be very unlike what Dr. Parker imagines; Dr. Clifford takes up the tale in the following number, Sir John Gorst follows him, and the Editor of the *Daily Chronicle* ends with his opinions. The serial story is of a very interesting character.

As an extra supplement the ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE gives a pretty coloured calendar for the month. There are several high-class complete short stories, and among the remainder of the contents there is an article on Jarrow-on-Tyne, and its wonderful development

under the genius of Sir C. M. Palmer, Bart., M.P.; another by Dr. E. L. Cutts on 'Two Dozen Greek Coins;' and an interesting sketch of a Policeman's life.

WE have received from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge:—THE PILOT and THE SPY, by J. Fenimore Cooper; THE MUTINY ON THE 'ALBATROSS' and THE ICE PRISON, by F. Frankfort Moore; THE DESERT HOME, by Captain Mayne Reid; and THE LEGEND OF MONTROSE, by Sir Walter Scott, being the last six volumes of their 'Penny Pocket Library of Pure Literature.' Each volume of this series contains a complete story by a standard author, and is a surprising pennyworth.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, February 2nd. The tower of the Parish Church will be open from three p.m. Tea at the Coffee Tavern; business meeting to follow. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of the above will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready three p.m.; meeting, six p.m.

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The Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Sandy, on Saturday, the 5th ult. About sixteen members attended. After the necessary business was transacted, tea was served at the Coffee Tavern, and afterwards some very good ringing took place. 720 each of the following methods were rung:—KENT TREBLE BOB, PLAIN BOB (2), DOUBLE COURT, OXFORD BOB, and 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES, 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. Mr. A. Barnes and Mr. W. Fox, of the Sandy company, took part in the PLAIN BOB and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES peals.

The South Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THIS Association held its quarterly meeting at Market Deeping on Saturday, the 12th ult. The proceedings commenced with a short service at twelve o'clock, at which the Dean of Stamford gave an address. The members dined after the service, and during the remainder of the day the parishioners were enlivened by touches from the old church tower. On the following Sunday evening the Rector took the opportunity of referring to the visit of the Bell-ringers' Association to their parish, preaching an interesting sermon on the subject of church bells, and drawing attention to the various lessons they convey to the attentive listener. With reference to the bells belonging to the parish of Market Deeping, he stated that the present peal was erected in 1763. Four of the bells have Latin inscriptions, bearing the following meaning: No. 1, 'When I call, come;' No. 2, 'Let all things be done to the glory of God;' No. 3, 'I am the voice of one crying;' No. 4, 'To the glory of God, and the good of the Church.' He quoted several other inscriptions that are to met with on some of the Lincolnshire church bells—e.g., 'I give the signal for labour and for rest;' 'Flee thy bed and banish sleep.'

Kent Treble Bob Major.

6304						6336											
2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H	2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
3	6	4	5	2	1			2	3	6	4	5	2	1			2
3	6	5	2	4		-		1	3	4	5	6	2			1	2
6	3	4	2	5		-	1	2	4	3	2	6	5	2			2
6	4	2	3	5				1	6	2	3	4	5			2	2
6	2	3	4	5				1	6	3	4	2	5			1	2
4	3	2	6	5	1	-		2	6	4	2	3	5			1	2
3	4	5	6	2		-	1	2	4	5	2	3	6	1			2
4	2	5	6	3			1	2	3	4	2	5	6			1	
2	3	5	6	4	1			2	4	6	2	5	3	1			2
2	5	6	3	4	1	-	2	2	4	2	5	6	3			1	2
5	3	6	2	4	1	-		2	4	5	6	2	3	1	-	2	2
2	5	3	4	6		-		2	5	3	6	2	4	1			2
4	2	3	5	6				1	2	5	3	4	6		-		2
2	6	3	5	4	1			2	4	2	3	5	6			1	
5	2	6	4	3		-		2	The last six courses to be repeated.								
4	5	2	3	6		-		2									
3	4	2	5	6				1	The above two peals consist of the 5th and 6th the extent of the last with both bells, six courses each. The 4th is also the same in 6th's place.								
4	6	2	5	3	1			2									
5	4	6	3	2		-		2									
3	5	4	2	6		-		2									
2	3	4	5	6				1									

The last six courses to be repeated.

The above two peals contain the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6 with both bells, six course-ends at home. The 4th is also the extent in 6th's place.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

If 1 at-home is added at the 17 course-end, the peal is reduced to 5184.

Two Peals of Yorkshire Court Major.

5024						5088					
2	3	4	5	6	B W H	2	3	4	5	6	B W H
3	5	2	6	4	-	3	5	2	6	4	-
6	3	2	5	4	-	2	6	3	5	4	-
2	5	6	3	4	-	3	2	6	5	4	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	6	3	2	5	4	-
2	3	6	4	5	-	2	5	6	3	4	-
3	4	2	5	6	-	6	2	5	3	4	-
5	3	2	4	6	-	3	6	5	2	4	-
2	4	5	3	6	-	2	3	5	6	4	-
3	2	5	4	6	-						
5	4	3	2	6	-						
3	5	4	2	6	-						
4	3	5	2	6	-						
5	2	4	3	6	-						
2	3	5	6	4	-						

Five times repeated. Singles to be added at the 3rd and 6th part-ends.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The last nine courses four times repeated, with the addition of singles at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. A. K.

The Bells of St. Mary's, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.

HORNCASTRIANS have reason to be proud of the six splendid bells which hang in the tower of their venerable parish church of St. Mary's. They are valuable bells. We regret that they do not number eight, for then they would be a complete peal. That the old order of things changes is true as regards the bell-ringers of our parish church. Some of the old hands, after long years of valuable service, have retired, and made way for recruits. 'Method' ringing is now the great aim and object of those who pull the ropes. Experienced change-ringers have lent their aid, and constant practices are being held. Already there is a great change for the better as regards style, and it, we hope, will not be very long before we hear some changes pealed forth from the belfry. Those who engage in the ringing are, we believe, quite able to perform successfully the task they have set themselves. Now a word or two as to the bells. We should like the number made up to eight, and there is, we believe, ample room for two additional bells. Are the parishioners in the mood to find the needful to provide these? There are in our midst those who are not only willing but anxious to lend a helping hand in the good work. We should like to see some one make a beginning. The money needed would not be more than the Church people of a town like

Horncastle ought to provide without any pressing. And there is another important matter, which it may be well to mention. The existing bells require seeing to, and, were a modern iron frame provided, it would be all the better. It would be a grand thing if the bells could be rehung. The bells at St. Mary's are of great value and incomparably superior to the new creations which do duty in the spires of modern churches. If nothing more can be accomplished, the bells ought to be seen to, and any minor defect which may exist in the fittings put right. The subject is an interesting one, and we commend it to the thoughtful consideration of our readers. We are informed that a quarter of a century ago a fund was raised for having the church bells at St. Mary's rehung. A nice sum was got together and deposited in the hands of the treasurer of the movement. Nothing satisfactory, however, resulted, and what became of the money we know not. Better luck to future movements of the kind, say we.

The Birstall Church Bells, Yorkshire.

(From the *Cleckheaton Guardian*.)

SIR,—In looking through the columns of your paper of the 11th inst., I find some person asking for a reason why the Birstall Church bells are silent. In reply, I beg to state that I received a note from the churchwarden, dated October 10th, 1894, to say that he regretted that, after the 31st inst., he could not be responsible for payment of the ringers. I may say that nobody can feel more sorry than I do at the bells being silent, for I have been an engaged ringer at Birstall Church for twenty-one years, and during that time have never absented myself for more than two Sundays in succession. The payment of the ringers has been 21l. per annum, paid half-yearly. The Society of Ringers consists of ten persons, and out of the above sum 3l. was paid to the tenor ringer, and the remaining 18l. was divided among the other nine. I have little doubt that, if the remuneration were guaranteed, the ringers would resume their duties.

Pynate Road, Carlinghow Lane, Batley.

WILLIAM STAINTHORPE.

[Are these change-ringers? We imagine not. The incumbent would do well to apply to the President of the Yorkshire Association, W. Snowdon, Esq., Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.—Ed. C. B.]

A FALSE DATE-TOUCH.—Mr. James E. Groves (Wolverhampton) writes: 'Kindly allow me to point out that the date-touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in your issue of the 18th ult., by S. Atkins, is false.'

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 188.)

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Dedication of New Bells at Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

At the beginning of last year it was discovered that the ring of bells in the tower of the church of St. Mary, Lutterworth, were considerably out of tone, and, like the framework, which was found to be in a dilapidated condition, required attention. At a vestry meeting held in the spring it was decided that the necessary work should be done, and a committee was appointed to carry out the work of restoration. When the project was mooted, Mr. T. F. Blackwell kindly offered to give two new bells, making a peal of eight. This offer was thankfully accepted, but, in order to admit of this addition, it was found that it would be necessary to strengthen the belfry tower. To do this would necessitate extra expense, and the committee, therefore, estimated that the amount of money required would be about 400*l.*, or 100*l.* more than the amount first mentioned. Through the energy of the committee and liberality of the donors, money was raised, and the necessary work accomplished, the structural alterations and improvements to the tower, &c., being satisfactorily executed by Mr. J. King, builder, of Lutterworth. Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, were intrusted with the work of doing that which was necessary to the old bells, and they have been tuned, quarter-turned (so that the clappers strike on fresh places), and rehung with entirely new fittings in a new strong iron frame, standing upon and bolted to massive steel girders. The same firm have cast the two new bells, the gift of Mr. Blackwell, and these bells, which are smaller ones, have completed the ring of eight. The diameters, notes, and weights of the eight bells are as follows:—

Diameter.	Note.	Weight.
		cwt. qrs. lbs.
1. 2 ft. 5½ ins.	E	6 1 5
2. 2 ft. 6½ ins.	D sharp	6 1 10
3. 2 ft. 8½ ins.	C sharp	6 3 15
4. 2 ft. 9 ins.	B	7 0 27
5. 2 ft. 10 ins.	A	7 1 19
6. 2 ft. 11½ ins.	G sharp	7 3 20
7. 3 ft. 2½ ins.	F sharp	8 2 16
8. 3 ft. 9½ ins.	E	14 3 0
		65 2 0

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

No. 1.—'GLORIA DEO SOLI. F. C. ALDERSON: RECTOR: W. FOOTMAN AND T. H. WATSON: CHURCHWARDENS: J. F. BLACKWELL: GAVE ME: J. TAYLOR: MADE ME: 1894.'

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No. 3.—'J. BRIANT HERTFORD FECIT 1814.'

No. 4.—'HENRY: MERITON: RECTOR: ALEXANDER: RIGBY: MADE: ME: 1705. THOMAS: ILIFFE: AND: JOHN: WRIGHT: CHVRCH: WARDENS.'

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No. 8.—'THE HONBLE AND REVD HENRY RYDER: RECTOR: W. MASH AND J. TILLY: C: W: JOHN BRIANT HERTFORD FECIT 1812.'

The cost of retuning and rehanging, &c., the old bells has been a trifle over 300*l.*, and about 100*l.* was expended in strengthening the church tower, repairing the pinnacle, and laying a new floor, &c.

The dedication of the new bells took place on Friday afternoon, January 11th, the dedicatory service being largely attended. The clergy who took part in the service were the Very Rev. Dean Ingram, of Peterborough, Canons Alderson (rector), and others. The service was conducted by the Dean of Peterborough. The choir and churchwardens (Mr. T. H. Watson and Mr. Footman) preceded the clergy in procession from the vestry to the nave near the bell-chamber, where the first part of the service took place. In concluding an eloquent address, the Dean of Peterborough asked what the restored bells of that church were going to do for his hearers and for the parish generally? They would ring out in glad peals, but they would also speak in solemn tones, and he urged them to listen through the bells to God's voice, and take heed, wherever they might be, whether in workshop or in field, and lift up their hearts in thanksgiving, gratitude, and praise to the Lord. The offertory amounted to 12*l.*, leaving about 18*l.* more to be obtained before the cost of the work is fully cleared off.

After the dedication service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260

changes) was rung in 48 mins. by the following ringers from Loughborough: W. T. Billingham, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; A. W. Mathews, 4; S. Smith, 5; W. C. Cartwright, 6; R. F. Lane (conductor), 7; T. Grundy, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Touches of TREBLE BOB MAJOR and BOB MAJOR were also rung. After tea another touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES was also rung, J. Hardy ringing the 5th.

Bell-ringers' Suppers.

EPSOM, SURREY.—The bell-ringers of Epsom Parish Church were hospitably entertained to supper on Tuesday, the 15th ult., by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coles, at 'The Cedars.' The company, numbering sixteen, were received in the hall, and, after a pleasant half hour had been spent in inspecting the many curiosities, sat down to a repast consisting of Christmas fare. The company included Captain Reeves, Messrs. Jack Bucknill, Elderton, and Owen Lewis.

POTTENHAM, SURREY.—On Thursday, the 10th ult., by the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. D. G. Clarke, the choir and ringers, with several friends, were entertained at the Rectory to supper. After supper the Rector gave some very encouraging advice to the members, and expressed his pleasure at meeting them. He hoped they would all meet again next year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his kindness, also to all who kindly assisted to make the evening enjoyable.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 5th ult., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 10 mins. H. Knight, 1; B. Dalton, 2; H. Dawkes, 3; J. Pardoe, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; J. E. Groves, 6; W. Smith, 7; W. G. Hall, 8. Composed by J. J. Parker, of Farnham, and conducted by J. E. Groves. The above was rang muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Rector, the Rev. Prebendary Jeffcock, who was buried on that day at Wolstanton; the first part of the service being conducted at Wolverhampton.

A Muffled Peal at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London.

On Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult., the usual whole-pull-and-stand muffled peal (concluding with a touch of 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES) was rung as a token of respect to the late Rector, the Rev. Septimus C. H. Hansard, who died at the Rectory on Saturday, the 19th inst., the ringers being:—A. Hughes, 1; H. F. Wood, 2; J. Bonny, 3; J. Comb, 4; W. Cooter, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; J. West, 7; J. Monday, 8. The sad death of the reverend gentleman will be deeply regretted by his parishioners, and the ringers have lost a good friend who was ever ready to appreciate their efforts, and always expressed the pleasure he felt at hearing a peal rung on his bells.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. GREGORY'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 19th ult., the following rang for practice 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—F. Tolliday, 1; A. Scott, 2; W. Bacon, 3; M. Silvester, 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, sen. (conductor), 6; H. Harper, 7; W. Howell, jun., 8. Also 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, jun., 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. R. Ransom, 5; W. Bacon, 6; H. Harper, 7; A. Scott (conductor), 8.

AT RISELEY, BEDS.—On a Sunday morning, the members of the Society of Change-ringers rang for service four 120's of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and two 120's of BOB DOUBLES in 26 mins. W. Lowe, 1; G. Partridge, 2; C. Partridge, 3; H. Dickens, 4; R. L. Bass, 5.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, 576 and 1248 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Doran, 3; F. Nunn, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. And 216 STEDMAN TRIPLES. Also, recently, 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Watson (first 720 in the method), 5; W. Pye, 6. Also on handbells, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye (conductor), 3-4; A. Perkins, 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

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2 3 5 4 6	1 s and 8-9	3 2 5 4 6	8 ,, 3
5 2 3 4 6	*	2 4 5 3 6	8 ,, 3
2 4 3 5 6	8 with 3	6 3 4 2 5	8 ,, 2
4 5 3 2 6	8 ,, 3	4 3 5 6 2	1 s and 8-9
3 4 5 2 6	9 ,, 3	5 4 3 6 2	9 with 3
4 2 5 3 6	8 ,, 3	3 5 4 6 2	9 ,, 3
2 3 5 4 6	8 ,, 3	2 3 5 6 4	9 ,, 3 s
6 4 3 2 5	8 ,, 2	5 2 3 6 4	9 ,, 3
3 4 5 6 2	1 s and 8-9	3 5 2 6 4	9 ,, 3
5 3 4 6 2	9 with 3	2 5 4 3 6	1 s and 8-9
4 5 3 6 2	9 ,, 3	5 3 4 2 6	8 with 3
2 4 5 6 3	9 ,, 3 s	3 2 4 5 6	8 ,, 3
5 2 4 6 3	9 ,, 3	4 3 2 5 6	9 ,, 3
4 5 2 6 3	9 ,, 3	3 5 2 4 6	8 ,, 3
2 5 3 4 6	1 s and 8-9	5 4 2 3 6	8 ,, 3
5 4 3 2 6	8 with 3	6 3 4 5 2	8 ,, 2
4 2 3 5 6	8 ,, 3	4 3 2 6 5	1 s and 8-9
3 4 2 5 6	9 ,, 3	2 4 3 6 5	9 with 3
4 5 2 3 6	8 ,, 3	3 2 4 6 5	9 ,, 3
5 3 2 4 6	8 ,, 3	5 3 2 6 4	9 ,, 3 s
6 4 3 5 2	8 ,, 2	2 5 3 6 4	9 ,, 3
3 4 2 6 5	1 s and 8-9	4 2 5 6 3	9 ,, 3 s
2 3 4 6 5	9 with 3	3 2 5 4 7	+
4 2 3 6 5	9 ,, 3	Contains the 6th 24 times wrong and right, 6 courses al- ternately.	
5 4 2 6 3	9 ,, 3 s		
2 5 4 6 3	9 ,, 3	* 7 in and out at 3. + 9 in and out at 2.	
3 2 5 6 4	9 ,, 3 s		
5 2 4 3 6	1 s and 8-9	JOHN CARTER.	

5075		4 5 3 2 6	8 with 3
2 3 4 5 6		3 4 5 2 6	9 ,, 3
6 5 3 2 4	*	4 2 5 3 6	8 ,, 3
4 6 5 2 3	7 with 3 s	2 3 5 4 6	8 ,, 3
6 2 5 4 3	9 ,, 3	6 2 3 4 5	9 ,, 3 s
5 2 3 4 6	8-9	2 4 3 6 5	8 ,, 3
3 5 2 4 6	9 with 3	3 2 4 6 5	9 ,, 3
5 4 2 3 6	8 ,, 3	4 3 2 6 5	9 ,, 3
2 5 4 3 6	9 ,, 3	5 4 3 6 2	9 ,, 3 s
5 3 4 2 6	8 ,, 3	3 5 4 6 2	9 ,, 3
3 2 4 5 6	8 ,, 3	4 3 5 6 2	9 ,, 3
6 3 2 5 4	9 ,, 3 s	5 3 2 4 6	1 s and 8-9
3 5 2 6 3	8 ,, 3	3 4 2 5 6	8 with 3
2 3 5 6 4	9 ,, 3	4 5 2 3 6	8 ,, 3
5 2 3 6 4	9 ,, 3	2 4 5 3 6	9 ,, 3
4 5 2 6 3	9 ,, 3 s	4 3 5 2 6	8 ,, 3
2 4 5 6 3	9 ,, 3	3 2 5 4 6	8 ,, 3
5 2 4 6 3	9 ,, 3	6 3 2 4 5	9 ,, 3 s
4 2 3 5 6	1 s and 8-9	3 4 2 6 5	8 ,, 3
2 5 3 4 6	8 with 3	2 3 4 6 5	9 ,, 3
5 4 3 2 6	8 ,, 3	4 2 3 6 5	9 ,, 3
3 5 4 2 6	9 ,, 3	5 4 2 6 3	9 ,, 3 s
5 2 4 3 6	8 ,, 3	2 5 4 6 3	9 ,, 3
2 3 4 5 6	8 ,, 3	4 2 5 6 3	9 ,, 3
6 2 3 5 4	9 ,, 3 s	3 2 5 4 7	+
2 5 3 6 4	8 ,, 3	Contains the 6th 24 times wrong and right, 6 courses al- ternately.	
3 2 5 6 4	9 ,, 3		
5 3 2 6 4	9 ,, 3	* 7th in with a single and out at 2 with a single.	
4 5 3 6 2	9 ,, 3 s		
3 4 5 6 2	9 ,, 3	+ 9 in and out at 2.	
5 3 4 6 2	9 ,, 3		
4 3 2 5 6	1 s and 8-9	JOHN CARTER.	
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Presentation to a Canterbury Bell-ringer.

At a large meeting of the Church workers of the parish of St. Alphege, Canterbury, held at the Hospital of St. Thomas-a-Becket, at Eastbridge, a presentation was made to Mr. P. H. Pierce by the change-ringers, clergy, and friends, in recognition of his services as conductor and as a token of esteem. The Rector, in a few well-chosen words, alluded to the services which had been rendered by their workers to other parishes—three of their organists now doing duty in other churches, and several of their bell-ringers being amongst the Cathedral band, this last accomplishment arising from the valuable services of Mr. Pierce, their able leader in bell-ringing, who has, since his appointment, trained many young ringers of credit. The Rector then presented Mr. Pierce with an inkstand specially made for the occasion by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Bishopsgate Foundry, and carrying a well-executed model of a church bell, with wheel, slider-stay, pulley, &c.

Dedication of Bells at St. Peter's, Bedford.

ON Thursday afternoon, the 31st ult., a special service was held to dedicate the peal of bells, which have been recast and a new tenor added. The service was conducted by the Vicar, and an appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, of Milton Bryant, the zealous hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers. During the service a peal was rung on the bells, and at later intervals members of the Association practised change-ringing. Those who remember the old bells will listen with a considerable amount of pleasure and satisfaction to the happy ring and pleasant tone of the new peal. In the evening, the Rector and churchwardens entertained the choir and ringers at supper in St. Peter's School-room.

Benington, Herts.

TUESDAY, the 29th ult., was the birthday of Mr. Leonard Proctor, who for more than half a century has been an ardent change-ringer, and an expert in the most intricate methods of the science. Both as squire of his parish and as a ringer, he has won the affections of his people. Little wonder, therefore, that his birthday was celebrated by a touch on the bells that he loves so well. The following rang 2016 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—J. Kitchener, 1; S. Page (conductor), 2; W. Lawrence, 3; L. Chapman, 4; J. Warner, 5; H. Warner, 6; C. Sharnbrook, 7; C. Spicer, 8. [We rejoice to hear of 'the Squire's' continued health, and most heartily congratulate him on his birthday.—Ed. C.B.]

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

CONSUMPTION

AND

ALL CHEST DISEASES.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS
AND NEW CASES

By Mr. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

EIGHTY-THIRD INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. HARTLEY, Wife of Rev. J. G. Hartley, 2 Albert Street, Shrewsbury.

CASE OF CONSUMPTION FOLLOWING PLEURISY;

Which has not been published before.

Mrs. Hartley's illness dates back to about ten years ago, at which time she took a severe cold at a meeting. Pleurisy followed this, and the lungs became diseased. She had all the symptoms of Consumption—too well-known to need recapitulating—and the verdict of the medical man who attended her was that tubercles were forming. Although a long time under local treatment, she received little benefit: the cough and pain still continued; and as she herself admits, her condition, when she first applied to Mr. Congreve, was a very serious one indeed.

I asked Mrs. Hartley what was the result of the treatment prescribed for her by Mr. Congreve, and she replied:

'I soon found benefit, and gradually got well. Still I am never without the medicine and often take it if I have the slightest touch of cold.'

In a letter of Mr. Hartley's, which I had in my possession, was a remark to the effect that it had probably added many years to his wife's life, and I asked Mrs. Hartley whether she agreed with that.

'Yes,' was the reply. 'When I was ill I told my husband that if anything would do me good it was Mr. Congreve's medicine, of which I had heard so much, and so the result has proved. I ought to add that I have been thoroughly examined since, and the doctor's report was that my lungs were now quite sound.'

In course of conversation—after according me full permission to publish this interview—Mrs. Hartley told me that she had written for medicine for many persons, who had been benefitted by its use, and also gave me some particulars of a case at Barrow-in-Furness, where the patient's recovery was little short of marvellous.

The Rev. J. G. Hartley was present, and added his testimony to the efficacy of Mr. Congreve's remedies. He, too, had known of many cases where great benefit had been derived.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult., a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 8 hrs. 5 min. F. White, 1; A. Bcsley, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; A. Thomas, 4; E. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 7; R. White, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Rector of Woodstock, the Rev. A. Majendie. In the evening, six of the above band rang a muffled 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR at Bladon (his other church).

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

On Saturday, the 31st ult., the following members of the Midland Counties' Association (Birmingham Amalgamated Society Branch) rang a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins.:—W. S. Pritchett (first peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES), 1; J. Jennings, 2; J. Jones, 3; G. Walker, 4; C. Sparkes, 5; G. Hitchman, 6; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 7; J. Betterton, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This peal has the whole of the 6-7's right, and is supposed to be the first peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES ever composed and rung upon this plan.

At St. Philip's, Birmingham.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERERS was rung in 3 hrs. 20 mins. by the following members of the Birmingham Branch of the Midland Counties' Association:—T. Callinson,* 1; G. Walker, 2; J. W. Thompson (Derby),* 3; G. C. Isles (Swindon),* 4; W. S. Pritchett, 5; H. B. Slack (Swindon),* 6; J. Jones, 7; A. E. Thompson (Derby),* 8; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 9; C. Fluck, 10. Tenor, 29 cwt. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times right, and is rung for the first time. [* First peal of CATERERS.]

At THE PARISH CHURCH, BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.—On a Saturday evening, eight six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (each called differently) were rung in 45 mins. by the following, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the youngest daughter of Mr. S. Rawlings, he being a member of the company:—C. Bath, 1; T. Davis, 2; T. Piles, 3; T. Smith, 4; C. W. Bell (conductor), 5; J. Tanner, 6.

At STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, the 6th ult., 720 BOB MINOR (8 bobs and 6 singles), in 23 mins. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; G. Cawley, 3; A. Gidman, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Valentine (conductor), 6. On Monday, the 7th ult., 720 BOB MINOR (26 bobs and 12 singles), in 25 mins. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; G. Cawley, 3; A. Gidman, 4; G. Valentine (conductor), 5; E. Yates, 6. On Wednesday, the 16th ult., 720 BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 24 mins. A. Clarke, 1; G. Valentine (conductor), 2; R. W. Valentine, 3; G. Cawley, 4; A. Gidman, 5; E. Yates, 6. On Sunday, the 20th ult., 720 BOB MINOR (21 bobs and 12 singles), in 22 mins. A. Clarke, 1; R. W. Valentine, 2; A. Gidman, 3; E. Yates, 4; G. Cawley, 5; G. Valentine (conductor), 6.

We have received a copy of the *Seventeenth Annual Report of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers*. The report itself is admirably arranged, and exhibits the full status of the Association at a glance. There are 351 ringing members, thirty towers in union, and during the past year the very creditable number of thirty-two peals has been rung, some of these we are glad to note being in the methods of STEDMAN, DOUBLE NORWICH, and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE. The accounts show a balance in hand, and altogether we congratulate the Association on being in a condition of sturdy vitality and growth. There is a good supply of rings of eight bells, but in the two dioceses, or rather in one of them, there are but two rings of ten! *Dunelmians*, stir up your men of means!

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SIX GOLD MEDALS.

paper on 'Cycling.' Under the title of 'Dowries for our Daughters,' particulars are given of the magazine's Marriage Insurance scheme, and among the other contents are further instalments of the two serial stories.

THE ALBUM is the new venture of the proprietors of the *Illustrated London News*. It is a sixpenny weekly which is described as a 'journal of photographs of men, women, and events of the day.' The contents are mainly beautiful process pictures, and there is also some entertaining letterpress.

THE CHURCHMAN opens with a paper on 'The Catholic Church—Schism,' which is practically intended for an answer to Canon Hammond's book on the Bible and the Church. The drift of it is to teach that the Church is only one in the sense in which she cannot help being one. The writer is misled by the word 'Churches.' In the Bible, when speaking historically, 'Churches' of Ephesus, Galatia, &c., means members of the Church in those various places; but, doctrinally, it is never 'Churches,' but Church. 'Tell it unto the Church' is suggested as a difficulty. 'Where is the Church?' the writer asks. The answer is simple. In England it would mean tell it to the parish priest, who will adjudicate or else report it to the Bishop, whose word would be final. It is a foggy paper.

ST. NICHOLAS, we regret to find, has reappeared in its very terrible newly-conceived cover. If this must survive, it would be well to send it about ready opened, so that the reader might see its excellent pictures first, and its unhealthy skin afterwards.

THE ANTIQUARY contains some interesting notes on engravings of St. Alban's Abbey, and some further notes on Manx Folk-lore.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains a large variety of illustrations. The fine-art process pictures are particularly good and interesting.

THE ART OF THE BELL-FOUNDER.

'To call the fold to church in time,
We chime.
When joy and mirth are on the wing,
We ring.
When we lament a departed soul,
We toll.'

Of the history and associations of bells many volumes have been written. In the present paper our aim is rather a description of their manufacture.

The founding of bells may not demand a series of processes as complicated as those practised in the craft of the watchmaker or the engineer, yet the exercise of skill and the nicest discrimination are certainly called for if the bell is to be satisfactory.

The first manufacture of these sonorous instruments was necessarily very imperfect. One practical writer has observed, 'They were little better than common kettles,' since almost nothing was known of that nice and exact combination of metals prepared and proportioned with reference to the effect of each and all upon the sound produced, the shaping of the instrument to modify and improve the vibrations, the degree of elevation and kind of tower, all affecting the sound.

The parts of a bell we shall consider are three:—(1) The body; (2) the clapper; (3) the cannon.

We invite our readers to tour with us in imagination through the busy workshops of a typical bell foundry.*

A large and lofty building of a substantial character, fitted with powerful travelling and swing cranes, by means of which the heaviest weights can be lifted and moved about with ease, is common to many foundries. The furnaces are so constructed that they are capable of dealing with many tons of metal at a time.

It is most interesting to note the ease and rapidity with which the large 'ladles' containing tons of metal are carried all over the shop, to the various moulds waiting to receive it. In addition to the foundry proper are the turning, fitting, blacksmiths' and carpenters' shops. So much for the actual workshops.

The first step to the manufacture of a bell is the building up of what is technically known as the 'core.' A large perforated iron plate, thickly lined with loam, forms the base, and upon this is raised a pyramid or cone of bricks and clay. The clay is moulded into form by an instrument termed a 'sweeping-board,' fixed upon a beam above and

into the ground below. As we watched the operation of the 'sweep-board' or 'crook,' we were reminded of the leg of a compass.

The form of the *inner* side of the bell is defined by a few revolutions of this simple machine. The core is covered with an iron case or 'cope,' perforated and plastered inside with clay, brought into shape by the outer edge of the sweep-board. The *inner* side of the cope is to give form to the *outer* side of the actual bell.

Between the cope and the core a space is left, and into this vacuum the molten metal is poured after the iron case (cope) and the base disc have been securely clamped together to prevent the possibility of the lifting of the cope by the pressure of the liquid metal.

One of the most impressive spectacles in a bell foundry is the *casting* of the bells. The metal to be melted is thrown into the furnace piece by piece, in the proportion of thirteen parts of copper to four of tin—small bells have not quite the same proportion—and there it is left for some four hours, subjected to an intense heat, and divided from actual contact with the fire by a wall or pier. When an enormous mass of metal, such as that used for 'Great Paul,' equalling twenty tons, is required to be melted, eight hours in the furnace would scarcely suffice to reduce it to the fiery liquid.

Various theories have been formulated in various countries and by different founders in our own land as to the best proportions for bells, but it is generally accepted that the thickness of the sound-bow (the part where the clapper strikes) should be a fourteenth of the diameter, thinning gradually to one-third of this thickness. The height to the shoulder should equal three-quarters of the diameter. Too thin a bell gives a tinny or panny sound. Practically, the *smaller* bells are wider in diameter and greater in thickness, in order that their voice may not be drowned when rung with larger bells.

The new mode of casting bells in metallic flasks does away with the inconvenience of imbedding the moulds in earth pits. They are now cast in many foundries above-ground. This is an immense advantage, as it enables the workmen to see better what they are doing, and the perforations in the iron case permit the escape of gases.

The old plan of making gutters to conduct the boiling metal to the moulds has been very generally abolished in favour of a crucible, into which, when the furnace doors are opened, the bubbling and boiling liquid fire runs out. The crucible is raised by a crane, and tipped by a lever and wheel, the molten metal pouring into the various moulds placed in rows for the peal of bells about to be cast.

It is not an unusual thing for a service to be held in the casting-shop prior to the drawing off of the metal from the furnace. The white surplices of the clergy and the dresses of the ladies, contrasted with the black sand floor and the glowing furnace, and the reverent attitude of the worshippers as the cessation of noise inaugurates the service, together produce a striking and memorable effect when witnessed for the first time.

The making of the clapper is an important consideration, calling for experience and skill. Two pieces of iron, termed the 'core' and the 'collar,' have to be welded together. To effect this union they must necessarily be brought to a red heat. An inexperienced hand might place these in the furnace, yet never really get them hot through, the regulation of the blast and the turning of the metal requiring much care and previous practical knowledge.

When glowing with a white heat the metal is drawn out and carried in clamps or tongs to a powerful steam-hammer, the operator turning the clapper round and round for the hammer to fall on the precise spot where the blow is needed to give the designed shape. Several times the clapper is thrust into the furnace and exposed to the blows of the steam-hammer, and of a powerful hand-hammer of a particular shape.

There are several ways of attaching the clapper to the bell. Perhaps one of the least wise is the casting of an iron staple in the crown, and it may be safely asserted that a large proportion of damaged bells have been cracked by this casting, the crack starting from the staple, and in time continuing its course beyond the shoulder of the bell. The best way seems to be to drill a hole through the centre of the crown to admit the clapper-joint, which is secured by a bolt passing upwards into the head-stock. (To be continued.)

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

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

A QUARTERLY meeting of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, February 23rd. The ring of five bells at the Church of St. Luke will be at liberty for ringing from two to eight p.m.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE quarterly gathering of this Association took place at Diss, on Tuesday, the 5th inst. At 10.30 ringing commenced at the parish church, and at 1.30 dinner was served at the 'King's Head' Hotel. The Rev. Dr. Raven (President of the Association) occupied the chair. In responding afterwards to the toast of 'Prosperity to the Norwich Association,' the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (Hon. Secretary) said the past year had been an extraordinary period for bell-ringing in this diocese. They stood at the head of all the associations for number of performances, but not, he was sorry to say, for quality, for in that matter they stood about fifth. Despite abnormal expenses he thought the accounts would show a balance of about 13l. or 14l. in hand. The Bishop of Thetford was elected an honorary member. Ringing was kept up with much spirit until a late hour.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers.

THE annual Committee meeting of the above Guild was held at Hereford (in a room put at their disposal by Messrs. Jakeman & Carver), on January 23rd. There were present the Master (J. G. Buchanan, Esq.), Rev. H. C. Sturges and A. C. Lee (Hon. Sec.), Messrs. J. G. Wall (Ross), J. Cartwright (Foy), Robert Marston, T. J. Beatley, and John Jones. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Rev. Prebendary Oldham, Revs. J. Davies (Bridgnorth), T. Hughes (Welshpool), and C. T. Wilton; also from Messrs. Charles Edwards and J. Davies (Cathedral). The accounts of last year were presented and passed, a balance of 33l. 11s. 5d. being shown in favour of the Guild. A hearty vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary for his services was proposed from the chair, seconded by Mr. J. Cartwright, and carried unanimously. The Hon. Secretary, in replying, remarked that it was the hearty co-operation of all that brought about the well-being of the Guild.

The Committee next adjudicated upon the report, which will appear in the year-book about to be circulated among all the members of the Guild and its subscribers, and which, while reporting its successes, has to mourn the loss of the President, the late Bishop Atlay. No fewer than nine eight-bell peals stand to the credit of the Guild during the past year—these will appear in the year-book, and for the encouragement of Bos Minor it was suggested that another year any such peals made by six-bell ringers should also find a place there.

The following were elected on the Committee:—Revs. Canon C. S. Palmer, Preb. A. L. Oldham, H. F. Bagshaw (Knighton), G. M. Custance, J. Davies (Bridgnorth), T. Hughes, H. C. Sturges, C. T. Wilton, and G. Whitehouse (Leominster), with Messrs. E. J. Beatley (Colwall), T. J. Bratton (Welshpool), J. Cartwright, C. H. Denton, John Davies, J. Davies (All Saints), C. Edwards (Croft), John Jones (Hereford), E. S. Kings (Cradley), R. Marston (Ludlow), John Overton (Bridgnorth), R. J. Turner, and J. G. Wall.

The suggested Tower Rules were revised and ordered to appear in the year-book. The annual festival was proposed to be held on Tuesday, June 18th, at Leominster, if the authorities can and will kindly permit it; and it was resolved that touches on occasions like this should be confined to 504 changes, so as to give all desirous of ringing an opportunity of so doing.

A vote of thanks to the Master for presiding brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The North Tawton Society of Ringers, Devonshire.

THE first of what is intended to be an annual event was held at the 'Ring of Bells' Hotel on Wednesday, the 30th ult., when the North Tawton Society of Ringers sat down to a capital supper. The chair was occupied by the Rector, Rev. R. Hole (President of the Society), who, after the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, proposed 'Success to the North Tawton Society of Ringers,' and spoke in the highest terms of the efficiency of the present band, and the orderly manner in which they kept the belfry. The toast was responded to by Messrs. W. Evans and W. Fewings (Hon. Sec.) Mr. S. Hoyle proposed 'The Health of the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary,' and Mr. Gibbins, in acknowledging the toast, gave some interesting particulars connected with the formation of the Society.

Change-ringers' Gathering in Lichfield.

THE annual dinner and social gathering of the local members of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at the 'Old Crown' Hotel, Lichfield, on Wednesday evening, January 30th. The chair was taken by the Mayor of Lichfield (Mr. Councillor Walmesley), and the vice-chair by the Sheriff of Lichfield (Mr. W. R. Coleridge-Roberts). There were a large number present, the company including the ex-Mayor, Major Gilbert, the Rev. Donald Jones (the clerical secretary, who has taken a great interest in the welfare of the Association), and many others. The first toast was that of 'The Queen and the Royal Family,' and it was duly honoured. Mr. W. A. Wood proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.' The Association was founded by the Rev. Mr. Keble, when he was connected with St. John's Hospital in Lichfield, and it had done excellent work in endeavouring to

raise the tone of the bell-ringers of Staffordshire, and he was able to say that it had been eminently successful. The Rev. D. Jones, one of the secretaries, responded. Various other toasts followed.

The Bells of Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

'A VISITOR' writes to the *Kenilworth Advertiser*:—"In your issue of the 26th ult. I notice the reference of 'A. of C.' to the parish church bell-ringers. When entering your pretty town, some six weeks before Christmas, feeling rather glum, the sound of a merry peal of bells enlivened me considerably, and, being a lover of the sound, I felt glad that your bells were rung at other times than Christmas and New-year's Eve. I spent two happy half-hours each week in listening to the sounds sent forth till Christmas by your no mean performers, but then what became of them? I made an inquiry, and was told that 'they only rung 'um six wiks afore Christmas.' 'A. of C.' asks, 'What should we do without our peal of bells?' Well, as a matter of fact, they are done without for a whole year, saving only six weeks. Now 'A. of C.' thinks this a pity, and rightly says, 'Could not arrangements be made to ring once a week?' I should think, probably; for, if all the ringers could not get to the belfry, you have surely some young fellows who would be glad to acquire the noble art, and I feel certain your Vicar would not raise any objection to the ringers making themselves perhaps a little more worthy of the Christmas-boxes they receive each year. By-the-by, I wonder the tower ringers do not possess themselves of hand-bells, as in other small towns."

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All the above are to be four times repeated. If two at home are added in the second course of the 7840, the part-end is brought up and the peal reduced to 7040. If this is done in any two or three parts, the peal is reduced to 6240 and 5440 respectively.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

We have received a copy of the *Fourteenth Annual Report of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers*. Of this report it is only necessary to say that, in form and arrangement, it maintains the high standard of its predecessors. From its substance we are glad to learn that 'steady progress' is the proper expression to characterise the ringing done by the Guild in 1894. Fifty-seven peals have been rung, including two of LONDON SURPRISE, and, in fact, the Guild keeps its high level among kindred associations. Inserted in the report is a leaflet announcing the forthcoming publication of the records of all the peals (about 500) rung by the Guild till the festival of 1894. We trust, though it does not say so, that figures are included in the word 'records.' Blackwell, Reading, will be the publisher; the price, 1s. and 1s. 6d.

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St. Peter's, Bedford.

THE last day of January, 1895, witnessed the completion of a work that has for some years past excited the interest of lovers of bells in Bedford and the neighbourhood, viz., the recasting and augmentation of the ring of bells in the ancient tower of this interesting church.

The old ring of five were cracked and out of tune, so it was determined to recast them all, and increase the peal to six by the addition of a new tenor.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in a most thorough and, at the same time, truly conservative manner. The old inscriptions have been preserved on the new bells, which were cast from the metal of the old ones in the presence of the Rector and others interested, who journeyed specially to Loughborough to witness the operation.

The bells are hung in a steel and iron frame, the headstocks of the bells being of iron also. The various improvements introduced were greatly appreciated by the ringers present at the opening, who frequently spoke of it as one of the best pieces of work yet seen in the county, and warmly congratulated Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who was present throughout the day's proceedings.

The dedication service was fixed for three o'clock, when a good congregation assembled, in spite of the heavy snowstorm which had been raging for the past two hours. A special form of service was used, the opening versicles being said by the Rev. J. Twamley, and the dedicatory prayers by the Rev. W. Hart Smith, R.D., rector of the parish.

After Ps. cxlii. had been sung, a few rounds were rung by the St. Peter's band of ringers, standing as follows:—C. Robinson, 1; W. C. Toll, 2; A. Robinson, 3; S. Lowe, 4; E. Lowe, 5; F. Parrott, 6.

After the hymn, 'In Sinai's dreary waste,' a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, rector of Milton Bryant, and hon. secretary of the Bedford Association of Change-ringers, from Ps. cxlii. 1. He spoke of the various messages which the new bells would give to the town, and went on to urge upon those who would ring them the duty of taking their part in the great work of belfry reform which is going on by striving to become both good ringers and good Churchmen.

After the service some rounds were rung by the St. Peter's Company, in which Messrs. A. Lowe, H. Toll, H. Lowe, and F. Lowe took part, in addition to those named above. The tower was then thrown open to the members of the Beds Association of Change-ringers and other ringers, and various 720's were rung. The day closed with a supper in the schoolroom, to which all those taking part in the opening were kindly invited by the Rector.

