

CHURCH KNEELERS and CARPETS

The current number of *THE ARTIST* is an admirable production. Messrs. Archibald Constable are to be congratulated on maintaining a high standard of excellence in this popular periodical, that shows no falling off in spite of the special effort put forward in bringing out the Christmas number, which we recently noticed. The frontispiece is the best portrait we have seen of the new President of the Royal Academy. Where there is so much that is good, it is difficult to particularise, but 'Vanishing Landmarks,' with some charming sketches by Alex. Ansted; 'The Art of Enamelling,' by Alex. Fisher, and 'Animal Anatomy,' with clever drawings of animals, may be specially noted. We predict a rapidly increasing popularity for this illustrated 'monthly record of arts, crafts, and industries.'

PEARSON'S MAGAZINE has a dainty coloured plate as frontispiece. This double Christmas number is a marvellous shillingworth. Rudyard Kipling commences a powerful story, called 'Captains Courageous.' 'The Queen's Hobby,' by Dudley Heath, gives many pleasing memoirs of Her Majesty and her daughters, illustrated with miniatures specially lent. In 'The Secrets of the Courts of Europe,' this month, Mr. Upward shows the great ambassador in the capacity of lover as well as diplomatist. Mr. T. Edgar Pemberton writes with knowledge about 'The English Trappists,' while Mr. Sherard continues his interesting series of 'The White Slaves of England.' There are many complete stories, well illustrated and full of attractive matter. From the programme for 1897 we can confidently predict that the popularity of this excellent magazine will be enhanced in the coming year.

THE QUIVER has a thoughtful meditation by the Bishop of Exeter, entitled 'God's Workmanship.' In 'Some Famous Primates,' the Rev. Montague Fowler gives some interesting anecdotes of most of the leading Archbishops of Canterbury, from Warham to Benson, illustrated with portraits. Mary Spencer Warren supplies a graphic picture of 'A Sunday with the German Emperor.' The new Secretary of the C.M.S., the Rev. H. E. Fox, discusses 'Problems of the Mission Field.' There is an ably written interview with Mr. B. W. Leader, A.R.A. Three complete stories, including 'Mysterious John Smith,' by Ethel Turner, and two serials, supply the fiction. The illustrations throughout are good, and the whole character of the magazine is well up to its deserved reputation.

CHRISTMAS ARROWS, the Christmas number of the *Quiver*, has a beautiful frontispiece, entitled 'A Christmas Child.' The chief feature of the magazine is a complete story by M. A. Balliol, called 'A Clerk of Oxenford.' Several other readable contributions are included. Every purchaser of *Christmas Arrows* will be entitled to a voice in the distribution of the 250 free Christmas hampers for the hungry and destitute poor, in accordance with the rules and particulars given.

THE ANTIQUARY continues to maintain its excellence. There is some valuable information in the notes about the necessary rebuilding of the west front of Peterborough Cathedral. Many improvements are promised for the New Year.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE has been once more enlarged, and the December part, which commences a new and greatly improved series, contains no fewer than 112 pages, with 120 illustrations. With this number is presented a beautiful album of Frederick Barnard's celebrated character sketches from Dickens, which every household will welcome.

In the CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE, the Rev. H. C