Particulars of the new bells:—

Diameter.	Note.	Weight. cwt. qrs. lbs.
1. 2 ft. 2½ ins.	F	4 1 9
2. 2 ft. 4½ ins.	E flat	5 0 4
3. 2 ft. 7 ins.	D flat	6 0 21
4. 3 ft. 8½ ins.	C	6 3 8
5. 3 ft. 0 ins.	B flat	9 1 12
6. 3 ft. 4½ ins.	A flat	12 3 14

The following 720's were rung:—

720 DOUBLE COURT (the first on the bells). E. D. Taylor, 1; H. Sharp, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

720 KENT TREBLE BOB. F. Keech, 1; J. Sharman, 2; F. Smith, 3; J. Hills, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6.

720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. J. Spencer, 1; J. Sharman, 2; J. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; E. D. Taylor, 5; H. Sharpe (conductor), 6.

720 WOODBINE TREBLE BOB. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Shimmans, 5; F. Smith, 6.

The Eastern Counties' Guild of Change-ringers.

A MEETING of this Guild was held at King's Lynn on Saturday, the 2nd inst. A good muster of ringers from Pinchbeck, Spalding, Moulton, Walpole St. Peter, Terrington St. Clement, Marham, and some of the local company, to the number of forty-three, dined at the Guildhall, which was kindly lent by the Mayor (Mr. W. S. V. Miles). The Vicar, the Rev. E. G. A. Winter, presided, supported by Mr. W. Burditt, J.P., and the Revs. W. Disney and Daubeney. After the usual loyal toast of 'Church and Queen' had been given and responded to, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. One honorary and seven ringing members were elected. A vote

of condolence to the bereaved widow and family of the late Dr. J. T. Secombe, J.P., of Terrington, one of the Guild's founders, and one of its Vice-Presidents from its birth, was carried in silence. A vote of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. Augustus Maples, of Spalding, was also carried in silence. For two years the deceased gentleman was President of the Guild, and was greatly esteemed by its members, who have lost a kind friend. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells terminated the business meeting. The members then adjourned to St. Nicholas' Church for evening-song. The Rev. E. G. A. Winter gave a most instructive address to the members of the Guild from the words, 'Holiness unto the Lord.' During the day several good touches of KENT TREBLE BOB, BOB MINOR, and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung by mixed bands, and some handbell-ringing and 'lapping' by the Spalding band terminated a most enjoyable day.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Burghill, Herefordshire.

ON Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. G. Buchanan, Esq. (Clun, Salop), 1; J. C. Wall (Ross), 2; W. Greenleaf (Hereford), 3; T. Williams (Eastnor), 4; C. Layton (Mathon), 5; C. H. Watts (Salisbury), 6; W. H. Fussell (Slough—conductor), 7; H. Gaines (Hereford), 8. This is the first peal on these bells since they were recently rehung and augmented to eight, and also the first peal ever rung within ten miles of Hereford.

At the Parish Church, Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

ON Thursday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Leicester Change-ringers' Society rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs., being the first peal achieved on this musical ring of eight bells, which have recently been rehung. The ringers drove from Leicester. J. Jarvis, 1; A. Miller, 2; S. Cooper, 3; W. Wilson, 4; J. Needham, 5; J. T. Marlow, 6; J. Buttery (conductor), 7; C. Boulton, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 4th inst., Mr. G. Newson's peal of 5006 STEDMAN CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 17 mins. E. H. Adams, 1; W. J. Sorrell, 2; H. Swain, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham (first peal of STEDMAN CATERS as conductor), 6; E. E. Huntley (first peal of STEDMAN CATERS), 7; J. W. Driver, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; S. How, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt. This peal was arranged to oblige Messrs. Huntley and Buckingham, of Bushey and St. Albans respectively.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

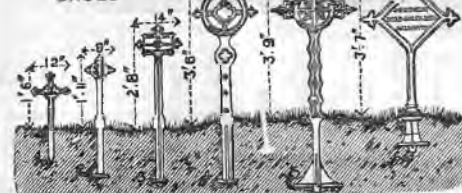
AT ST. MARGARET'S, BARKING, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 26th ult., for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. by the following members of the Essex Association:—J. Cook (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Deards, 2; A. Hardy, 3; H. E. Parker (composer and conductor—first quarter-peal as conductor), 4; T. Faulkner, 5; A. Whight, 6; F. Norris, 7; H. Horder, 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung by the St. Margaret's Society.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—Handbell-ringing.—On Monday, the 4th inst., four members of the Essex Association rang, with bells retained in hand, Brooks' quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260 changes). G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

AT ST. PETER'S, WALPOLE, NORFOLK.—On a Wednesday, the voluntary band of ringers (members of the Eastern Counties' Guild) rang for practice 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, with eighteen bobs and two singles (with the 4th the observation bell), in 27 mins. R. Giddens, 1; H. Allen, 2; H. Hill (conductor), 3; J. Brett, 4; H. Merrishaw, 5; W. Wright, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday, the 4th inst., for practice, a quarter-peal (1260) of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. A. Savage, 1; D. Farthing, 2; G. Toplis, 3; G. Davies (composer and conductor), 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; G. Mee, 6; A. Knights, 7; J. Goodwin, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A MEETING of this Association will be held at Stockton on Monday, February 25th. There will be a Committee meeting at one o'clock, and the members and friends will dine together at the Queen's Hotel an hour afterwards. The bells of Stockton Parish Church and St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, will be at the disposal of the members during the day.

The New Bells at All Saints', Sapcote, Leicestershire.

THE two new bells which have been hung in the belfry at All Saints' Church were dedicated on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The work of supplying the two new bells and carrying out the necessary alterations to the old bells and new framework was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Previous to Messrs. Taylor taking the peal in hand there were four bells, the smallest of which was of very bad tone. This has been recast, and two new smaller ones added, completing the ring of six. The whole peal has been properly tuned, and is now hung with entirely new fittings in a massive iron frame bolted to steel girders, designed by Messrs. Taylor, who have also put in a new floor below the beams. The estimated cost will probably exceed 250*l.*, and towards this about 150*l.* had been raised prior to the dedicatory service, at which a very large congregation assembled. The clergy robed at the rectory and then proceeded to church. The processional hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord,' was sung as the clergy entered the church and took up positions in the belfry, where Bishop Mitchinson offered the dedicatory prayers. The bells were then softly rung, and, on the clergy proceeding to the chancel, the Rev. La Grange Leney intoned a portion of the service, the special Psalms—47th, 122nd, and 150th—being chanted by a full choir. The first special lesson, from Josh. vi. 1-20, was read by the Rev. C. Rodwell, R.D., and the second, from Rev. viii., by Canon Watson, the prayers being concluded by the Rector, who gave out the hymn, 'Now at length our bells are mounted.' Bishop Mitchinson delivered a very eloquent and practical address from Ezek. ii. 4, 5. The offertory was on behalf of the bell fund. At the close of the service 720 changes of PLAIN BOB MINOR were rung by the following ringers from Stony Stanton and Sapcote:—H. Briggs, 1; T. Clarke, 2; T. Wright, 3; J. Bishop, 4; J. Garratt, 5; J. Noble, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. Mr. E. D. Taylor, of the firm of Taylor & Co., Loughborough, was present throughout the service, and Messrs. S. Cooper and J. Buttery (of Leicester), S. Matthews (Gilmorton), and many other noted campanologists from the surrounding district, were present, and subsequently tested the tone and capabilities of the bells.

Dedication of Bells at Shepshed, Leicestershire.

AN interesting ceremony was performed in the parish church of St. Botolph, Shepshed, lately, the new bells being dedicated by Bishop Mitchinson, D.D., archdeacon of Leicester. It was deemed advisable some time since to increase the number of bells in the church, and for that purpose a subscription list was commenced. Mr. S. Harriman and Mr. S. G. Cotton generously came forward and offered to defray the cost of a bell each. The old peal consisted of six bells, and was hung in 1805. The bells have now been rehung, and the clappers made to ring on the opposite side of the bell to that formerly in use. The two new bells cost 55*l.*, and were cast at the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, at Loughborough, who also undertook the work of rehanging. The expense of rehanging was about 20*l.* Besides the new bells and the general rearrangement, a new floor has been put into the belfry, and at no distant date it is intended to have a new church clock and chimes. The old clock now in the tower of the church is said to have been in use during the past 200 years. The total expenditure on the whole undertaking when completed will be about 400*l.* The diameter, note, and weight of each bell are as follows:—

	Diameter.	Note.		Weight.
			cwt.	qrs. lbs.
1.	2 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	F	4	3 18 $\frac{1}{2}$
2.	2 ft. 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ ins.	D	5	1 9
3.	2 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	E	5	2 24
4.	2 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	C	6	0 7
5.	2 ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.	B flat	7	1 21
6.	3 ft.	A	8	0 0
7.	3 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	G	10	0 0
8.	3 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.	F	13	2 10

Total weight 61 0 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

There was a large congregation present at the dedication service. The Bishop and clergy assembled under the tower. After the hymn beginning 'O Praise ye the Lord' had been sung, the dedicatory prayer was said by the Bishop, and a procession was then formed and proceeded to the chancel. The Rev. W. H. F. Hepworth, vicar of Shepshed, read the prayers, and the lessons were taken respectively by the Rev. D. Broughton, vicar of Hugglescote, and the Rev. C. Water, curate of Shepshed. The Bishop was the preacher, taking his text from Ps. lxxxi. 1, 'Sing aloud unto God our strength, make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.' The proper Psalms used were the 47th, 48th, 87th, and 150th. Prior to the service an organ recital was given by Dr. Briggs, of All Saints', Loughborough. A public tea was subsequently held in the National Schools. The offertory and proceeds of the tea were in aid of the fund to provide the new church clock and chimes. An account of the casting of the bells will be found in our issue of January 11th.

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EIGHTY-FOURTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. EMILY HAYTER, Cwmffoes, Cefncribbur, near Bridgend.

CASE OF SEVERE BRONCHIAL ASTHMA.

See reference to this Case in the Appendix of Mr. Congreve's work on 'Consumption,' p. 48.

The complaints from which Mr. Hayter suffered was a severe form of bronchial asthma. So she told me when I called upon her recently at the address given above.

'I have been ill some time before I applied to Mr. Congreve in 1882. For four years before that I had suffered with shortness of breath which gradually got worse, with violent cough and offensive expectoration; I was losing flesh and getting weaker. The medicine I got from my doctor did me no lasting good. If I was a little better one day I was worse the next.'

'What was your condition when you applied to Mr. Congreve?'

'I was as bad as I could be; quite unable to get out of bed.'

'I see it was in December of 1882 that you first wrote. How long was it before you felt decided improvement?'

'I took the medicine all through the winter, and in the following March I was very much better. By July I was quite well again.'

'In 1887 (about four years afterwards), I believe you wrote to Mr. Congreve saying you had continued well from the time you felt able to give up taking the medicine. Will it be correct to say the same up to the present?'

'Yes; from that time I have never had the slightest touch of bronchial asthma—in fact, I have never had a doctor since.'

'Tell me, please, do you think you would have got well again without Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'No, I don't believe I should ever have got better again.'

Mrs. Hayter had seen the account of her case published in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on 'Consumption,' and said she should be pleased for this interview to be similarly published.

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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The following peals of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR have recently been rung:—

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE.—On Saturday, December 8th, 1894, 6048 changes in 4 hrs. 5 mins. T. Titchener,* 1; B. Foskett (first with a bob-bell), 2; G. Smith,* 3; J. Hannington,* 4; P. Howard,* 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat. Composed by J. Cox. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

AT ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.—On Saturday, December 15th, 5140 changes in 3 hrs. 23 mins. F. E. Pratchett (first attempt on tower bells), 1; H. Dains (composer), 2; C. Wilkins (first peal in the method), 3; A. Pittam, 4; F. Pitstow, 5; A. Pitstow, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. First peal in the method on the bells, and the composition is the original two equal-parts peal in the method.

AT ST. ANN'S, HIGHGATE RISE.—On Saturday, December 22nd, 5056 changes in 2 hrs. 57 mins. B. Foskett, 1; H. Dains (composer), 2; G. Smith, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; J. Hannington, 5; P. Howard, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. First peal in the method on the bells.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE.—On Saturday, January 19th, 1895, 5056 changes in 3 hrs. 22 mins. G. Smith, 1; H. Dains (composer), 2; J. Hannington, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; T. Titchener (first peal in the method with a bob-bell), 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8.

AT ST. JAMES'S, CLEKENWELL.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 5056 changes in 3 hrs. 13 mins. G. Smith, 1; H. Dains (composer), 2; J. Hannington, 3; A. Pitstow, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7;

G. Newson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat. This is the first peal in the method upon the bells. The composition is the first ever obtained in this number in two equal parts.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of the above was held at Colchester on Saturday, the 16th inst. The bells of St. Peter's (eight) and All Saints' (five) were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. Ringers assembled from the following places:—Writtle, Colchester, Ardleigh, Ipswich, Great and Little Bentley, Hadleigh, Sudbury, Harwich, Walter Belsham, Springfield, Coggeshall, Feering, Chelmsford, and Braintree. Tea was served at the Temperance Hotel, to which thirty-one sat down. The Hon. Secretary, the Rev. T. J. Papillon, took the chair, and was supported by the Association Secretary, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. Several new members were elected into the Association.

The St. David's Ringers, Exeter.

THIS Society held its annual dinner on Thursday evening, the 7th inst., at the 'Pack Horse' Hotel, Exeter, the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. V. French) presiding, supported by his Wardens (Messrs. Mackey and Lilburn). Mr. R. Jerman occupied the vice-chair. After the loyal toast, Mr. Mackey submitted 'Our Vicar,' and spoke of his great endeavour to please all his parishioners, reminding the ringers how he tried in every possible straightforward way to keep in touch with all. The Vicar, in response, thanked the company for the way in which his name had been received, and apologised for not having been in the belfry more. He, however, would try and remedy this in the future. Mr. Lilburn next proposed 'The St. David's Society of Ringers,' and remarked that until lately he had no idea that so much patience and perseverance were required in the belfry. He wished them prosperity. A pleasant evening was spent.

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THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE has, as usual, some excellent complete short stories, of which Stanley J. Weyman's 'Governor of Gueret' is perhaps the most dramatic. The capital account of Lord Burton and Burton-on-Trent will hardly be *caviare* to the extreme teetotallers, but every one will find Mr. Vizetelly's entertaining account of how he became a Bashi-Bazouk, and Mr. Pearce's paper on 'The Agricultural Labourer,' worth reading. The illustrations deserve a word of praise.

THE ATTACK ON THE CHURCH IN WALES.

THE parish church of Llanwrda, Carmarthenshire, has just been reopened after complete restoration and enlargement. The Bishop of St. David's preached at the morning service (which was fully choral) on 'Christian Sympathy.' The Ven. Archdeacon of Carmarthen preached in English in the afternoon, and the Rev. Principal Owen in Welsh. The sermon at the evening service was preached by the Rev. E. T. Davies, Pwllheli. The *Western Mail* says that the church was crowded to overflowing at all the services, hundreds being unable to find sitting room. It was an affecting sight in the evening to see hundreds of people flocking towards the door of the church, waiting for it to be opened, and whiling away the time in singing old Welsh hymns. A large number failed to gain admission, and were content to stand round the windows, eagerly listening, with their feet embedded in the snow. The singing throughout the day was magnificent, especially that of the old Welsh tunes, 'Huddersfield,' 'St. Garnon,' 'Crugybar,' 'Twrgwyn,' 'Hygrydol,' &c. The church has been thoroughly restored, and a new north aisle, organ-chamber, and vestry have been added. The architect is Mr. S. W. Williams, F.R.I.B.A., of Rhayader, the well-known antiquary. The work was intrusted to Messrs. D. Evans & Sons, Llanddewibrefi, and cost 1100*l*.

A meeting to protest against the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales was held on the evening of yesterday week at York. Lord Scarbrough presided, and was supported by the Archbishop of York, Lord Cross, the Bishop of Beverley, the Bishop of Hull, the Dean of York, the Dean of Chester, and other well-known Churchmen. The Chairman said he believed the whole weakness in the case of the Church was the ignorance which existed as to what she was doing and had done in the past, how she acquired her wealth, and how she had distributed it. The duty of Churchmen, therefore, was to do all they could to make the truth known. Lord Cross moved, 'That this meeting earnestly protests against any attempt to dismember the Church of England by an attack upon one of its most ancient provinces—the Principality of Wales—or to rob the Church of any of her ancient possessions, which she has used so nobly for the benefit of the people, and especially for the poor.' He maintained that the endowments which the Church now enjoyed were originally given to her by private benefactions for religious uses; that they were now held by the same Church to which they were given, and that the State had no right to take them away. Mr. M'Ivor, who was introduced as the Secretary of one of the largest Trade Unions in the North of England, seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Bishop of Bangor on Monday delivered the fourth lecture in connexion with the London Diocesan Church Reading Union at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, his subject being 'The Relations of the Welsh Church to the Welsh People.' In the course of his address the Bishop said it was commonly said that in Wales only the Nonconformist ministers spoke to the Welsh congregations in their own language. No greater mistake could be made. In not one single parish in his diocese was the clergyman unable to minister to his congregation in their own language as well and as fluently as any Nonconformist in the country. In most of the parishes they had an English service, but the bilingual difficulty was, he owned, a difficulty that crushed them to the very ground. In his own Cathedral city, which had a population of 9000 or 10,000, there were 800 communicants on the preceding Sunday, of whom over 500 communicated in the Welsh language. He entirely denied, too, that Welsh Churchmen were against the educational progress of the people. Personally, by acting on the governing bodies of new schools lately founded and otherwise, he did his best to further the cause of education amongst the people. It was stated that the Church was putting forth all her machinery in opposition to the educational wave that was passing over the Principality. He was bound to say in all solemnity that there was not one word or atom of truth in the statement. If the Church in Wales ceased to be the National Church, existing divisions would not then cease as well. It was commonly said that if the Church ceased to hold a national position, then all differences and dissensions would immediately disappear. There was no body to take the Church's place. Nonconformity in Wales was split into fragments, and there was greater attachment on the part of Non-

conformist bodies to the Church than there was on the part of any one body towards another sect or the other sects. Finally, Dr. Lloyd said, 'If you shatter our Church, then I say there is no other body that can take its place—can succeed it. If you kill it now you will deal, I will not say a fatal, but a fell blow at the very existence of Christianity amongst us, and you will leave to our posterity a heritage of strife, of dissension, and of bitterness which I venture to say—though I am sorry to confess it—it will take generations, nay, centuries, of loving work and care to heal and to allay.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Raunds and Wellingborough District Society of Bell-ringers.

The Annual Report of the above Society for the year 1893-4 has just been issued. The officers of the Society are as follows:—President, the Ven. R. P. Lightfoot, M.A., archdeacon of Oakham and rector of Uppingham; Vice-President, Rev. A. S. Lindsay, B.A., Cranford; Treasurer, Rev. J. Dun, B.A., Higham Ferrers; Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes, Wellingborough. The report deals with the origin and work of the Society, pointing out that during the ten years the Society has been in operation there has been a noticeable improvement in ringing and chiming throughout the district. Change-ringing by method, which was formerly confined to one or two churches, is at present practised in most towers in the district, and the Association has commenced to make a name in the ringing world, and to take its position as one of the peal-ringing societies. Much good has resulted from the mingling together of clergy, churchwardens, and ringers at the various meetings, and there has been a decided change for the better in the condition of bells and belfries. Several rings of bells in the district have been rehung and increased in number by the kind gifts of parishioners, who have appreciated the efforts of their ringers to make themselves efficient performers and respected and useful Church officers and Church workers. The Secretary's report stated that at the last meeting ten additional honorary and thirty-four ringing members were elected. During the year two ringing members—Alfred Beeby and William Moon, both of Finedon—had died. Peals of 5040 changes have been rung by members of the Society at Higham Ferrers (five peals), Islip, and Irthlingborough.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Thursday, the 14th ult., a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 26 mins. by the following members of the Bedfordshire Association:—F. Hull (first peal), 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. W. Clark (first peal in the method as conductor), 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D. Composed by J. W. Washbrook and conducted by C. W. Clarke. This is the first peal in the method by all except the conductor, and the first in the method by the Association, also on the bells; and was rung at the seventh attempt, after ringing 17,546 in all. This peal was taken from the *Bell News*, and contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent (in course) in 6th's place, the 2nd never there.

At St. Lawrence's, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 16th ult., the following members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. Harrison, 1; W. R. Hexter,* 2; A. H. Ward, 3; J. Hutchby,* 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; F. Bradley, 6; H. W. Wilde (conductor, first peal in the method), 7; J. Paling, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in A flat. Messrs. Ward and Bradley belong to Derby; Hutchby and Paling to Beeston, Notts; Wilde to Duffield; the others to the local Company. [* First peal.]

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts.

On Tuesday, the 19th ult., the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Holt's Original peal of GRANDSTRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins.:—T. Lawrence, 1; G. C. Iles, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng, 4; T. Ricketts, 5; H. B. Slack, 6; R. Richards (first peal as conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers rang the late Mr. John Cox's peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. Watson,* 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Doran (West Ham), 3; E. Pye,* 4; F. A. Nunn* (Walthamstow), 5; G. R. Pye,* 6; J. Dale,* 7; W. Pye,* 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. [* First peal in this method.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.—On Tuesday, the 5th ult., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 28 mins. by the following members of the Battle Branch of the Sussex Association:—F. Mathis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; C. J. Hyland, 3; W. Thomas, 4; H. Elliott, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. The above wish to thank the Vicar for the privilege of ringing in the tower. Afterwards some friendly ringing took place between the Battle band and friends, amongst other touches being 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 27½ mins. W. Eastland, 1; S. Finn,* 2; G. Finn,* 3; S. Saker, 4; J. Curtis, 5; W. Franks (conductor), 6. Also 360 BOB MINOR. F. Lock (Hastings), 1; S.

Saker, 2; S. Finn, 3; W. Franks, 4; F. Finn (conductor, Mersham, Kent), 5; G. Finn, 6. [* Came from Brabourne, Kent.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday, the 18th ult., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association rang for practice a quarter-peal of 1296 CANTERBURY PLEASURE CATERERS in 51 mins. A. Craven, 1; A. Knights (conductor), 2; G. Toplis, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; A. Worthington, 5; G. Davies, 6; W. J. Thyng, 7; A. E. Thompson (Derby), 8; J. Goodwin, 9; G. Mee, 10. Tenor, 24½ cwt., in E flat. This is supposed to be the first quarter-peal ever rung in this method.

AT ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On Tuesday, the 5th ult., at the usual practice, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR were rung in 25 mins. A. Merrills, 1; T. H. Denman, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. This is the first 720 this year on the bells; also the first peal in the method by T. H. Denman, who, together with H. Haigh, came from East Retford. The remainder belong to Ordsall.

AT ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 9th ult., the following members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society made their first attempt to ring a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS. The ringing was only fair, and a shift-course in the seventh course compelled the conductor to call 'stand' after ringing about 2000 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. A. Bowell, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. Garratt, 4; W. L. Catchpole, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Saul, 7; H. Bowell, 8; A. Durrant, 9; J. Motts (conductor), 10; R. Brundell, 11; F. Tillett, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt.

The Bells of St. Mary's, Barrington, Somerset.

On February 6th, 1895, much patient work was crowned, long-deferred hopes satisfied and the ears of the parishioners delighted as they listened for the first time to a well-struck peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR (720 changes) on the new and sweet-toned ring of six bells. Perhaps a few words on the history of these bells may be found interesting by those who know the parish, or who are lovers of bells.

Eight years after the restoration of King Charles II., four bells were placed in the tower, the largest of them weighing 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., giving the note E flat, and bearing this inscription: 'Samuel: Stuckey: WH: Chil: | TS | CW | RA: | made | us | 4*ANO | D | 1668 | RP.' It would appear that the third of these four was recast in 1748, the first in 1869, and now the tenor in 1894; leaving the second in good tone and condition after 226 years' service.

In 1887 some money was raised in connexion with the Queen's Jubilee, and in 1889 a new cage was provided, and the bells rehung at a cost of 95l. But shortly afterwards the tenor bell was unhappily cracked through lack of attention, as the woodwork shrunk and the rivet-nuts worked loose, and for the last five years it has hung unmusical and useless, to the real regret of the parishioners. In 1894 it was determined to strengthen the cage at a cost of 12l., recast the tenor, add two small bells, and send the three sound bells to Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, to be provided with improved clappers and fittings, and to be tuned both to themselves and to the new bells. The expense was gradually increased until it has now reached 225l.

The three new bells bear the founders' trade mark surmounted by an *Agnus Dei* as a crest; a pretty ornament of blackberry leaves and fruit around the crown; and the inscriptions mentioned below.

The treble's note is C, it weighs 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs., has a diameter at the mouth of 2 ft. 7 in., and upon it '1894,' a three-quarter low-relief of our Lord glorified, and—

'Coming, O Thou glorious Priest,
Hear ye not His golden bells?'

The second's note is B flat, it weighs 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs., has a diameter of 2 ft. 9 in., and upon it '1894,' a low-relief of the Holy Child upon the lap of His Mother (the patron of the church), and—

'O hark to what I sing
As joyously I ring,
May Jesus Christ be praised.'

The third's note is A flat, it weighs 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs., has a diameter of 2 ft. 11½ ins., has on it, 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1869,' bears the royal arms, and beneath, the word 'Patent.'

The fourth's note is G, it weighs 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs., has a diameter of 3 ft. 1½ in., and is without a letter or figure. It is assumed to be one of the four made in 1668.

The fifth's note is F, it weighs 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs., has a diameter of 3 ft. 3 ins., and upon it 'T. BLIBE, 1743.' This bell has been improved in tone by the shearing off of half an inch or so of its lip.

The tenor's note is E flat, it weighs 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs., has a diameter of 3 ft. 10 ins., and upon it '1894: IHS' intertwined; and 'Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints.'

Those who are responsible for the provision of ecclesiastical bells experience two difficulties: how to mark the bells as intended always for sacred use; and how to save the service setting them apart for such use from a feeling of unreality, when the bells are high aloft out of sight of those who wish to give them over to the Church's service. The inscriptions above, and especially the low reliefs (which Messrs. Taylor & Co. readily supplied), will, it is hoped, quite meet the first difficulty. The second was met in this way. The benediction of the bells and the first ringing of them were separated; the benediction was in the bell-chamber itself in the presence of those chiefly interested (the ringers, chimers, churchwardens, and vicar); the first ringing was made a popular service, when the parishioners at large and friendly neighbours of the parish took their part in separating the bells unto their sacred use.

The benediction was on Candlemas Sunday before the eight o'clock Eucharist, and immediately afterward the bells were chimed for service for the first time. The hymn at the offertory was Dr. Neale's—

'Lifted gently to the tower,
Now our bells are set on high.'

And the bells were included amongst the 'alms and oblations' then offered.

The first ringing was on February 6th, in the midst of Evensong. After the Third Collect the same hymn was sung, the bells were rung for a short space, special versicles and prayers were said, and then there followed a beautiful sermon by Canon Newbolt of St. Paul's Cathedral, who took for his text the inscription on Great Paul, 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel.' After the service the following members of the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers, from St. James's, Taunton, rang peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. GRANDSIRE MINOR (in 25 mins.), and touches of BOB MINOR:—J. Maddock (conductor), 1; H. Pearce, 2; A. Doble, 3; F. Millard, 4; H. Poole, 5; G. Yendall, 6.

Higham Ferrers, Northamptonshire.

ITEMS TAKEN FROM OLD CHURCHWARDENS' BOOKS IN POSSESSION OF THE HIGHAM FERRERS CORPORATION.

An account of money layd out for the use of the towne of Higham Ferrers by Jo. Cutler and Thomas Lynacar Churchwardens there, Anno Dom. 1638:—

	£	s.	d.
Item paid for a horse for Cheese...	...	...	8
Item spent at the Agreement with Mr. Watts ...	1	0	...
Item for breaking and loading the Bells...	3	0	...
Item spent at Leicester upon Mr. Vivian and myselfe and horses for Dyett and horse meat and given to the workmen and servants ...	1	16	6
Item paid to Mr. Vivian for carriage of great Bell ...	3	6	8
Item paid to Mace for the carriage of the other Bell ...	1	16	8
Item paid for unloading the Bells and getting them into the Church...	2	6	...
Item spent at the Agreement with Cheese ...	...	...	8
Item given to him by Mr. Maior's appointment for his first journey over ...	5	0	...
Item given to him for Ernest for Bell hanging...	...	...	0
Item paid more to Mace wch was allowed for his journey to Leicester ...	...	...	0
Item paid Mr. Watts for casting the Bells ...	21	15	6
Item given to 6 men for helping Cheese about his frame ...	2	0	...
Item paid Mr. Freeman for going with Cheese to ye wood to sett out Tymber and for his horse ...	1	6	...
Item paid to Poyner of Leicester for tuning the Bells ...	10	0	...
Item paid Mr. Watts his men's charges when they came to chipp the Bells, coming, going, staying, and their horses ...	1	7	8
Item paid Mr. Negus for 4 days helping about the Bells and gathering up the Spokes ...	3	0	...
Item paid the Tynker for 2 days helping about the Bells ...	1	8	...
Item paid Will. Savage for 2 days helping up with the frame ...	1	4	...
Item paid Morris for the like for one day ...	1	0	...
Item paid for digging and fetching of clay to cast the brasses ...	1	0	...
Item paid Henry Lynacar for 2 days helping up with the frame ...	1	6	...
Item for Ashe for Soles for bell wheels ...	...	...	8 0
Item paid to Cheese for hanging the Bells ...	25	0	0
Item paid Mr. Freeman for hanging up the Bells in the Church and other work ...	10	0	...
In 1634 among other Receipts 'Item received of Mr. Watts for bell mettle' ...	13	9	3

Mr. J. B. Martin, jun., one of the Higham Ferrers ringers, kindly furnished me with the above extracts relating to the rehanging, &c., of Higham bells, after the fall and rebuilding of the tower and spire in the year 1631.
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RECEIVED ALSO.—J. A. Trollop (kindly send us your full address).

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 268.)

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7 6 3 2 4 5 2	6 5 2 3 4 7 2	Twice repeated.

[* Odd changes.]

J. BARRETT.

Death of an Old Ringer at Grantham, Lincolnshire.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ed. Weaver, who for the long period of fifty-three years had been a greatly esteemed member of the Society of Ringers connected with the Parish Church, and had taken part in many important peals on the bells of St. Wulfram's, the first being rung on January 12th, 1844, in 3 hrs. 20 minutes. On May 18th, 1891, Mr. Weaver's jubilee as a ringer was celebrated, when he took the treble through a well-

struck quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES as a memorial touch, and afterwards the members and their friends dined together. In the course of the evening Mr. Weaver gave some sound advice to the younger members, which will not soon be forgotten, urging them to persevere in the work they had undertaken until they became thoroughly skilled in the art of change-ringing. When failing health compelled him to relinquish his duties as a performing member he still took a great interest in the welfare of the Society, and to the last nothing cheered him so much as the music from the 'lofty steeple.' A few short hours after the solemn notes of the mournful peal in memory of the late Vicar had died away Mr. Weaver passed peacefully to his rest on Wednesday, February 6th, at the ripe old age of seventy-eight years. A muffled peal was rung during the funeral on Saturday, February 9th, by his former comrades as a last token of respect. The circumstance of two muffled peals within one week is, we should say, almost without precedent at Grantham.

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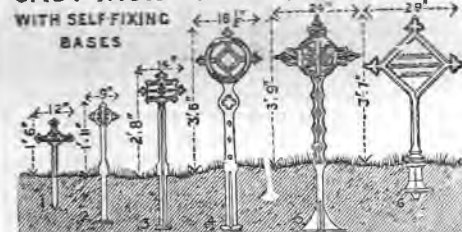
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Contains the 5th and 6th 12 times behind the 9th; also the 6th 24 times behind the 8th.

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JOHN CARTER.

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

Contains the 5th 22 times behind the 9th, and the 6th 23 times behind the 9th.

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JOHN CARTER.

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.

A QUARTERLY meeting of the above Society took place at Great Doddington, near Wellingborough, on Saturday, the 23rd ult., by consent of the Rev. E. W. J. Symons. About fifty ringers were present, representing thirteen towers. Considerable satisfaction was given by the news brought by the Northampton men to the effect that the fine ring of eight at St. Giles's in the county town was being rehung, and that a parishioner had generously come forward to give two new trebles to increase the ring to ten. Messrs. Brafield and Sharp, churchwardens of Doddington, attended the meeting, and promised to become honorary members of the Association. After over fifty years' 'wear and tear,' Doddington bells now need rehanging in modern style, and it was suggested on Saturday that a tenor be added to make a peal of six.

There was tea in the schoolroom at five o'clock, and a business meeting of delegates after tea, at which, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, of Wilby, presided. Letters were read from the Bishop of Leicester and the Rev. Hugh Bryan, of Stoke Golding, acknowledging receipt of copies of the annual report, and complimenting the Society on its work and progress. Mr. James George, of Rugby, was admitted as an

'out-of-county' member. New ringing members were also proposed from Kettering, Rushden, and Wilby.

The Church of St. Luke, Great Doddington, is in the Norman, Early English, and later styles. The low tower was partly rebuilt in the eighteenth century. It was formerly surmounted by a spire, one of the top stones of which is now to be seen in the churchyard. There are 'Misericords' in the chancel, dating from the fourteenth century, similar to some in the parish church of Wellingborough.

The church was restored in the year 1871. On the reading-desk are several chained books of considerable interest and value, viz., the *Book of Homilies* (A.D. 1562), a Bible (A.D. 1618), and a *Black-letter* Erasmus. The ancient 'Hour-glass Stand' still remains near the pulpit.

In the year 1552 there were four bells in the church of St. Luke in the village, and, according to Bridges, the same number in 1700. These four bells were recast into, or replaced by, the present peal of five (tenor, 6 cwt.; diameter, 33 inches). They all bear the date 1841, and the name of the founder, John Taylor, of Loughborough and Oxford.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 288.)

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From the statement of the case already published, it appears that Mr. Francis' condition at one time was most serious. He had caught a severe cold; the cough was distressing, and the other symptoms included great decline of strength, palpitations, difficult breathing, and pain in the region of the left lung. The doctor reported that one lung was diseased. As he made no progress he applied to Mr. Congreve for advice and medicine, being recommended by Mr. Leaver, a baker in the same town, an old patient.

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'Yes; my health has been good ever since, and although since then I have had an attack of influenza, my chest has kept all right. As I said in that letter, I had been compelled to give up preaching; now I do a lot of it, and often walk as much as twelve miles to my appointments and think nothing of it.'

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The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Ringers.

A MEETING of this old-established association was held lately at Stockton. In the morning several members visited the local church and rang peals. At the Stockton Parish Church a party rang 360 BOB MINOR. R. Alcock, 1; F. Lees, 2; R. Mack, 3; T. Hudson, 4; J. Greenwell, 5; W. Holmes (conductor), 6. A party also proceeded to Middlesbrough, St. Hilda's Church, and rang a peal of 5056 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 48 mins. R. Fenwick, 1; J. H. Blakeston, 2; R. Alcock, 3; W. Holmes (Newcastle, conductor), 4; A. M'Farlane, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; W. Newton (Stockton), 7; F. Harris (Newcastle), 8. A Committee meeting was held in the afternoon at the Queen's Hotel, over which the President of the Association (Mr. R. Story, Whitely) presided. Business having been transacted, a large company adjourned for dinner. Various toasts having been submitted and some of the members having given a skilful exhibition with the handbells, the company separated for practice on the Stockton and Middlesbrough bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Headingley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; W. Price, 2; H. Madin, 3; A. Craven (composer), 4; S. Smedley, 5; A. Worthington, 6; A. Harris, 7; A. Knights (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. W. Price came from Eekington; A. Knights, Chesterfield; the rest belong to Staveley, Derbyshire.

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

The last four courses twice repeated, calling the first course of each part 1 b, 1 w, 2 h.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 2nd inst., on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. W. T. De Vine, the local ringers, assisted by Mr. E. Cashmere, of West Bromwich, and Messrs. Gould and Tilley, from Oldbury, rang touches in the GRANDSIRE method before and after service. Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was also started for, but came to an end after ringing about 3000 changes by the following members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford:—T. Bowcut, 1; A. H. Hill (conductor), 2; J. Walker, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. Smith, 5; R. Hall, 6; J. Hall, 7; F. Bywater, 8. Also on Sunday, the 3rd inst., touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by the local band with 742 of the latter part of Holt's Original before evening service. T. Bowcut, 1; A. H. Hill (conductor), 2; W. James, 3; B. Starkey, 4; W. H. Godden, 5; W. Verry, 6; E. Goodreds, 7; F. Bywater, 8. After evening service a long touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. S. Bowcut, 1; E. Goodreds (conductor), 2; W. H. Godden, 3; B. Starkey, 4; W. James, 5; W. Verry, 6; A. H. Hill, 7; F. Bywater, 8.

'R. L. T.' WRITES:—'Which is correct, to speak of a "ring of bells" or a "peal of bells?" In the article on the "Art of the Bell Founder" in *Church Bells* of February 22nd, the latter expression is several times used.'—Both phrases have long been in common use, but it is desirable to restrict the term 'peal' to a composition or performance of 5000 (or upwards) of true changes.—Ed. C. B.

We have received a copy of the *Twelfth Annual Report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers*. We are sorry to hear that the number of ringers has fallen off, though this decrease is somewhat compensated by a slight increase in the number of peals. The general tone of the Report seems a little depressed. We trust something may be done to fill our Sarum brethren with increased energy, and to instil life into the organization of the Guild.

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

The last seven courses four times repeated, calling the 6th course of the 3rd and 6th parts 9th in 3 s, produce—

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6 2 4 3 5	—	3 5 2 6 4
4 6 2 3 5	—	6 3 2 5 4
3 2 5 6 4	—	4 2 3 5 6
6 3 5 2 4	—	
2 6 5 3 4	—	
3 6 4 5 2	— s	
5 3 4 6 2	—	
4 3 2 6 5	—	
6 5 2 3 4	— s	
4 2 5 3 6	—	
5 4 2 3 6	—	
2 5 4 3 6	—	
3 4 6 5 2	—	

Five times repeated. Singles in lieu of bobs at the end of the 3rd and 6th parts. If the above is twice repeated, the peal is reduced to 6720. This peal contains the extent with the tenors together. This peal answers for SINGLE OXFORD BOB, DOUBLE BOB, YORKSHIRE COURT, and ST. SIMON'S MAJOR, as well as the above. A. K.

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chamber and bells. The joint contract has been taken by Mr. J. Thompson, of Peterborough, and Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough. The names of the contractors are sufficient to ensure the work being done satisfactorily. The cost of the work will be heavy, and it is to be hoped that the efforts of the Rector may be well seconded by the public. The work is to be completed by the 4th of May. It is expected that a gathering of change-ringers will take place on the 6th, when they will be formally opened. Lately, at a meeting held in the Abbey room, the Rector presiding, rules were adopted for the ringers. The Rector is to be president; Mr. R. Wyche, jun., hon. captain; Mr. W. Ambrose, captain; Mr. W. Hall, treasurer; and Mr. P. Cherrington, hon. secretary. The entire cost of the restoration will be over 300*l*.

Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

LATELY, on a Saturday, eight members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang Mr. John Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins. R. S. Mann (conductor), 1; L. Gardner, 2; T. Jenkinson, 3; W. James, 4; E. Caunce, 5; J. Gardner, 6; J. Walker, 7; C. Sharples, 8. This is the first time this peal has been rung on the bells. R. S. Mann and W. James belong to St. Luke's Society, Liverpool.

St. James's, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

LATELY, on a Saturday, a band of ringers of the Norwich Association from Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire, met at the Norman Tower of St. James's Church, and by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Hodges) rang a peal of 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, a feat never before accomplished on these bells, which have now been in the tower for 110 years. The peal occupied 3 hrs. 45 mins. S. Slater (Glemsford), 1; A. W. Brighton (Norwich), 2; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 3; A. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), 4; F. J. Howchin (Norwich), 5; G. Howchin (Norwich), 6; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 7; F. Day (Eye), 8; G. Taylor (Cambridge), 9; F. Pitstow (conductor, Saffron Walden), 10. Various attempts have been made from time to time to accomplish a long peal on these bells but have always ended in failure, the nearest attempt being in the year 1857, when a band of ringers from Norwich rang 3 hrs. 35 mins. and then broke down. Weight of tenor, 31 cwt., in D flat.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTER.—On a recent Thursday evening, a date touch of 1895 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following:—W. E. Bond, 1; F. W. Bond, 2; F. Gardner, 3; A. E. Rdwards, 4; C. E. Bartlett, 5; H. Midwinter, 6; H. C. Bond (conductor), 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 3rd inst., for Divine service, a quarter-peal of 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks's) was rung by members of the Essex Association in 45 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; W. Pye, 2; F. A. Nunn, 3; W. Watson, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; H. Vyse, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

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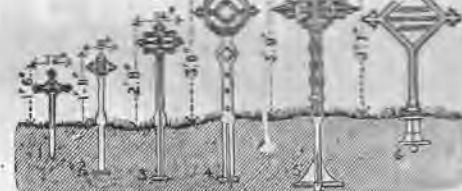
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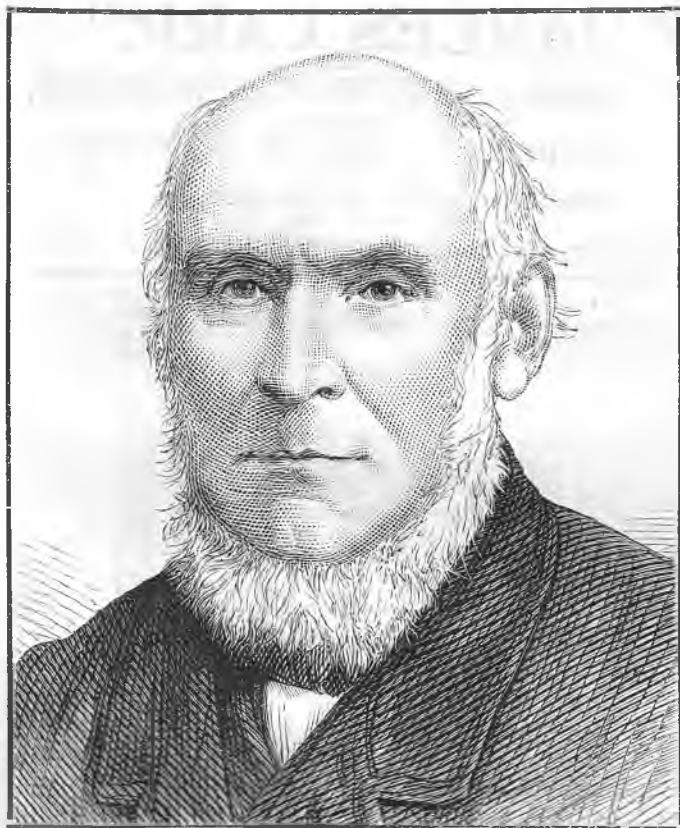
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THE LATE LEONARD PROCTOR, ESQ., J.P.

MR. PROCTOR, the head of a family which has been seated at Benington for nearly three centuries, was born in January, 1816. From a very early age he took an interest in bells, as he could ring a bell in 1829, when he went to Eton, where he rang the bell at the death of George IV. After spending his school-days at Eton College, he went in 1834 to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated in January, 1838. It was at Cambridge that he first entered on the study of the science and art of change-ringing, practising chiefly on the fine ring of twelve contained in the tower of Great St. Mary's, the University Church.

Here was laid the foundation of that proficiency which has rendered Mr. Proctor's name so deservedly famous for nearly sixty years in ringing circles. After taking up his abode in the home of his fathers at Benington, Mr. Proctor added to the ring of bells in the tower of his parish church; and here, together with a band of his own men, he made himself master of all the best-known and most-admired crank methods. The Benington band was for many years the leading band in England, being proficient in Double Norwich Court, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, ringing a peal of each. These feats are seen to be all the more remarkable when it is remembered that they were all achieved by ringers resident in one and the same small country parish. As may easily be imagined, Benington has always been a favourite spot with ringers. Nowhere did a ringer meet with a more cordial, hearty welcome, or with more generous hospitality, than at the house of 'The Squire.'

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this Branch was held at Bebington on Saturday, March 9th, about eighteen members being present, representing the following towers:—Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Rock Ferry, and Woodchurch. The Rev. A. Neild (curate of Bebington) occupied the chair in the absence of the Rev. Canon Feilden, who was unable to be present on account of illness. The principal business was to finally adopt the rules for a Tontine Society, which this Branch has decided to start on July 1st. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for entertaining the members to tea, and also to the Rev. A. Neild, for presiding. Several touches were rung during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

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5	2	6	3	4	1		1	4	3	5	2	6	1	1	1
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Only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in															
a place at the course-ends.															

Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

8064					
2	3	4	5	6	1 4 6
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3	2	5	4	6	1
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3	6	4	2	5	1 1
6	4	3	2	5	1
4	3	6	2	5	1
2	6	3	4	5	1 1
6	3	2	4	5	1
3	2	6	4	5	1

Five times repeated.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 6th place at the course-ends without the 2nd or 3rd being there.

6048

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

Five times repeated.

Single for bob in the course marked * of the 3rd and 6th parts.

Only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th place at the course-ends.

JOHN CARTER.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of the above will be held at Kelvedon on Easter Monday. The towers of Coggeshall (eight bells), Feeing (six bells), and Inworth (five bells), will be open to ringers. Also the fine lately augmented peal of six at Kelvedon will be at liberty. Tea will be provided at five p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Ringers intending to be present should

announce the same and the station from which they proceed not later than the previous Thursday to me, HENRY T. W. EYRE, Association Sec. Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5008 GRANDSIRE CATERERS, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; J. E. Groves, 3; J. Walker, 4; T. Horton, 5; W. Smith, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Hall, 8; R. Hall, 9; J. Hares, 10. The peal was composed by the late Mr. H. Johnson, of Birmingham, with the 6th twenty-four times at home and twenty-four times behind the 9th without an 8-9 or 7-8 being called. It was rung in honour of Mr. J. E. Groves' birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. W. G. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; H. Knight, 3; H. Dawkes, 4; W. Smith, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. The above is a variation of Parker's Twelve-part peal, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

A Muffled Peal at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Clerkenwell Society of Ringers rang a half-muffled peal (the usual whole-pull-and-stand) in memory of the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Benington, Herts, who died on the 7th inst., and was buried at Benington on Tuesday, the 12th, when a muffled peal was rung at the village church. C. Linstead, 1; A. Linstead, 2; E. March, 3; R. Matthews, 4; J. Bissmire, 5; W. F. Meads, 6; J. Barry (conductor), 7; J. Rayner, 8.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Central Council.

THE Fifth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 16th, 1895, at the Warncliffe Hotel, Sheffield, at one o'clock punctually. Dinner will be provided (at 2s. 6d. each) immediately after the meeting. Members intending to dine are requested to provide themselves with tickets, to be obtained of the Hon. Secretary, before the meeting. Arrangements will be made for ringing at some of the towers after dinner.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 11.30 a.m. Members of this Committee are earnestly requested to attend.

AGENDA.

1. Election of hon. members.
2. To receive Report of Church Congress Committee.
3. To receive any further report on the progress of the Bibliography.
4. To receive further Report of Committee on Railway Fares.
5. To receive and consider Report of Technical Terms Committee.
6. 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. (Postponed from last meeting.)
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) That the following be added to the definition of a peal on six bells:—Nevertheless, when a multiplicity of methods, of which no two are the same, is rung, peals of doubles and portions of true 720's, embracing bobs and also singles when the extent requires them, shall be admissible, provided that the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety.
 - (4) That some mode of admitting proxy voting, under certain circumstances, is desirable, and that a sub-Committee be formed to report on this question to the next meeting of Council.
 - (5) That the present schedule of points used in ascertaining the respective values of peals rung by the Associations be considered, altered, if found necessary, and in future issued by the authority of the Council.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Cathedral and St. Peter's towers will be open for ringing from 10 to 12.30 and from 3.30. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12.45, with an address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Dinner at 1.30, followed by a meeting for the election of officers and general business. Members and visitors intending to be present at the dinner are asked to communicate with me not later than Wednesday, April 10th.

St. Albans, March 25th, 1895.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers at St. Paul's, Walkden Moor, Lancashire.

On Sunday, November 25th, 1894, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung in 25 mins. J. Gratix, 1; J. Worthington, 2; A. Potter, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6. Also, the same day, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 25 mins. J. Worthington, 1; J. Welsby, 2; Jos. Potter, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

On Monday, December 3rd, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 25 mins. Jos. Potter (conductor), 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6.

On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. J. Worthington, 1; A. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

On Christmas Eve, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; Jos. Potter, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; John Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6.

On Sunday, December 30th, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brooks, 6.

On Sunday, January 6th, 1895, 720 BOB MINOR was rung in 24 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 3rd, a silent 720 BOB MINOR in 22 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6.

On Saturday, February 17th, 720 BOB MINOR in 24 mins. W. Denner, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter (conductor), 5; A. Potter, 6.

On Friday, February 22nd, for a Confirmation, 720 BOB MINOR in 23 mins. J. Brooks, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; John Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 24th, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 24½ mins. J. Brooks, 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner (conductor), 6.

On Monday, March 4th, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung in honour of Master Tom Martin's birthday. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; Jos. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6.

On Sunday, March 10th, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins. J. Worthington (conductor), 1; S. Oakes, 2; J. Denner, 3; J. Brooks, 4; John Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6.

On Saturday, March 16th, a muffled 720 BOB MINOR was rung in honour of the late Canon Heywood in 33 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Denner, 3; S. Oakes, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6.

On Sunday, March 17th, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. Jos. Potter, 1; J. Worthington (conductor), 2; J. Denner, 3; John Potter, 4; W. Denner, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, Ealing, Middlesex.

On Monday, the 11th inst., the following members of the South and West Middlesex Association rang a peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLE'S in 2 hrs. 52 mins. (J. J. Parker's ten-part peal, No. 3):—G. Thompson, 1; J. Basden, 2; E. J. Walsom, 3; F. Goddard, 4; E. Harris, 5; W. Foster, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; T. Waterman, 8. The peal was conducted by John Basden (master of the Association). This is the first peal in the method on the bells, also the first peal that has been executed in the new ringing chamber, and the first peal for upwards of ten years. All the above are ringers at St. Mary's, Ealing, with the exception of T. Waterman, who is the steeple-keeper at Christ Church.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 348.)

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At St. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 23rd inst., ten members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5004 CANTERBURY PLEASURE CATERS in 3 hrs. 18 mins. A. Craven, 1; A. Knights (composer and conductor), 2; G. Toplis, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; A. Worthington, 5; G. Davies, 6; A. E. Thompson, 7; J. W. Thompson, 8; J. Goodwin, 9; G. Mee, 10. Tenor, 24½ cwt. The peal contains the 6th the extent behind the 9th, and is the first ever rung in the method on ten bells. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Tydeman.

Dedication Service at Christ Church, St. Leonards, Sussex.

On Tuesday, February 5th, the Bishop of Chichester dedicated to the honour of Almighty God the additions which have been made to this church. The ceremony took place at 11.30 a.m., when the Bishop entered at the south-west door, and, preceded by the churchwardens, singers, and others of the lay workers of the church, and about fifty clergy, passed up to the chancel, and took his place on the north side of the sanctuary. His pastoral staff was carried by the Rural Dean, and the Bishop was assisted in the service by the Archdeacon of Lewes and the Rector. In preaching, the Bishop his text from St. John, ii. 17: 'And His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up.' After the sermon, the offerings for the School Building Fund were collected and presented before Almighty God on the altar by the Bishop; they amounted to 83*l*. Then followed certain prayers, after which his Lordship, holding his staff, pronounced the dedication in the following form: 'We, Richard, by Divine permission Bishop of Chichester, nothing doubting that Almighty God favourably alloweth this charitable work of ours of completing the fabric of this house, already consecrated to His service, do, in behalf of His Church and people, dedicate this tower and spire, with the bells and clock placed therein, to the honour and glory of the Holy and Eternal Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.' The Bishop then severed a ribbon attached to the pendulum of the clock, and thus set it in motion. After a pause, in which it struck the four quarters and twelve, the *Te Deum* was sung. Finally, dismissed with the Episcopal Blessing, the clergy and congregation departed to the sound of the bells, which were chimed for a few minutes. It had been intended that a touch should be rung for half an hour, and that, later in the afternoon, a peal should be rung, but, unfortunately, a difficulty occurred owing to the great length of rope between the belfry and the ringing chamber, and so the plan had to be deferred, until some further arrangements could be made in the tower. The clock and bells are by Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon.

The Bells of Newbury, Berks.—A Campanological Chronology.

By WALTER MONEY, F.S.A.

The uses of church bells are summed up in the following ancient lines:—

'Laudo Deum verum, plebem voco, congreco clerum,
Defunctos ploro, pestem (nimbium) fugo, festa decoro (or, que honoro).'

A.D. The church tower has contained bells for ringing purposes from the 1532 time of its completion in 1532. The original massive old oak beams and part of the framework for the bells still remain in the tower.

1552 In the reign of Edward the Sixth, 1552, the inventory of church goods states there were five bells hanging in the tower, and a sanctus bell, which was rung in the sancte bell-cot, outside the church, at the singing of the 'Ter Sanctus' in the High Mass, whence its name. The bell now rung after matins is a relic of the sanctus bell.

These bells were purchased by the town, at the Reformation, of the King's Commissioners.

1602 First year of extant churchwardens' accounts. In this year there were five bells in the tower, and the 'lyttle bell.' 'Peales' are mentioned as being rung on the bells at a charge of 1*s*.

'Baudricks'—leather straps for suspending the clapper from the staple in the crown of the bell—were in use at this time, and up to the end of the eighteenth century.

The passing bell, which must not be confounded with the knell, as its name indicates, was formerly tolled whenever any inhabitant of the parish was *in articulo mortis*—twice, in honour of the Virgin-born, for a woman, and thrice, in honour of the Holy Trinity, for a man. In later years, at Newbury, the bell was tolled three times for a child, four times for a woman, and five times for a man.

A short peal or knell was also rung after death to remind people to pray for the dead, not, as in the passing-bell, to make intercession for the dying. A different bell was used for each of these purposes, so that

by the sound every one could tell for what purpose his prayers were desired. Similar peals were also used before and after the burial, as enjoined by the 67th canon.

The curfew bell rung then, as now, at eight o'clock in the winter evenings and nine o'clock in the summer, the winter curfew commencing on the Weavers' Feast Day, September 18th, and the summer bell at Easter.

A 'morrow-mass bell' rung then, as now, at three o'clock on Saturday afternoons to prepare for the early mass on the following Sunday morning.

A bell is likewise rung on Shrove Tuesday, a relic of the pre-Reformation custom of summoning the faithful to confess and be shriven previous to the forty days of fasting.

A five-o'clock bell was also rung each morning to call man forth to his labour, and this was continued to comparatively recent times.

The tocsin, or alarm-bell, is a very old institution, and is now known as the fire-bell. The term 'crossing the bells,' is the discordant notes produced by ringing the fourth and seventh bells at the same time.

1603 The chimes are mentioned. The fourth bell recast.

1605 The bells rung when the news arrived of the deliverance of King and Parliament from the Gunpowder Plot.

1606 The great bell, clock, and chimes mentioned.

1607 One of the other bells recast.

1610 Peals rung at weddings at a charge of 1*s*.

1621 Knell rung for John Kendrick, the great benefactor to the town, who died December 30th this year, and buried at the Church of St. Christopher-le-Stock, London, the ringers receiving 30*s*., a very considerable sum in those days. Kendrick was the founder of the 'Morning Prayer Fund,' and this service was formerly held at six o'clock, the ringing for which was known as the 'workmen's bell.' It is now held at the more convenient hour of nine o'clock, as authorised.

1646 The bells, together with the lead on the roofs of the church, and the weather-cock on the tower, redeemed by the inhabitants from the hands of the Parliamentary soldiery. It is a noteworthy circumstance that the bells were rung on the anniversary of the accession of King Charles I. all through the period of the Civil War, while the Cromwellian forces occupied the town, and the church was served by Presbyterian ministers, the last entry being the anniversary preceding the King's execution.

1652 The priest's or little bell was recast at a cost of 3*l*. 10*s*.

Recasting of bells during the time of the Commonwealth and the Puritan ascendancy, when the bells and other attributes of the Church were so repugnant to the party then in power, is of exceedingly rare occurrence, and such an instance as this, which can be authenticated by the churchwardens' accounts, passed by the Mayor and Commonalty of the town, especially deserves to be recorded.

1666 The priest's bell and tenor recast.

1680 The six bells recast into eight by Henry Knight, the eminent bell-founder of Reading, at a cost of 67*l*. The priest's bell again recast.

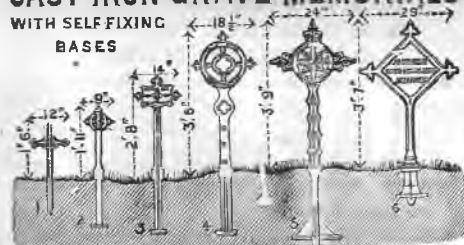
1724 The great or tenor bell broken, and recast at a cost of 3*l*. 5*s*., the gift of Mr. Henry Bennett. The little bell also recast by Robert Corr, of the famous bell-foundry at Aldbourne, Wilts.

1727 This year witnessed the discontinuance of the Long Toll, on Christ-mas Eve, which was suppressed by order of vestry.

1803 The eight bells recast by James Wells, of Aldbourne (a foundry which produced some of the best bells in the country, but now extinct), and an addition made to their weight, the cost being about 400*l*., raised by subscriptions from the principal inhabitants and others. The chimes were also mounted on a new principle. Owing to some unskilful management at a later date, the machinery was taken to pieces by a local clockmaker, who could never succeed in replacing it, and from that time no attempt has been made to restore the chiming apparatus. The great bell, or tenor, weighs about 25 cwt., and the rest of the bells in progressive proportion.

1887 The bells were rehung by Messrs. White & Son, of Appleton, with new appliances; and on Saturday, November 26th, eight members of the Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers, whose names are recorded on a board in the belfry, rang a peal known as STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. There is no record of such a peal having been previously rung in Newbury.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

[The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

The annual meeting of this Association will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 15th, at 2 o'clock, prompt. The Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester has kindly consented to preside. A free tea will be provided at the Cathedral Restaurant at 4.15. The names of all those intending to be present must reach me not later than Wednesday, the 10th inst.

The tower of St. Helen's (eight bells) will be open for ringing during the day, and the Cathedral tower after evensong, 5 p.m.

All members are specially requested to be present. Business of importance.

The Secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding contributions.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

36 Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley, April 1st, 1895.

Death of an Old Sudbury Ringer.

On Monday, March 25th, the death took place, after a painful illness, of Mr. Walter Cross, who has been for the past fifty years one of the ringers in connexion with the three churches of Sudbury, Suffolk. He had been a Sunday chimer at St. Peter's for more than fifty years. He was in his seventy-third year. He rang for the last time on Easter Sunday last year, that day falling on March 25th, and curious to relate he died on the same date this year. The funeral took place on Saturday, the 30th ult., when a muffled peal was rung.

At St. Philip's, Birmingham.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., the Birmingham Amalgamated Society Branch of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB CATERERS in 3 hrs. 20 mins. F. Mumford, 1; J. T. Perry, 2; J. Jennings, 3; J. Prickett, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Sparkes, 6; G. Walker, 7; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 8; G. Hitchman, 9; J. O. Ravenhill, 10. Tenor, 29 cwt. This peal has the 6th twenty-three times behind the 9th and eleven times right; now rung for the first time, and supposed to be the first peal of BOB CATERERS ever rung in Birmingham and the first by all the band.

AN EXPLANATION.—Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, writes:—'The peal of 6048 DOUBLE NORWICH, published in your issue of March 22nd, is similar to the one published in the Midland Counties' Association Report of 1890, p. 392, as a 5040 by A. P. Heywood, Esq.; therefore I give up all claim.'

A CORRECTION.—Mr. J. Barrett writes:—'The date touch by me, published in *Church Bells* of March 1st, is false; the odd changes repeat in the first lead.'

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. R. Haworth has removed from 42 Exmouth Street, Clerkenwell, London, to 5 Oakden Street, Kennington Road, London.

JOHN STEDDY.—Our correspondence column is not usually open to such appeals, and certainly not unless supported by the incumbent.—Ed. C. B.

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In the *GIRL'S OWN PAPER* (R.T.S.) a new serial, entitled 'Cousin Mona,' is begun by Miss Rosa Nouchette Carey, a writer deservedly popular with young people. Miss Trotter's 'Marsh Marigolds' ends in this number.

THE *CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MAGAZINE* (C.E.S.S.I.) gives an 'In Memoriam' sketch of the late Rev. J. G. Kitchin, and there are two sensible articles on the 'Preparation' of a Sunday-school teacher. We cordially agree with Mr. Hobson that the subject for each lesson—as that for a sermon—should be chosen at least a week beforehand, and meditated on in the interval.

THE *CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER* (C.M.S.) issues a paper read by Bishop Moule, of Mid-China, at a recent clerical meeting, on 'The Perpetual Obligation resting on the Church to Evangelise the World,' and gives some interesting 'Notes on Tibet' by the Rev. Herbert Brown.

THE *WINDSOR MAGAZINE*, which leapt into public favour with its first number, continues the features which its readers have found so attractive. The two serials are continued; there are some complete stories, and a number of interesting papers and articles. 'Counting the World by Electricity,' 'Famous Swords of Modern Warriors,' and 'Are Gas Stoves Advisable?' are each of its kind excellent.

THE *LONDON HOME MONTHLY* has an interesting article on the 'Law as a Profession,' another on the 'Early Home Life of Tennyson,' and a variety of stories, papers, and articles.

THE *ANTIQUARY* contains a valuable paper on 'Decorated Woodwork from the Glastonbury Lake Village.'

THE *MUSICAL HERALD* for April gives a full account of the evening training school for choir-boys which Mr. James Bates, head master of Holy Trinity Schools, Paddington, has established. Mr. Bates has now over seventy boys in practice, and these sing at eight parish churches in London, besides taking festival duty in all parts of the kingdom and at the cathedrals. His boys have gained appointments at Westminster Abbey, the Chapel Royal, Christ Church, Oxford, and Hereford Cathedral.

We have also received:—The *CHURCH WORKER* (C.E.S.S.I.), OUR OWN GAZETTE (Y.W.C.A.), FRIENDLY LEAVES and the G.F.S. ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL (G.F.S.), the GLEANER, AWAKE! and CHILDREN'S WORLD (C.M.S.), and the GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED (Gardner, Darton, & Co.).

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Cathedral and St. Peter's towers will be open for ringing from 10 to 12.30 and from 3.30. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12.45, with an address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Dinner at 1.30, followed by a meeting for the election of officers and general business.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

If all goes well twelve members of the above Society contemplate making an attempt to ring 10,000 STEDMAN CINQUES at St. Michael's, Cornhill, City of London, on Easter Monday.

The Croyland Abbey Bells.

SIR,—It may interest your readers to know the latest news concerning the Croyland Abbey historic bells. Mr. Thompson has now completed the floor of the bell-chamber, and placed underneath the floor three beams of a ton weight each. The tower arches are being repaired, in which large 'rents' let in daylight. The five bells have been forwarded to Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, for retuning. Unfortunately the treble bell, which bears the inscription 'J. Norris made me, 1674,' has three cracks in the crown, and must be recast. This adds considerably to the expense, and I should feel grateful for help in our great undertaking.

If any ringer, or group of five ringers, desire to ring on the 5th or 6th May, and wrote to me, I would try to arrange according to their wishes. We much desire a sixth bell, but we have no funds.

T. H. LE BŒUF, Rector of Croyland.

Croyland Rectory, near Peterborough, April 2nd.

The Bells of St. Michael's, Coventry.

LATELY a visit was paid to Coventry by Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, a member of the well-known firm of bell founders. Mr. Taylor met the Vicar of St. Michael's (the Rev. Dr. Mills) with the churchwardens, and spent a considerable portion of the day in examining the tower of the church. A suggestion was made that a couple of bells should be added to those that formerly hung in the tower, thus making a peal of twelve. Therefore the ten bells will go back to the tower as heretofore. Mr. Taylor recommended that Mr. Smith, of Derby, should be consulted in regard to the clock and

chimes; and, in consequence, Councillor Gorton has written to Mr. Smith asking him to pay a visit to Coventry, and meet the Vicar and churchwardens on the subject. On very good authority we are enabled to state that residents in Coventry may count upon the bells being back in the church tower, and the chimes going as heretofore, by St. Michael's Day—September 29th next.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 388).

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JAMES S. WILDE.

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JAMES S. WILDE.

The Parish Church Bells, Rye, Sussex.

THERE are eight musical bells in this tower. They were recast about a century and a quarter ago, and the quaint inscriptions upon them may, perhaps, be read with interest by our readers. They are as follows:—

1st and 2nd bell—

'If you have a judicious ear,
You'll own my voice is sweet and clear.'

3rd Bell—

'While thus we join in cheerful sound,
May love and loyalty abound.'

4th Bell—

'Such wondrous power to music's given
It elevates the soul to heaven.'

5th Bell—

'Ye people all who hear me ring,
Be faithful to your God and King.'

6th Bell—

'Peace and good neighbourhood.'

7th Bell—

'Ye ringers, all who prize
Your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry and wise,
And you'll the same possess.'

And the 8th Bell, weight 20 cwt.—

'In Wedlock's band all ye who join
With hands and hearts unite
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite.'

The Bells of St. Giles's, Northampton.

From the *St. Giles's Parish Magazine* we learn that two new bells have been given to the church by Mr. M. H. Holding, A.R.I.B.A., and other members of his family, in memory of their father and mother. The additional bells have been gratefully accepted by the Church Committee, and the extra expense of hanging and arranging them so as to form a ring of ten with the present eight bells has also been undertaken. It is hoped the opening ceremony will take place on or about Ascension Day. Both new bells will bear the inscription—

'Fecerunt me Joannes Taylor et Socii, A.D. MDCCCXCV. Ricardo A. White, A.M., Vicario; Gulielmo Pitts, Gulielmo Smith, Aedilibus.'

The first bell will bear in addition the words:—'Laudo Deum et libertum

pietatem in Annam Holding matrem dico.' The second:—'Laudo Deum et libertum pietatem in Henricum Holding patrem dico.'

At present there is not a ring of ten in Northamptonshire. It seems only fitting that there should be one in the county town. The old eight bells at St. Giles's were cast by Arnold, of Leicester, in the year 1783. Weight of tenor, 25 cwt. Peterborough Cathedral formerly possessed ten bells, but the authorities sold the 'first five' over sixty years ago owing to the west front of the Cathedral being deemed unsafe.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Laurence's, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. Hexter, 1; W. R. Hexter,* 2; A. H. Ward* (conductor), 3; J. Hutchby, 4; F. Bradley, 5; H. W. Wilde, 6; J. Bailey, 7; J. E. Hexter, 8. Messrs. Ward and Bradley belong to Derby; J. Hutchby, to Beeston; H. W. Wilde, to Duffield; the others to the local company. [* First peal in the method.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LEONARDS, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., for a Confirmation service, the Battle Branch of the Sussex Association of Change-ringers rang the following touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, all conducted by W. Franks:—350. F. Mathis, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; W. Franks, 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Mathis, 5; W. Thomas, 6; H. Elliott, 7; C. Carter, 8. Another 350. W. Eastland, 1; C. J. Hyland, 2; J. Curtis, 3; W. Franks, 4; W. Thomas, 5; S. Saker, 6; J. Mathis, 7; H. Elliott, 8. After the service, another 350. F. Mathis, 1; J. Mathis, 2; J. Curtis, 3; T. Hunnisett (Bexhill), 4; C. J. Hyland, 5; W. Franks, 6; H. Elliott, 7; W. Thomas, 8. And 504. F. Mathis, 1; H. Elliott, 2; W. Franks, 3; J. Curtis, 4; S. Saker, 5; T. Hunnisett, 6; W. Thomas, 7; J. Mathis, 8. Six of the bells were then lowered in peal for a finish. The difficulty mentioned in *Church Bells* of March 29th was owing to the fact that between the two floors there were thirty feet of rope without any stay. Since the dedication, spouts have been put in, and the work is now practically completed.

AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.—*Handbell-ringing*.—On a Wednesday, on handbells retained in the hand, Brooks's quarter-peal of 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES by members of the Essex Association. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On a Saturday, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR in 29 mins., being the first in this method on the bells. I. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Hall, 6, Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat. Also 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES on handbells by four of the above.

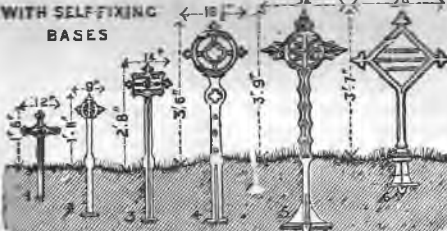
AT HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On a Saturday, nine members of the Lincoln Branch of the North Lincolnshire Association rang 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. Ash, 1; J. Vicars, 2; G. Chester, 3; C. Wells, 4; C. W. P. Clifton, 5; G. Lindoff (conductor), 6. Also 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. J. Wells (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Ash, 2; R. E. Clark, 3; J. Vickers, 4; C. Wells, 5; G. Chester (conductor), 6. These are the first 720's in the methods on the bells.

AT ST. DUNSTON'S, CHEAM, SURREY.—On a Tuesday, a peal of BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles) was rung by the following members of the Surrey Association in 25 mins:—A. Warren (first peal), 1; F. M. Northfield, 2; C. E. Spence, 3; J. T. Reynolds, 4; C. G. Gomme (conductor), 5; F. Northfield, 6.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH, WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On a Saturday, the usual whole-pull-and-stand was rung as a token of respect to the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington. F. Carter, 1; G. Peace, 2; H. S. Reeves, 3; T. Adams, 4; G. Cole, 5. E. Wallage, 6; F. Jelf, 7; D. Tarling, 8. Afterwards a short touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung.

To G. LINDOFF.—We are sorry that we cannot publish the figures. We have compositions in hand more than enough for months to come.—Ed. C. B.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Church Bells of Boughton-under-Blean, Kent.

The following account of the church bells has been compiled by the Vicar from the church accounts (beginning 1534) in his custody. The first mention of anything connected with the bells is in 1565, when *xiii^d* were paid for a *baudedrycke*, *xiii^d* for a bell-rope, and *v^d* for mending the bell *weihill*. It may be mentioned here that at this time scarcely any year passed without a charge being made for making or mending a *baudrick*. The word is spelt in several different ways, the latest appearance of the word being perhaps in 1765 under the form *Batterick*, and the definition of this word in Murray's *New English Dictionary* is as follows:—'The leather-gear with its appurtenances by which the clapper of a church-bell was suspended'—obsolete. New bell-ropes also were an annual charge in the accounts; it is not, however, to be supposed that the ropes were worn out so much more quickly than at present, but they were the perquisite of the Churchwardens at the end of their year of office. In 1577 there are the following items in the accounts relating to the bells:—

'The churchwardens charge themselves with *xxs* received of William Ruck, by him gathered of the parishioners towards the bells.

'Paid to old Skelton for mending the tymbre work of the bells & for making of one new bell *weihill*, *xxs*.'

'Payd for mending and newe making the iron work of the bells, *xvs* *ij^d*.

'Paid for newe making of the grete bell clapp, *viii^s* *ij^d*.

'Paid to Robt Maxsted for a bellstock, *xviii^d*.'

In 1621 we read, 'It^e paid to Harrie the Carpenter trimmings of the bells, *xlv^s* *vi^d*.' Again in 1622: 'It. paid to Harris for the bells *xxx^s*.' In 1624 we read, 'Paid by Sir Humphrey Tufton for recasting of the great bell and other charges, *xxx^s*.' A memorandum in the register states that he lived in the Parsonage house (*i.e.*, the old house belonging to Mr. Lade, which was pulled down in 1889), and that his name was on the tenor bell.

We learn from the number of bell-ropes paid for that there were (at least) three bells in 1566, (at least) four bells in 1589, and *viii^s* *vi^d* paid for five bell-ropes on the 8th of May, 1625, shows that there were at that date five bells.

It is stated in a *Tour through the Isle of Thanet and some other parts of East Kent*, published by J. Nichols, London, in 1793, that there was for many years a ring of five bells here, and that in 1729 a treble bell was added by subscription to make up six, and that in 1766, when the old bells of Selling were recast, an exchange was made of the fourth bell for the second of the Selling peal, which made that of Boughton more tunable. It seems that the money raised by subscription in 1729 was not sufficient, for in the Church-rate accounts passed Easter, 1731, there is this entry: 'To make up the full for the new bell, *8l. 8s. 6d.*'

In reference to the second transaction alluded to above, it appears by the accounts that on December 6th, 1766, a sum of *3s.* was paid for 'carrying weights to the church to weigh the bell and bringing them back,' and on June 2nd, 1767: 'W. Potter, on account of the bells, as by his bill appears,' received *20l. 6s. 6d.*

At a vestry meeting held December 11th, 1774, it was agreed to allow Mr. Thomas Sweetlove the sum of *65l.* to new frame the bells, new hang them, and make compleat all works thereto belonging, together with the two new girders below the floor, exclusive of the old materials. And on March 19th, 1775, a Church cess at *9d.* in the *£* full rents was granted towards defraying the expense of new hanging the bells, &c. But, instead of rehanging the old bells, it was agreed at a vestry meeting on June 18th, 1775, to send them to London immediately to be recast. The work was promptly done, for there is a charge of *12s.* on September 5th for the carriage of the new bells to church, and the payment of *6s.* to the ringers on September 22nd probably gives the date when these new bells were first rung. A Church cess at *5d.* in the *£* was granted on August 6th, 1775, towards defraying the expenses of recasting the bells. There is no memorandum of agreement with the bellfounders, but the following sums were paid to Pack & Chapman:—December 18th, 1775, *40l.*; July 10th, 1776, *38l. 19s.* The tenor bell, which was recast, as stated above, in 1624, and again in 1775, was again recast, in consequence of being cracked, in 1886, and all the bells were rehanged at a cost of *90l.*, raised by subscription.

And in 1890, two new bells were added, completing a peal of eight, the cost (*83l. 12s. 6d.*, exclusive of *10l.* incidental expenses) being defrayed by subscription. The account of the dedication of these bells (together with the church clock, presented by Mr. Serjeant Spinks), on July 29th, 1890, and the inscriptions on all the bells appeared in our paper, with an engraving of Boughton Church, on August 8th, 1890.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

1 and 2. 'Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London, 1890.'

3. 'Although I am but light and small,
I will be heard above you all.

Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775.'

4. 'If you have a judicious ear,
You'll own my voice is sweet and clear.

Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775.'

5. 'To honour both of God and King,
Our voices shall in concert ring.

Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775.'

6. 'Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound,
Let love and loyalty abound.

Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775.'

7. 'Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess.
Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1775.'
8. 'Warner and Sons, London, 1886.
H. M. Spooner, Vicar.

J. Bunt } Churchwardens.
E. File }

The parish of Boughton has always been ready to show its loyalty and patriotism by ringing its church bells—*e.g.*, payments were made to the ringers 'when the King went by;' *i.e.*, when King Charles I. went to Canterbury to consummate his marriage with the Princess Henrietta of France at the Abbey of St. Augustine on June 13th, 1625; *cf.* Hasted's *Kent*, 2nd ed. xii. 643; and, again, 'at the Kynges returne from Canterbury.' We have no reference to any events in the latter half of the seventeenth century, the accounts from 1655 to 1707 being lost. At Easter, 1709, *6s.* appears as 'paid to the ringers when we beat the French'—*i.e.*, probably to commemorate the Duke of Marlborough's victory at Oudenarde, June 1708.

Again, September 4th, 1710, 'for the rejoycing of the second vicktory in Spain'—*i.e.*, probably the battle of Saragossa.

On March 22nd, 1714, *12s.* was paid to the ringers when peace was proclaimed, and *6s.* more when peace was concluded.

On November 18th, 1715, 'ye victory obtained over the Rebels at Preston'—*i.e.*, the Scotch and Northumbrian rebels who had risen on behalf of the Pretender, son of James II.—was commemorated by a peal.

The Battle of the Nile, on August 1st, 1798, was similarly commemorated at Boughton on September 22nd in that year.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 408).

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With Mrs. BRAME, Darrow Wood Farm, Diss, Norfolk.

A RECORD OF VARIOUS CASES.—A FAMILY MEDICINE.

A reference to one of these cases appeared in the weekly journals of January 22nd, 1891.

Mrs. Brame, with whom I had the pleasure of a short chat recently, is a hale, hearty old lady, over 71 years of age, but looking at least ten years younger. I had been told that Mrs. Brame could give me information about Mr. Congreve's remedies, and this proved to be correct, for in reply to my initial question, the lady told me:

'My first experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment was in the case of my husband, now deceased. Many years ago, after inflammation of the lungs, we thought it quite impossible he could live, but he took the Elixir, which cured his cough, and he lived to the age of seventy-one, when he died of heart disease. My family is asthmatical, and when I suffer from cough, Mr. Congreve's medicine is the only thing that does me good. Besides this, I have seen its good effects with various members of my family. One son had influenza—the Balsam quite cured the cough, &c., which followed. My daughter had the same complaint while staying with me here last autumn. I advised her to take the medicine; she did so, and recovered. She knows of several remarkable cases of cure in the neighbourhood in which she lives—Enfield.'

'I understand, Mrs. Brame, that a girl living near here was recommended by you to write to Mr. Congreve. What was the result?'

'When she first applied I thought there was not the slightest chance for her—all her family suffer from chest disease. However, she got very much better, and if she will only persevere with the medicine I feel sure it will quite restore her.'

'Do you happen to know of any other cases, Mrs. Brame?'

'Yes; my youngest son had an attack of pleurisy, and derived great benefit from the medicine; and the "young widow" referred to in Mr. Congreve's book was still in good health when last I heard from her.' (Case 13 of book.)

I thanked Mrs. Brame and took my leave, having first received her permission to make public what she had told me.

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3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	5	4	6	3	-	-	-	-
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3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-	-
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-	-
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Repeated.

This is the first Two-part 5056 yet produced in this variation.

G. LINDOFF.

5056 Superlative Surprise.

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

Same qualities as the preceding peal. G. LINDOFF.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 20 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; S. Reeves, 3; H. Knights, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; W. Smith, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Hall, 8; R. Hall, 9; C. Fluck, 10. The peal, which has the 6th at home for 7 courses, and is 24 courses behind the 9th and 24 courses before the 8th, the bells being turned every 4th course, when the 6th comes behind the 9th alternately to the finish, was composed by Mr. W. Kent, of Aston, and conducted by Samuel Reeves.

THE CHURCH IN SCOTLAND.

THE Bishop of St. Andrews has been summoned to San Remo on account of the illness of Miss Wilkinson. We understand that the Bishop is about to leave St. Mary's Tower, and that his address after the end of May will be Erigmore, Birnam.

At the morning service on Sunday week in St. John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh, while the congregation were singing a hymn the organ suddenly stopped playing. No particular attention was paid to the fact, and it was very reasonably believed that something had gone wrong with the instrument, and the singing during the rest of the service was rendered without any organ accompaniment. It was only when the congregation were dispersing that it was noticed that the organist (Mr. C. H. Haslehurst) was unwell, and, after a closer examination had been made, it was found that he was suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Haslehurst is progressing favourably.

MUSIC.

FROM MESSRS. NOVELLO, EWER, & Co.:-

KING SAUL. An Oratorio by Dr. Hubert Parry.—In this fine work Dr. Parry has been his own librettist. The introduction is really an epitome of the whole work, containing, as it does, all the principal representative themes which, by the way, Dr. Parry uses with no sparing hand. The solos are largely declamatory, the meaning of the text being thereby brought out in bold relief, in many cases almost to the sacrifice of melody. In the important matter of accompaniments, many will think the solos to be overloaded. But it is in the choral numbers that Dr. Parry is at his best, and in these he displays his gift for writing music that is at once contrapuntal and melodic, the result being a series of majestic choruses that may well entitle the composer to the name of 'the English Handel.' That *King Saul* will prove a worthy successor to *Judith* and *Job* there cannot be a shadow of doubt, and we shall be surprised if it does not become as popular with the larger choral societies, both at home and abroad.

FROM MESSRS. WEEKES & Co.:-

TWO EASY SKETCHES FOR THE PIANOFORTE. By Anton Strelezki.—No. 1 is a 'Legende' in A minor, and is the easier of the two. The second piece is entitled 'Frühlingsliedchen,' and is in the key of A major; both are melodious and interesting, and well suited for teaching purposes.

Two other excellent study pieces by the same composer, are, 'Grande Nocturne' and 'Am Springbrunnen;' the former will be found useful as an exercise in phrasing and expression, and the latter in velocity.

FAVOURITE MELODIES FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO. Arranged by Frederic Weekes.—This series has now reached its forty-second number. All the four pieces now before us are of moderate difficulty, and all are carefully bowed and fingered where necessary, so that if these are fair samples of the remaining numbers, we can heartily commend the whole series to violinists in search of well-known melodies arranged for the instrument of their choice.

FROM MESSRS. ROBERT COCKES & Co.:-

NOS. 5 AND 6 OF THE RECITAL SERIES OF ORIGINAL ORGAN COMPOSITIONS.—No. 5 is a Concert Overture in F, by E. d'Evry; it is in regular first-movement form with an introduction. The themes are broad and stately, and skilfully worked out. It is altogether one of those pieces that organists delight to play. No. 6 is a long and not very interesting Sonata in F minor, by M. E. Bossi.

TEN SHORT AND MELODIOUS STUDIES FOR THE PIANOFORTE. By Graham P. Moore.—These very good modern studies should be assiduously practised by young students, who will afterwards discover their touch and phrasing to be much improved.

FIFTY MUSICAL HINTS TO CLERGYMEN. By George F. Grover. (W. Reeves, 185 Fleet Street.)—A little book containing a great deal of useful information.

ON Wednesday week at a meeting in connexion with the Canterbury Liberal Association, Canterbury, Canon Fremantle, dean-designate of Ripon, said, instead of talking about Church affairs as if they were separate from those of the nation, they must look at the nation's affairs as being Church affairs. He did not want to see the Church shut up to a narrow clerical affair, ruled by Convocation, which never had represented the Church of England. He desired to see the nation put forward a true form of spiritual culture, and educate itself to carry out the great ends of Christian justice: and he believed if they looked at that end they would find something very different to the principle of mere sects. All his life long he had been a reformer, striving against this clericalism, and he had not found it a very easy thing. His opinion was that this mere system of Disestablishment would do very little for them. In Wales it must be adopted, however, as this was the best thing that could be devised to meet exigencies; but in England he felt convinced, if the people were polled, they would not accept Liberationist proposals. Mr. Gladstone had said the same thing. He wanted to see something far better than Liberationism, far better than Church defence—something to give a Christian nation the means of enforcing a great religious power.

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THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

THE annual report of the Irish Church Representative Body gives a favourable account of the financial condition of the Church. Although the voluntary contributions have declined from 156,598*l.* in 1893 to 144,366*l.* in 1894, there are other items in the account which are reassuring. The contributions received by the Representative Body from voluntary sources since disestablishment amount to more than four millions and a half (4,532,795*l.*). The total amount of the revenue is 484,983*l.*, and the total expenditure 423,576*l.*, leaving a balance of 61,406*l.* to be added to the capital. The total assets now amount to 7,776,208*l.* The investments have yielded the largest sum yet realised, amounting to 299,290*l.*, and a higher rate of interest. In 1890 the total was 276,760*l.*, and the rate of interest 4*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*; the rate is now 4*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE Right Rev. J. Williams, bishop of Connecticut and President of the American House of Bishops, in a pastoral has just called attention to a serious falling off in the amount of the contributions to the Board of Missions. The Bishop says: 'I am not surprised, but I am nevertheless grieved, to learn that the financial depression throughout the country during the past two years has made itself felt in the serious reduction of contributions for missionary objects. The payments to the missionaries have been continued; but it has been necessary to borrow money for that purpose. The treasury of the Board is indebted to the amount of more than \$100,000 (20,000*l.*). The obligations incurred for this year must be met; but unless adequate means are provided it will become necessary to make a serious reduction in the appropriations which must be made at the May meeting of the Board for the new year. Such curtailment would be a great loss and sacrifice to the missionary work, which should not be permitted, except in case of extremest necessity. The expansion of the work of the Church in the United States is a constant appeal to us, not only to hold the ground that has been gained, but to continue to advance as rapidly as we are able. The opening of the great nations of the East is a call to us to follow the leadings of Divine Providence by strengthening the hands of those whom we have sent with the Gospel to China and Japan.' The Board of Missions has a very large Home Mission field in the West, and has a considerable number of missionaries in the foreign field.

WE understand that the division of the diocese of Maryland is nearly or quite assured. The fund for the new diocese of Washington now amounts to 9300*l.*, and is rapidly increasing. There seems to be no doubt whatever that before the meeting of the Convention of the diocese of Maryland, Churchmen of Washington will have completed the stipulated endowment of 12,000*l.*, in addition to which the new diocese will be entitled, under the resolution of the last convention, to one-half of the present endowment fund of 4560*l.*, and also to its just proportion of 'the accumulated episcopal fund.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

WE lately announced that twelve members of the above Society would attempt to ring a peal of 10,000 STEDMAN CINQUES at St. Michael's, Cornhill, City of London, on Easter Monday. It did not take place on account of a non-attendance. We have now to state that the attempt will be made to-morrow, the 27th inst., at the same church—meeting-time, 2 p.m.

The Bells of Uppingham, Rutland.

At a vestry meeting held on Easter Tuesday, the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot presiding, the Chairman read a report from Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, regarding the church bells, which were stated to be in a very bad condition, the fittings being old and rickety. The probable cost of putting

them in order would be about 300*l.* It was decided to form a Committee to act with the Churchwardens in the matter.

Two Peals—Bob Major and Treble Bob Royal.

THE first of the following peals, one of Bob MAJOR in four parts, with a single half-way and end, excludes the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th from sixth place at a course-end, and contains the extent of the 5th and 6th in that position. Of this class it is the first produced containing these qualities. The peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL contains the sixth its extent home at seven course-ends.

5120 Bob Major.

2	3	4	5	6	w	5ths	4ths	M	H
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JAMES S. WILDE.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Monday morning, the 15th inst., a band of well-known change-ringers from Sudbury, Glemsford, Cavendish, and Lavenham, rang a peal of 6048 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 4 hrs. 9 mins., this being the longest peal ever rung on these bells. W. Howel, sen. (Sudbury), 1; H. Thompson (Cavendish), 2; F. Wells (Glemsford), 3; H. Smith (Lavenham), 4; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 7; S. Slater (Glemsford), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed by the late Mr. W. Harrison and conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe. The ringers beg to thank the Rector (Rev. Canon Scott) for granting the use of the bells.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Monday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang the late J. Cox's One-part peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. E. Pye, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; E. Clayton, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Lewisham, Kent.

ON Monday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. H. Warnett, (conductor), 1; W. Weatherston, 2; A. Pheasant, 3; H. J. Skelt (first peal), 4; T. G. Deal, 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; J. Garrard, 7; C. H. Walker, 8.

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

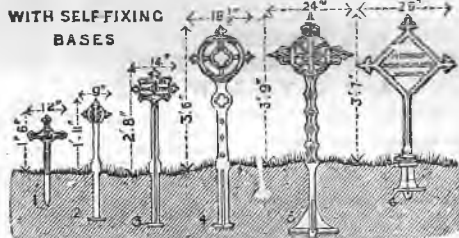
ON Easter Monday, the 15th inst., a peal of 5079 STEDMAN CATZES was rung by the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol District Association and Cheltenham and District Guild, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. F. Musty, 1; G. Phillott, 2; J. Austin, 3; H. Roberts, 4; F. Townsend, 5; Rev. F. Robinson, 6; W. Dyer, 7; W. T. Pates (composer and conductor), 8; A. W. Humphris, 9; R. Trigg (first peal), 10. Tenor, 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

At Baldock, Herts.

ON Easter Monday, the 15th inst., the ringers accomplished a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 7 mins., this being the first peal by a purely Baldock team. H. Bidnell, 1; J. Morley, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; T. Webb, 4; R. Jackson, 5; A. Thurgood, 6; G. Spicer, 7; G. Gentle, 8. The peal was conducted by the sexton, John Cawdell, this being his first peal as conductor.

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English and foreign, but a good deal of information not otherwise easily gathered together. In the current number Principal Rainy reviews Harnack's *History of Dogma*, Prof. A. A. Bevan makes short work of that unsatisfactory book, *Lex Mosaica*, Prof. Laidlaw writes on Denney's *Studies in Theology*, and the Editor on Flint's *Socialism* and Mr. Balfour's *Foundations of Belief*. There are also many shorter notices, and a useful record of select literature.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS gives us a character sketch of Sir John Millais, with illustrations from his earlier pictures, well written by the late John Underhill, and the Editor reviews Tolstoi's new work on the Gospels, which appears to be utterly unsatisfactory on the vital point of the Incarnation. Tolstoi is a clever novelist enough, and a good moralist, but what does he know about criticism to justify him in saying that 'it is quite impossible to give the least credit to any of these impossible and fabulous stories?' Well, Prof. Huxley has said they are possible, and it will take Count Tolstoi all his time to prove them fables. It is easy to call them such, it is quite another thing to prove them to be such. But we do protest against the idea that any man is qualified to tell the world authoritatively that such-and-such is the truth on the critical issues at stake with regard to the Gospels. We will listen to experts. We decline to listen to universal infallibilists, self-elected, like Mr. Grant Allen and Count Tolstoi. Let them keep to fiction, and leave history, for which they have no genius, severely alone.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS contains some statements *pro* and *con*. on Welsh Disestablishment in the form of interviews with Mr. A. Griffith-Boscawen, Mr. J. Carvell Williams, and Mr. J. Herbert Lewis.

THE THINKER continues to be interesting and useful. We note as worthy of attention Professor F. Godet's sketch of our Lord's 'Life prior to His Ministry,' and Mr. Swayne's valuable treatment of the 'Faculties by which Religious Truth is apprehended.' The summaries are well done.

THE INDIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW is this time a very full and valuable number. Among the chief items are 'Indian Antiquities: The Rāmāyana,' by the late Bishop Caldwell; the 'Theory of Evolution,' by the Rev. A. Horsburgh; and two articles on the 'Application of Christian Principles to Social Problems,' by the Archdeacon of Calcutta and the Hon. J. N. Stuart.

THE first number of CHAPMAN'S MAGAZINE OF FICTION—Mr. Oswald Crawford's new undertaking—contains contributions from the pens of Bret Harte, Anthony Hope, Stanley J. Weyman, James Payn, George Ira Brett, Frankfort Moore, Violet Hunt, and John Davidson. The style of the reading may be judged from these names. It is all light, interesting, and amusing. The distinctive characteristic of the new magazine appears to be the exclusion of illustrations. It is well printed on good paper, and as its price is low there is a reasonable prospect that it will succeed in establishing itself among its many competitors.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE quarterly meeting in connexion with this Society was held on Saturday, April 27th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury, and members attended from West Bromwich, Lichfield, Handsworth, Tipton, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Bloxwich, and other places. The bells (a fine ring of eight from the Loughborough foundry) were kept going during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands, and some touches in the GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, and KENT TREBLE BOB methods were brought round.

The North Notts Association of Bell-ringers.

THE third quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday at Misson, a remote corner of North Notts. A large assembly of members were present from almost all the principal towns in the neighbourhood, viz., Anston, Everton, Harthill, Harworth, Shireoaks, Worksop, East and West Retford, Ordsall, East Markham, and Misson. Shortly after noon the bells were in motion to the tune of various TREBLE BOB methods, and, with the exception of an hour's interval for tea, they were constantly on the go until nine in the evening. Four peals of DUKES OF YORK, VIOLET, KENT, and OXFORD TREBLE BOB were rung during the day. At five o'clock the ringers, upwards of forty, adjourned to the White Horse Inn, where full justice was done to a substantial meat tea. After tea the Rev. W. F. Keene, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. H. T. Slodden, secretary, presided at the business meeting, and also acted as secretary *pro tem*. In the course of a few remarks, he expressed the pleasure it gave him to see such a large number of ringers present on such an occasion as that. The visit had been looked forward to by the Misson people for a long time, and it was needless to say how heartily he welcomed them, especially after the misfortune they had in losing their old peal of four bells by lightning and fire to the church, and replacing them, after a hard struggle in the time of agricultural depression, by a new peal of six bells. The handsome gift of 5*l*. the members of

the Association gave towards the object he should always remember with admiration. A suggestion was brought forward for the ringers to consider, and, if approved of, to be confirmed at the annual meeting held at Worksop on Whit Monday, viz., that the Association make a grant to the East Markham Church Committee, similar to the one made to Misson last year, towards the purchase of two new bells to complete a ring of six. The annual meeting will be held at Worksop on Whit Monday.

The St. Sidwell's Society of Change-ringers, Exeter, Devon.

The annual meeting of the above Society was lately held in the belfry, the Rev. S. W. E. Bird (rector) in the chair. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were received and adopted, and showed that the Society was in a flourishing condition, both in regard to ringing and membership. A balance on the right side was shown, and the prospects of the Society were encouraging. The officers were elected as follows:—President, the Rev. S. W. E. Bird; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. Hems, S. Herbert, G. Hems, and A. Bird; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Shepherd; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. B. S. Mundy.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 448).

CONSUMPTION

AND

ALL CHEST DISEASES.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS AND NEW CASES

By MR. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH INTERVIEW

With Mr. EDWARD DINSLEY, Pickering, Yorks, with reference to the case of his Wife.

'HOPELESS' CASE OF CONSUMPTION.

Which has not been published before.

Mr. Dinsley, a highly-respected resident of Pickering, with whom I had a short chat recently, had a story to tell, which is of great importance to every person suffering from chest disease, and to those especially who, having derived no benefit from ordinary medical treatment, have given up hope, and regard their condition as incurable.

So terse and clear was Mr. Dinsley's recital, that it was unnecessary for me to ask questions, and I simply give the history as he told it.

'My wife's illness may be dated,' said Mr. Dinsley, 'from her confinement in 1888. She did not seem to recover her strength. She was ill all the winter, under the care of a doctor here, who, however, did not think her chest was then affected. Early in 1889 he ordered her to Scarborough, and she went. She arrived there so exhausted that she could not walk upstairs, and very nearly the whole of the time she remained there she was confined to her room—for eleven weeks. She had medical advice, the doctor seeing her every day—sometimes more than once. She made no progress; indeed, her condition became very critical; so much so that, one Friday, the medical man told my relatives, with whom she was staying, that her case was hopeless. That statement was repeated to me by the doctor on the following Sunday, and in reply to my question he said nothing more could be done—she was in consumption, and would not go home alive. I then decided to apply to Mr. Congreve, of whose treatment I had had some previous experience. At the end of the following week Mrs. Dinsley commenced taking the medicine, and, to put the matter briefly, in sixteen days was so much better that we were able to bring her home. She continued under treatment for a year and a half—during the latter part of that time not taking the medicine regularly, only when she required it. Gradually, but surely, she recovered; and ultimately she got quite well. To-day, as you see, she is in good health, and able to attend to business and to domestic matters. I ought to have said that after she returned to Pickering a doctor examined her; he said she had been suffering from consumption, but the lungs were healing.'

'I believe, Mr. Dinsley,' I asked, 'that other members of your family have also derived benefit from Mr. Congreve's medicines?'

'Yes. Two or three of the children have had bad coughs, and I have given it to them with wonderful effect. It does me more good than anything else when I get a cold.'

Very willingly did Mr. Dinsley accord me permission to publish what he had told me, and then I bade good-day to himself and his wife, whose appearance is certainly in itself an eloquent testimony to the efficacy of Mr. Congreve's treatment.

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Only the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th place at the course-ends.

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JOHN CARTER.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., St. George's Day falling on the monthly practice-night at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, the following members rang at that church three courses of STEDMAN CINQUES:—J. Pettit (conductor), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; R. Jameson, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; W. Burkin, 6; E. Taffender, 7; F. M. Butler, 8; W. Prime, 9; W. Pye, 10; T. Hibbert, 11; T. Cockerill, 12. Also three leads of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, and afterwards a plain course of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR by eight of the above members.

The attempt for the 10,000 at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Saturday, the 27th ult., came to an end after ringing 1 hr. 7. mins., through the loss to the tenth bell coming down the rope from the ceiling, an accident unprecedented, as far as is known, in peal-ringing history. It is hoped that another attempt will be made before the very hot weather sets in, due notice of which will be given in this paper.

MR. H. DAINS writes:—The particulars given with compositions by Mr. G. Lindoff, in your issue for April 19th, are misleading, and figures of first peal false.

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WE have received many booklets and tracts from the S.P.C.K. among which we would note the following: **PLAIN HELPS TO THE BOOK OF PSALMS**, by the Rev. Robert Rice; **BETTING AND GAMBLING**, a paper read before the Theological Society of King's College, London, by a Student; **HINTS, HELPS, AND RULES FOR DISTRICT VISITORS**; **BUYING UP THE OPPORTUNITY**, a sermon preached before the University of Oxford, by Canon Charles Gore.

MAGAZINES.

IN the CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE, the Archdeacon of London writes with lucidity on the great Anglican theologian, Waterland, and there are the usual useful homiletics.

THE EXPOSITOR contains two articles of first-class rank, the one by Dr. E. A. Abbott on the 'Elders' of Papias, very able, though we are not able to acquiesce in the author's conclusion. The other is by Prof. W. M. Ramsay on the words denoting Missionary Travel in the Acts, one of those fascinating studies that we have learned to expect from the author of *The Church in the Roman Empire*. The Rev. John Watson is not so good as usual in the 'Continuity of Life.' Mr. Watson must learn to concentrate himself more; not write English stories, but devote himself to that phase of theological study in which he has shown himself such a brilliant expounder: else we quite candidly fear for his future as a writer.

THE ANTIQUARY, among many interesting items, contains the 'Mystic Winepress,' by Sophia Beale; and 'Holy Wells of Scotland, their Legends and Superstitions,' by Mr. R. C. Hope. The reviews and short notes are well done.

GOOD WORDS is well filled this month. In 'The Men of the Moss-Hags' Mr. Crockett describes the chastisement of the 'Sweet Singers' with much quaint humour. 'Professor Blackie and his Doppel-Ganger' is an amusing paper by Professor Blaikie on the frequent confusion of his own name with that of his friend, and the mistakes arising in consequence. Dr. Hugh Macmillan points out the wonderful workmanship of the dandelion under the heading 'The Secret of a Weed's Plain Heart,' and suggests helpful thoughts therefrom in his unique way. 'A Trip in Highland Greece' and other articles are also good.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE contains an account, by the Rev. T. C. Collings, of the heroic lives devoted to 'Christianising the Niger,' notably those of Bishops Crowther and Hill. Mr. Forsyth serves as the biographer of 'Dr. Dale,' Mr. Franklin Richards brings to a conclusion his articles on 'The Eve of Christianity,' and Dr. William Wright contributes an essay on 'China and the Bible,' with illustrations taken from photographs of the casket and cover of the New Testament recently presented to the Empress Dowager.

IN the LEISURE HOUR Mr. Tighe Hopkins gives some rather startling information respecting 'Books in Prison.' We are glad to know that a Bible, Prayer-book, and hymn-book are to be found in every cell, but we are not exactly impressed with the deterrent value of solitary confinement when we learn that novels by Scott, Thackeray, George Eliot, &c., tales of adventure, volumes of poetry and biography, and a great variety of other charming literature, may be obtained from the prison library, and that each inmate may read at meals and for about two hours after his day's work is done. This reminds us of a young friend of our own who, on release from a House of Correction, was received, as a great favour, into a Boys' Home. He ran away, smashed a shop window and stole some herrings, and returned to gaol. 'Why did you do it, Walter?' 'Well, they gave us dry bread for breakfast at the 'Ome, and I'd been use to butter at 'Olloway.'

IN the SUNDAY AT HOME the series of sketches of 'Sunday in East London' has reached Stepney, and the pictures include views of St. Dunstan's Church and Watney Street Sunday Market. Mr. Lovett tells the inspiring life-story of 'Henry Nott, the Apostle of Tahiti,' who, going out as a young bricklayer of twenty-two, thoroughly mastered the Tahitian language, and translated the whole Bible into it, besides drawing up a code of laws which was accepted by the King and people.

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER contains a touching little story, by an unnamed author, entitled, 'That Other Boy.' Miss Lamb's new serial, 'A Wilful Ward,' though high in tone, is hardly written so as to enlist the sympathies of girl readers. 'Lost Opportunities' is a sensible paper.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER furnishes a well-condensed study of the 'Religious History of China,' and some interesting letters from Uganda. We note that the public dismissal of the first band of lady missionaries to that country is to take place on the 16th inst., at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place.

THE MISSION FIELD (S.P.G.), publishes the record of a year's work in Korea, by Bishop Corfe, whose portrait is given. There is also a short notice of the late Bishop Hale, of Australia.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

An Explanation.

SIR,—The particulars of the two peals given by me on the 19th ult. may be slightly misleading; but the peal of CAMBRIDGE is not false, as stated by Mr. Dains. He has proved the figures by the original method, when the 5056 represent a peal in that variation known as BURTON or YORKSHIRE, and is the first two-part 5056 yet obtained. To the peal of SUPERLATIVE my name should not have been attached, as it belongs to Mr. Dains. I therefore give up all claim.

15 Knight Street, Lincoln, May 3rd, 1895.

G. LINDOFF.

A New Association of Church Bell-ringers.

AFTER many unsuccessful attempts it has at last been found possible to form an Association for the Oundle First Deanery, in Northamptonshire, and in the Diocese of Peterborough. This was inaugurated at Cotterstock on Monday, April 29th, when the Warmington, Pilton, Benefield, and Stoke Doyle ringers joined the home band for a half-day's ringing. After service in the church a business meeting was held at the Vicarage, when the following officers were appointed:—President, Lord Melville; Vice-President, Rev. C. Hopkins, R.D.; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. G. M. Edwards, of Stoke Doyle Rectory.

The Hertfordshire Society of Change-ringers.

THE annual gathering of the Herts Association took place at St. Alban's on Easter Monday. At 12.45 a service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, when the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop gave an interesting address, pointing out the even greater privileges bell-ringers had than the clergy, because they were enabled to make their voices heard abroad, whilst the clergy could only speak to the people when they were inside the church. After the service, an adjournment was made to the Justices' Room at the Town Hall, where dinner was served. The annual meeting followed, under the presidency of the Rev. Philip Deedes. Amongst those present were Mr. E. P. Debenham (honorary secretary), and many others. The first business was to elect new members, and the following, having passed the necessary ringing qualification, were admitted members of the Association—Messrs. F. Smith and E. Douglas (Bushey), E. Weddon (St. Peter's), H. Jones (Hatfield), F. S. Barnes and H. J. Samuels (Abbey).

Mr. E. P. Debenham having welcomed the Rev. Philip Deedes amongst them, proposed him as an honorary member. Mr. Deedes said, in common with all members of his class, he felt greatly indebted to the members of that Association. Mr. Debenham also proposed the Rev. R. de Carteret, curate of St. Peter's, as an honorary member, which was seconded by Mr. E. Hull, and carried.

Mr. Debenham, in a lengthy and satisfactory report, referred in touching terms to the loss the Association, and, in fact, the whole ringing world, had sustained in the death of their late and highly respected President, Mr. Leonard Proctor, who had been an active ringer for sixty-five years, and had been connected with the Benington band since 1839. It was gratifying to note that although the Association had not gone ahead by leaps and bounds, yet it had fully maintained its position by carrying on a steady work, and promoting as far as possible the main objects for which it was formed. Last Easter the balance amounted to 9l. 6s. 11d., whilst this had now increased to 10l. 9s. 2d. The ringing members on the books at the present time numbered 121, and the honorary members 13. The report then proceeded to give a detailed account of the performances on the bells during the year, and referred to the unremitting energy Mr. Lawrence had shown in establishing a band of ringers at Little Munden. The balance-sheet showed receipts amounting to 17l. 18s. 11d., and expenses 7l. 9s. 9d.

Mr. E. Hull proposed that the report and balance-sheet be received and adopted; Mr. R. E. Hammond seconded, and it was carried.

Owing to the death of the late Mr. Proctor, the post of president is vacant. Mr. Debenham had been approached with a view to accepting this office, but he declined, and the appointment of a successor was left open to the next meeting. Mr. R. E. Hammond had much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham to the office of secretary, as he did not think they could find his equal if they tried. Mr. E. Hull seconded, and this was carried with applause. Mr. E. E. Huntley was re-elected auditor; and Bushey was fixed upon as the place for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence for the use of the Cathedral bells, and also to the Rev. G. H. P. Glossop for his address that day, on the proposition of Mr. Debenham, seconded by Mr. Buckingham. Various other matters were brought forward, and notices of motion placed upon the agenda for the next meeting. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

Reopening of Bells at Stockland, Devonshire.

ON Easter Monday these bells, which have been rehung and otherwise improved by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, were reopened. Choral service was held in the parish church at 2 p.m. The Rev. H. A. Cartwright, Whitestaunton, preached an excellent sermon. A collection was made on behalf of the bell fund. A large number of ringers were present, comprising the Guilds from Axminster, Chard, Honiton, Clyst, Croyton, Dalwood, and Chardstock, in addition to Stockland, and ringers from Exeter. A public tea was held at the schoolroom, and at the King's Arms Inn there was a public luncheon.

The Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the members of the Bedfordshire Association was held on Easter Monday at Bedford. The members during the day visited the towers of St. Paul's, St. Mary's, and St. Peter's. On the St. Paul's peal the principal item was 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. T. Foote, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharp (conductor), 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; J. Sear, 8. For 336 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, the ringers were: E. Herbert, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Sharpe, 3; C. Herbert, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Tysoe, 6; F. Smith, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. They also rang a course of DUFFIELD MAJOR, and short touches of STEDMAN. In the afternoon there was a service at St. Paul's Church, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Earle Bulwer, Hon. Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers, his remarks being based upon the words, 'Woe is me if I preach not the gospel,' which are inscribed on the great bell of St. Paul's Cathedral. At four o'clock there was a meat tea in the All-hallows Schoolroom. The chair was taken by Mr. George Hurst, who was supported by Mr. T. G. E. Elger (in the vice-chair), and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (hon. secretary), Canon Haddock, and others.

The Chairman, in calling upon the Hon. Secretary to read the annual report, said that those who were unfriendly to the Church used to call it the steeple-house, but he would say that he was delighted to see so many friends of the steeple-house present.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker then read the thirteenth annual report, which stated that they could offer congratulation on the continued restoration of rings of bells in the county. Since their last meeting the old bells of St. Peter's, Bedford, had been recast and rehung, and a new tenor added, making a very pleasing ring of six. The members of the Association rang several 720's in various minor methods on the opening day. The bells of Westoning Church had also been rehung, but it was much to be regretted that the money spent upon the Toddington bells should have produced so little result in making them ringable. They required thorough overhauling by competent bell-hangers. The feature of the year's work to which the Committee especially drew attention was the number of peals rung, which was in advance of anything hitherto accomplished by the Association. In all, fourteen peals had been rung on tower bells—four of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, four of BOB MAJOR, three in seven methods on six bells, and, last, but by no means least, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, the first by the Association, and by all the members of the band. Two peals had also been rung double-handed on handbells, one at Bedford and one at Woburn (the first). The peal of 10,176 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, rung at Irthlingborough on December 29th, 1894, was the longest yet achieved by the Association, and it was worthy of note that the ringer of the treble was sixty years of age. The Committee, in concluding their report, welcomed any suggestion that would tend to unite all the ringers of the county in one body, while at the same time relaxing none of the efforts of the Association towards the promotion of scientific change-ringing.

Mr. Elger, as hon. treasurer, stated that the financial position of the Association was most satisfactory. They commenced the year with a balance in hand of 26*l.*, and had now a balance of 28*l.* 3*s.* 5½*d.*

The report was adopted and the accounts passed, with votes of thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. T. Bull proposed the re-election of the Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Shimmins, and carried unanimously. Mr. Elger was re-elected Treasurer on the proposal of the Rev. J. Copner, Mr. F. A. Chasty seconding.

Mr. Elger said it was the thirteenth time they had elected him to the position and he should always take a great interest in the Society. Many persons not in that room but in Bedford, especially old Bedfordians, would like to see two trebles added to the peal at St. Paul's. He should like to see a ring of ten bells in the metropolitan church of the county. Not more than twelve years ago there was a great deal of prejudice in Bedford against bell-ringing at St. Paul's, but he was glad to say that a great deal of that prejudice had died away. He believed that that prejudice was due in a great measure to the bad ringing of the old time. Now every one they met were loud in their praises of the ringing, and well they might be, because he considered that in no town or district in England was there a better set of ringers. When they had got two new bells then would be the time to consider the question of the chimes. The chimes were put up in 1879, by public subscription, and were much admired, but after some time the machinery, which was rather complicated, got out of order. They were put in order through the generosity of Mr. Fredk. Howard, but their maintenance would always be an anxious question unless it were taken over by some public body. The only public body who could be expected to maintain them was the Corporation, and he thought that it really was a matter which should be taken up, because it was a public question. Corporate bodies were paying for public bands and band-stands, and he thought that here they might make a ground for supporting the chimes. He proposed that a committee be formed to consider the question of providing two new bells for St. Paul's.

Mr. W. Clarke, in reply to Mr. Elger, said that an estimate had already been obtained, and Mr. Hills said that the founders of the peal had given them 115*l.* as an approximate estimate of the cost.

It was decided to appoint a Committee and the following were selected to act: Rev. L. Woodard, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Mr. Elger, Mr. W. Harter, Mr. T. Bull, and Mr. J. Hills.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was then re-elected hon. secretary; Mr. J. Hills being appointed assistant.

Mr. Baker, in returning thanks, said he was pleased to say that this was the largest meeting that the Association had ever held. He spoke in high

terms of Mr. Hills as assistant secretary, and said that the assistance he rendered the Society was invaluable.

Mr. H. Thody and Mr. T. Bull were re-elected auditors, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

THE above Guild held their annual meeting at Sefton on Saturday April 27th. The members and friends assembled in the ancient parish church of St. Helen, when service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. G. F. Owen, curate of St. Thomas's, Seaforth. Subsequently a substantial tea was provided in the schoolroom, presided over by Miss D. Wall, daughter of the Rector, and Mrs. John Martin. The members afterwards formed themselves into a business meeting, Mr. Robert Musker, of Sefton, occupying the chair. The Treasurer read a printed balance-sheet, showing, after all expenses were paid, a respectable credit in favour of the general and benevolent fund. The Ringing Secretary, Mr. W. Bentham, gave a detailed report of the proceedings at the general meeting of the ringing societies of all England, held recently at Sheffield, which he attended as the representative of the Liverpool Guild, when an effort made to establish a general benevolent fund was not successful. A pleasing feature in the meeting was the inauguration of lady honorary members, four being elected, and it is certain that their interest will be very beneficial to the Guild. A cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Wall, Miss D. Wall, and Mr. Robert Musker for their kind co-operation and support, terminated an agreeable meeting. Several touches were rung on the old and sweet-toned bells, the only regrettable feature being that, in consequence of the threatening nature of the weather, less than the usual number of ringers went out. The next meeting will be held at Hindley, near Wigan, on the last Saturday in June.

The North Notts Association of Change-ringers.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., the members of the East Retford Branch of the above, accompanied by Mr. R. Potter, of West Retford, journeyed to Grantham to try for a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS on the fine bells of the Parish Church. After a look at the 'Little Ting-Tang,' a very old bell standing apart from the beautiful peal of ten, a touch of 398 was rung by the following:—G. Winter, 1; Geo. Swannack, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; R. Potter, 10. After another touch of 180 by a mixed company, consisting of J. Whetstone, 1; G. Swannack, 2; G. Winter, 3; T. Spurr, 4; J. Bottomley, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; — Crawford, 7; R. Potter, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; W. Clayton, 10; the bells were at rest for evening service. Afterwards a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS was attempted by the company who rang the 398 touch, but after ringing for seventy minutes the attempt had to be abandoned. A touch of 504 changes, standing as for the attempted peal, finished the day's ringing, and the Retford men, with a few of the Grantham ringers, were afterwards entertained at supper by Mr. T. W. Denman, of Retford. After this had been satisfactorily disposed of, the 'Grantham bells' naturally came up for discussion. All agreed that the peal is a very fine one, going well, but making far too much noise in the ringing chamber. This could very easily be altered by putting in an additional floor of plaster or other suitable material between the ringing chamber and the bells. If this were done the performers would find their work much easier, as there would be less sound, and they would be able to hear their bells ring better, especially the middle one. The Retford men desire to express their gratitude for the kind manner in which they were received by the Grantham brethren, and also to thank the church officials for the use of the bells, and Mr. Parker, the steeple-keeper, for having them in such good going order.

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The Bells of Peterchurch, Herefordshire.

On Easter Monday the Hereford branch of the Guild of Church Bell-ringers was invited by the Rev. W. F. Lambert to open the recently restored peal of six bells in the tower of St. Peter's. The bells were raised in peal, and several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung, after which the chambers containing the bells were visited to inspect the work which had been done. A large part of the old and decayed frame had been removed, and new substantial English oak timbers fitted in place of the old, and the whole of the old and new parts of the framework strongly bolted vertically through the braces, which, together with strong angle-plates bolted to all the joints and corners, has made the frame steady and strong. All the bells have been fitted with new stocks and ironwork, and the wheels retrimmed, and all the other fittings renewed. Credit is due to the contractor, Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford, for the manner in which the work has been done, and the easy running of the bells made the ringing enjoyable. After partaking of a substantial meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, the ringers proceeded to the ringing chamber, and rang several more six-scores of DOUBLES, when the bells were left in the hands of the local ringers, and the visitors had the pleasure of hearing the music of the bells as they journeyed homewards. The ringers were stationed as follows:—R. Chamberlain, 1; S. Hobby, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; J. Jones, 4; W. Lewis, 5; H. Gaines, 6. Calling on their way homewards at Madley, in the hopes of having a pull on the beautiful peal of six bells there, they were sorry to find them quite unringable, owing to the bad state of the ropes and the dilapidated state of the bell fittings.

The Royal Exchange, London.

The chimes at the Royal Exchange, which have been in existence for fifty years, have recently broken down, and the Gresham Committee, which has the control of the fabric, has decided to improve and enlarge them. Hitherto, only four tunes have been played:—'The Old Hundredth,' 'God Save the Queen,' 'Auld Lang Syne,' and 'The Roast Beef of Old England.' The new arrangement contemplates twenty-one chimes, divided into a week of English, Scotch, and Irish airs, each day playing a distinctive air. On Sunday the chime will be to a sacred tune, viz.:—'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,' 'Hanover,' and 'Abide with Me.' The chimes will play thrice daily—at nine in the morning, at noon, and at nine o'clock at night. They will soon be in working order.

Ringers at Swineshead, Lincolnshire.

A PARTY of ringers belonging to the East Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association from Boston, Kirtton, Heckington, &c., visited this place on a recent Saturday, and rang several excellent peals. Afterwards they adjourned to the Griffin Inn and partook of dinner. The Rev. Canon Holmes occupied the chair, and the Rev. H. L. Dowson, the vicar of Fosdyke, the vice-chair.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 6th ult., the Midland Counties Association rang J. J. Parker's Ten-part peal (No. 3) of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. G. Dawson, 1; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 2; W. Hexter, 3; A. H. Ward, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Poxon, 6; F. Bradley, 7; S. Dawson (first peal), 8. This peal, which was rung at the first attempt, is the first peal in the method by all the band; also the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Hexter and Poxon belong to Long Eaton; Ward and Bradley to Derby; the others to the Duffield Society.

At St. Peter's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 15th ult., twelve members of the Yorkshire Association rang Hubbard's peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS in 4 hrs. 10 mins. T. Hattersley, 1; W. Bugar, 2; T. Dixon, 3; J. Mullingar,* 4; C. H. Hattersley, 5; H. Dains, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; J. Holman,* 8; S. Thomas,* 9; A. Brearley, 10; A. Jacob, 11; G. Newson (conductor), 12. Tenor, 41 cwt. Messrs. Newson, Jacob, and Dains, came from London; Pitstow, Saffron Walden; the remainder of the band are local ringers at the above church. The visitors tender their thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for permission for ring, and to T. Hattersley for arrangements. [* First peal of MAXIMUS.]

At the Parish Church, Kettering, Northants.

On Tuesday, the 16th ult., a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 12 mins. by the following members of the Midland Counties Association:—S. Cotton, 1; G. Cleal, 2; John o' Lancashire, 3; J. H. Swinfield,

4; A. W. Matthews, 5; A. R. Oldham, 6; J. F. Marlow, 7; W. P. Cooper, 8. This peal, which is the first in the method on the bells, was composed by John o' Lancashire, and conducted by G. Cleal.

At St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., twelve members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5104 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 3 hrs. 57 mins. C. E. Borrett, 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; F. J. Howchin, 3; G. P. Burton, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; E. Francis, 6; A. G. Warnes, 7; G. Howchin, 8; F. H. Knight, 9; F. Day, 10; G. Smith, 11; W. Bales, 12. Composed by H. Hubbard and conducted by C. E. Borrett. First peal of GRANDSIRE CINQUES by all. This is but the third peal of CINQUES on the bells. It is a curious fact that the above was rung on the 180th anniversary of the first 5040 ever accomplished, which was rung in the same tower, a board still hanging on the walls recording the same.

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

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstans' composition) in 2 hrs. 55 mins. R. Sewell, 1; J. D. Drewitt (first peal in the method), 2; E. H. Adams, 3; S. Greenwood, 4; C. F. Winney, 5; F. M. Butler (conductor), 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; Jos. Fayers, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At ST. MATTHEW'S, BETHNAL GREEN, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., for morning service (being also the birthday of A. Deards), a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 42 mins. by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths:—F. G. Bailey (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; J. Bonney, 3; T. Gynne, 4; E. Clarke, 5; W. Prime, 6; J. Thompson, 7; W. Williamson, 8.

At ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR'S, BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening for Divine service, 720 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. H. Doran, 3; F. A. Nunn, 4; E. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale, 7; W. Pye, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday morning, by the Essex Association, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR. T. Watson, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; W. Grimwade, 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday afternoon for service, by members of the Essex Association, 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR. F. Radley, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Moore, 3; S. Sargent, 4; H. E. Hammond, 5; W. Grimwade, 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, FEERING, ESSEX.—Lately, by the Essex Association, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, being the first in the method on the bells. W. Grimwade, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; F. L. Bumpstead, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

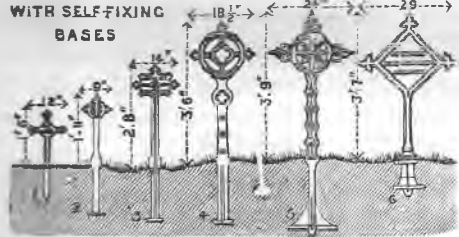
At THE PARISH CHURCH, KELVEDON, ESSEX.—Lately, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, being the first in the method on the bells. A. Edwards, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6.

At HORNCURCH, ESSEX.—On a Monday, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 29 mins. H. Randall, 1; E. Clayton, 2; W. H. Dalhmore,* 3; F. A. Nunn,* 4; E. Pye, 5; W. Pye (conductor), 6. Also 360 DOUBLE COURT BOB. H. Randall, 1; W. H. Doran, 2; W. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; E. Pye, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. [* First 720 in the method.]

At BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, the 14th ult., for evening service (being also the birthday of T. Faulkner), a quarter-peal of BOB MAJOR was rung in 45 mins. by the following members of the Essex Association:—H. E. Parker, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; A. Hardy, 3; E. Lucas, 4; F. Morris, 5; York Green (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; A. Deards, 8.

At ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday, the 29th ult., at Ormskirk Parish Church, a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; J. Taylor (conductor), 3; W. Bentham, 4; P. H. Harvey, 5; J. Watts, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. Rung as a mark of respect to Mr. R. Coombs (who is a ringer at Ormskirk Church), who had that day been married to Miss S. Prescott. Also, on Sunday, the 28th ult., at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. W. Hale, 1; G. Voss, 2; J. Sephton, 3; S. Hoggood, 4; P. Mawdsley, 5; J. Hale (conductor), 6. All the above are members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

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SIR.—By communication with Mr. G. Lindoff, I find he intended the two-part 5056 as BURTON Variation on CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, and so I wish to withdraw the latter of my remarks upon the subject published in *Church Bells* of the 3rd instant. Upon further examination, however, I find the peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE, given in your issue of the 19th ult., has been rung as my composition upon several occasions.

J. DAINS.

Kent Treble Bob Major.

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ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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A. K.

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The 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, with both bells six course-ends at home. The 3rd and 4th are also their extent in 6th's place. If the first part is twice repeated a peal of 5184 is produced, having the 5th and 6th their extent right.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this Branch was held on Saturday, May 4th, at Bromborough. About twenty ringing members were present from the Bromborough, Eastham, Bebington, West Kirby, and Woodchurch towers; also the Rector of Bromborough (the Rev. E. D. Green, who presided and gave the tea), three honorary members, and the Secretary. Several well-struck touches were rung on the beautiful peal of eight by mixed bands, amongst which were 477 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 560 BOB MAJOR, and 504 BOB TRIPLES. At six o'clock the company repaired to the schoolroom for tea, after which a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his hospitality. The principal business of the meeting was the enrolment of three honorary members, and, at the conclusion of the business, the new members ascended the tower to witness the ringing.

Godmanchester, Hunts.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., at the parish church of St. Mary, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 21 mins. by the following members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, London:—F. V. H. Sinkins, 1; G. Smith, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; J. Hannington, 4; A. Pittam, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; H. Dains, 7; G. Newson, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. The peal contained 5040 changes, and was composed and conducted by G. Newson. It is the first in the method rung in the county, and was attempted as a 'centenary peal' to commemorate the opening of these bells (a peal cast by Osborn, of Downham) on May 6th, 1795.

At the conclusion of the performance the visitors and local ringers sat down to an excellent dinner at the Constitutional Hall—the Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Chamberlain, M.A., chairman; and Rev. J. Honey, vice; supported by the Churchwardens, Major Roper, John Looker, Esq., P. E. Tiffard, J.P., Esq., and other gentlemen, numbering in all twenty-nine, including Mr. R. Baxter, the originator of the festivities.

In the course of an excellent descriptive address upon the bells the Vicar praised the ringing by his own men in the early morning, and thanked the Cumberland Society for honouring their town with a visit by special request and also for the excellent peal which many townspeople had taken the opportunity to listen to in the neighbouring fields and walks, and he hoped

Cumberland would be in existence to celebrate the bi-centenary in company with his successor in the parish.

Mr. Newson, in a few words, on behalf of the Society, thanked the Vicar, Churchwardens, and others, who had given his band so hearty a welcome to their old borough town.

Evening service was held at seven o'clock, for which the local ringers rang a touch, and the visitors 500 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Special hymns and psalms were selected, and a good congregation assembled to hear an excellent address by the Vicar. The service was fully choral, in which the congregation heartily joined, and was in every way most appropriate to those interested or connected with church bells and bell-ringing. A collection was made on behalf of the funds of the Godmanchester Society of Ringers. Thanks are due to many of the leading residents for liberally subscribing towards the expense of engaging a team of London Cumberlands. The advertisements, by small posters, of the proposed performance and the decoration of the tower battlements with flags, created considerable interest amongst the inhabitants of Godmanchester and adjoining parishes. The beautiful weather, which prevailed all day, enabled many townsfolk to wander along the fields abutting the river Ouse, and to hear to advantage this ancient fine peal of bells, with its E flat tenor.

The Bells of St. Giles's, Northampton.

THE rehanging of the bells of St. Giles's, Northampton, will be completed by Ascension Day, when the Bishop of Peterborough is to dedicate the two new bells, which are the gift of Mr. M. H. Holding and other members of his family, in memory of his father and mother. With the addition of the two new bells, St. Giles's will be able to boast of the unique honour of having the only ring of ten bells in Northamptonshire.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, London.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5088 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins. W. J. Sorrell (first peal as conductor), 1; J. Nicholls, 2; E. H. Adams, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; S. Andrews, 5; C. Charge, 6; H. R. Newton (first peal in the method), 7; E. O'Meara, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 488).

CONSUMPTION

AND

ALL CHEST DISEASES.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS AND NEW CASES

By Mr. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

EIGHTY-NINTH INTERVIEW

With Mr. S. E. WORTON, R.A.M., South-end House, Elland, Yorks., 'COMPLETE AND PERMANENT RESTORATION TO HEALTH.'

This case was published in the weekly journals of August 4th, 1892.

The reference above-mentioned as to Mr. Worton's case was very brief, and may well be reproduced here. The patient wrote: 'Nearly thirteen years ago I was a patient of yours. I need hardly say how thankful I am that, under God, your treatment of me was blessed to my complete restoration to health. Two or three friends of mine have also benefited exceedingly from your treatment.'

When I called upon Mr. Worton recently at Elland he was good enough to add to the foregoing the following fact:—

'There has been Consumption in my family. In 1879 I had a severe cough for six or eight months; the expectoration was sometimes mixed with blood. I got so ill that I was confined to bed for three weeks. I had three local doctors. After a time I got a little better, but the cough and expectoration continued. Then I wrote to Mr. Congreve, with the result that less than four bottles of his medicine quite cured me. Since that time I have had no return of chest trouble, except once when I caught cold, and then what I had left of the last bottle of the Elixir put me right.'

Mr. Worton added that he knew of other cases where great benefit had resulted from Mr. Congreve's treatment, and gave me his permission published this testimony.

MR. G. T. CONGREVE'S work on CONSUMPTION, &c., in which are detailed THE CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, PROGRESS, and SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF THIS SCOURGE OF ENGLAND. With nearly FOUR HUNDRED CASES OF CURE. Also on COUGH, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, &c. &c. The Book will be sent post free for ONE SHILLING by the Author, Coombe Lodge, Peckham, London, S.E.

At the Parish Church, Lavenham, Suffolk,

ON Saturday, March 23rd, an attempt was made for 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Benington, Herts; but after some excellent ringing in 3 hrs. 7 mins., the bells got into confusion, and the conductor called 'stand.' W. Howell, sen. (Sudbury), 1; H. Thompson (Cavendish), 2; H. Smith (Lavenham), 3; F. Wells (Glensford), 4; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 5; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 6; O. Garwood (Glensford), 7; S. Slater (Glensford), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Wednesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5376 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. S. Macey, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; A. P. Goddard, 4; T. Groves, 5; S. Lawrence, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. S. Wise (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. The composition contains the 5th twelve times wrong and right, the 4th and 6th each ten times wrong and eighteen times right, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at a course-end, and was rung to welcome the Bishop on his return from his journey round the world.

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

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. F. S. Bayley (first peal as conductor and first attempt), 1; E. Clark, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; I. G. Shade, 4; G. Thompson (first peal in the method and first attempt), 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; W. Prime, 7; W. Foreman, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Editha's, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Windridge, 1; A. Everitt, 2; C. Chapman, 3; J. Pratt, 4; J. George, 5; J. W. Timms, 6; R. P. Brindley, 7; J. H. Chapman, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt. Composed by John Carter and conducted by James George. J. H. Chapman was elected a member before starting. This is his first peal, which was rung at the first attempt.

At Irthlingborough, Northants.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association rang a peal of 5024 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. A. Perkins, 1; C. Newman, 2; A. Tyler, 3; W. Pettit, 4; J. Garratt, 5; A. H. Martin, 6; J. Houghton, sen., 7; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 8. A. H. Martin came from Higham Ferrers, the rest belong to Irthlingborough.

The Long Peal of 'Double Norwich' by the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., the above band met at Romford to commemorate the 13,440 DOUBLE NORWICH rung at the above church twelve months ago, and to unveil a tablet placed there to record that peal. A dinner took place afterwards at the Swan Hotel, after which the usual toasts were given. During the afternoon four courses of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR were rung. B. Foskett, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; H. Dains, 3; G. Smith, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Pitam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newton (conductor), 8. Also touches of DOUBLE NORWICH and STEDMAN TRIPLES, some of the local ringers taking part. The ringer of the second in the long peal (Mr. Barnett) was not able to attend early enough to take part in the ringing, but put in an appearance later on.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. THOMAS'S, PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, the 12th inst. 216 STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung by the following members of the Lancashire Association:—J. George, 1; J. Smith, 2; T. G. Downs, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; G. E. Turner, 5; T. Smith, 6; H. Chapman (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Also 224 and 112 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Carter, 1; J. Smith, 2; T. G. Downs, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; G. E. Turner, 5; T. Smith, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; H. Chapman, 8. The above touches were rung for morning service. 408 STEDMAN TRIPLES. S. Greenlach, 1; J. Smith, 2; G. E. Turner, 3; J. Winterbottom, 4; J. Rogers, 5; T. Smith, 6; H. Chapman (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8. This touch was rung for evening service.

AT ST. MARY'S, ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—On a Sunday, 1120 DOUBLE NORWICH in 40 mins., by the Lancashire Association. J. George, 1; J. Ireland, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; J. H. Ridyard, 4; F. Derbyshire, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. Bagaley, 7; R. Ridyard (conductor), 8. The above ringers, except J. George, came from Worsley. Also 640 KENT TREBLE BOB. G. E. Turner, 1; W. Cross, 2; T. G. Downs, 3; J. George, 4; J. Garratt, 5; T. Smith, 6; H. Chapman, 7; R. Ridyard (conductor), 8. Also a short touch of GRANDSIRE, conducted by T. George, standing as before, except T. Graffen, 1. The above touches were rung for the anniversary service for the Church Sunday School.

AT ST. MARK'S, WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On a Sunday, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 35 mins. T. G. Downs, 1; J. H. Ridyard, 2; J. Ridyard, 3; J. Derbyshire, 4; F. Derbyshire, 5; T. Derbyshire, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Bagaley, 8. The above are all members of the Lancashire Association.

AT ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, KENT.—On a Tuesday, an attempt was made for a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, but, after ringing 2496 changes in about 1 hr. 30 mins., it suddenly ended. H. Warnett, 1; W. Taylor (Leiston, Suffolk), 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. R. Davis, 4; J. E. Davis, 5; H. N. Davis (conductor), 6; A. J. Neale, 7; T. Groombridge, 8.

AT ST. ALPHEGE'S, GREENWICH, KENT.—On a Thursday, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 45 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; E. E. Richards, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; T. Gwynne, 6; E. W. Thornton, 7; W. Foreman, 8. During the day various other touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, TREBLE BOB, &c., were rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Elsie Wire, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Travers Wire, with Mr. Philip A. Wilkins, of Dartmouth.

AT ST. THOMAS'S, KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On a Saturday afternoon the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association of Bell-ringers rang several peals, which included DUKE OF YORK TREBLE BOB, WOODBINE TREBLE BOB, and KENT TREBLE BOB. The members present were:—Messrs. A. Ryles, J. Gibson, J. H. Naylor, E. Glover, and Johnson (Norton); Messrs. W. Twigg and J. E. Wheeldon (Bucknall); H. Cornwell (Kingsley); and Messrs. H. Dean, J. Mason, and A. Archer (Kilsgrove).

WE have received a copy of the Statement of Accounts of the Society of Bell-ringers of Reigate Parish Church, from which we are glad to learn that there is the excellent balance of 26l. 6s. 10d. in hand.—Ed. C.B.

RECEIVED ALSO.—T. Hill (thanks); and many others.

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CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE. Designed as a Guide to Meditation and Self-examination and a Help to Devotion. By Lady Mary Herbert. (London: Wells Gardner. 1895. 1s.)—Arranged under subjects such as Time, Money, Faith, Humility, Obedience, Prayer, Sacraments. The treatment is brief, but suggestive of useful lessons and habits of thought and life.

THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH UNION, 1859-1894. By the Rev. G. Bayfield Roberts. (The Church Printing Company. Price 6s. net.)—The E.C.U. is a power, and it represents a strong section of English Church thought. This history will serve a double purpose; first, as a record for its members of its origin, history, transactions, and scope, and, secondly (for those who are unacquainted with its objects), as a compendium of what it does and *does not* aim at. Each year's Church work from 1859 up to date is carefully recorded, and Lord Halifax's preface well explains the purport of the volume. The book is to be recommended especially for those who *misquote and misrepresent* the work of the E.C.U., while, for the members of that body, a story of its transactions cannot fail to be of deep interest.

HANDBOOK OF THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SCOTLAND, 1895. (Longmans. 6d.)—Very useful to all candidates for Holy Orders. It contains also an account of the various Societies that help those needing pecuniary assistance in their training for the Ministry.

WHERE THE BROOK AND RIVER MEET. By Nellie Hellis. (Wells Gardner & Co. Price 3s. 6d.)—A very good story indeed, pleasantly told, and well worked out. Excellently suited for elder girls.

JAMES ARCHER SPURGEON, D.D., LL.D. By G. Holden Pike. With a Preliminary Statement by A. T. Pierson, D.D. (London: Alexander & Shephard. 1894.)—The custom of writing a man's biography before his death is only justifiable in very rare instances, and we do not think that this is one of them, or, if it be so, that the work is well done. The most interesting part of the present volume consists of Charles H. Spurgeon's letters. Of the rest we can only say that it is dull and unprofitable.

HOW TO VISIT ITALY is a useful guide-book edited by the Rev. Henry S. Lunn with contributions by Archdeacon Farrar, Mr. Oscar Browning, Mr. Sieverts Drevett, and Dr. Russell Forbes. (250 pp. 8vo. cloth, 2s. 6d.; 5 Endsleigh Gardens, London, N.W.)

WILTON, Q.C. By Mrs. A. Tweedie. (London: Horace Cox. Price 6s.)—A pleasant story of life in a Highland shooting-box, showing considerable acquaintance with Scotch ways and customs, but with a rather unsatisfying tragedy at the end.

ANIMALS: THEIR PAST AND FUTURE. By G. H. Pember, M.A. (London: Hodder & Stoughton. 1895. 1s. net.)—A brief plea for the immortality of the animal world. The view may be true, but why not extend it to the vegetable, since the border-land is very vague?

MAGAZINES.

THE ENGLISHWOMAN contains no fewer than twenty-two articles, stories, and papers, and an abundant number of illustrations. 'Berlin—a Retrospect' contains some interesting reminiscences of the City of the Bear; there is a paper on M. Paul Bourget, the French author, and another on 'The Ladies' County Club.' Fashionland, Gardens and Gardening, and a children's page all have a niche in this magazine for ladies.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS contains an article on 'Socialism and Christianity,' by the author of *Stephen Remarx*; an account of the work being done in the parish of St. Paul's, Onslow Square; and Mr. Alderman H. Phillips on 'Morals and Politics.'

THE ECONOMIC REVIEW gives us Bishop Westcott on the 'Christian Social Union'; Mr. W. F. Cobb on 'The Fathers on Property,' written against some recent nonsense on the question; Mr. W. A. S. Hewins on the 'Origin of Trades Unionism'; and a very full account of recent legislation, Parliamentary inquiries, and literature bearing upon social problems. The review quite keeps up its interest and importance, and is not one-sided.

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES delights us, as always, with its 'Notes of Recent Exposition,' chief among which are those on Canon Gore's lectures on the 'Sermon on the Mount,' Canon Cheyne on the 'Ritual

of the Scapegoat,' and the *Spectator* on the 'Burial of R. L. Stevenson.' Principal T. Witton Davies continues his interesting account of 'Dillman,' Mr. W. St. Chad Boscawen explains 'Some Early Forms of the Laws of the Family,' and there are many minor articles and some excellent reviews.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS is a very good number this month. The character sketch of Li Hung Chang is important, both for its personal interest and its bearing on present politics; and the account of Mr. Benjamin Kidd and his famous book is accurately and usefully written.

THE NEW QUARTERLY MUSICAL REVIEW. (Robert Cocks & Co.)—A great part of the May number is given up to a thoughtful and well-written paper on the 'Musical Notation of Ancient Greece' (a subject that is at present attracting considerable attention) by C. F. Abdy Williams. Other interesting contributions are 'Discoveries in English Musical History,' by H. Davey, and an analytical review of Smetana's new opera, *Die verkaufte Braut*.

NEW MUSIC.

FROM MESSRS. NOVELLO, EWER, & Co.:—

'LET NOT THINE HAND.' An anthem for Hospital Sunday. Composed by J. Stainer, Mus. Doc.—There are very few anthems suitable for use on this occasion, so that a hearty welcome will be given to Sir John Stainer's latest composition. The music is easy and to a large extent in unison. There is a short solo for soprano or tenor, leading, through a fine crescendo on a dominant pedal in B flat, to the same melody harmonised to form a chorus. The anthem ends in a novel manner with a short bass solo sung *quasi recitative*.

FIRST STEPS AT THE PIANOFORTE. By Francesco Berger.—This is a work of sterling merit, gently leading the student through the intricacies of the notation, time signatures, &c., and so laying a solid foundation on which to build up a sound musical structure. The thanks of all teachers are due to Mr. Berger for having placed such a work in their hands.

A COMPANION to the above is **EIGHTEEN LITTLE PIECES FOR THE PIANOFORTE**, by the same author. These pieces are intended for use with the primer. They are all melodious and of sound workmanship, and possess titles attractive to the little ones.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.

The annual meeting will, by consent of the Rev. B. R. Wilson, be held at Kettering on Whit Monday. Divine service at the Parish Church at 1 p.m.; dinner at 2 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells (a ring of eight, tenor, 24 cwt.) will be open for ringing from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Wellingborough.

The late Mr. E. Browne, of Hailsham, Sussex.

On Thursday in Holy Week there was interred in the cemetery at Hailsham an old townsman who had been connected with the church and parish for a very long period. Mr. Edward Browne has resided in Hailsham for nearly fifty years, and for thirty-six years held the office of Churchwarden. During that time, the ancient Church of St. Mary was completely restored. Five years ago, when the nave was under repair and the fine west arch once more opened into the tower, deceased—who in common with several other old inhabitants had long been anxious to get the seventeenth-century ring of five bells rehung and increased to six—took the matter up, and was so heartily supported by the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Harvey, and the parishioners generally, that not only were they rehung, but three trebles added, thus making one of the prettiest little octaves in Sussex. For the past year or two, Mr. Browne had resided with his daughter at the Manor Farm, Rype. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. F. C. Harvey and the Vicar of Rype. The coffin bore the inscription: 'Edward Browne; died April 8th, 1895, aged 77 years.'

The Bells of Holy Trinity, Hull, Yorks.

The following are the inscriptions on the above bells:—
Treble. 'Thomas Lester, of London, made me—1747.'
2nd. 'J. H. Bromby, vicar. H. W. Hentig and T. Marshall, churchwardens—1827.'
3rd. 'Let distant hills return their lays—1727.'
4th. 'Thou air with measured tremour shake—1727.'
5th. 'Earth at the solemn sound awake—1727.'
6th. 'Lester & Park of London, *Fecit*; Richard Bell and Robert Ramsey, churchwardens—1759.'
7th. 'Rev. John Healy, Bromby, vicar; Jas. Harrison, founder; William Horncastle and John Yeoman, churchwardens—1802.'
Tenor. William Mason, vicar; Jos. Dell, Daniel Bridges, churchwardens. Thomas Lester, of London, made me—1747.

The Higham Ferrers Deanery Association, Northants.

This Association held its fourteenth annual meeting at Tichmarsh on the 6th inst., and for several hours the sound of the bells of St. Mary-the-Virgin were wafted across the Nene valley. Six teams from villages in the locality handled the ropes, namely Tichmarsh, Achurch, Aldwinckle, Islip, Lovick,

and Woodford. There is now the full complement of eight bells at Tichmarsh, two having been added in 1885. The gathering was a success, not only in point of numbers, but in every other way, and tended to promote the interests of the Association. Through the kindness of Mr. Jellis, a large barn was placed at the disposal of the members for the purpose of transacting the annual business. A dinner was supplied therein at noon, the Rev. F. M. Stopford presiding, and after the removal of the cloth a short toast list was gone through. The Treasurer's report was then submitted. It showed a balance of a few shillings on the right side, and was considered satisfactory. The Rev. G. M. Edwards, secretary (having accepted the secretaryship of the Oundle Association), tendered his resignation, but was unanimously requested to continue in office. The reverend gentleman, in expressing thanks for the confidence shown in him, said he did not wish to retire, but as he had felt bound to accept the secretaryship of the new Association, it seemed right that he should state what he had done. He would not like to sever himself from the old Association, and was thankful to do what he could towards its interests. Three new members were admitted, and after it had been arranged that the next meeting should be held at Woodford, and thanks had been accorded to Mr. Jellis for the use of the meeting-place, the business was brought to a termination.

Service was afterwards held in the parish church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. M. Stopford.) The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. A. Cavendish Neely, vicar of Denford-cum-Ringstead, who preached an excellent sermon appropriate to the occasion.

The following account of the inscriptions on the bells at Tichmarsh will doubtless be read with interest:—1st: 'Treble, J. Taylor & Co., founders, Loughborough, 1885. In mem. Florence Augusta Stopford. Amici me Dedicaverunt, A.D. 1885. Pax vobiscum.'—Second: 'J. Taylor & Co., founders, Loughborough, 1885. In mem. Florence Augusta Stopford. Amici me Dedicaverunt, A.D. 1885. Et cum Spiritu Tuo.'—Third: 'Cantante Domino Canticum Novum, 1688.'—Fourth: 'God Save the King, 1688.'—Fifth: 'J. Salmon, J. Fowler, churchwardens. Edw. Arnold, Feicit, 1781.'—Sixth: 'Robert Greene and John Wells, churchwardens, 1688.'—Seventh: 'Henry Bagley made mee 1688.'—Eighth: 'Henry Penn made me 1708. John Cannard gave me. Jeffery Coals, John Barns, churchwardens.' The tenor weighs 21 cwt., and is in the key of E.

Dedication of the Bells of St. Mary's, Walkley, Sheffield.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., his Grace the Archbishop of York visited St. Mary's, Walkley, for the purpose of dedicating the new peal of bells, which has just been presented to the church by Mr. W. L. and Mrs. Littlewood. The bells were hung a few weeks ago, and were cast Messrs. John Taylor & Co. The notes and weights of the bells are:—Treble, E, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.; 2nd, D, 5 cwt.; 3rd, C, 6 cwt. 13 lbs.; 4th, B, 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.; 5th, A, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; tenor, G, 13 cwt. 11 lbs.; total, 44 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs. On the tenor bell is cast the following inscription:—'These bells were given to St. Mary's Church, Walkley, by William Lewis and Mary Littlewood, in 1895, as a thank-offering to Almighty God for all the mercies and blessings bestowed upon each of them: Thomas Smith, vicar; George Barber, Thomas Staniforth, churchwardens.' The bells are fitted up with all the latest improvements, and have iron headstocks, with steel gudgeons, a speciality of Messrs. Taylor. The framework is also of iron, standing upon and bolted to heavy steel girders. Great care was required in designing the frame, as the tower is not only a small one, but the space was still more confined owing to the the room required for the clock and its connexions. It would have been quite impossible to have hung the peal in the tower in one of the old-fashioned style of timber frames.

The Archbishop and his private chaplain reached the church at five o'clock, being accompanied by Mr. Arthur Jackson. The clergy robed in the Church Schools, and thence a procession walked to the church, consisting of the choir, the clergy, the Vicar of Walkley (the Rev. T. Smith), the churchwardens, and the Archbishop. The service was that appointed to be used in the diocese of York when church bells are dedicated. The procession entered the church tower, where, after a prayer had been offered up, the churchwardens took the ropes of the bells, and requested the Archbishop to dedicate the bells. The Archbishop received the ropes and performed the dedication, and then delivered the ropes to the Vicar with the usual command that the bells are to be regarded as a sacred trust. The bells were then chimed for a few minutes, while the Archbishop, clergy, and choir entered the church. His Grace afterwards gave an eloquent and stirring address from the words, 'I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord' (Psa. exxii. 1).

AT STANSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, four of the Melford ringers paid a visit to Stanstead, and, with the help of the Stanstead ringers, rang the following touches:—360 BOB MINOR. A. Clark (conductor), 1; C. G. Bixby, 2; F. Cornell, 3; S. Ford, 4; R. Brett, 5; G. Smith, 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. R. Brett, 1; E. Ambrose, 2; G. Smith, 3; S. Ford, 4; C. G. Bixby, 5; A. Clarke (conductor), 6. This is C. G. Bixby's first 720 as conductor, also E. Ambrose's first 720 on an inside bell. Messrs. C. G. Bixby, F. Cornell, S. Ford, and E. Ambrose came from Long Melford, the rest being local ringers.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 45 mins. by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths:—A. Deards, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; A. Hardy, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; E. Lucas, 5; F. Norris, 6; S. Hayes, 7; A. Whight, 8.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 508.)

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The Centenary of Godmanchester Church Bells, Hunts.

In connexion with the 'centenary peal' on these bells, which was reported in our columns last week, the following particulars may prove of interest.

According to the date over the west or tower entrance to the church, the tower and steeple were built in 1623 (although the church itself is of far more remote date), and contains five bells only, as follows:—No. 1, 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.; No. 2, 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.; No. 3, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.; No. 4, 'Cast by A. Shepherd at the Angel Inn,' 19 cwt. 20 lbs.; No. 5, 29 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.; total, 84 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs. The present peal of eight

bells, in the key of E flat, was cast from the metal of the old bells by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, Norfolk, in 1794, at the expense of 120*l.*, which was defrayed by a liberal subscription. They were opened on 6th May, 1895, by the 'Cambridge and Soham Youths,' and two years later the 'Soham Youths' rang a peal of 5780 changes upon them, and several other companies of ringers have from time to time performed upon them. After the new peal had been hung some years a misfortune happened to the sixth, as, by some means or other, it became cracked, the fissure extending a short distance from the top to the sound-bow, but a hole was bored below the crack to prevent it extending, and for a long period the bell was used in common, both in ringing and chiming, but, of course, the sound was imperfect. As time went on, however, the deterioration of the bell increased, and for several years it was deemed expedient not to use it, and by that means the peal was incomplete, and the octave was marred by the loss of one of the heavy bells. This went on till the year 1870, when the late Bishop McDougall was vicar, when a successful effort was made to rehang the entire peal and supply a new sixth bell. The work was carried out by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, Leicestershire. The following is a detailed account of the present peal:—

No.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1. 'Thomas Osborn, Downham, made me 1794. Untouched I'm silent, strike me and I sing sweetly'	6	3	7
2. 'T. Osborn, founder, 1794'	7	0	16
3. 'T. Osborn, founder, 1794'	7	1	5
4. 'T. Osborn, founder, Our voices shall sing with joyful sound, Make hills and valleys echo round. 1794'	7	3	20
5. 'T. Osborn made me, 1794'	9	3	14
6. 'F. Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough, 1870; F. D. McDougall, D.C.L., vicar; P. E. Tillard and Henry Quince, churchwardens'	10	1	7
7. 'T. Osborn made me, 1794'	14	3	16
8. 'Rev. Castle Sherrard, rector; John Martin, Robert Waller, bailiffs; John Scott and Richard Miles, churchwardens; T. Osborn, founder, 1794'	20	2	11
Total	84	3	12

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5056 GRANDSIRE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 13 mins. W. G. Hall,* 1; B. Dalton, 2; H. Knight,* 3; H. Dawkes,* 4; T. Horton, 5; W. Smith, 6; A. Griffiths,* 7; J. E. Groves (conductor), 8. First peal of MAJOR on the bells. Composed by John Carter, and has the tenors together every lead. Tenor, 18 cwt. [* First peal.]

At St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

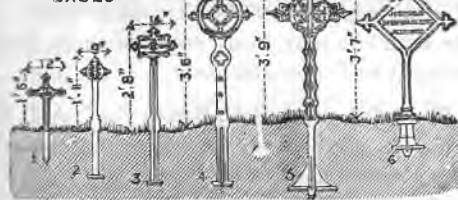
ON Saturday, the 18th inst., the following members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang, in 3 hrs. 21 mins., a peal of 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR:—Benj. Foskett, 1; H. Dains (composer), 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Harrington, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat. This is the first peal in the method by all the band except the author of the composition. It is in two parts, and is the original composition in this method upon that plan. Messrs. Haworth and Jameson, of the College Youths, with Messrs. Harvey, Barry, and others of the Royal Cumberlands, heard most of the ringing of this peal.

At St. Lawrence's, Darlaston, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., the Birmingham Amalgamated Society Branch of the Midland Counties Association, rang a muffled peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. H. Mason, 1; J. Jones, 2; J. Carter (conductor), 3; W. B. Small, 4; G. Walker, 5; J. George, 6; J. Groves, 7; J. T. Perry, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. Composed by Arthur Craven. This is the first peal of TREBLE BOB rung upon the bells, and was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Edwin Bruerton, churchwarden at the above church for twenty-three years.

AT ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On a Sunday for service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung by the following members of the North Notts Association:—J. Swannack, 1; J. Hind (Blyth), 2; H. Haigh (East Retford), 3; H. Lambert, 4; R. Beeston (conductor, Blyth), 5; J. White, 6.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

THE fifth annual meeting of the Council was held at the Wharfedale Hotel, Sheffield, on Tuesday, April 16th, the President, Mr. Percival Heywood, in the chair. Of representative members forty were present out of seventy-seven, representing twenty-one out of thirty-one societies; and of honorary members three out of eight. The minutes of the meeting of 1894 were read by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and confirmed.

The President addressed the Council, referring to the lamented death of Mr. Proctor, and urging upon the members the importance of presenting a solid front against the attack of the Liberationists upon the endowments of the Church of England.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the year began with a balance of 40l. 3s. 0½d. in hand; subscriptions received, 9l. 7s. 6d.; sale of report on calls, 14s. 8½d.—Total, 50l. 5s. 3d. Expenditure: Stationery for three years, 5s.; postage, 12s. 8½d.; printing, 7l. 1s. 4d.; cost of reporting, 1l.—Total, 8l. 19s. 0½d. Balance in hand, 41l. 6s. 2½d.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the accounts were passed.

Mr. W. Snowdon moved, the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, and it was carried unanimously:—

‘That this meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Executive by the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, than whom no one has done more to encourage practical ringing in its highest branches.’

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, Dr. Carpenter seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Messrs. Thompson, Boughey, and Strange be elected honorary members of the Council, the two first named and Captain Acland having retired by rotation.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had duly placed in the hands of the Church Congress Subjects Committee the application of the Council to have the subject of ringing placed on the agenda for the ensuing meeting, but that he had little hope the appeal would be successful.

A letter was read from Mr. Strange reporting his advance with the bibliography of ringing. It was decided to convey the thanks of the Council to Mr. Strange for his labours.

The report of the Handbell Committee was read, and Mr. Pritchett moved and Mr. Catchpole seconded, that the recommendation of the majority of the Committee that there should be an umpire to every handbell peal be adopted. This, however, was amended by the addition of the words ‘where practicable,’ and in this form the motion was carried by a large majority.

In regard to the report of the Committee on technical terms, after some discussion it was moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and carried, that this report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey stated that the Committee on reduced railway fares had not yet received a definite reply to their inquiries of the railway managers.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies reported the progress of the Committee for the publication of peals, and stated that a further selection would shortly be issued.

Mr. Pritchett moved, and Mr. Washbrook seconded:—

‘That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a benevolent fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and to report as to the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect.’

The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. G. F. Attree moved, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded:—

‘That owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now frequently elected, it is desirable that the elections for the future be only made at some recognised annual, general, or district meeting duly called by such Association.’

The motion was lost by a large majority.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the next meeting of the Council be held at Brighton.

The President being here compelled to leave to attend a funeral, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer took the chair.

Mr. Snowdon moved, and Mr. Lockwood seconded, the following addition to the Council’s definition of a six-bell peal:—

‘Nevertheless, when a multiplicity of methods, of which no two are the same, is rung, peals of DOUBLES and portions of true 720’s, embracing bobs and also singles when the method requires them, shall be admissible, provided that the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety.’

The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Snowdon moved and it was seconded,—

‘That some mode of admitting proxy voting under certain circumstances is desirable, and that a Sub-Committee be formed to report on this question to the next meeting of the Council.’

The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Attree moved and Mr. Pritchett seconded:—

‘That the present schedule of points used in ascertaining the respective value of peals rung by the various Associations be considered, altered if found necessary, and issued in future under the authority of the Council.’

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 528.)

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GENERAL DEBILITY.

Miss Bennett’s case was published May, 1890.

The case of Miss Annie Bennett, who lives with her mother at the above address, was in some respects a singular one. Commencing with bronchitis, severe inflammation of the membrane of the lungs followed. This became chronic, and for a long time proved very difficult to remove. Under Mr. Congreve’s treatment, however, complete restoration to health was secured, to the great joy of all who knew the patient.

Chatting with Mrs. Bennett, the mother, recently, she told me:—

‘In 1888 Annie, then a child, suffered from bronchitis, and a good many other illnesses. Ultimately inflammation of the membrane of the lungs made its appearance, accompanied by a severe cough, much offensive yellowish expectoration, great pain in the chest, and loss of strength—she was getting weaker every day, although she was under the doctor’s care. I asked the Rev. G. Bromley, at that time our minister, to write to Mr. Congreve, being recommended to take that course by a friend, and having seen the benefits derived from his treatment in other cases.’

‘Please tell me what the result of this was?’

‘Well, after about a month the doctor reported that the lungs were better, and the expectoration was much less. We were able, two months later, to report a still further improvement, and she gradually progressed until all traces of the disease had left her, though at one time I didn’t think she would get better. Since that time she has had no trouble with her chest. I may say that I have used the medicine for another of my daughters who had bronchitis, and she has remained well. In addition, I have recommended it to many others, and shall continue to do so.’

Miss Bennett, whom I had the pleasure of seeing, certainly does not appear to ail much.

Before I left Mrs. Bennett accorded me her full permission to make public her testimony.

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It was decided to refer the matter to a Committee consisting of the President, Mr. Attree, Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Dains, Mr. Washbrook, Mr. E. B. James, and Mr. J. Carter.

Mr. Attree gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Council meet in Whitsun week instead of Easter week. Votes of thanks to the President and Hon. Secretary concluded the meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

Society.	Present.	Absent.
Ancient Society of College Youths	C. F. Winney	F. E. Dawe W. D. Smith W. T. Cockerill
Royal Cumberland Society	G. Newson H. Dains A. Jacob	B. Foskett
St. James's Society	(unrepresented)	E. E. Richards W. L. Buckingham
Bath and Wells Association	(unrepresented)	Rev. C. W. Griffith Rev. J. U. Todd
Bedfordshire Association	Rev. W. C. Baker	
Birmingham and District Society	(unrepresented)	J. Carter
Chester Diocesan Guild	W. Walmisley R. T. Holding	
Devonshire Guild	(unrepresented)	L. Mackenzie, M.D. Rev. W. S. Willett
Durham & Newcastle Association	(unrepresented)	R. S. Story F. Lees
Essex Association	F. G. Newman N. T. Pitstow	Rev. T. L. Papillon W. Nevard
Gloucester and Bristol Association	Rev. H. A. Cockey	G. H. Phillott E. B. James
Hereford Diocesan Guild	(unrepresented)	J. T. Bratton J. G. Wall
Herts County Association	(unrepresented)	E. P. Debenham
Kent County Association	Rev. E. W. Carpenter A. Palmer	Rev. F. O. Helmore W. Bedwell
Lancashire Association	Rev. J. H. Elsee Rev. C. A. Clements J. Eachus	A. E. Wreaks
Leeds and District Association	T. Lockwood	
North Lincolnshire Association	(unrepresented)	N. E. Snow F. F. Linley
Liverpool Association	W. Bentham	
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	(unrepresented)	H. Bastable
Middlesex Association	G. B. Lucas	
Midland Counties Association	A. P. Heywood S. Cooper	J. W. Taylor J. Griffin
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Stafford Archdeaconry Society	S. Reeves R. Cartwright	
Surrey Association	A. B. Carpenter	R. B. Blanchard
Sussex Association	Rev. C. D. P. Davies G. F. Attree J. Parker	A. E. Nye
United Counties Association	(unrepresented)	J. Holden
Winchester Diocesan Guild	H. White J. Whiting	F. W. Rees G. Williams
Worcestershire and District Association	R. E. Grove J. S. Pritchett	
Yorkshire Association	W. Snowdon C. H. Hattersley W. H. Howard	B. T. Copsley

Honorary Members Present:—Rev. G. H. Boughiey, W. Wakley, C. Hounslow.

Honorary Members Absent:—Rev. Canon Wigram, W. H. Thompson, J. C. Mitchell, J. Pettit, F. E. Ward.

Societies represented	21	Hon. Members present	3
" unrepresented	10	" absent	5
Representatives present	40	Total Members present	43
" absent	37	" absent	42

The Kent County Association.

The annual meeting will be held at Faversham on Whitsun Monday. Service at 12.30 p.m. Address by the Rev. G. W. Carpenter, vicar of Mitton, Sittingbourne. Dinner in the Drill Hall, Preston Street, at 1.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing:—Faversham (8), Ospringe (8), Boughton (8), Hernhill (8) Sittingbourne (8), Teynham (6), and Selling (6).

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Towcester and District Bell-ringers' Association.

The second festival in connexion with this Association was held at Towcester on Thursday, the 16th inst., and satisfactory progress during the past year was reported. The proceedings of the day commenced with a service in the parish church, which was well attended by members and others interested. The following parishes were represented in the congregation of bell-ringers:—Blakesley, Blisworth, Braden, Courteenhall, Collingtree, Easton Neston, Gayton, Greensnorton, Paulerspury, Pattishall, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester, Whittlebury, and Wicken. The preacher was the Rev. P. H. Bowers, M.A., rector of Market Bosworth. At half-past one o'clock the ringers and a number of friends sat down to dinner in the mission-room. The company, over which the Rev. R. A. Kennaway presided, numbered nearly ninety. The business of the general meeting was afterwards transacted, and the President said they began the year with a balance in hand of 11s. 6d. Fifteen new members were nominated. The invitation given by the Rev. Dr. King to hold the next annual meeting at Gayton was cordially accepted. It was agreed to hold district festivals, to be arranged by the different belfries, throughout the year. Two representatives from each belfry were appointed on the General Committee. The idea of a competition being introduced among the different belfries after the annual meeting was rejected, as it was thought it would create bad feeling among the members of the Association. The officers were all re-elected. During the evening various sets of ringers occupied the tower of Towcester Church in turns, and rang a number of changes.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, London.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang N. J. Pitstow's Variation of Brook's peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 44 mins. J. Pettit, 1; H. Swain, 2; H. A. Hopkins, 3; J. M. Hayes, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; H. R. Newton (conductor), 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; G. Chesterman, 8.

At the Parish Church, Handsworth, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 25th inst., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Holt's One-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; G. A. Martineau, 3; T. Westwood, 4; S. Reeves (conductor), 5; J. Hall, 6; W. Verry, 7; J. W. Bacon, 8.

At St. Magnus', London Bridge, City of London.

On Sunday evening, the 26th inst., after Divine service, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a touch of 1244 changes of STEDMAN CATERS in 49 mins. (taken from J. P. Bradley's peal of 5014). J. Pettit (conductor), 1; F. M. Butler, 2; T. Hibbert, 3; E. Taffender, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; W. D. Smith, 6; E. O'Meara, 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8; W. Prime, 9; E. Marriott, 10. Tenor, 22 cwt. The above was rung, at the suggestion of one of the band residing in the parish, to welcome back the Rev. A. J. McCaul, rector, after a long and severe illness.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, WILTON ROAD, PIMLICO, LONDON.—On Sunday, the 19th inst., for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Moore, 1; E. Phillips, 2; S. J. Reed, 3; F. G. Godfrey, 4; J. Thimblethorpe, jun., 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; F. T. Gover (conductor), 7; J. Thimblethorpe, sen., 8.

At HOLY TRINITY, LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On a Friday, the following touches were rung:—240 BOB MINOR. E. Ambrose, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; H. Duce, 3; S. Ford, 4; C. G. Bixby, 5; F. Cornell (conductor), 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. E. Ambrose, 1; A. Ambrose, 2; H. Duce, 3; R. Brett (conductor), 4; C. G. Bixby, 5; F. Cornell, 6.

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The Dean of Rochester presided, last week, at the Church House, at the annual meeting of the Church Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed on the motion of the Rev. H. Glover, vicar of Addiscombe, seconded by the Rev. J. Ker, rector of St. Catherine's, Ontario. A new mode of preparing animals for slaughter was described. Mr. C. F. Darn exhibited diagrams of improved cattle trucks. Prizes were presented to the writers of the best essays from various London schools. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman on the motion of Mr. Vaughan, supported by the Rev. S. Buss, and presented by Mr. Joseph Darton.

REVIEWS.

WHY WE ARE CHURCHMEN: SOME PLAIN REASONS. By A. L. Oldham, M.A. With Preface by Principal Edgar C. S. Gibson. (London: Rivington, Percival, & Co. 1894. 2s. 6d. Second edition, revised.)—A simple, straightforward defence of the English Church position as against Rome, on the one hand, and Dissent, on the other. The chapter on the Reformation and the Roman mission is very well done.

LET US DRAW NIGH. By Rev. Andrew Murray. (London: Nisbet. 1895. 1s.)—Reprinted from the larger work, *The Holiest of All*, which we reviewed favourably some short time ago. It contains the section on Heb. x. 19-25, and aims at finding 'a way to a life abiding continually in the secret of God's presence.'

RELIGIO CLERICI, AND OTHER POEMS. By Alfred Starkey. (London: Elliot Stock, 1895.)—These three poems are distinctly good. The major one deals with the world-old problem of the conflict between good and evil, and deals with it in the light of modern knowledge, fighting its darker problems and issues until the answer of faith is reached, and we can see how

'Thou dost convert
Ev'n Nature's self to Thy most beauteous sway;
Her sighs are but the preludes of Thy songs,
Her storms are but the heralds of Thy peace;
Thy mercy follows and binds up her wounds.
Thy resolution of her discords makes
Her sweetest strains; Thy golden consequence
Waits to transmute her leaden purposes!'

The resetting of the 'Prioress's Tale, and 'Ad Amicos,' are equally well worth reading.

EVANGELIUM IN EVANGELIO; OR, THE MORAL HISTORY OF A SINFUL SOUL. By W. H. Ford, vicar of Monyash. (London: S. P. C. K. 1895. 6d.)—A brief and telling exposition of the parable of the Prodigal Son.

We have received a second edition of **REASON AND RELIGION; OR, THE LEADING DOCTRINES OF CHRISTIANITY.** By the Rev. Dr. R. E. Hooppell. (London: Henry Froude, 1893. 2s. 6d.)

The twenty-second volume of **GREAT THOUGHTS** (London: A. W. Hall. 4s. 6d.) is a handsome volume, and contains a large variety of reading in addition to two complete stories, one of them from the pen of Grant Allen and the other by Madame Coulin. Among the remainder of the diversified contents, we notice the interesting twentieth-century symposium to which reference has been made in our columns; and the chatty notes which appear under the heading, 'By-way Philosophy.' The plates given with the monthly parts are bound up with the volume, which is well suited for a gift to any one fond of general reading.

THE PEOPLE'S LIFE OF WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE. (London: Cassells.)—An illustrated popular sketch of the life of this famous statesman.

MAGAZINES.

In the **THINKER** we have, in addition to very good summaries of current American, Canadian, German and Swiss thought, two thoughtful papers, one on 'Our Lord's Teaching on Prayer' by Prof. W. G. Blaikie, and the others by Principal E. Elmer Harding on 'The Inspiration and Preservation of the Holy Scriptures.'

The **CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE** contains the sixth of Archdeacon Sinclair's sketches of 'Leaders of Thought in the English Church,' dealing with 'John Wesley, the Evangelist of the Masses.'

We always look to the **EXPOSITORY TIMES** to keep us up to date in theological matters, and it never fails us. The 'Notes of Recent

Exposition' deal with Prof. Flinders Petrie's new *History of Egypt*—a wonderful book—with the parable of the Good Samaritan, with the new *Codex Ludovici* (so gently handled as to the editing, but necessary all the same), and with the 'Three Rains of Palestine.' Then Prof. J. T. Marshall deals admirably with Resch's recent treatment of the 'Trinitarian Baptismal Formula,' and the whole number is worth reading from cover to cover.

PROF. INCE in the **EXPOSITOR**, in common with many others just now, writes on the 'Miraculous Conception and Virgin Birth of Christ.' The treatment is sound but not quite adequate to all the difficulties of the problem. Prof. Swete enlightens us considerably as to St. Jerome on the Psalms, and Canon Cheyne for once is acceptable on the development of the meanings of 'Belial.' For the rest, the Rev. T. G. Selby on 'Our Lord's Ideal of Prayer,' Mr. J. Rendel Harris on 'A New Patristic Fragment,' and the Rev. H. Burton on 'The Breakfast on the Shore' fill up a good number.

CHAPMAN'S MAGAZINE has, we are glad to say, the edges cut. The promise of the first number is maintained. There are further instalments of Bret Harte and Violet Hunt's serial stories; George Ira Brett's detective tale is concluded, and there are among the complete stories contributions from George Gissing, S. R. Crockett, and Frank Stockton.

THE CHURCHMAN includes a very interesting paper by the editor on 'Dean Boyle's Reminiscences,' and Canon Jenkins contemplates and criticises the Pope's letter. The drift, indeed, is all against Leo XIII., until the reader is almost disposed to take the part of his Holiness.

THE NET, though 'cast in many waters,' is the special magazine of the Mission to Zululand, founded in 1870 by Miss Anne Mackenzie as a memorial of her brother, the first Bishop of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. This mission occupies fifteen stations, eleven in Zululand, one in Swaziland, and three in the Transvaal. In the list of missionaries on the cover, we are glad to see that one name, which was very prominent in the early days of the mission, that of the Rev. R. Robertson, is on the list still. The contents of the magazine are varied and interesting as usual.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Herts Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Bushey (where the bells have been rehung) on Saturday, June 22nd. Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on Monday, May 13th, at Warminster. The proceedings commenced with Divine service in the Minster, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. F. Welsh. The business meeting was subsequently held in the schoolroom, the Rev. A. D. Hill presiding. The following were the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Master, the Rev. A. D. Hill; treasurer, Mr. W. Pinckney; secretary for Wilts, the Rev. C. W. Hony; secretary for Dorset, the Rev. F. H. Fisher; assistant secretary (Dorset), Mr. A. Grist; hon. auditor, Mr. W. W. Gifford. The Chairman explained that Mr. Jerram, their general secretary, wished to resign, and Mr. Jerram having stated that he had already explained his reasons for resigning at the committee meeting on February 6th last, asked to be allowed to nominate Mr. Thomas Blackburn as his successor. This was seconded by Mr. J. Short and carried unanimously. The following were elected to represent the Guild on the National Central Council:—Mr. Thomas Blackburn, Rev. A. D. Hill, and Mr. A. Smith (Longbridge Deverill). The election of the committee was then proceeded with. Eight names were proposed for seven seats, and upon a show of hands the following were declared elected:—Mr. J. R. Jerram, the Rev. C. Myers, Mr. F. C. Myers, Mr. F. Riden, Mr. S. Macey, Mr. J. Judd, Mr. A. Smith, and the Rev. J. E. G. Bond. The annual dinner took place in the Town Hall at two p.m., when the chair was occupied by the Rev. Canon Sir J. E. Phillips, vicar of Warminster. About 120 members sat down. After dinner the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the preacher (the Rev. J. F. Welsh) and also to Mr. J. R. Jerram for the valuable services rendered the Guild during the past eight years. Ringing took place during the afternoon at Warminster, Longbridge Deverill, and Horningsham. The following were the companies represented:—Salisbury St. Thomas, Salisbury St. Edmund, Salisbury St. Martin, Ebbesborne Wake, Longbridge Deverill, Maiden Bradley, South Newton, Great Bedwyn, Warminster, Barford St. Martin, Mildenhall, Calne, Westbury, Dinton, Overton, and Seend.

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday evening, the 16th ult., the half-yearly meeting of the members of the Lancashire Association was held in St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Boys' School, Lytham. The Association now consists of seven branches:—Manchester, Liverpool Diocesan, Fylde District, Rochdale, Blackburn, Preston, and Rossendale; and there were representatives from each

present. During the day touches were rung on the bells at St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and St. Peter's, Lytham, and at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea Parish Church. The Rev. F. G. Harris, of Lytham, occupied the chair at the meeting, and there were also present the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President), Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Mr. Needham, Dr. Slater, Mr. J. Fell (Hon. Sec. to the Fylde Branch), &c. The Rev. H. J. Elsee said there was not any very special business to bring before the meeting. He was glad to see so good an attendance, and explained how it had been decided to hold one half-yearly meeting, instead of three quarterly ones as before. The 'notes' which he had prepared on the different methods would, he hoped, be included in the next report. It had been decided that in future half the expenses incurred by the branch secretaries should be defrayed by the Association. Mr. Needham, on behalf of the Vicar and wardens of St. John's, welcomed all the party to Lytham, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing them on that occasion. Several new members of the Association were elected (including Dr. Slater). Other business connected with the Association was transacted, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the vicars and the church officers of the various churches for the use of the bells.

St. Saviour's Church Bells, Oxtou, Cheshire.

On the evening of Ascension Day (the 23rd ult.), a special service was held at St. Saviour's, Oxtou, to dedicate the new ring of bells recently placed in the tower by the generosity of Mr. Edmund Taylor, J.P., of Oxtou.

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4th.....	2 11	B.....	8 1 10
5th.....	3 1½	A.....	9 2 17
6th.....	3 3½	G sharp.....	11 0 0
7th.....	3 7½	F sharp.....	14 1 22
Tenor.....	4 1	E.....	20 1 16
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The Eastern Counties' Guild.

THE above-named Guild held its annual meeting at Spalding on Bank Holiday, the Ely District Association amalgamating with it on this occasion. The day's proceedings were opened with a date touch of 1895 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, by the Spalding company, at the Parish Church, followed by some touches of KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB at St. Paul's, Fulney. A shortened service was held at SS. Mary and Nicholas', with address by the Rev. W. Disney, who took for his text the words, 'Our duty.' The singing of the well-known Whitsuntide hymns was grand.

After service, the members adjourned to Host Barker's for dinner, which was served in excellent style. The usual loyal toasts having been given, the Hon. Lay Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. The following officers were then elected:—Patron, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln; President, Rev. F. F. Wayet (vicar of Pinchbeck); Vice-Presidents, Canon Hemans (rector of Holbeach) and the Rev. J. R. Jackson (vicar of Moulton); Clerical Secretary, Rev. W. Disney; Lay Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross. Several honorary and ringing members were elected. The Rev. W. Disney gave an outline of the expenditure of the Guild during the past year, also a list of all contributions paid, the books being open to the members for inspection.

It should be noted that among the members of the Ely Association present were:—Revs. E. J. Teesdale, of Rougham, Hon. Secretary; W. W. Crump and J. E. Curtois, of Hemingford Grey; Messrs. A. Markwell, Wilburton; A. Pilgrim, Ely; G. Taylor, Cambridge; &c. The Eastern Counties' Guild members present were:—J. S. Wright and R. Mackman, Spalding; W. Wright and H. Hill, Walpole St. Peter; F. Easton, Terrington; G. Ladd, Pinchbeck; and others. Just before the members left for the respective towers, the Rev. E. J. Teesdale thanked the E.C.G. members for the invitation to the Ely Association, and said that he hoped before long the two Associations would meet again. Several good touches of BOB MAJOR, and KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB were brought round during the day, also several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES at Pinchbeck.

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The Society of St. Patrick's Bell-ringers, Coleraine, Ireland.

THE second annual meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th ult., when a good attendance of members testified to their interest in the Society's welfare. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. J. Moore (President), who in a short address urged upon the members the importance of practising. The secretary's and treasurer's reports having been submitted, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Conductors, Messrs. J. Irwin, R. Barr, and T. McLaughlin; Secretary, Mr. J. Bishop; and Treasurer, Mr. T. P. Gorman. At the conclusion of business the Rector (Rev. A. J. Moore) hospitably entertained those present to supper, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

St. Mary's, Stafford, Bell-ringers' Supper.

THE third annual supper to the members of the St. Mary's Guild of Bell-ringers took place on a recent Tuesday evening, at the Swan Hotel. The funds were, as usual, provided by subscriptions collected by Mr. P. H. Harston, who has always taken a warm and practical interest in this annual gathering, the origin of which is mainly due to his exertions. The Mayor (Mr. C. H. Wright) presided, and Mr. Harston occupied the vice-chair. The toast of 'Church and Queen' was proposed from the chair and loyally received, and replied to by the Rector (the Rev. D. R. Norman). The Mayor also submitted the health of the Rector and churchwardens, which was heartily welcomed and duly acknowledged. The toast of 'Success to St. Mary's Bell-ringers' Guild' was next proposed by the Mayor, and Messrs. T. Guest (captain) and T. A. Lea replied. Mr. Churchwarden Averill, in submitting 'The Visitors,' referred to the fact that Dr. C. Reid had presented a guinea to be devoted to the purchase of books of instruction for the ringers, this being one of several requirements indispensable in the belfry. During the evening various short touches, comprising several methods, were successfully given with the handbells by the band of ten ringers.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY meeting of this Association was held at Yeovil on Saturday, the 18th inst., when, in addition to the local ringers, members were present from Bath, Bristol, Wells, Frome, Taunton, Minehead, Dunster, and Old Cleeve. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Beebe). The Rev. H. C. Courtney, of Minehead, read the special lesson, and the Master (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith) founded an earnest address on Rom. xii. 5. After service, an adjournment was made to the belfry, where the business meeting was held, the Master presiding.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve) produced the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. It was announced that the annual meeting would take place at Wells in July or August next. The fixing of the exact date was left in the hands of the Master and Secretary after communicating with the Bishop, who has kindly promised to address the members on that occasion if his engagements permit him. Several new members were elected. It was decided, on the proposition of Mr. W. W. Thorne, to erect a peal-board in the belfries at Milverton and Drayton (subject to the approval of the Vicars), to commemorate the first peals rung by members of the Association on the bells. The preparation of the peal-boards was entrusted to Mr. T. Doble, of Taunton. The Hon. Secretary reported that he was in communication with the Great Western Railway Company relative to the issue of cheap tickets to members attending meetings of the Association in the diocese.

Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, of Bristol, referred to the Bill now before Parliament for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales, and said he believed that if such a measure became law it would be but a matter of time before a similar attack would be made upon the Church in England. He pointed out the consequences that would follow upon ringers and change-ringing throughout the country, and said it behoved them to do their utmost to prevent such a measure from becoming law.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. C. Courtney, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and ringers for the use of the church and bells and for the cordial welcome extended to the members of the Association. The members, twenty-two in number, subsequently sat down to a capital knife-and-fork tea at the Albany Hotel. During the afternoon touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES and CATERS were rung on the bells.

THE Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, senior curate of St. Mary's, Bathwick, and Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers, has been presented by the Rev. Edward Handley, to the Rectory of Winthorpe,

Notts, in the diocese of Southwell. Mr. Griffith, who is a graduate of Corpus College, Oxford, was ordained in 1886 by the Bishop of Worcester, when he was licensed to the curacy of St. Michael's, Coventry, which he held for two years. He has been curate of Bathwick since 1888. He has occupied the position of Master of the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers since its formation in 1890. His genial bearing and never-failing good humour have made him many friends amongst ringers, and whilst they will be glad to hear of his well-deserved preferment, they will at the same time be sorry to lose one who has done so much for ringers and change-ringing throughout the diocese.

The Late Squire Proctor and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

ON Friday evening, March 29th, at the usual practice, a half-muffled peal was rung by members of this Society at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as a token of respect to the memory of the above-mentioned celebrated ringer, who had been a member of the above Society for just upon sixty-nine years. The performance took place amid the solemnity befitting the occasion, which consisted of the usual whole-pull-and-stand, and was followed by touches of STEDMAN CINQUES.

As has been truly stated more than once, the Squire was at the head of the pioneer band of SURPRISE method ringers, and this band for many years would ring SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE, and LONDON SURPRISE, &c., for Divine service on Sundays at Bennington, Herts, just as regularly as other bands would ring plain methods.

Thirty, forty, and fifty years ago the Squire was not an infrequent visitor to his London friends. The late J. Miller was, perhaps, one of the most prominent of these, and this gentleman would often be commissioned to take a band of Londoners to meet the Squire for a day's ringing in the country. Afterwards, J. R. Haworth took J. Miller's place. He had known the Squire many years, having been at Bennington in 1839, and rang GRANDSIRE CATERS with him at St. Martin-in-the-Fields about 1840.

His name, it is thought, should be perpetuated in some befitting way, and the Central Council is going the right way in such a direction by taking this matter in hand.

As almost everything is interesting concerning the early doings of such an old veteran ringer as the late Squire, the following has been extracted from the records of the Society above-mentioned to show the date of membership, &c. :—

The Autograph and Name Book: 'Leonard Proctor, 1836.' Peal Book, No. 2: 'On January 30th, 1838, at Bennington, Hertfordshire, the following members of this Society rang a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 2 hours 50 minutes, containing 5040 changes, on the bells of this church. Edward Giles, Treble; Charles Wilson, 2; William Lobb, 3; John Whiting, 4; William Ludpid, 5; William Killick, 6; A. G. Frost, 7; Leonard Proctor, Tenor. Conducted by Edmond Giles.'

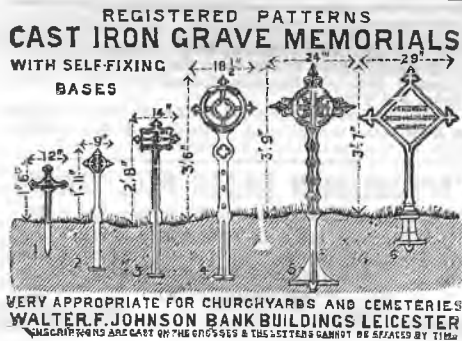
The Bells of All Souls', Halifax, Yorks.

BETWEEN 40L and 50L have been received towards the amount required for the renovation of this splendid peal, and instructions have been given to Messrs. Mears, of London, the founders of the bells, to put them into proper repair. The bells are hung in solid frames of English oak, and the following are the weights and musical notes:—Tenor bell, 25 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb., D; 7th, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs., E; 6th, 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs., F sharp; 5th, 12 cwt. 6 lbs., G; 4th, 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb., A; 3rd, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs., B; 2nd, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs., C sharp; treble, 7 cwt., D. Total weight of peal, 100 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs. The arms of the church are cast on the tenor bell, and the inscription is as follows:—'All Souls' Church, Halifax, founded by Edward Akroyd, A.D. 1859. "Let all souls praise the Lord."'

AT ST. GREGORY'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 25th ult., the following members of the Sudbury Company rang a touch of 720 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; C. Sillito (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch ever rung in Sudbury in this intricate method, and also the longest rung by all the above except the conductor.


MR. GLADSTONE has given a bell to the new chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge. Mr. Gladstone was a schoolfellow at Eton and a great friend of the late Bishop Selwyn, in whose memory the College was founded.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, June 22nd. By kind permission the tower of Oxhey Church will be open for ringing during the afternoon, and that of Old Bushey Church (where the bells have just been rehung) in the evening. Tea at 5.30 p.m., business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present will kindly advise me on or before June 19th.

St. Albans.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

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

At the annual meeting of the above Society, held at Kettering on Whit Monday, it was decided that the name or title of the Society should in future be—'The Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.'

E. J. DENNES, Wellingborough, Hon. Sec.

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Singles in each of these peals at 'H' at the end of the third and sixth parts.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Society was held on Whit Monday at Kettering. The Rector of Kettering (the Rev. B. R. Wilson), with his curates and the local ringers, did their utmost to make the visitors welcome. Representatives from the following churches were present:—Kettering, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Desborough, Warkton, Northampton (St. Edmund's, St. Peter's, and St. Giles), Wellingborough, Wilby, Earl's Barton, Doddington, Yardley Hastings, Wollaston, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Raunds, and Mears Ashby. Touches of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, PLAIN BOB MINOR, KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, PLAIN BOB MAJOR, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by the various bands, and some of the ringers amused themselves with the handbells on the rectory lawn. There was Divine service at one p.m., with a good practical discourse by the Rector. Luncheon was provided at the 'Cross Keys' Coffee Tavern at two o'clock. The business meeting followed, at which the Archdeacon of Oakham presided. The Secretary's report gave receipts for the year amounting to 15l. 7s. 4d., out of which the sum 11l. 9s. 10d. had been disbursed. A matter which had been under consideration for some time, viz., a proposal to change the name of the Society, was finally settled by the more comprehensive designation of 'Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers' being fixed upon as its future title. The question of the formation of an Association for the diocese of Peterborough was brought forward, but left for further consideration. It was decided that the annual meeting for 1896 be held in Northampton, providing the necessary permission could be obtained. Mears Ashby was proposed as the village for the next quarterly meeting, on Saturday, August 31st. The following were proposed as honorary members:—Mr. T. Smith, Wellingborough; Mr. Willan Jackson, Wellingborough; Mr. W. Woolston, Wellingborough (donor of the parish church chimes, 1887); Mr. W. Pendered, Wellingborough (donor of the new treble bell, 1884); Rev. E. W. Thomas, vicar of Irchester; the Bishop of Leicester; Mr. M. Holding, Northampton (donor of the two new bells to St. Giles' Church, 1895); Mr. Brafield, Doddington; Mr. Sharp, Doddington; Mr. G. R. Tetley, Wellingborough; Rev. G. Landon, Rev. B. W. Machin, and Rev. F. L. Deane, Kettering; and twenty new ringing members were elected, including Mr. E. D. Taylor, of Loughborough.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Kettering for the use of the church and bells, and the thanks of the members were also tendered to the Archdeacon for once more coming over from Uppingham to attend their meeting, and to Mr. E. J. Dennes, the Hon. Secretary. The Rector kindly threw open his grounds to the ringers, and provided them with a capital meat tea in the evening. There were present during the day the Arch-

deacon of Oakham, the Rev. A. S. Lindsay (Cranford), the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell (Wilby), the Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), Miss Snowden (of Ilkley, Yorks.), Mr. and Miss Tetley (Wellingborough), the Rev. Law James (Stamford), the local clergy, and many of the parishioners.

All members will look back to the annual meeting of 1895 with much pleasure. The privilege of visiting this noted Northamptonshire church, with its magnificent tower and spire (dated about 1450), well-known ring of bells (recast into eight as early as A.D. 1714), and well-appointed and commodious ringing-room, is one to be remembered. Miss Snowden's presence at the service and kindly chat with the ringers on the lawn formed a very pleasant episode in the day's proceedings.

Wellingborough, Northants.

A new bell has recently been fixed in the turret of the church of St. Barnabas. Mr. G. R. Tetley, of Hatton Hall, one of the sidesmen attached to that church, kindly gave 10l. towards the cost thereof; the remaining 15l. has been raised by subscriptions from members of the congregation and friends. The bell was dedicated on St. Barnabas' Day. It was cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, and weighs 3 cwt. (diameter 24 in.). The inscription, chosen by the Vicar of Wellingborough, reads as follows:—'1895.—St. Barnabas—Son of Consolation. "Mourners, speed here your broken hearts to bring, Here healing dew and balms abound."'

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 2nd inst., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung in 40 mins. F. Musty, 1; W. T. Pates, 2; A. Humphris, 3; C. Pickett, 4; G. H. Phillott, 5; J. Hooper, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; T. Compton, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 568.)

CONSUMPTION

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This case was published in the weekly journals in the middle of May, 1890 (the name accidentally misspelt). 'Case of Mrs. Gennels, pronounced hopeless—letter from Mr. G. Shaw, of Ganton, Yorks.'

Mrs. Mary Jennings, when I called upon her a few months ago, was in the possession of good health and able to attend to all the concerns of her household. She said she was not one what might call a robust woman, but she certainly is a marvel, considering what her condition was when first she came under Mr. Congreve's treatment. That condition is best described in her own words.

'My father died from Consumption, and so did nearly all his relatives, and one of my sisters died of the same disease. My own illness commenced with my first confinement in 1880. I could not recover my strength. In 1886 I broke a blood-vessel through coughing—I coughed incessantly, resting neither by day or night. The expectation was of a frothy character. I had much pain in the region of the lungs, and I spat a quantity of blood. At that time I was so weak and ill that I thought life scarcely worth living. One doctor who attended me said there was great danger of consumption. About that time I went to Ganton to stay with my mother, and while there became much worse. I couldn't get upstairs by myself. A doctor at Ganton said my left lung was entirely gone. One day when Mr. Shaw was passing he overheard my mother say, "She will not be long here." They all gave me up. I have heard them say I couldn't last long.'

'I believe it was Mr. Shaw who recommended you to try Mr. Congreve's treatment?'

'Yes, and he sent for the first bottle of medicine for me. After I had taken three doses I got some relief—the cough was much easier. When I had taken the first bottle I was so much better that people could scarcely believe it. After taking three bottles I was almost well, though I still continue the treatment, and even now take the medicine whenever I get a cold.'

Like a wise mother, Mrs. Jennings keeps a supply of the medicine in the house, and gives it to the children at the first appearance of cold.

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The following are the inscriptions on the bells, having been reproduced on those which were recast:—

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W. E. B.'

3rd. 'Give thanks to God. I. W. 1615.'

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Tenor. 'Ring out the Bells, in God rejoice. I. W. 1626.'

The bells were dedicated on April 29th, when the sermon was preached by the Rural Dean, Rev. A. S. Littlewood.

During the evening the bell-ringers, who were assisted by some of the ringers from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, rang several six-scores of GRANDSIRE and BOB DOUBLES.

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MAGAZINES.

THE fine-art illustrations from photographs in the PICTURE MAGAZINE are beautiful specimens of process reproduction, particularly the one of 'A Bunch of Roses.' Among the large variety of other pictures is a series of portraits of past novelists and a number of interesting pictures of places.

THE ENGLISHWOMAN has an illustrated article on 'The Queen of Italy,' which is full of interesting details concerning Her Majesty. The short story is well represented and there are, among the remainder of the contents, an article on Grosvenor House, and a short paper on M. Paul Blouet, better known as Max O'Rell.

DR. CONAN DOYLE contributes to the STRAND MAGAZINE a thrilling exploit of Brigadier Gerard, in which Napoleon himself had a part, and there is, among the remainder of the excellent short stories, a pathetic one from the French of Alphonse Daudet. There is an interesting interview with 'Lord Onslow in New Zealand,' and capital papers on 'How Games are Made,' 'Some Curious Fancy Dresses,' and 'Remarkable Accidents.' The illustrations are numerous and excellent.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of this Guild will be held at Halsall on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready, 3 p.m.; tea, 5 p.m.; meeting, 6 p.m.

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

Annual Meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

THE members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held their annual meeting at Ilfracombe on Whit Monday, the 3rd inst. There were representatives present from Clyst St. George, Ottery St. Mary, St. David's (Exeter), Clyst Hydon, St. Sidwell's (Exeter), Tiverton, Ilfracombe, St. Edmund's (Exeter), Withycombe, Raleigh, and Whitstone. Nearly one hundred ringers went to Ilfracombe. During the morning and afternoon Berryarbor, Heanton Punchardon, Branton, Morthoe, and Ilfracombe churches were visited, and GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung. The bands of ringers expressed their pleasure at the condition of the bells in the various parishes. Tea was provided in the Girls' Schoolroom, Ilfracombe. Several ladies kindly presided at the tables, and the Rev. Prebendary Martin (vicar) was assiduous in providing for the wants of the visitors.

The annual meeting followed. The Committee, in their report, congratulated the Guild on the attainment of its majority. If the progress made in scientific change-ringing in the counties of Devon and Cornwall during the twenty-one years had not been so rapid as in other parts of England, still, it had been considerable, as the present position of the Guild testified, the number of performing members and associates being now over two hundred, whereas in 1874 the whole Guild only numbered 160. Two fresh bands had joined this year, and two very well-attended meetings had been held, one at Ottery St. Mary, at which 120 members were present, and the other at Exeter, during the Church Congress week, at which representatives from the Ringers' Associations of Oxford, Salisbury, Wells, and Essex were entertained by the Guild. There was a balance in hand of 10l. 17s. 2d.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly (Hon. Sec. Ottery St. Mary) congratulated those present on the great advance made in change-ringing, the restoration of a large number of bells, and the conduct of those who participated in ringing. The science of change-ringing had advanced by leaps. In Exeter Cathedral there was the finest tenor bell in England, and he hoped the time would come when it would be rung by one person. There was no season why it should not be so if the Cathedral body would put the peal in proper order. Mr. C. Pearson (Whitstone) moved the adoption of the report, and Mr. E. Shepherd (Exeter), in seconding, referred to the excellent work of the Tiverton Band in ringing GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES at St. Peter's Church. The report was unanimously adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. R. Chichester (Bishopstowton), seconded by Mr. B. Mundy (Exeter), the officers were re-elected, Canon Edmunds and the Rev. Prebendary Martin being added to the list of Vice-Presidents. Reference was made by the mover and seconder to the excellent services

which the Rev. M. Kelly, as Hon. Sec., had rendered to the Guild, and Mr. Kelly, in returning thanks, said he wanted to see the Guild grow considerably larger, and he hoped that during the evenings of the summer months the members would visit various parishes, and endeavour to get those interested in church bell-ringing to belong to the Guild.

Several new members were elected. The Rev. M. Kelly and Mr. R. Chichester were elected representatives on the Central Council. The ladies who had provided tea were heartily thanked. A service was afterwards held at the parish church, the Rev. Prebendary Martin delivering an address to the members of the Guild.

Darlaston Bob Triples.

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The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., the Essex Association held their annual gathering at Chelmsford. At eleven o'clock a service was held at St. Mary's Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. A. Lake (rector) from Psalm cviii. 1, 'O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.' The other officiating clergymen were the Rev. T. L. Papillon (Writtle) and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Great Totham).

The annual business meeting was afterwards held in the Boys' National Schoolroom. The Rev. T. L. Papillon (hon. sec.) presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (assistant secretary). The report stated that since the last annual meeting two Vice-Presidents of the Association had died, viz., the late Bishop Blomfield, archdeacon of Colchester, and Mr. Leonard Proctor, of Benington. They welcomed the Ven. Archdeacon Stevens as a new Vice-President. Two new towers—Greenstead Green (six bells) and Thorington (five bells)—had been added to the Association's list, while that of Brentwood (eight bells) had disappeared. Ringing had been resumed at St. Peter's, Colchester, and the five-bell rings at Kelvedon and Feering had been augmented to six. The report urged all ringers to put aside jealousies, irregularities and other difficulties which helped to estrange the sympathies of the clergy, without whose active interest change-ringing languished, even in the leading towns. The balance in hand was 3*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*, as against 2*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*, with a reserve fund of 37*l.* 6*s.* The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, as were also the Peal Committee. Several new members were elected, including the Rev. H. A. Lake as an honorary member. After the meeting the members, to the number of about 100, sat down to dinner in one of the schoolrooms.

The towers of St. Mary's, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Widford, Writtle, Boreham, and Springfield were thrown open to the ringers during the day.

An Ancient Bell at Scarborough, Yorkshire.

THE bell in Christ Church clock, which every hour of the day rings out so musically to Scardeburgans the somewhat painful truth that 'Time is fleeting,' told the same old story to the inhabitants of the ancient borough three hundred years ago—and more. It is a tenor bell of exceeding fine tone—cast in the key of E flat—and was one of four taken from the tower of the Parish Church in 1848, when that structure was repaired and in a great measure restored to its former beauty. Four in number, it was found at that time that all were of most respectable age. Number one—that on which the parish clock led off the chimes—bore the figures 1678; the treble, 1763; the second, 1674; and the tenor, 1674. The last one was found to be in such excellent condition—notwithstanding its age—that it was mounted in Christ Church belfry, where, unlike some of the modern bells in use in various parts of the town, it is never out of tune, but tells the time in as pleasing a tone as ever.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At St. Philip's, Sydney, Australia.

On Easter Monday, April 15th, some Melbourne ringers and a few of St. Mark's Society of Change-ringers met at St. Philip's, Sydney, for some ringing. For the first time in Australia a touch of GRANDSIRE MAJOR was rung, the ringers standing as follows:—A. H. Pope (St. Mark's) 1; J. W. Guest (Melbourne), 2; H. Emery (Melbourne), 3; J. L. Murray (Melbourne), 4; J. Freeman (Melbourne), 5; J. Waterman (St. Mark's), 6; T. H. Joyner (St. Mark's), 7; C. W. Porter (conductor, St. Mark's), 8. After ringing some GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, the band adjourned to St. Mark's for the afternoon, and succeeded in ringing 720 BOB MINOR, which was conducted by J. L.

Murray. Changes were also rung in the following methods:—COLLEGE SINGLE, YARRANABEE MINOR, and STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

At St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min. by the following members of the North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association:—A. Craven (composer and conductor), 1; J. Holman, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; G. Lindoff, 4; A. Brearley, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; D. Brearley, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. All the above are also members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, and this is the first peal in the method by the Association out of Yorkshire. Messrs. J. Holman and A. and D. Brearley, for whom the peal was arranged, came from Sheffield, the rest belonging to the local company.

At St. Lambert's, Stonham Aspell, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., ten members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 36 mins. F. J. Howchin, 1; G. Howchin, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; F. R. Borrest,* 5; A. G. Warnes,* 6; S. Slater, 7; C. E. Borrest, 8; F. Day, 9; J. Souther, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed by Henry Johnson and conducted by John Souther. This is but the second peal on the ten bells, although they have hung in their unique tower over a hundred years. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

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

On Monday, the 3rd inst., twelve members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society rang a peal of 5125 GRANDSIRE CINQUES in 3 hrs. 36 mins. E. S. Morgan, 1; T. Taylor, 2; J. Booth, 3; S. Taylor, 4; S. Booth, 5; J. Mellor, 6; M. J. Morris,* 7; A. J. Cross,* 8; S. Andrew, 9; A. Adams, 10; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 11; T. Rushton,* 12. Tenor, 27 cwt. The ringers of the 4th and 7th come from Bangor, North Wales; the 8th, Chester, and the tenor-man, Pendlebury. [* First peal of CINQUES.]

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 35 mins. A. R. Bosley, 1; A. Thomas, 2; T. East, 3; H. Mills, 4; T. Short, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; C. W. Allen, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5187 STEDMAN CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. by the following members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham:—W. A. Hancox, 1; T. Russam, 2; H. Bastable, 3; W. Kent, 4; J. Austin, 5; J. George, 6; H. V. Wilkins, 7; W. T. Pates, 8; H. Roberts, 9; W. Painter, 10. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat. Composed by W. T. Pates and conducted by Henry Roberts. The above peal is in the Tittum position, with 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 behind the ninth.

At ROMFORD, ESSEX. — *Handbell-ringing.* — Recently, on handbells retained in the band, the following touches were rung by four members of the Essex Association:—Thurstans' quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260 changes); 1500 taken from Brooks' peal, and the first half of Brooks' peal (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 15 mins. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8. Also 504 in the same method. W. Pye (conductor), 1-2; A. J. Perkins, 3-4; G. R. Pye, 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8.

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This peal contains all the 4-5's, 4-6's, 6-5's, and 5-6's, and the 5th and 6th only in sixth place at the course-ends.

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Duffield, Derbyshire.

5056 Superlative Surprise. (1.)

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Contains extent of 4th and 6th. By calling 3 H at each omit extends it to 5952, containing extent of 4th, 5th, and 6th at four, nine, and twelve courses.

G. LINDOFF.

The Bells of St. Giles's, Northampton.

On Ascension Day, the 23rd ult., the Bishop of Peterborough reopened the old peal of eight bells at St. Giles's, and dedicated the two new bells which have been added to the peal by Mr. M. H. Holding, A.R.I.B.A., Northampton, and his two sisters, in memory of their father and mother. In addition to the new bells some new chimers have been added, and the clock has been repaired.

A year or two ago a representative meeting of the parishioners appointed a Committee to further the work. The Committee, at the suggestion of Mr. Alderman Norman, availed themselves of the services of Mr. M. H. Holding, architect, who submitted an interesting report upon the condition of the tower and of the existing bells and framing. The parish records appear only to state the fact that, in 1782, the six were ordered to be recast, but from Bridge's History we learn the interesting fact that the fourth of these six earlier bells had a Latin inscription in English black-letter as follows:—*'Sit Pater Flamen, Prolesque micans modulamen.'* There are several interesting items in the church books relating to the carriage of the new eight bells from St. Neots, Hunts, to Northampton. The two new bells (following the precedent set in the instance of the earlier ancient bells of this church) are each inscribed in Latin as follows:—

'Fecerunt me Joannes Taylor et Socii, A.D. MDCCCXCV. Ricardo A. White, A.M., Vicario. Gulielmo Pitts, Gulielmo Smith, Aedilibus.'

The first bell bears in addition the words:—*'Laudo Deum et liberum pietatum in Annam Holding matrem dico.'*

The second:—*'Laudo Deum et liberum pietatum in Henricum Holding patrem dico.'*

The rehanging by Messrs. Taylor has made a most substantial work in every way. The reconstruction of the clock with all the new chiming apparatus has been most successfully accomplished by Messrs. John Smith & Sons, of Derby.

The reopening and dedication service took place at three o'clock, a crowded congregation, including the Mayor and a number of the members of the Corporation, being present. The civic procession marched up St. Giles's Street to the St. Giles's Church buildings, where a halt was made, and the procession was lengthened by the addition of the choir and the robed clergy, who preceded the members of the Corporation to the church. The choir,

which headed the procession, was followed by the clergy. The pastoral staff was borne before the Bishop by the Rev. C. Bach (St. Giles's), and entrance was obtained to the church by the western door. Psalm xxi. was sung as a processional, and the Bishop, on arriving at the centre of the church, said a short prayer, the congregation making response. The keys of the tower were then presented by the Churchwardens to the Bishop, who then concluded the dedication service proper. A short peal on the bells preceded a brief form of evening prayer. Psalms xli. and ci. were sung, and the lessons were read by Canon Hughes and Canon Hull. The hymn, 'Hark, on high the joyful music,' was followed by the sermon, which was preached by the Bishop, and was based on Ps. xxiv. 7, 8.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 608.)

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CASE OF 'INCURABLE' CONSUMPTION.

See Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on 'Consumption,' page 65.

Mr. Lewthwaite is a well-known merchant at Sale, who has also taken a prominent part in religious work. It was in connection with his Sunday School that he became acquainted with the young man Hoderoff, who is referred to in the appendix mentioned above.

I called upon Mr. Lewthwaite recently to make enquiry.

'At the time this lad came under Mr. Congreve's treatment (Mr. Lewthwaite said) 'his condition was very bad. He had been ill for a year, showing every symptom of Consumption. He was so thin he was like a shadow, and so weak that he had to be carried to and from his bed. The doctor who attended him said his case was hopeless; no one who knew him thought it possible he could get better. But he did. Under Mr. Congreve's care he gradually recovered, and ultimately got quite well. He is a fine young fellow now, going to his business in Manchester day by day. I see him every week. His parents—and for the matter of that, everyone—attribute his recovery to Mr. Congreve's treatment.'

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Bushey Church Bells, Herts.

THE beautiful church of Old Bushey, Herts, has for some time been deprived of the use of its bells, in consequence of their framework becoming very worm-eaten and unsafe. They were accordingly taken down, and, an iron frame having been substituted for the rotten wooden one, on Sunday, the 23rd inst., they rang for the first time after their temporary displacement. In honour of the occasion, Mr. Debenham, of St. Albans, was in the belfry as a representative of the County Bell-ringers' Association, and Mr. Heath as a representative of the parish ringers. A considerable expense has been incurred in setting up the bells, and to raise funds for the liquidation of the debt, special sermons were preached on Sunday. In the evening the preacher was the Rev. F. C. Jackson, rector of Stanmore. He took for his text the passage describing the bells on Aaron's robe, and of the bells on the horses referred to in the last chapter of Zachariah. He said that he was not sufficiently attuned to the feeling of the day that worship, when it was conducted in the very plainest way, was conducted in the way that God liked best. He then remarked that England was the only country where bells were rung in peals, and concluded by describing the nature and object of different bells.

Reopening of the Bells of Cornwood, Devonshire.

THE village of Cornwood was *en fete* on Whit Monday, on the occasion of the reopening of the church bells, which have been rehung by Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury. At 8 a.m. the parish ringers led off with a peal. A short service was held at 10 o'clock by the Vicar (Rev. J. T. Mundy), and during a pause the bells were formally opened by the church ringers. Ringing was kept up almost throughout the day by the Guild, and visitors from Brent, Plymstock, West Alvington, Diptford, Ermington, &c. A public luncheon was provided at the Cornwood Inn, to which over fifty ringers sat down. The toast of 'The Queen' was loyally received, the company singing a verse of the National Anthem. Mr. S. G. Green proposed 'The Bishop and clergy,' and the Vicar responded, and then gave the toast of the day, 'The Ringers.' Mr. W. Harvey (chairman of the Parish Council, and also a ringer, responded for the Cornwood ringers, and Rev. J. M. Clarkson (chaplain of H.M.S. *Impregnable*) for the visitors. The latter urged the importance of the art of bell-ringing, describing it as a peculiarly English practice, Continental churches being as a rule destitute of peals of bells. The Plymouth and Devonport branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. E. Taylor (conductor), 1; Rev. J. M. Clarkson, 2; R. Ford, 3; E. Hendy, 4; H. Myers, 5; W. H. Marsh, 6. They also rang PLAIN BOB, with A. J. Richards at the 3rd. During the day Messrs. Peard and Legg also assisted in ringing several six-scores of STEDMAN and a peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. This makes four different methods in one day; KENT TREBLE BOB was rung for the first time on these bells. At late evensong, the sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Yonge, rector of Newton Ferrers. A public tea was also held in the schoolroom, to which over 300 sat down, including sixty of the aged and poor of the parish.

The Queen's Accession.

YESTERDAY week being the fifty-eighth anniversary of the Accession of the Queen, the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and many churches, were rung.

Muffled Peals at Romford, Essex.

THE remains of the late Frances Elizabeth, wife of Mr. W. E. Gibb, J.P., of Pyrgo Park, Havering-atte-Bower, and Sheerwater Court, Surrey, were laid to rest at the pretty little church of St. Edward's, Tyers Hill, on Thursday, the 6th inst. The deceased lady was highly esteemed by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, and was well known at Romford. During the interment the bells at St. Edward's, Romford, were rung muffled, and the age of the deceased struck upon the tenor. In the evening of the same day, and on Sunday morning, touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung muffled. The local band have pleasant memories of a visit to Pyrgo Park, and join in the universal sympathy expressed throughout the neighbourhood at the great loss which has befallen the household at Pyrgo.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 24 mins. A. Grist, 1; S. Best, 2; G. Preston (conductor), 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; J. G. Bennet, 5; T. F. Best, 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; C. W. Goodenough, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt.

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

ON Sunday, the 16th inst., the following members of the Waterloo Society, London, rang a peal of 5088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR (in the Kent Variation) in 3 hrs. 4 mins.:—W. Truss, 1; A. R. Davis, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; A. Hardy, 4; J. George, 5; H. N. Davis, 6; D. W. Griggs, 7; F. J. Pitts, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by F. J. Pitts. This is a three-part composition, the 2nd never being in the 6th place at a course-end. This is the first peal in the method ever rung on the bells; also Mr. Grigg's first in the method with a bob-bell. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. C. C. Grenside and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Lobb for having everything ready.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ST. PETER'S, CAYERSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 800 BOB MAJOR. A. Culham, 1; H. Simmonds, 2; A. W. Pike, 3; H. Smith, 4; E. Menday, 5; T. Newman, 6; G. Essex, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch of MAJOR by A. Culham (age sixteen), who is the youngest in the St. Peter's Society. Also, on a Friday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 40 mins. F. Simmonds, 1; A. W. Pike (composer and conductor), 2; H. Smith, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; E. Menday, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman, 7; E. W. Menday, 8. This was rung on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, and also the birthday of H. Simmonds, the steeple-keeper, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On a Wednesday, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 30 mins. on the back six. S. Ansel, 1; J. Miller, 2; G. Newson, 3; H. Newby, 4; A. Miller, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Tenor, 25 cwt. First 720 by 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th ringers, who are local men, and have started half-pull ringing about three months, under the tuition of Mr. A. Jacob.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, BARKING, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 47 mins. A. Deards, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; A. Hardy, 3; H. Springhall (conductor), 4; E. Lucas, 5; F. Norris, 6; S. Hayes, 7; A. Wright, 8. Composed by J. Barrett of Stepney. [* First quarter-peal in the method.]

AT ALL SAINTS', LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On a Wednesday, three six-scores of GRANDSIRE and three six-scores of BOB DOUBLES. H. Carter, 1; G. Carter, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Laurence (conductor), 5; A. Smith, 6.

AT ST. MART'S, LAMBETH, SURREY.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the morning, 1008 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 40 mins. G. Langford, 1; W. J. Sorrel, 2; E. Taffender, 3; F. Buck, 4; S. Andrews, 5; C. Brice, 6; H. S. Ellis (conductor), 7; W. Stoneman, 8.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM, SURREY.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. W. Sutton, 1; H. Griffith, 2; A. Mann, 3; T. Miles, 4; J. Crawford, 5; T. Tutte, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8. After service a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 41 mins. J. W. Sutton, 1; T. Tutte, 2; A. Mann, 3; J. Miles, 4; J. Crawford, 5; H. Kenton, 6; A. Gower (conductor), 7; J. Martin, 8.

AT ST. GILES'S, READING, BERKS.—On a Sunday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. H. Dibley, 1; H. Coffee (thirty-fourth birthday), 2; A. Ernest Reeves, 3; G. B. Boddington, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. E. Reeves, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; W. Higgs, 8.

AT PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 363 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Turl, 1; H. R. Davis, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; D. W. Griggs, 5; H. Hardy, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; F. J. Pitts, 8.

WE have received a copy of the *Annual Report of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers*. As the Association was founded in January, 1878, we presume that this is the *seventeenth* report, but, as we think we remarked last year, it would be better to state this on the cover. The report is thoroughly satisfactory, and we congratulate the Association on its achievements and position. It is well to the fore not only in the number of its peals, but, better still, in their quality. The information is given in full and compact in form, and the report (published by Goulding, Bristol), is altogether an excellent record of the work and resources of this highly efficient Association.

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The Hereford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE annual festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held for the first time at Leominster, on Tuesday, the 18th ult. Favoured with a beautiful day, the visit to the borough proved very enjoyable. The Priory Church belfry was visited by members, who greatly admired the peal of ten bells, and gave evidence of their skill as ringers. The Guild was established in 1886, and, without doubt, has done much useful work. The Master of the Guild is Mr. John G. Buchanan, Clun; the hon. treasurer is Mr. W. Hebb, Waynflete, Ross; and the hon. secretary is the Rev. A. C. Lee, vicar of

Lugwardine, Hereford. It appears from the last report that the number of members at the beginning of the year was 315, representing over thirty towers, and that there was a balance in hand of 26*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* The report says, 'The Committee have to regret the loss of their President, the late Bishop Atlay, who was ever a warm supporter of this, as of all other kindred societies through the diocese. In presenting their ninth report and statement of accounts, the Committee have to congratulate the Guild, and those who kindly support it on the increased interest taken in change-ringing throughout the diocese, and the satisfactory balance left in hand. As will be seen upon study of this report, no fewer than ten eight-bell peals stand to the credit of the Guild during the last twelve months.'

The festival attracted a large number of members. A service was held at the Priory Church, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. H. C. Sturges, vicar of Bodenham. The annual dinner was held at the Royal Oak Hotel. Afterwards, some went to practise on the Priory Church bells, and others visited the Kingsland and Bodenham towers, and Ludlow. At each place the members were kindly entertained.

The Torrington Guild of Ringers, Devonshire.

THE annual outing of the above Guild took place on Monday, the 17th ult., the place chosen being Bude. The party, numbering eighteen, started from the Town Hall in a well-appointed break with four horses. The first halt was at Bradworthy, where breakfast was partaken of, and after the church had been inspected, a start was made for Kilkhampton, where they rang. After inspecting the church, the party was conducted over the grounds by the Rev. Canon Thynne. Bude was reached about one o'clock, where a sumptuous dinner was partaken of. The various places of interest in Bude having been inspected, a start was made for Stratton, whose bells the ringers were anxious to try. The tenor weighs one ton. Here the ringers acquitted themselves in first-rate style considering the weight of the peal; in fact, one of the Stratton ringers said one man could not lower the tenor and keep it in its place; but the worthy conductor of the party, Sergeant Richards, proved himself equal to the occasion, by lowering the bell in good order. Leaving Stratton, a short peal was rung on the Launcells bells. Tea was partaken of at Holsworthy, and a start made for Torrington, which was reached safely after an enjoyable day having been spent. The thanks of the ringers are due to the clergy of the different churches visited, and also to Sergeant Richards (steeple-keeper of St. Michael's) for his kindness in conducting the party.

The Hertfordshire County Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday afternoon, the 22nd ult., the quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Oxhey. The ringers first visited Oxhey Parish Church, and rang some GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. They then repaired to the Parish Hall, and under the presidency of the Rev. Newton Price sat down to a substantial meat tea. After the tea there was a business meeting. The Rev. N. Price occupied the chair and welcomed the Association, expressing a hope that they would come again. Mr. Debenham thanked the chairman, and asked him to favour them by becoming a member. Mr. Price assented, saying that he had always desired to be one. It was decided that the next district meeting should be held at Hitchin in October, and also that arrangements be made, if possible, to hold a meeting at Berkhamsted. After the meeting some of the company went to Bushey, and set the bells going there.

The Royal Exchange Chimes.

ON Monday afternoon the new chimes of the Royal Exchange were inaugurated by the Gresham Committee. About six months since it was found that, after fifty years' wear and tear, they were entirely out of order, and the Gresham Committee determined to replace them with something more worthy of the most important centre of commerce that the world has ever seen. Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon, were entrusted by the Committee to carry out the work. Three new carillon machines were worked in succession until the *répertoire* of twenty-one tunes has been played, consisting of three sacred tunes, six English airs, six Irish, and six Scotch.

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The North Notts Association of Change-ringers

THE eighth annual meeting of this Association was held at Worksop on Whit Monday. Members were present from Retford, Ordsall, Shireoaks, Anston, Blyth, Harthill, Eckington, Gainsborough, and East Markham. During the early part of the day, touches of BOB MAJOR and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung, in addition to several 720's of TREBLE BOB on six bells in various methods. At 2.30, Divine service was held at the Priory Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. H. Cowgill, vicar of Shireoaks. The business meeting was afterwards held in the church schoolroom. The secretary, Rev. H. Slodden, read the minutes of the last annual meeting held at Retford, and quarterly meetings held during the year, and called attention to the fact that the Association had prospered numerically and financially, over 100 performing and honorary members being on the books, with a balance in hand of 9*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* The report having been adopted, the election of officers took place. The treasurer, vice-presidents, with the addition of the Rev. Mr. Channon, of East Markham, were duly re-elected, as were also the working committee, with the addition of Mr. Jackson, of Misson.

Some little difficulty arose respecting the office of honorary secretary. Mr. Beeston proposed, and Mr. Haigh seconded, that the Rev. H. T. Slodden be re-elected; but the secretary briefly replied, remarking how sorry he felt to announce his intention to retire, owing chiefly to overpressure of business, and the many calls upon his time. It was carried unanimously that the Rev. B. Daryl, rector of Harthill, be asked to fill the office, and if that gentleman declined, the Rev. H. T. Slodden promised to summon a special committee meeting to discuss the matter. Several new performing and one honorary member were duly elected, and a grant of 5*l.* was voted to the East Markham Bell Fund. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. H. T. Slodden for the use of bells and schoolroom, and also for his past services and kindness during his six years as secretary; also to the Rev. H. Cowgill for his excellent sermon, and to the Working Committee. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Anston, and the next annual meeting at Retford in 1896. The members then adjourned to the Town Hall to tea, to which upwards of forty sat down, presided over by the Rev. H. T. Slodden and Rev. H. Cowgill, after which a move was made to the tower, where more touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and 720's of TREBLE BOB were performed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Wilfrid's, West Hallam, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 15th ult., six members of the Midland Counties' Association rang, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., 5040 MINOR (consisting of two 720's of GRANDSIRE MINOR and five 720's of BOB MINOR, each called differently). J. Howe (Derby), 1; F. Bradley (Derby), 2; J. Hall (Sandiacre), 3; W. Wallace (Derby), 4; H. W. Wilde (Duffield), 5; A. H. Ward (conductor, Derby), 6. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Rector (Canon Madan). A vote of thanks was passed to Canon and Mrs. Madan for having granted permission to ring, and for the excellent tea provided. Canon Madan, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure to listen to the bells, and he congratulated the ringers upon accomplishing the first peal of 5040 changes ever rang at West Hallam. Handbell-ringing was afterwards indulged in.

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

THE local ringers, together with other members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, had the pleasure of meeting the Rev. Maitland Kelly, vicar of Ottery St. Mary, Devon, and secretary of the Devonshire Guild, and rang, for evening service, on Saturday, 15th ult., the following touches:—504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. T. L. Davis, 1; Rev. M. Kelly, 2; F. Godfrey, 3; E. Duff, 4; J. N. Oxborrow, 5; F. T. Gover, 6; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 7; J. Reed, 8. 307 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Moore, 1; Rev. M. Kelly, 2; E. C. Phillips, 3; F. Godfrey, 4; J. Thimblethorpe, 5; F. L. Davis, 6; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 7; J. Reed, 8. 336 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Reed, 1; Rev. M. Kelly, 2; F. Godfrey, 3; E. Duff, 4; F. L. Davis (conductor), 5; H. Ellis, 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; J. N. Oxborrow, 8.

At St. Mary's, Worsley, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang J. Wilde's peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Barrett (Eccles), 1; A. P. Goddard (Salisbury), 2; Jos. Ridyard, 3; J. H. Ridyard, 4; T. Groves (Salisbury), 5; H. Chapman (Manchester), 6; F. Derbyshire, 7; R. Ridyard (conductor, fiftieth peal), 8.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Monday, the 1st inst., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a muffled peal (whole-pull-and-stand) for a much-respected member of the above Society, the late Mr. Richard Hopkins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; J. Mansfield, 2; W. Chew, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; J. Combs, 5; T. H. Taffender, 6; E. P. O'Meara, 7; J. Barry, 8; C. F. Winny, 9; J. Rayner, 10. Afterwards, a touch of STEDMAN CATERS (four courses, 406 changes) and one of GRANDSIRE CATERS, conducted by Messrs. Pettit and Weatherstone. Mr. Hopkins had rung peals on eight, ten, and twelve bells, and he was one of the band in the 15,840 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, in 1868. His last peal was 8099 GRANDSIRE CATERS at St. Clement Danes.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT ALL SAINTS', DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday, before Divine service, in the evening, the Duffield Society of the Midland Counties' Association rang a quarter-peal of 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 42 mins. J. Patchett, 1; G. Dawson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; B. Sugden, 4; J. Howe, 5; F. Flower, 6; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 7; T. Draper (first quarter-peal), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

AT DERBY.—Handbell-ringing.—On Thursday, the 20th ult., at the residence of Mr. A. H. Ward, four members of the Midland Counties' Association rang, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes), containing eight 4-6's, eight 7-4's, and eight 6-7's, all at back-stroke. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward, 5-6; H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor), 7-8. First quarter-peal on handbells by all. Also, on Friday, the 21st ult., a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, containing the twelve 4-6's and the twelve 6-7's, including Queens, Tittums, and Whittingtons. F. Bradley, 1-2; W. Wallace, 3-4; A. H. Ward, 5-6; H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor), 7-8.

AT EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday morning, eight members of the East Retford Society rang a quarter-peal of 1280 BOB MAJOR in 51 mins. G. R. Winter, 1; H. Hugh, 2; J. T. Bottomley, 3; T. H. Denman, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 8.

AT ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR in 26 mins. H. Merrills, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; W. Preston (Worksop), 3; J. Swannack, 4; H. Lambert (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. This 720 contains twenty-six singles.

AT LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Friday, the 21st ult., the longest day, in accordance with annual custom, there was a muster of ringers in the tower of Lavenham Church. A touch of 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 44 mins. by W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. More, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. Also a touch of 448 BOB MAJOR, Mr. Bixby (Long Melford) and Mr. Beckworth (Coggeshall) taking part.

AT SAKTED, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. R. Canfir, 1; G. Day, 2; F. Day, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; J. A. Trollop, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

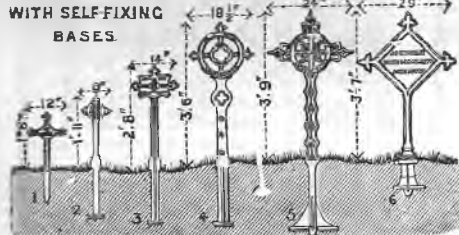
AT ST. PETER'S, CAVERSHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.—On a Sunday evening, after service, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Newman, of Romsey, Hants. A. Culham, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; E. W. Menday (conductor), 4; J. Hands, 5; G. Essex, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; H. Simmonds, 8.

AT ST. MARY'S, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, after evening service, 503 GRANDSIRE CATERS. R. C. Burrell, 1; G. W. Sorrell, 2; W. Rowland, sen., 3; G. R. Pye, 2; J. Strutt, 5; W. Battle, 6; T. G. Tarell, 7; C. H. Howard, 8; W. Pye (conductor), 9; W. Ridgwell, 10.

AT WHITTLE, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks' Variation), in 45 mins. G. W. Sorrell, 1; W. Pye (conductor), 2; W. Lincoln, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; W. Battle, 6; E. Pye, 7; G. R. Head, 8.

AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On a Saturday, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 45 mins. T. Newman, 1; C. Prior, 2; G. Prior, 3; W. Prior, 4; G. Charge, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6; H. Prior (composer), 7; J. Sampford, 8. On a Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES in 43 mins. F. W. Tharby, 1; G. Prior, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Charge, 4; W. Prior, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8.

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THE SHRINKAGE OF DISSENT IN WALES.

The following extract from the *Western Mail* of yesterday week is significant:—

'A WELSH CHAPEL CLOSED AT CARMARTHEN.

'The Welsh Wesleyan Chapel at Carmarthen has been closed owing to the scarcity of the members, but the few who remained faithful are loud in their protestations against the course adopted, as they were not even consulted. On Sunday last the appointed preacher did not make his appearance, and prayer meetings were held, and at the close of the evening meeting one of the trustees informed the few faithful that were present that no more services would be held. The announcement was so sudden and unexpected that an old lady, who had worshipped in the chapel for over seventy years, cried in bitter anguish, and others were visibly affected. A few days ago a quarterly meeting was held, at which it was decided to close the chapel, and we believe it is to be sold. Rumour hath it that dissatisfied members in another part of the town have offered 300*l.* for it, but no negotiations have been officially made. Bishop Lloyd, the respected vicar of Carmarthen, established Church services in the locality many years ago in one of the houses, and if he and the wealthy members of St. Peter's could be induced to make an offer for the disused chapel it could be converted into a suitable church for that part of the parish. This is another addition to the long list which Mr. Nye has prepared of the disappearance of chapels in Wales and their conversion into something different.'

ADDRESS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH DEFENCE INSTITUTION.

THE forthcoming General Election offers to Churchmen a supreme opportunity, and the future relations of Church and State largely depend on their united action independent of party.

A Government which attempted to disestablish and disendow a portion of the Church has fallen, without having even obtained the sanction of the House of Commons for the details of its Bill.

But the assumption that Disestablishment will henceforth find no place in the programme of any Liberal Government would, if followed by diminished activity on the part of Churchmen in the cause of Church Defence, be fraught with the gravest danger.

The position is, however, full of encouragement. The introduction in successive sessions of a Bill for Disestablishing and Disendowing the Church in the four Welsh dioceses, and the protracted debates thereon in the session just concluded, have done much to demonstrate the weakness of the case against the Church in Wales, the inequitable character of the Government proposals, and the utter lack of enthusiasm for their scheme. And though it may be doubted whether, under these circumstances, there will be any general desire on the part of the late assailants of the Church to refer to the subject of Disestablishment in election addresses or election speeches, the duty of Churchmen is perfectly clear. They must ascertain definitely, before promising their votes, what line those who seek their support are prepared to take on this question.

Let them ask plainly, 'Will you pledge yourself to oppose any measure that may be submitted to Parliament for Disestablishing and Disendowing the Church of England, or any portion of it?'

The crisis is without precedent in the history of our country, inasmuch as upon the constituencies will rest the responsibility of deciding whether there is to be a National Church or not.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the Bath branch of this Association was held on the evening of Monday, the 1st inst., at the Parish Room, Twerton-on-Avon, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, the Master of the Association, presiding. The Rev. W. Stokes Shaw was also present, and the following towers were represented:—The Abbey, St. Mary's, St. James's, St. Michael's, St. Saviour's, Twerton-on-Avon, Newton St. Lo, and Weston. Mr. J. Fussell, the hon. local secretary, read his report, which stated that the branch was in good working order and good progress had been made during the year. Twenty-four new members had joined, making a total of ninety-eight on the books. The Hon. Secretary was re-elected, with thanks for past services. During the evening the Chairman thanked the members for the help they had given him, and hoped they would elect the Rev. Charles D'Sallis, at Milverton, to fill his place as Master. The ringing at the parish church included several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and some touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

The Ely District Association of Bell-ringers, Cambs.

AN archidiaconal meeting of the Ely District Association was held at Littleport on the 24th ult., on the occasion of the anniversary of the dedication of the bells in the parish church four years ago. A fair number of ringing members were present from Ely, Downham Market, Hilgay and Newmarket, and during the afternoon a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1008 changes) was successfully brought round, besides several shorter touches. After a substantial tea, the usual business matters were discussed under the chairmanship of the Rev. W. W. Crump, M.A., hon. secretary for the district. The other clergy present were the Rev. Kenelm H. Smith (who hopefully referred to the 'suspended animation' of the old Diocesan Association), the Rev. J. M. Easterling and the Rev. S. Banks, who, as curate of the parish, expressed the Vicar's regret, as an honorary member, at being unable personally to welcome the ringers to Littleport, in consequence of ill-health. The next meeting was arranged for Monday, August 5th (Bank Holiday), at Cottenham.

The Bells of St. Michael's, Coventry.

EVERYTHING is now definitely settled as regards the rehanging of the bells of St. Michael's. The bells will be hung, and the Ellacombe system will be used on all ten bells, whilst a separate apparatus will be provided called the 'Hastings ringer,' patented by Mr. Horne. This apparatus is manufactured by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and may be worked by one man. The greatest possible amount of sound will be obtained from the bells with this apparatus. It is expected that the work will be completed about the beginning of September, and the total cost rather over 400*l.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; J. Smart, 2; E. Rapley, 3; A. A. Fuller (100th peal), 4; G. Williams, 5; J. Woolgar (birthday), 6; J. George, 7; J. Matthews, 8. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At St. Giles's, Ashted, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 STEPMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. H. Corbett, 1; W. Cook, 2; J. Crawford, 3; H. Wilkinson, 4; J. Wyatt, 5; G. Chantler (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; D. Auscombe, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

An Explanation.

SIR,—The 5038 BOB MAJOR (No. 1) given on the 14th ult. as the composition of J. S. Wilde, was conducted by me at Leiston, Suffolk, on Dec. 29th, 1890, as the composition of Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford. The figures are to be found in the *Norwich Diocesan Report* of that year.

The two peals of SUPERLATIVE (in *Church Bells*, June 28th), I had withdrawn, writing to you some time ago to that effect, as they belong to Messrs. Dains and Pitstow respectively, asking those gentlemen's pardon for the trespass.

G. LINDOFF.

[We are sorry to have inserted the peals withdrawn. With the mass of figures in hand it is not easy to be always right.—Ed. C.B.]

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Country,' by W. J. Gordon. Mr. John Dennis contributes an able review of the 'Letters of S. T. Coleridge,' and Canon Tristram continues his 'Rambles in Japan.'

IN THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER, Miss Crane offers sensible advice to girls 'Living in Lodgings,' and Lloyd Lester discourses on 'Factory Girls at Work and Play.' Mr. Sarson Ingham's study of Dante's 'Beatrice,' is thoughtful and suggestive. The extra Summer Number of the magazine, entitled 'London Pride,' contains several stories, and a few pleasantly written instructive papers, including one by Agnes Giberne on 'The Ways of Spiders'—and truly their 'ways' are wonderful.

THE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MAGAZINE publishes the results of the recent Teachers' Examination, with the questions set in each grade. There is some sound advice by Mr. Ingram, of the Oxford House, Bethnal Green, on dealing with the beginnings of 'Anarchy and Atheism.'

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER has an amusing letter from the Rev. J. H. Horsburgh, of Inland China; 'After-thoughts,' from Archdeacon Moule, respecting the Royal Commission on Opium; and a review by Mr. Ensor of Mr. Curzon's 'Problems of the Far East.'

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE has among a great number of pictures, a collection of portraits of editors of popular periodicals, and some process illustrations of war pictures of the Paris Salon, which are very interesting.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE has a number of complete short stories, including a stirring exploit of Brigadier Gerard, from the pen of Dr. Conan Doyle. There is a capital article on 'Sir Edward Burne-Jones, Bart.,' and there are interesting papers on 'Some Notable Hymns,' 'Some Remarkable Wedding Cakes,' 'The Romance of our News Supply,' and 'Centenarians.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Treble Bob Major.

OF the following three-part peals, the first two contain all the 8-6's and the 6th its extent home; the 6720 which follows contains the extent of the 4th, 5th, and 6th each way in 5-6.

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JAMES S. WILDE.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Blundell, M.A., twenty-six members of the above Guild assembled at Halsall on Saturday, the 6th inst.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Canon Blundell, the members were received by their genial Secretary, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, M.A., vicar of Cross ns. After doing justice to a substantial tea, a number of touches were rung on the bells of the ancient church of St. Cuthbert.

The interesting old stone carvings and many historical records, also the elaborate and costly renovations carried out in this old parish church with true artistic care, under the superintendence of the Rector, were much admired and appreciated.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Canon Blundell for his hospitality, and for his sympathy with the objects of the Guild (which is to make the man a better ringer—the ringer a better man), terminated a pleasant meeting.

Ringers' Anniversary at Sudbury, Suffolk.

SATURDAY, the 29th ult., being St. Peter's Day, and also the twenty-first anniversary of the augmentation of St. Peter's bells from six to eight, merry peals were rung on the bells of the three churches during the day. Besides the Sudbury Company, other ringers were present from Coggeshall, Glemsford, Melford, Lavenham, Belchamp, &c. Short peals in the following methods were rung:—KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD TREBLE BOB, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STRDMAN TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, and DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR. For evening service at St. Peter's a touch of 400 DOUBLE NORWICH was rung

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The Hexham Abbey Bells, Northumberland.

MR. R. J. CONKLETON (ex-Assistant Guild-Master) writes to a local paper:—'Would you kindly allow me space to give the public a few of the many reasons why the bells of our ancient Abbey have not been ringing for many weeks past? To begin with, it seems to me, sir, that the bell-ringers of the Abbey are scarcely recognised by those in authority to be church-workers at all. Perhaps they think the bell-ringers are something after E. A. Poe's description:—

"They are neither man nor woman,
They are neither brute nor human,
They are ghouls."

Perhaps it will be news to many people to know that, by Rule 10 of our guild, the members of that body cannot meet together except there is a churchwarden in attendance. Fancy a difference arising between the bell-ringers and churchwardens! The latter have only to hold aloof from meetings of the guild, and the bell-ringers are powerless to pass a single resolution. This rule confers upon the churchwardens of Hexham Abbey a greater veto upon the affairs of the bell-ringers than the House of Lords ever did—or ever will—possess upon the affairs of the nation. A case in point happened in the jubilee year. The secretary of the guild called a special meeting of the guild together to obtain their permission to ring on jubilee day. At this meeting there were seven bell-ringers, but no churchwarden present. The ringers unanimously agreed to ring; but, upon my entering a protest as to the informality of the proceedings, another special meeting had to be called to secure the invaluable attendance of a churchwarden. Comment on the above is needless. Then, in most of the churches in the North of England the bell-ringers get remunerated for their services, and the former ringers of our Abbey got paid for their ringing. At the formation of the present guild, the hon. secretary was instructed to pay to the Diocesan Association of Ringers an annual subscription of one shilling per member, which, to my mind, could hardly be called an exorbitant demand, seeing that the voluntary ringers saved the churchwardens from fifteen to twenty pounds per annum, and yet even this small subscription has, I understand, for many years past been left unpaid. Then the bell-ropes are in a sad condition, knotted and tied and spliced in all directions. I would suggest, if the churchwardens cannot find money to keep the belfry in proper repair, that an annual collection be set aside for that purpose, the same privilege as is enjoyed by the choir, Sunday school, &c. Then, in some of the belfries there are lavatories fitted up for the use of the ringers, but for this much-needed reform I suppose we will have to wait—

"For the good time coming, brother,
Wait a little longer."

Then there is the scarcity of members. I think, sir, in a place like Hexham, and with such a noble peal of bells, the sweetest I am told in Europe, the lack of ringers is a standing disgrace to all connected with our venerable church. I would again suggest that the ladies of the parish form themselves into a band of ringers. We have lady footballers, lady cricketers, lady golf and tennis players, and why not lady ringers, too? Hexham Abbey would then occupy the unique position of being the first church to employ "the female form divine" in furtherance of the ancient art of campanology. Just another item, and I am done for the present. Formerly the ringers used to claim a pew in the church, which was reserved for their use, as an inducement to attend divine service, but for some time past this pew has been taken from them and let for lucre.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 668.

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Ringers' Visit to Sudbury, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., the Stowmarket company of ringers visited the above town and rang touches of BOB MAJOR on the bells of St. Peter's and All Saints' Churches. Owing to illness close to the church, the bells of St. Gregory's could not be rung. The visitors expressed themselves highly gratified with the bells, churches, and town in general. A visit was paid to Lavenham and Melford in the morning.

Reopening of the Bells of Terling, Essex.

On Sunday, the 30th ult., ringers from Ipswich, Braintree, Colchester, Kelvedon, Coggeshall, Broomfield, Boreham, Maldon, Great and Little Bentley, Thorington, Witham, &c., met at Terling to reopen the newly hung bells. Peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, BOB DOUBLES, &c., were rung during the day, amounting to upwards of 3000 changes. The bells are five in number, the tenor weighing about 14 cwt., note G. They have been entirely refitted and rebung with new stocks, wheels, and clappers, which have greatly improved their tone. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. H. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—(1) 'John Warner, of London, 1863.' (2) 'Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, 1723.' (3) 'Mills Graye made mee, 1623.' (4) 'Thomas Mears, London, 1810.' (5) 'Thomas Asbourne of Downham, 1793.'

Reopening of Wroxham Church Bells, Norfolk.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., the bells of the parish church of St. Mary, Wroxham, were formally opened after restoration by Messrs. Day & Son, of Eye. The bells are a ring of six, the tenor weighing about 9 cwt., and have been rehung in new frame and fittings. A special service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. T. Boddington), was held at three o'clock, the bells being rung for a few minutes prior to the concluding hymn by members of the St. Peter's Company, Norwich. The same band after service rang 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 25 mins., standing as follows:—G. Howchin, 1; F. H. Knights, 2; P. Sadler, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 6.

By the kindness of the Rector and Churchwardens, the ringers afterwards sat down to a meat tea under the chairmanship of the Rector, who was supported by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Messrs. W. F. Green, Howlett, G. E. Preston, &c., when the health of the 'Donors to the Bell Restoration' (Messrs. E. S. Trafford and Boddington) was given. During the day several touches were rung of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, and DOUBLE COURT BOB. The following ringers also took part in the ringing:—Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (Stanhoe), Messrs. G. and F. Day (Eye), G. Moy and W. Rought (Aylsham), J. A. Trollop and G. P. Burton (Norwich), and J. Gower (Tunstead).

CHANGE-RINGING.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Fareham, Hampshire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs 41 mins. E. J. Drinkwater (first peal from tenor), 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; F. Hill, 3; F. Coghlan, 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; G. Passingham, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Drinkwater came from Portsea; Chappell, Wickham; Tomlins, Gosport; the remainder belong to the local band. [* First peal.]

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. A. J. Turner, 1; J. S. Goldsmith, 2; F. Bennett, 3; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 4; H. Weston, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; K. Hart, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. Messrs. Turner and Goldsmith came from Lewes; their first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.

At St. Paul's, Wokingham, Berkshire.

On Monday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (a Variation of Thurstans') in 2 hrs. 51 mins. H. White, 1; J. Hands, 2; J. E. Herne (birthday peal), 3; R. T. Hibbert, 4; A. E. Reeves, 5; J. W. Whiting, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; F. W. Hopgood, 8. Rung on the morning of the annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, FOXEARTH, ESSEX.—On a Wednesday, a touch of 1760 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 1; G. Slater (Glemsford), 2; F. Wells (Glemsford), 3; H. Thompson (Cavendish), 4; C. Honeybell (Glemsford), 5; W. J. Nevard (Bentley), 6; S. Slater (Glemsford), 7; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 8. Composed by Mr. O. Lang, and conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe.

At ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, by eight members of the Essex Association, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES; also, after service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 45 mins., taken from Haley's Variation. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; T. Faulkner (Barking), 3; A. Hardy (Barking), 4; G. R. Pye, 5; W. Pye, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Vyse, 8.

At ORDSALL, NOTTS.—On Wednesday, the 26th ult., 720 VIOLET TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in 53 mins. by members of the North Notts Association. Also 240 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. G. Swannack, 1; J. B. Joyne, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday, the 30th ult., 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung. G. Swannack, 1; C. Crawford, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; J. B. Joyne (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. This is the first peal as conductor in this method by J. B. Joyne.

At ST. MICHAEL'S, WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, the 30th ult., for service, a peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR in 26 mins. A. Savage, 1; J. Briggs, 2; W. Drake, 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; R. Potter (conductor), 5; H. Wilson, 6. For evening service the following rang:—G. Belk, 1; J. Briggs, 2; W. Drake, 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; R. Potter (conductor), 5; H. Wilson, 6. On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., in commemoration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Lomax Plant, a peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR in the bob and single variation was rung in 25 mins. by G. Belk, 1; R. Potter, 2; W. Drake, 3; N. G. Hunt, 4; H. Blagg, 5; J. White (conductor), 6.

At ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S, REIGATE, SURREY.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 50 mins. G. Grimwade, 1; P. Knight, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; E. Moses, 4; F. Rumens (conductor), 5; W. Pinent, 6; W. H. Freeman, 7; R. K. Knight, 8. Messrs. P. Knight and E. Moses belong to the local company; the others to the St. Mary's Society, Walthamstow. The ringers thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Knight for having everything in readiness.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, STREATHAM, SURREY.—On a Tuesday evening, for practice, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 26 mins. H. Pates, 1; D. Springall, 2; R. B. Blanchard (conductor), 3; S. Greenwood, 4; G. Pell, 5; A. G. Freeman, 6.

At ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, BOBBING, KENT.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (thirty-eight bobs, twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. A. Day, 1; H. S. Goord, 2; A. J. Waters, 3; F. Shedd, 4; H. Wilkins, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. Also 360 BOB MINOR. J. Jeffrey, 1; A. Day, 2; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 3; A. J. Waters, 4; F. Shedd, 5; W. Wilkins, 6.

At ST. MARY'S, UPCHURCH, KENT.—On a Sunday, 720 OXFORD BOB (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. H. Witherden, 1; A. T. Hyland (first 720 with a bob-bell), 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

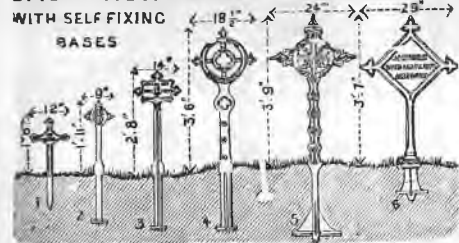
At HITCHAM, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles). T. Levitt (conductor), 1; J. Snell, 2; R. Grimwade, 3; A. Symonds, 3; H. Sewell, 5; W. Stiff, 6.

At ST. JAMES'S, HULL, YORKSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 27th ult., 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Prince, 1; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 2; R. Chaffer, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; F. Moulson, 5; W. Southwick, 6; D. W. Brown, 7; E. Farrow (first quarter-peal), 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. K. Wilson.

At DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Whit Sunday evening, before Divine service, the Duffield Society rang a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 42 mins. J. Patchett, 1; G. Dawson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; B. Rugden, 4; J. Howe, 5; J. Flower, 6; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 7; T. Draper (first quarter-peal), 8.

At TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On a Sunday, after evening service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins. F. Jones (first 720), 1; W. G. Hall (first with a bob-bell), 2; T. Bowe, 3; B. Dalton, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—

Quarterly Meeting at Fairford, on Saturday, August 17th. Service in parish church, 12 o'clock, with address by the Vicar, Rev. F. R. Carbonell, M.A. Dinner at the 'Bull Hotel,' 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. 1s. 6d. allowed to each Member who sends a shilling Postal Order to Hon. Secretary on or before 10th August. Trains from Gloucester 8.58, and from Bristol, *via* Swindon, 7.50. Return trains from Cirencester, 7.15 and 8.40.—Rev. C. H. JOBERS, Hon. Secretary, St. Stephen's Rectory, Bristol.

Foreign Bells.

CAN any reader of *Church Bells* throw a light upon the method of tuning and ringing employed in Continental churches? My own experience in the matter is as follows:—In France and Germany the wheel is met with in segments, and the bells, seldom more than four in number, are not tuned together, being partially rung up, except on festivals. As the north of Italy is approached, something nearer English methods, with a complete wheel, is employed. Then through Switzerland and the whole of the Tyrol in Austria, one large bell 'goes up' every day at twelve o'clock in all towns and villages, the effect being especially fine when, as in the Vale of Botzen, a considerable number are heard at once from a summit of 3000 feet. The bells themselves, even in small, narrow steeples, seem much larger than average English tenors.

During a recent stay at Botzen, a set of new bells arrived from Trento for a college situated in a suburb to the south-west of the old town. The number was seven. The first six varied, as it seemed, from 12cwt. to 40 cwt., the seventh of larger size and scale still, but the whole was so decorated with branches of trees that rough measurements were impossible as they stood upon drays, one of which, I was told, had broken down on the journey up.

From what I have noticed at Cologne, it would seem that some method is employed in getting the notes of the bells, so that when two or more clash the effect is not discordant, as occurs in our country. Perhaps some one can give us full particulars of the Trento foundry and the new ring at Botzen.

At Milan I have heard a true 'back five' rung in rounds. The sound seemed to come from an old thirteenth-century campanile near St. Satiré, the vast Cathedral having only two bells. On the banks of Como, near Villa Deste, a 'back five' is also sounded at frequent intervals between five and six o'clock. The bells went right through the circle, and the clappers had a peculiar chatter some interval after the note. As bells in Italy hang half out in the open windows, their performance can be seen, but not the mode of raising. Will Messrs. Llewellyns & James explain their experiences at Seville?—their advertisement suggests a peculiar use.

I should add, that at the Botzen Monastery, there were deal stocks and frames being hewn out; and at Innsbruck, desirous of investigating the architectural character of an undescribed circular church, the only Gothic one in the town, I found it was reached by crossing an ironfounder's yard. The master kindly went for the key, as the church is only used once a year. In the interval an inspection of the little heaps of odds and ends revealed a large proportion of well-worn 'gudgeons' familiar to the English ringer, but much larger. At Venice they have large and bad bells, two or three of considerable size in each church. At SS. Giovanni Paolo, a huge thirteenth-century church, some old ones were on the floor in a side chapel. Both new and old bells are loaded with ornament, and appear, even after the lapse of time, much polished, especially small ones.

F. G.
Sittingbourne, Kent.

The Ancient Society of College Youths at Speldhurst.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., in response to the kind invitation of Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny, sixteen members of the above Society were hospitably entertained and escorted in a wagonette from Tonbridge through Leigh, Penshurst, Chiddingstone, Langton, and Fordcombe to Speldhurst, and a most enjoyable day was spent. The mention of the names of the villages visited is quite sufficient to convey to the mind the beautiful scenery surrounding each place. Ringing upon the tower bells of St. Mary's, Chiddingstone, of GRANDSIRE STEDMAN and DOUBLE NORWICH, was followed by tea on the Rectory lawn, kindly provided for the visitors by the Rector of Chiddingstone, the Rev. J. T. Pearce. A dinner was awaiting the Youths on their arrival at Speldhurst; after which a touch or two of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung on the church bells, time not allowing for anything further. Mr. Burkin, the Master of the Society, in proposing a vote of thanks to the hostess, coupled the name of Mrs. Mackinnon, wife of the Rector of Speldhurst, in terms which were suitably responded to by both ladies. The names of the members present were:—Messrs. W. Burkin, Master; J. Pettit, Treasurer; C. F. Winney and W. Prime, Stewards; W. T. Cockerill, Secretary; J. R. Haworth, E. Horrex, E. Carter, M. A. Wood, W. Cooter, G. J. Smith, H. Springall, W. D. Smith, R. French, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Secretary of the Kent County Association), and A. Hughes (Mears & Stainbank). Some double-handed ringing—TRIPLES, CATERS, and CINQUES—also tune-playing were performed on a peal of handbells provided by Mr. Cockerill, and cast by Messrs. Shaw & Son, Bradford. This noteworthy gathering was presided over by the two ladies, whose care and attention for the comfort of the Youths cannot be too highly praised.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 688

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NINETY-FOURTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. JAMES KERSHAW, New Mill, Yorkshire.

REMARKABLE CASE OF CONSUMPTION ARRESTED,

Which was published in the weekly journals about June 30th, 1887.

When I called upon Mr. Kershaw recently, I found a man in perfect health, and who has been so for years; and he ascribes the credit of this to Mr. Congreve's treatment for Consumption.

Briefly I give the history of the case, as told me by Mr. Kershaw:—

'I applied to Mr. Congreve,' he said, 'in 1884. For some time previously I had been ill, and had had the advice of two medical men. When they told me my illness would end in Consumption I wrote to Mr. Congreve, for I had known a cure he had wrought. I had had a series of severe colds, which had been unchecked, and at the time I speak of I was suffering from a violent cough, much pain in chest, back, and sides, spitting of blood caused by the rupture of a small vessel, and loss of flesh and strength. I had to give up business for twelve months.'

'To put it in a word, Mr. Kershaw, everything pointed to Consumption?'

'Undoubtedly. Under Mr. Congreve's care, however, I soon began to improve, and ultimately was quite cured.'

'And what do you say about yourself now?'

'That I am better than I have ever been. I sometimes walk twenty miles a day over these hills without fatigue. You may depend upon it that I recommend the treatment wherever I have the opportunity.'

'I believe you are acquainted with some other cases similar to your own?'

'My sister took the medicine with great benefit; she was going just the same way that I had done. In addition to that, I have seen some wonderful cures of bronchitis with the medicine.'

'I suppose, Mr. Kershaw, that you will not object to my publishing what you have told me?'

'I have not the slightest objection; and you may say that, if it had not been for Mr. Congreve's treatment, I should not be alive to-day.'

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The Sudbury (Suffolk) Ringers' Holiday.

On Monday, the 15th inst., the Sudbury Company of Ringers had an excursion—by road this year—and a visit was paid to Coggeshall and neighbourhood, where there are peals of bells, which the authorities of the various churches kindly placed at the disposal of the visitors. The first place visited was Earl's Colne, where a half-peal of BOB MINOR was rung by F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; H. Harper, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. A peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and a course of STEDMAN DOUBLES was also rung by Messrs. Bacon, Brackett, Scott, and Campin. The next stoppage was at Coggeshall. Here touches of DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, STEDMAN TRIPLES, &c., were rung previous to dinner. After dinner the ringers visited Kelvedon, where there is an excellent peal of six bells, the tenor weighing 21 cwt. A touch of BOB MINOR was rung by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; H. Harper, 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. A touch of KENT TREBLE BOB was also rung. The next halting-place was Feering, where there is a peal of six bells (tenor, 18 cwt.). Touches of BOB MINOR, KENT TREBLE BOB, and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung. The visitors then went back to Coggeshall and partook of tea, followed by ringing on the church bells. Messrs. Beckwith, Elliot, and others of the local company taking part with the visitors.

A Ringers' Visit to Lavenham, Suffolk.

A DISTRICT meeting of the Ely Association of Church Bell-ringers was held at Lavenham on Monday, the 15th inst., and ringers attended from the following places:—Bury St. Edmunds, Glemsford, Hitcham, Monks Eleigh, Preston, Rougham, and Lavenham, where the church bells were placed at the disposal of the ringers by the kindness of the Rector, Canon Scott. A well-struck touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following persons:—A. H. Osborne (conductor), 1; S. Slater, 2; A. Symonds, 3; G. Debenham, 4; H. Smith, 5; Wm. Snell, 6; T. King, 7; W. Moore, 8. This was followed by a touch of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, containing 640 changes. The band stood as follows:—A. Symonds (Lavenham, conductor), 1; A. Keeble (Monks Eleigh), 2; H. Smith (Lavenham), 3; G. Debenham (Bury), 4; S. Slater (Glemsford), 5; A. H. Osborne (Bury), 6; W. Green (Monks Eleigh), 7; T. King (Lavenham), 8. At four o'clock, the members adjourned to take tea. Canon Scott occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, hon. secretary for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, and other friends. Regret was expressed that the Sudbury Company were not present, owing to their being on a visit to Coggeshall for their annual holiday, which fell on the day. Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Scott for presiding at the tea, and for the use of his grand ring of bells; also to the Rev. E. J. Teesdale. A committee for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury was then elected, also several new members, and it was agreed that if possible the annual meeting should be held at Cambridge. This ended a pleasant meeting.

A Bell-ringer Wanted.

In Brussels a competition lately took place for the post of Chief Bell-ringer of the new carillon in the tower of the Maison du Roi in the Grand Place, the salary being a minimum of 100l. and a maximum of 120l. a year. The fee is a large one for Brussels, but the Belgians do not care for a mechanical carillon, which gives the same tunes day and night until the people are wearied of them; and, instead, the new bells at the Maison du Roi are to be rung by hand from midday to two o'clock, the dinner-time of shop employees and workmen. It is a portion of the scheme that the repertory shall comprise a considerable number of old melodies, including the tunes anciently rung on the bells of St. Nicholas' Church. M. Gervet, president of the Brussels Conservatory, has agreed to be chief adjudicator, and the principal bell-ringers of Belgium, with their pupils, will take part in the contest.

Wanted, a Bell.

THE following is an extract from a letter from the Rev. A. W. P. Montgomerie, Narramine, N.S.W.:—

'I want badly a bell for my church at Narramine (N.S.W.), which my people who are scattered could hear miles away—we are too poor to buy one. There may be some disused bell lying in some country church. I have 1000 square miles, total income 140l. for support of priest, expenses of worship, maintenance of fabrics, keep of four horses, &c.'

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NOTICE.—We are always glad to insert peals or 'touches.' If they are sent to the printing or publishing office not later than the last post on Tuesday evening, they will be inserted if possible in the current number. Reports of Associations, or other things relating to bells, should arrive not later than Monday for the current number, and should be as brief as possible. Great care should be taken that the composition of peals is correct before they are sent for insertion.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held at Mitcham on Saturday, the 6th ult. Some short touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN were rung, Mr. Haworth, of London, as a visitor, conducting a touch in the latter method, the striking being excellent. Tea being announced for six p.m. in the gardens at Haymes, forty-one put in an appearance, the Rev. G. M. Drought (hon. member) walking over from Streatham on purpose to be present, and presiding at the business meeting. The Rev. D. T. Wilson, of Mitcham, who also came after tea, gave the members a hearty welcome. He was elected an honorary member of the Association by acclamation. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Three peals were reported to have been rung, and it was proposed that they should be entered in the peal-book. The proposition made by the Secretary, that the annual meeting be held each year in January instead of July, was carried *nem. con.* The officers were re-elected to stand for the next six months. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Reigate early in October. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. G. M. Drought for his kindness in coming, also to the Rev. D. T. Wilson for granting the use of the bells.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

ON Monday, the 15th ult., the annual festival of the above Guild took place at Wokingham. Divine service was held at the parish church at 11.15, when Canon Blagden gave an extempore address, taking as his text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,' for which he was thanked by the company.

The annual meeting was subsequently held in the Town Hall. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, the Master of the Guild, presided, and those present included the Revs. E. Sturges, Canon J. T. Brown, Canon Blagden, R. H. Hart-Davies (hon. secretary and treasurer), W. G. Edwards, A. H. Drummond, G. F. Coleridge, R. Tomlinson, Hon. Randal Parsons, C. S. Rowland, E. Broome, Muller Nixon, R. P. Newhouse; Mr. A. Somers Cocks (Marlow), Mr. T. M. Wescott, Mr. W. Newell (Reading), Messrs. T. E. Hearn, T. Evans, J. W. Hopgood, W. Napper, T. W. Wilkins, W. Yates, R. Smith, T. F. Barlow, C. Chapman, John Ford, A. Hill, T. T. Parker, A. E. Reeves, M. Attwell, C. Brooks, H. T. White, H. Watts, W. T. Fuller, T. Houlton, J. R. Haworth, &c. The Rev. H. Drummond moved, Mr. Newell seconded, and it was carried with acclamation, that the Rev. F. E. Robinson be re-elected Master of the Guild, and Mr. Robinson thanked the meeting for the compliment. The Rev. Canon Brown proposed that the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies be re-appointed Secretary of the Guild, which was seconded by Mr. W. Ware (Old Windsor), and carried unanimously. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies, in returning thanks, said he had wished to retire from the post, but as he had been promised assistance in the work he would accept the office again. He then moved that Mr. A. E. Preston, of Oxford, be re-elected as auditor; this was seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and adopted. The Committee and change-ringing members (several vacancies being filled up) were appointed; and after discussion, on the proposition of the Rev. H. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Washbrook, Bletchley, Bucks, was selected (on a division) as the place to be visited on the occasion of the annual festival next year. It was agreed to alter Rule 15, with regard to the payment of expenses from the Guild exchequer. The Rev. H. Drummond proposed a vote of thanks to their Master and to the Secretary, to both of whom they owed much for their valuable services in furthering the objects of the Guild. Mr. Somers Cocks seconded, and the vote was agreed to with acclamation. The Chairman and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies suitably returned thanks.

The dinner took place in a large marquee erected in a meadow at Langborough, over two hundred persons sitting down. The Master of the Guild presided, and grace was said by the Rev. E. Sturges. The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and speeches were made by the Chairman, the Rector of Wokingham, the Rev. Canon Brown, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davies, who thanked the local committee for the admirable arrangements they had made. He was glad the Guild had visited Wokingham before Canon Brown left to take up his residence at Maidenhead. Up to the present time they had only rung seventeen peals this year, but he trusted that when the weather was not so hot they would be able to make up for lost time. There were something like thirty-five towers represented there that day, and their numbers would have been larger but for various reasons. He begged to

propose 'The Borough of Wokingham,' and to couple with it the name of Mr. W. B. Mower, ex-Mayor, and Alderman Wescott, both of whom were churchwardens of All Saints', and the Rev. Canon Brown. On the invitation of Canon Brown, who briefly returned thanks, many availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting his beautiful grounds and partaking of tea in St. Paul's Schools. Brakes were provided to convey those members who wished to ring on bells in the neighbourhood. An enjoyable day was spent.

Dedication of Church Bells at Bedwelty, Monmouthshire.

MRS. STRELLEY, of Cakerthorpe, Derbyshire, has recently presented to the parish church at Bedwelty a fine ring of six bells, as a memorial of her late parents. The bells were supplied by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, and the largest weighs 15 cwt. Each bell is suitably inscribed. The dedication service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese at eleven o'clock, and was well attended, amongst the members being Mrs. Strelley. The bells rang merrily during the day, the village being gaily dressed with bunting and evergreen. The mottoes were 'God Bless the Donor of our Bells,' 'Health and Prosperity to Mrs. Strelley,' &c. Mrs. Strelley is the only child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rhys Lewis, of Dryssioeg, Ebbw Vale, and is head of one of the oldest families in Monmouthshire.

Dedication of New Bells at East Markham, Notts.

ON Wednesday the Archdeacon of Nottingham dedicated the two new bells which have just been added to the tower of the parish church, making the peal up to six. The new bells have been supplied by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and harmonise with the other four, making a tuneful peal. A procession was formed at the Vicarage and proceeded to the church, where the customary service was held, in which the newly added bells took their appointed part. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, and the event was one of much interest.

The Bells of Manchester Cathedral.

SOME months ago an appeal was made for funds to rehang Manchester Cathedral bells. The money required for the purpose has been all subscribed, and the work has been accomplished by Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury. The bells were rung on the evening of yesterday week, after having been silent for over twelve months.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Wednesday, the 10th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Parker's Twelve-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 2 mins. K. Hart (conductor), 1; A. Lawrence, 2; S. Perkins, 3; E. Mankelaw, 4; T. J. Ades, 5; W. Stead, 6; G. H. Stonestreet, 7; G. Rabbits, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. T. J. Ades was elected a member before starting. Messrs. Perkins and Mankelaw came from Tunbridge Wells.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

ON Friday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 2 hrs. 47 mins. J. W. Whiting, 1; K. Payne, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; H. White, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; T. Payne, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; R. T. Hibbert, 8. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At St. Giles's, Ashted, Surrey.

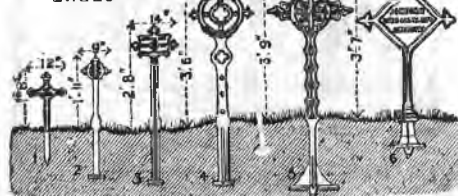
ON Saturday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Piper's Six-part peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. F. Grove, 1; S. Wilson, 2; C. E. Read, 3; W. Chantler, 4; H. Wilkinson, 5; G. Chantler (conductor), 6; E. Hull (first peal in the method), 7; D. Anscombe, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, the 28th ult., after Divine service, a date touch of 1895 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by members of the Essex Association in 1 hr. 9 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; T. Faulkner, 3; A. Hardy, 4; W. Pye, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Vyse, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Bradley, West Ham.

AT NEWMARKET, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR in 23 mins. T. Taylor, 1; H. Nisdon, 2; J. Keeler, 3; A. Markwell (conductor), 4; O. Peake, 5; H. Chapman, 6; W. Taylor, 7; C. Taylor, 8. A. Markwell came from Wilburton, Cambridgeshire.

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REVIEWS.

THOMAS HOWARD GILL: HIS LIFE AND WORK. By Eliza F. Pollard. (London: S. W. Partridge & Co. 1895. 1s. 6d.)—The many friends of Mr. Gill in the Isle of Man, Manchester, Rome, Trowbridge, Paris, and Tonbridge, in which his active and self-denying life was spent, will be glad to have this well-written memorial of him. He was a good man, and the world is the better for his having lived and fought the good fight of faith. The book should stir many a young man to increased zeal and self-sacrifice.

MAGAZINES.

THE MINSTER is a special holiday number, and contains a variety of good things. Max Pemberton contributes another curious episode, 'From the Diary of a Valet;' Barry Pain in 'After Hours' discusses Herrick and Julia; Horace Hutchinson writes about 'Golf;' and Dayrell Trelawney has an interesting paper on 'Dreams.' Among the remainder of the diversified contents is an interesting account of the Prince of Wales' famous yacht, the *Britannia*, under the heading 'A Royal Racer.' The magazine gives its readers a wonderful sixpenny-worth.

THE CHURCHMAN is mainly, if not entirely, controversial. *Versus* Rome is only too rapidly blossoming into what may be called its permanent title. The third and last article on Absolution attempts to draw an impossible distinction between the censures of the Church, which are assumed to be at once valid and yet meaningless, and the direct censures of God. Thus, Holy Communion is necessary wherever it may be had for all people, and the Church has authority to excommunicate, but that does not hurt any one; and so when he is absolved we can scarcely hope that that carries much benefit.

THE EXPOSITOR opens with a contribution by Principal T. C. Edwards on 'The God-Man, the Incarnation of the Trinity.' Then follows one of Sir J. W. Dawson's interesting articles on the 'Cursing of the Ground, and the Revealing of the Sons of God in relation to Natural Facts.' Professor Ramsay shows the bearing of his theory of Galatians on the two crucial passages (ii. 1-10 and i. 6, 7) in an article of great value. The Rev. W. F. Slater has written an admirable review of Hort's *Judaistic Christianity*, one of the best we have seen.

THE Archdeacon of London writes on 'Charles Simeon' in the **CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE** at greater length than usual, and with appreciation and sympathy.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE contains an excellent paper on 'Anglican Orders,' and an account of the Northern and Central Europe Anglican Church Conference of last June at Boulogne.

CHAPMAN'S MAGAZINE contains the clever story, entitled 'The Long Arm,' by Mary E. Wilkins, which was awarded the 400*l.* prize for the best detective story, offered by the newspapers of the Bachelor Syndicate of New York. There were some thousands of competitors for the prize, and Miss Wilkins is to be congratulated on her success. There are five other complete stories by well-known writers, and Bret Harte's serial is continued, as is also Violet Hunt's novel, 'A Hard Woman.'

ST. NICHOLAS contains a short sketch of the life of Oliver Wendell Holmes, one or two short stories, and some amusing illustrated poems, besides the serial stories, which are all interesting.

THE NEW QUARTERLY MUSICAL REVIEW.—The August number contains a second paper on the mysteries of the Greek notation, this time by Mr. Cecil Torr. Amongst other interesting matter is a comparison of the *facsimile* with the printed editions of Beethoven's Sonata in A flat (Op. 26), by Frederick G. Shinn.

CHINA.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. William Wharton Cassells, of Shanghai, to be Bishop of Mid-China. The new Bishop is a graduate of St. John's College, Cambridge, and was formerly curate of All Saints', South Lambeth. He went out to China in 1885 under the auspices of the China Inland Mission.

THIRTY-GUINEA TOURS TO PALESTINE, EGYPT, CONSTANTINOPLE, SMYRNA, and ATHENS, on the s.s. *St. Sumatra*, conducted by Mr. Woolrych Parowne, leaving London Oct. 14th, Nov. 18th (Dec. 20th full). Also a **WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN TOUR.** Lectures by Dean Farrar, Sir Lambert Playfair, and other scholars. Fare includes return ticket London to Marseilles, and thirty days' tour. Details from Secretary, 5 Endsleigh Gardens, London, N.W.—[Adv't.]

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Foreign Bells.

SIR,—Referring to the letter of 'F. G.' in your issue of 26th ult., I have just returned from Switzerland, and the same thing struck me as it did 'F. G.' with regard to the absence of discord in the manner of ringing or chiming the bells there. This I attribute to the fact that in several places which I visited—and notably at the village of Vitznau—the bells, four in number, are tuned to form the 'common chord' in the diatonic scale (*i.e.*, the first, fourth, sixth, and tenor in a ring of eight); the result being that, however irregularly they are struck, no discord can arise.

I did not hear any 'back-five' ringing, but the plan seemed to be to set the bells all going indiscriminately, the smaller bells of course striking more frequently than the larger ones, the effect being by no means unpleasant, but not, in my opinion, equal to a well-struck set of changes in a musical method as performed in England.

I had the advantage of seeing the midday bell 'rung' at Berne Cathedral. This was done by four men by the aid of ropes attached to levers fixed to the head of the stock. It was really little more than chiming, as the bell never got more than stook high. The great bell (267 cwt.) has four levers, and takes eight men to 'ring' her.

F. E.
Bellevue, Cheltenham, August 2nd, 1895.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 728.)

CONSUMPTION

AND

ALL CHEST DISEASES.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS AND NEW CASES

By MR. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

NINETY-FIFTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. FIDDIAN, Albion Works, Longlands, Stourbridge, relative to the case of his Son.

'ADVANCED CASE OF CONSUMPTION.'

Which was published in the weekly journals, Nov. 21st, 1889.

Briefly summarised, the history of this case, as already published, is as follows: Towards the end of the year 1887 Mr. Fiddian applied to Mr. Congreve on behalf of his young son, who was, according to the medical report, then in an advanced stage of Consumption. The illness had arisen from a cold after bathing, followed by cough, blood-spitting, periodic dyspnoea, pain in the side, flushing, night-sweats, loss of appetite and strength, and general wasting of body. After following Mr. Congreve's treatment for a few weeks, a wonderful improvement was manifest. This improvement continued, and the patient became well and strong.

Armed with these particulars, I recently called Mr. Fiddian, at his house, Longlands, Stourbridge, and asked him whether the statement was correct in every particular.

'Yes, all correct,' he replied. 'Before I sent to Mr. Congreve my son had been ill about six months, attended by two doctors. One of them gave him up—said he couldn't do any more for him; his lungs were entirely gone.'

'But I believe you afterwards had reason to believe there was hope for him?'

'Yes; when he had been taking Mr. Congreve's medicine for six weeks, he began to improve, and in course of time he got better. Since then he has never suffered with his chest.'

I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Fiddian, jun., and found him well, hearty, and strong, taking an active share at a forge connected with his father's business.

Mrs. Fiddian, too, spoke very highly of the medicine. It had recently cured her of a cough the doctor had failed to relieve.

Like all who are really grateful for benefits received, Mr. Fiddian willingly consented to my making public what he had told me.

MR. G. T. CONGREVE'S work on **CONSUMPTION, &c.**, in which are detailed **THE CAUSES, SYMPTOMS, PROGRESS, and SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF THIS SCOURGE OF ENGLAND.** With nearly **FOUR HUNDRED CASES OF CURE.** Also on **COUGH, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, &c. &c.** The Book will be sent post free for **ONE SHILLING** by Author, Coombe Lodge, Peckham, London, S.E.

Foreign Bells.

SIR,—In your issue of the 26th ult., 'F. G.' asks if we will explain our experiences at Seville. We beg to enclose the following description, which explains the illustration of our advertisement. LLEWELLYNS & JAMES.

'The same confidence animates the young Spaniards, who, on certain fete days, mount into the clock towers of the Cathedral and ring a full peal. While the regular bell-ringers are reposing, these amateurs hang on to the bells, throw them forward with all their force, and follow them in their wonderful leaps. In our church they sound the bells calmly and regularly; but in Spain every man who offers may exercise his skill; and the duration of the ringing depends upon the caprice, or rather upon the strength and patience of the ringers. The reader may imagine what an uproar there is when all the bells of a cathedral are being banged about in this original and furious manner. If one enters, for instance, the Giralda, at Seville, when the twenty bells are swinging at the same time, the noise is enough to give one a headache. The spectacle, too, of the ringers hanging in space and grasping the bell with their arms is a very singular one. 'The first time that I was witness of this operation,' says a French tourist, 'I was passing near the Church El Salvador del Mundo; people were looking up in the air, and an old man cried aloud near me, "Those are not men, they are devils!" This caused me to look up like the others, and I believed at first that some unfortunate man had entangled himself in the rope that is used for putting the bell in motion. I soon found out, however, that it was a matter of sport. Another ringer appeared in his turn, suspended in the air, or holding the bell by the ears, or by the wooden framework, and, following it in its movement, found himself with his head downwards towards the square, when it again entered the belfry.'

To Subdue in the Belfry the Sound of the Bells.

SIR,—Will you kindly give me space to make an inquiry in your columns, the answer to which may interest others? We have six bells; the tenor is nearly 16 cwt.; the ringing floor is only 16 feet below the bells, and there is nothing between but a two-inch deal flooring. The result is a deafening noise; the leader can only be heard at all by shouting, and it is therefore difficult to do anything more than rounds. Two proposals have been made: to put a second floor of seven-eighth inch boards about a foot beneath the present floor, and fill the interspace with sawdust or hair; or to put underneath such new floor a lath-and-plaster ceiling or two thicknesses of felt. The chief objection to both plans is, that drifted rain or snow may drip into the inter-space, and set up mould and rotteness of beams and boards. My inquiry is, can any of your readers tell me whether such plans would be effective? or whether they know of any effective contrivance, free from the objection named and suitable to our circumstances? J. HAMLET.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

We have received the *Tenth Annual Report* of the above Association, which contains the Times of Practice at Churches in union; Rules; Balance-sheet; list of Meetings held by the Association since its foundation in 1882; list of members, peals, &c.

The Committee, in their Report, among other interesting items, wish to express their thanks to the Rev. Canon Claughton for his kindness in providing a service and delivering an address in St. Andrew's Church, Worcester, at the last annual meeting. The number of peals rung during the year was twenty-six—being eight less than last year—in the following methods:—GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 3; STEDMAN TRIPLES, 2; DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 1; GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 1; CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 2; SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 2; DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 2; CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 1; BOB MAJOR, 4; GRANDSIRE CATER, 4; GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 1; performances on six bells, 3. The laurels were again earned by the Kidderminster band by ringing the peals in the SURPRISE methods. Meetings have been held during the year at Cradley, Worcester (annual), Halesowen, Upton-on-Severn, and King's Norton. The meeting at Upton-on-Severn was held at the request of Worcester friends, and it is hoped they will follow up the friendly intercourse commenced with the ringers of Upton and Hanley Castle, so that as a fruit of the visit each band may follow the example of the Vicar of Hanley Castle, and join the association. The meeting held at Halesowen for the present has not realised the expectation of the committee; but as explanations were given, and a misunderstanding removed, it is to be hoped, with the help of the Vicar, that the band may be induced again to join the association.

It is gratifying to note that two companies from parts of the county not previously taking an interest in the work of the association have this year

joined, viz., Inkberrow, with three honorary and four performing members; and Little Comberton, with one honorary and seven performing members. As there are a number of churches in that part of the county containing peals of bells, it is desirable that the attention of the clergy having charge of peals of bells should be called to the objects and aims which the association has in view, so that with their assistance many, if not all, ringers in the county may be represented. Numerically, there are two honorary and ten performing members less than last year. Financially, the expenses this year are 3l. 7s. 1d. more than the contributions received, a sum of 2l. 4s. being paid this year for engrossing peals for the year 1892, thus causing part of the deficiency. Total worth of Association funds, 15l. 18s. 10s.

Dedication of Bells at Norton-sub-Hambdon, Somerset.

DURING a violent thunder-storm last year, St. Mary's Church, Norton-sub-Hambdon, was struck by lightning, and the tower and its contents partially destroyed. At an outlay of 2000l. (1800l. of which has been already subscribed), the damage was made good, and on Tuesday, the anniversary of the disaster, Dr. Kennion, bishop of the diocese, visited the parish to dedicate the ring of six bells which takes the place of the damaged peal, and to reopen that portion of the church which has been closed for service since the fire.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5021 STEDMAN CATER in 3 hrs. 22 mins. J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 1; C. Hounslow, 2; A. P. Goddard, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; A. Fox, 5; W. Finch, 6; C. Fowler, 7; T. Payne, 8; W. J. Smith, 9; W. Jeffery, 10. Tenor, 31 cwt. The conductor's 31st birthday. A. P. Goddard belongs to Salisbury.

At Newnham-on-Severn, Gloucestershire.

On Monday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5181 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4 mins. F. Blanton (first peal of MAJOR), 1; J. Austin, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; Rev. H. L. James, 4; A. Roberts, 5; E. B. James, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; G. Lindoff (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. The first peal of MAJOR on this new ring of eight. Messrs. Clifton and Lindon were visitors from Lincoln.

AT THE CATHEDRAL, WINCHESTER.—On a Thursday, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Harris, 1; C. J. Choct, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; A. Rought, 4; R. White, 5; J. Weaver, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Elkins, 8. Also on a Thursday, 504 GRANDSIRE CATER. A. E. Macey, 1; W. C. Lampard, 5; G. Smith, 3; C. J. Choct, 4; R. White, 5; W. J. Sevier, 6; R. Hasted, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; J. Harris, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. Also 270 GRANDSIRE CATER. A. E. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; W. C. Lampard, 3; C. J. Choct, 4; R. White, 5; R. Hasted, 6; J. Harris, 7; J. Weaver, 8; W. H. George (composer and conductor), 9; F. Smith, 10.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On a Sunday evening, ten members of the North Notts Association of Change-ringers rang, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATER (1359 changes) in 48 mins. G. Clayton, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; H. Hugh, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. Winter, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; J. T. Bottomley, 7; H. W. Kirton, 8; J. B. Joyas (conductor), 9; G. W. Bamrose, 10. Messrs. Kirton and Bamrose came from Gainsborough; their first quarter-peal and their longest attempt rung on ten bells.

AT ORDSALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—On Sunday, the 28th ult., for the Children's Service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung in 25 mins. J. White, 1; G. Swannack, 2; J. Swannack, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; H. Blag, 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 25 mins., the ringers standing as above. Great credit is due to Messrs. J. Swannack and G. Swannack, as it was their first peal on an inside bell. H. Haigh and G. Swannack belong to Retford; the rest are local men.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On a Wednesday, a date touch of 1895 changes was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins., consisting of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 330 GRANDSIRE MINOR, and 815 BOB MINOR. This performance is the longest ever rung on the above bells, and also by the ringers. W. Danner (conductor), 1; Jos. Potter, 2; J. Danner, 3; John Potter, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

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THE SUNDAY AT HOME contains a well-timed and practical trio of 'Holiday Homilies,' by the Rev. A. R. Buckland: the first on consistency of Christian conduct during holiday times; the second on wide-hearted sympathy with all Christ's faithful servants, whatever their views; and the third on personal loyalty to our Lord Himself. Dr. James Macaulay's brief notice of Dr. John Cairns traces the career of this 'Minister, Professor, and Principal in the United Presbyterian Church,' as his epitaph terms him, from the lowly shepherd's cottage of his birth, and does justice to his great intellectual and spiritual power. The 'Sketches from Uganda,' by Bishop Tucker, are accompanied by explanatory notes.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER has an able article, by the Rev. Ireland Jones, on 'Buddhism and its Morality,' and a review, by 'H. E. P.' of a lecture delivered by the Principal of the Madras Christian College on 'The Place of Hinduism in the Story of the World,' whilst the MISSION FIELD publishes a Hindu clergyman's ideas on 'The Church's Access to the Leading Classes of Hindu Society.'

THE WINDSOR MAGAZINE contains an excellent variety of reading. 'How to reach the North Pole,' by Flora Klickmann, gives us the opinions of some prominent explorers with regard to the ultimate discovery of the pole, among them McClintock and Allen Young. 'The Liverpool Corporation Pictures,' 'A Holiday in Manxland,' 'Men's Influence on Women's Dress,' 'The Progress of Lawn Tennis,' and 'Round about Chelsea,' are first-rate articles, of which the character is sufficiently indicated by the titles; 'What Prison Life is really Like' is concluded, and there is another interesting paper on 'The Houses of Celebrated People.' Barry Pain's complete story, 'The Spoiling of Veronica' is as amusing as it is clever, and 'The Fly on the Wheel,' by Anthony Hope, although the last of the ample and varied contents, is one of the best things in the magazine.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE is full of excellent holiday reading. There is an interesting illustrated interview with Dr. W. G. Grace, the celebrated batsman, and a capitally written article on the Gladstone family, which is well illustrated with portraits of the various members. 'Strange Devices' is entertaining and instructive, as is also 'The Ladies of Queen Victoria's Court,' and 'The Sea Serpent' is the story of different occasions when the alleged monster has shown itself. As usual there are a number of strong complete short stories by well-known writers, such as Grant Allen, Conan Doyle, and Charles J. Mansford, and the pictures are good and plentiful.

IN THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER, Mrs. Linnæus Banks' new serial story, 'In Stony Places,' opens with an attempted murder, not, in our judgment, an earnest of a healthy-toned tale for young readers. Dr. Schofield's advice on the 'Perfecting of the Modern Girl' is sensible; but the extract reprinted from the *Nineteenth Century*, and headed 'An American Woman on the English Working Girl,' strikes us as unfair. The servant who is able, 'without any inconvenience to herself, to lay by fully two-thirds of her year's wages,' is rare indeed; and the dress-making girl, whom the writer deems 'not under-paid,' because she acts 'only in accordance with the instructions of the forewoman,' and is unable to make a bodice by herself, often feels that very fact to be her greatest grievance. Having given her services for some time on the understanding that she is to be 'taught the business,' she finds herself taught nothing, but condemned to make pockets, sew on buttons, run errands, &c., whilst the cutting-out and other parts of the work which require training and skill are kept out of her hands and reserved for experts. If she rebels she can leave, and repeat the process elsewhere.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Midland Counties' Association.

A MEETING was held on the 27th ult., at the historical town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. During the afternoon touches (muffled on account of the recent death of Lord Donnington) were rung in various methods on the bells of the parish church, whilst some of the visitors proceeded in a waggonette to Staunton Harold, to try the peal of eight at the private chapel of Earl Ferrers, by kind permission.

After the usual Committee meeting, members adjourned to the Blue and Green Coat School, where a meat tea had been provided by Mr. W. Canner, and to which the President (A. P. Heywood, Esq.), the Rev. Canon Denton (rector of Ashby), and some thirty-nine members and friends sat down. The Honorary Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed and signed, as also the names of nine new members, who were duly admitted. The President then addressed the meeting on the record of the past quarter, stating that twelve peals had been rung, of which four were credited to Derby, three to Birmingham, two to Leicester, one to Long Eaton, one to Melbourne, and one to a mixed band. He then addressed some encouraging remarks to young ringers. Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canons Denton and Beaumont, and to Earl Ferrers, for the use of the bells, and also to Canon Denton for the use of the room for tea. Mr. S. Cooper seconded, and the motion was carried with applause. Canon Denton thanked the Association for the vote of thanks, and acknowledged his indebtedness to the Society for the advancement of change-ringing at his own church. Loughborough was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting on the proposition of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Woolley. A vote of thanks was then unanimously passed to the President for presiding, on the proposition of Mr. J. Jaggar, seconded by Mr. A. Aldham. The President, in responding, said he was always pleased to be among them, and regretted that he could not invite the Association to a garden party at Duffield this year, but he hoped to do so next year. The meeting then terminated, and members adjourned to finish up an enjoyable afternoon with touches on handbells and tower-bells in various methods.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 748.)

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To Subdue in the Belfry the Sound of the Bells.

SIR,—J. Hamlet's inquiry, in your issue of 9th inst., as to the best means of lessening the 'deafening noise' in a ringing chamber only 16 feet below the bells, from which the ringers are separated by merely the two-inch floor of the bell chamber, presents a difficulty which perhaps cannot be entirely overcome. But probably, in mitigation, as satisfactory a solution as any which can be suggested would be to put in, as he proposes, the wood ceiling a foot below the bell floor, packing the intervening space tightly with slag wool, a great non-conductor of sound, and having the additional advantage of being a fireproof material, so much to be desired for such a position.

The objection to packing with hair or sawdust is that the first is not so good a non-conductor of sound, that the other would be shaken out by vibration through the joints of the boards, and neither are fireproof. If it is not possible to exclude the entry of rain and snow through the louvres of the belfry windows, it is most desirable, in any case, to prevent the rotting of the floor by covering it with lead. This need only be of light weight, and it would, besides keeping the timbers dry, act as a further non-conductor of sound. A lath-and-plaster ceiling would not be likely to keep out much noise, and would certainly soon crack and drop off bit by bit. L. B. W.

The Tenors at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and Westminster Abbey.

SIR,—The tenor at Westminster Abbey is inscribed, 'Remember John Whitmell, Isabella his wife and William Rus, Who first gave this bell 1430. New cast in July 1599, and in April 1738. Richard Phelps, T. Lester fecit.'

Now, Stow, in his *Survey of London*, 1603 (speaking of St. Michael's, Cornhill), says:—'The fair new steeple or bell tower was begun to be built in the year 1421, which being finished, and a fair ring of five bells therein placed, a sixth bell was added, and given by John Whitwell, Isabella his wife, and William Rus, alderman and goldsmith, about the year 1430.'

Can any of your readers tell me whether the present Westminster tenor is the same bell? There is a carving on one of the seat-ends at St. Michael's of a bell inscribed 'RVS' in connexion with the legend of the 'ugly shapen sight' mentioned by Stow. The present peal of twelve at St. Michael's was cast by R. Phelps & Thos. Lester, of Whitechapel, 1728. Now, did they at that time remove the old tenor from there and place it in the Abbey tower, when Lester recast several of the Abbey bells some ten or twelve years later? J. R. JERRAM.

The Primate at St. Nicholas', Rodmersham, Kent.

THE 27th of July was a day to be remembered by the members of the Rodmersham Change-ringing Society, when his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury paid a visit to the church. Members of the band assembled at the tower at half-past three, and forthwith rang, in honour of the visit of the Archbishop, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR (nine bobs):—G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. On the bells coming round, Mr. Churchwarden Dixon descended from the tower and was cordially thanked by his Grace for the welcome accorded to him; at the same time he was pleased with the efficiency of the band, and on the fact that the debt on the bells, which were recently recast and rehung in a new oak frame by the firm of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, had now been entirely paid off. His Grace then asked to see the other members of the band, with all of whom he shook hands, and addressed a few words to each. Linking his arm in that of Master Harry Coast, the youngest and most recently elected member of the Kent County Association, he said, 'I, as President of the County Association, am the head and you are the tail. I hope you will go on as you have begun, and become one of the first ringers in the country.' His Grace then proceeded to minutely inspect the church, with the beauty of which he was much struck, more especially so with the fine old flint tower, which is a fine piece of workmanship; and before leaving he expressed to the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Mellor, his satisfaction and pleasure at everything he had seen. The band then returned to the belfry, and as the Archbishop left the church rang 120 BOB MINOR, standing as follows:—H. Coast, 1; G. Coast, 2; S. Beach, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; E. Day, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. It need scarcely be said that the kindness of his Grace, and the interest which he took in them and their efforts, was appreciated by the Rodmersham ringers.

The Bells of St. Matthew's, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE tower and bells of St. Matthew's Church, Newcastle, are to be dedicated in October, and the Vicar and churchwardens are most anxious to have the debt upon the building guarantee fund cleared off before this event. A sum of 350*l.* is needed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Lewisham, Kent.

On Monday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association (Lewisham District) rang a peal of 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 46 mins. C. Bedwell, 1; T. Deal, 2; W. Skelt, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; W. Bedwell (conductor), 5; F. Thornton, 6; H. Barratt, 7; T. Chandler, 8. The first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

At St. Stephen's, Hampstead, London.

On Monday, the 5th inst., ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang G. Newson's peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 40 mins. B. Foskett, 1; W. J. Nudds,* 2; J. Hannington (conductor), 3; G. Newson, 4; A. Pittam, 5; W. H. Barber, 6; G. Smith, 7; H. Sharp,* 8; C. W. Clarke,* 9; A. Jacob, 10. Tenor, 27 cwt. Messrs. Clarke and Sharp came from Bedford; W. H. Barber, Worcester; and W. J. Nudds, Kenninghall, Norfolk. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

At St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

On Monday, the 5th inst., ten members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 47 mins. C. L. Routledge, 1; R. S. Story, 2; H. H. Lindsey, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; H. D. Dall, 5; E. W. J. Lincoln, 6; A. Hillier, 7; W. Story, 8; W. Holmes, 9; F. J. Harrison, 10. Tenor, 42 cwt. Composed by W. Holmes, and conducted by C. L. Routledge. The first peal of ROYAL rung in Scotland.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. W. G. Hall, 1; H. A. Hall, 2; F. Taylor,* 3; H. Jones,* 4; G. Burrows,* 5; Aaron Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; F. Jones, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. Composed by J. Carter and conducted by J. E. Groves. This is the quickest peal rung on these bells. [* Belong to Shrewsbury—first peal.]

AT ORDSALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, the 4th inst., 720 COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR were rung in 25 mins. A. Merrills, 1; J. Swannack, 2; G. Clark (first peal in the method), 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor, East Retford), 5; J. White, 6. Also before evening service, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 25 mins. J. H. Johnson, 1; W. Preston (Worksop), 2; J. Swannack, 3; H. Lambert, 4; R. Besston (conductor, Blyth), 5; J. White, 6.

AT HORNSEY, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, before Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27 mins. E. King, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. Burrows, 5; A. Jacobs (conductor), 6. After service, 720 BOB MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Dixon, 1; J. Miller, 2; W. Tubbs, 3; G. Newson (conductor), 4; A. Miller, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR (nine bobs and six singles). W. Tubbs, 1; F. Sparks, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6.

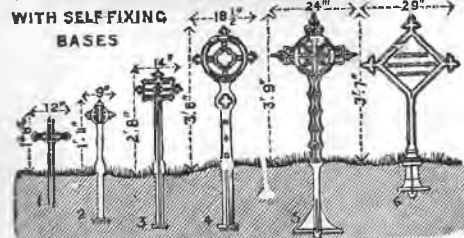
AT ST. MARY'S, EALING, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 910 OXFORD BOB. W. Ward, 1; G. Thompson, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; E. Harris, 4; W. Foster, 5; L. Copsey, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; F. Coulson, 8. Also on a Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB in 40 mins. W. Naylor, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; J. Basden (conductor), 3; H. S. Reeves, 4; E. Harris, 5; L. Copsey, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; W. Ward, 8.

AT ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On a Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. W. Master, 1; W. B. Manning, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; F. Rumens, 4; Albert Coles, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6; H. Stubbs, 7; Arthur Coles (aged sixteen), 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. T. Driver,* 1; W. Lancaster,* 2; J. Brownell, 3; E. Keen, 4; G. Dix, 5; A. Tully (conductor), 6. [* First 720.]

AT HASTINGS.—On a Sunday, for evening service, 216 GRANDSIRE MINOR. C. E. Smith (longest length of MINOR), 1; F. Lock, 2; F. M. Butler (Merton, Surrey), 3; P. J. Block, 4; A. Tester, 5; S. Saker (conductor), 6. And two peals of 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. J. H. Dadswell, 1; F. M. Butler, 2; C. E. Smith, 3; F. Lock, 4; S. Saker, 5; W. H. Swain, 6. And 120 BOB DOUBLES. P. J. Block, 3; the remainder as before.

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BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

Northallerton, Yorkshire.

[Extracted from the *History and Annals of Northallerton, Yorkshire*, by the Rev. J. L. SAYWELL.]

THE venerable tower of Northallerton Church contains a fine ring of eight bells, upon which may be read the following legends and inscriptions:—

(1.) 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1871.' [Royal Arms.]

(2.) 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1871.' [Royal Arms.]

Both of the above are new, having been added to the original peal of six in 1871. The key of No. 1 is F sharp, and that of No. 2, F natural.

(3.) 'All glorie bee to God on hee—1656. Recast by J. Warner & Sons, 1871. Rev. T. W. Mercer, M.A., vicar.'

The above bell was broken and remained unused for some time, until recast in 1871. It is in the key of B flat.

(4.) 'Jesus bee our speede, 1656.'

This bell is much worn, and its key is C sharp, but, of course, it has been chipped from time to time, to maintain its pitch.

(5.) 'God save His Church, 1656.'

The 'Shriving Bell,' so called because it is rung every Shrove Tuesday at midday. The following distich is recited at that hour by the boys of the Grammar School:—

'The Pancake Bell, the Pancake Bell!
To all you schoolboys now doth tell;
That you may lay your books aside,
Go home and get your pancakes fried.'

This bell is also much worn, and its key is D.

(6.) 'In multis annis resonet campana Johannis. Recast in 1802, and again in 1871, by J. Warner & Sons, London. Rev. T. W. Mercer, M.A., vicar.'

This bell is supposed to have hung in the bell-turret of the Carthusian Priory of Mount Grace, near Northallerton, for some years after the dissolution of that monastery, until the bell fell to the ground through the decay of the turret. How long it remained in that abased position before it was removed to Northallerton cannot be ascertained; but until 1802, when it was broken, its remarkably sweet tones reverberated over hill and dale. Its key is E, and it is called the 'Curfew Bell,' being rung at eight o'clock every evening.

(7.) 'Thomas Mears, London, fecit. 1802.'

This bell is called the 'Fire Bell,' but is, fortunately, seldom rung in that capacity. Its key is G sharp.

(8.) 'Thomas Mears, London, fecit. 1827.'

This is the tenor bell, and it weighs 16 cwt. Its key is F sharp below. The hour strokes from the clock are struck upon it, and it is always brought into requisition as the 'Passing Bell' for funerals, and for tolling the death knell of the departing year. Its tone is peculiarly deep and solemn.

Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

By consent of the Rev. J. B. Fawcett, a Quarterly Meeting will be held at Mears Ashby, on Saturday afternoon, August 31st. The bells are a ring of five. Tenor, 9 cwt. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec. *Wellingborough.*

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THERE will be a District Meeting of the Essex Association of Change-ringers at Harlow on Saturday, September 28th. The towers of St. Mary's, Harlow (eight bells), and Sawbridgeworth (two miles), will be open for ringing. Tea will take place at the 'Green Man' at five p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present must give notice to the Association Secretary not later than the previous Sunday.

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The St. James's Society, London.

At the Annual Meeting, held on the 12th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. E. P. O'Meara; Senior Steward, Mr. C. F. Winney; Junior Steward, Mr. T. H. Taffender; Treasurer, Mr. E. Albone (re-elected); Secretary, Mr. W. F. Meads (re-elected).

A Cheshire Ringers' Holiday.

On the 3rd and 4th inst. ten members of the St. George's Society, Hyde, visited the Potteries, where they met with a kind reception. Arriving at Stoke at 5.30 p.m. on the Saturday, they were conducted to the parish church of Stoke, where they rang touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR and STEDMAN TRIPLES. The visitors then went to St. John's, Hanley, where they accomplished touches of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. On Sunday morning, the Hyde men rang, for service, at St. Giles's, Newcastle-under-Lyme, 448 BOB MAJOR and 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, occupying about one hour. In the afternoon they rang, at the parish church of Woolstanton, 1008 STEDMAN TRIPLES and 384 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. The visitors returned home in the evening.

The Bells of Wilby, Northants.

SINCE the increase of Wilby bells from four to five, two years ago, the local ringers have been most persevering in their efforts to master the science of change-ringing. In this they have been much encouraged by the Rector, who has learned to manage a bell and now takes a rope with his men. A

new floor has recently been put in the tower which keeps the clock-room clean and tidy, and also deadens the sound of the bells in the belfry below. Lately, on a Thursday evening, the local company rang 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES with four bobs and two singles, standing as follows:—R. Sharp, 1; G. Fowler, 2; T. Barber (conductor), 3; A. Fairey, 4; W. Smith (church-warden), 5.

Reopening of Stisted Church Bells, Essex.

On Sunday, the 18th inst., the six musical bells in the above church were reopened after having been overhauled and refitted by Messrs. H. Bowell & Son of Ipswich, when members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers rang several peals during the day, including 720 each of KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB and two 720's of BOB MINOR, by the following:—Edgar Chaplin, 1; Ernest Chaplin, 2; F. Warren, 3; S. Sarjeant, 4; A. Bowell, 5; E. Radley, 6. Messrs. A. Chaplin, H. Saunders, F. Saunders, and others also took part in the ringing during the day.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., ten members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang Haley's peal of 5000 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A. W. Humphries, 1; F. Musty, 2; F. W. Townsend, 3; G. Cleal* (Leicester), 4; W. Brinkworth, 5; W. T. Pates, 6; W. Townsend* (Leckhampton), 7; F. E. Ward (conductor), 8; H. Roberts, 9; R. Trigg, 10. Tenor, 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 768.)

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INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS
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By MR. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

NINETY-SIXTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. WILLIAM WALKER, 74 Sussex Road, Southport.

CASE OF BRONCHO-PHTHISIS,

Which has not been published before.

From the ordinary practitioner's point of view this was a hopeless case, for there was 'Consumption in the family' (the mother having died from that disease). The patient had always been weakly, suffering from frequent colds and chronic catarrh; once more, when some progress had been made, a relapse had occurred, accompanied by the bringing up of a quantity of fluid blood.

The history of the case, as gleaned from the correspondence, and from information given me by Mr. Walker himself, is this:—When the patient came to Coombe Lodge in July, 1892 (his mother having died as stated in the previous year), he was very ill. There was decided mischief in the lungs—in the right lung there was a cavity. There was much cough, yellowish expectoration streaked with blood, pain in the region of the lungs, night sweats, and increasing weakness.

For some time gratifying progress was made, until a relapse was brought on by the patient being exposed to much draught in his place of business. This overcome, Mr. Walker gradually regained his health, and to-day is stronger and better than he has ever been.

Having elicited these facts, I asked Mr. Walker if he agreed with the testimony of his father, who had said, in a letter to Mr. Congreve, dated October 1893: 'I am satisfied that to your valuable Elixir he owes his life?'

'Yes,' was the reply. 'I quite believe the medicine saved my life. Before I commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment I was always weakly; now I can, and have, walked twenty miles a day without any ill results. A local doctor, who examined me not very long ago, said my lungs were now perfectly sound. Of course, sometimes I get a cold, and then I always take the Elixir, which I keep in the house.'

Before publishing this case, I had the full permission of both Mr. Walker and his father—the latter of whom is a well-known tradesman in Manchester.

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At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., ten members of the Cheltenham and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Haley's peal of 5000 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 10 mins. A. W. Humphris, 1; F. Musty, 2; F. W. Townsend, 3; G. Cleal* (Leicester), 4; W. Brinkworth, 5; W. T. Pates, 6; W. Townsend,* 7; F. E. Ward (conductor), 8; H. Roberts, 9; R. Trigg, 10. Tenor, 22 cwt. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

At St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, London.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 1 min. A. Deards, 1; H. Springall, 2; W. H. Dallimore, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; Emanuel Hall, 6; York Green (composer and conductor), 7; S. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal of MAJOR on the bells. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar came into the tower and congratulated the ringers upon their success.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 15th inst., Holt's Ten-part (reversed) peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung in 2 hrs. 46 mins. by the following members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild:—G. Prescott, 1; J. Shollier (conductor), 2; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington,* 3; J. Taylor, 4; C. Sharples, 5; W. Benthall, 6; J. Watts, 7; R. Park, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [* First peal in the method. The Rev. J. H. Pilkington comes from Framlingham, Suffolk.]

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. Bedwell, 1; H. J. Skilt, 2; J. Hack (first peal inside), 3; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 4; I. Shade, 5; J. W. Whiting (Fareham, Hants), 6; H. Warnutt, 7; G. Dains, 8.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

LATELY, on a Saturday, eight members of the Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's Twelve-part) in 2 hrs. 51 mins. H. Knight, 1; W. G. Taylor, 2; A. H. Espley, 3; H. Dawkes, 4; J. Pardoe, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. The ringers of two and three belong to St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, and this is their first peal. It is also the first peal rung for the Salop

Guild, and was rung on the 901st anniversary of the granting of the Charter by Lady Wulfrun to the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton. [Why not send sooner? Directly the peal is rung—on a postcard.—Ed.]

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, RAINHAM, KENT.—Lately, on a Friday, the Archbishop of Canterbury visited the above church, when he was met by the Church-workers and bell-ringers, who welcomed him by ringing rounds. The Archbishop, after looking over the church, gave an address. The ringers then rang 240 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. E. Bishop, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster (conductor), 3; H. Clout, 4; J. Champion, 5; A. Vaughan, 6.

Bell Inscriptions.

SIR,—In 1871 a fine bell, weighing two tons, cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, was presented by the Earl of Sefton to the grand church of St. Chad, which he himself had just built for the parish of Kirkby, Lancashire. It is called after St. John the Baptist, and the following lines, written by Canon Gray, the then vicar of Kirkby, are inscribed upon it:—

'Qui in petra hoc fundavit
Templum, et donis ornavit,
Me sublimem hic cavavit,
Ministram fidelium;
Lætabuntur penitentes,
Me clamantem audientes,
"Convenite, omnes gentes,
Adoremus Dominum,"'

Lines which Canon Gray thus translated into 'a tongue understood' of all his people:—

'He, who digged deep on rock to found
This church, where goodly gifts abound,
Bade me on high help all around
Their hearts from earth to raise;
Yea, they will be of better cheer,
Who, in their deep repentance, hear
Me crying, "Come from far and near,
Pour forth your prayers and praise,"'

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RECEIVED ALSO:—W. Weatherstone (thanks); and others.

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Chime Tunes.

SIR,—Would any readers of *Church Bells* be so kind as to tell me of some tunes suitable for bell chimes? I know of those commonly adopted, like 'Home, Sweet Home,' 'Blue Bells,' &c., but feel sure that many others will be known to those interested in bells and ringing. A gentleman has just forwarded to me a copy of an old tune formerly played by the chimes at Witney: it is such tunes as these that are wanted. I should be very grateful for any information on the subject.

HENRY T. LILLEY.

St. Mary's Vicarage, Smethwick, August 26th.

Bell Inscription at St. Chad's, Kirkby, Lancashire.

SIR,—Canon Gray has furnished you with a translation of a Latin inscription on the bell at Kirkby Church; I send you another in my own words.

West Bradley School, Glastonbury.

W. H. JONES.

'He, who in stone hath founded
This Church, with gifts abounded,
Bid me to lift th' confounded
To faithful ministration;
In penitence they will rejoice,
Who harken well to my loud voice:
"Come, nations all, with a great noise
Praise th' Lord in adoration."

The Kent County Association.

On Saturday, the 24th inst., several members of the Lewisham District belonging to the above Association had their annual holiday, and went to Eastbourne. On arriving at 10.30, St. Saviour's was the first place visited, a good ring of eight. Dinner being over, the next church was St. Mary's, a light ring of eight bells. At these churches several touches of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN TREBLE BOB, and OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, were rung; after which a waggonette was chartered to convey all to Beachy Head, 540 feet above the sea. Returning, tea was served, and the Eastbourne ringers played several Scotch tunes on the handbells. The party returned highly pleased with their holiday.

The Bells of Bakewell.

A CORRESPONDENT WRITES:—

'Not only Bakewell, but all Derbyshire, is poorer by the loss of the beautiful old bells which have been so long among the things of which the little county was justly proud. The bells, it is true, are again hung, but they have been re-cast, and the tone completely altered. The soft mellow tone which delighted every one who heard them is gone, and a metallic jangle has taken its place; they have, it is said, been made lighter. Who is responsible for this act of vandalism? Three of the bells, I am told, were cracked, but very slightly, or perhaps becoming cracked. The others (there is a peal of eight) might have been turned; but old Bakewell has been smitten, it seems, with a love of novelty, and the bells which have been rung out among the hills on so many solemn and so many happy occasions for the last 150 years were sent to be re-cast. One person remarked "that the silver has all been taken out;" certainly the silvery tones have gone. What the churchwardens or the lovers of antiquity have been about, no one knows—probably asleep; but Bakewell can no longer boast of its peal of bells, and in this matter, though we have to hide our diminished heads, we can never forget the sweet, solemn sound of the bells of the past.'

Dedication of Bells at Clutton, Somersetshire.

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., the bells of the parish church of St. Augustine, which have been out of repair for about seven years, and which have been repaired, were rededicated by Bishop Jenner, late of Dunedin,

New Zealand, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of the diocese. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Llewellyns & James, of Bristol. Four of the five bells have been quarter-turned and rehung, and one (the fourth) has been recast, whilst the frame has been braced and a new floor put in the bell-chamber. The steps to the ringing-room have been recased. A new chiming apparatus has been fixed which can be utilised for the five bells now in use, but it is made so that it can be applied to a sixth bell when one is placed in the tower. The total cost is about 100*l.*, which has, with the exception of a small sum, been raised by subscriptions. It is hoped eventually to be able to place a sixth bell in the tower. The service of Dedication was held in the tower, in the presence of a numerous congregation, which included the Lord of the Manor, Earl Warwick. The Bishop was attended by the Rector, the Rev. A. Boudier, and the Rev. J. H. Boudier as his chaplain; and the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. B. H. Hawkins, of Chelwood, was also present. After the customary Dedication service there was a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at which the Rev. A. H. Ward, vicar of St. Raphael's, Bristol, was the preacher. He selected as his text, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.' After the service members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Society of Change-ringers (under Master C. D. Bowflower) rang a peal of 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, and the bells were rung at intervals during the day.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5021 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 18 mins. C. H. Fowler, 1; W. Smith, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; P. A. Hind, 4; A. Fox, 5; C. Exon, 6; W. C. Baston, 7; T. Payne, 8; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 9; E. Pegler, 10. Tenor, 31 cwt.

At St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 11 mins. J. B. Fenton (composer and conductor), 1; R. Lane (Loughborough), 2; A. Craven, 3; G. Chester, 4; C. Wells, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; G. Lindoff, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge, Kent.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. K. Hart, 1; G. H. Stonestreet (first peal in the method with a bob-bell), 4; E. Mankelov, 3; W. H. Card, 4; W. Latter, 5; C. Chapman, 6; G. A. Card, 7; T. Card, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Composed by F. Hopgood and conducted by T. Card. Messrs. Hart and Stonestreet belong to the local band; Mankelov and Latter came from Tunbridge Wells; Chapman, Speldhurst; the others, Southborough.

A Half-muffled Peal at St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Monday, the 26th inst., the members of St. James's Society (it being their practice-night—once a fortnight) rang a half-muffled peal as a mark of respect for the late Edwin Smith, a member and lately a steward of the Society, who died suddenly on the 12th inst. J. R. Haworth, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; H. Langdon, 3; J. Waghorn, sen., 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 6; C. F. Winney (conductor), 7; J. Barry, 8. Afterwards a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES. Mr. O'Meara (Master of the Society) conducted a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; GRANDSIRE CATERS were rung, and a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR by Messrs. J. Barry, W. Weatherstone, H. Langdon, J. Waghorn, sen., F. M. Butler, E. Horrex, E. P. O'Meara, and W. J. Cockerill.

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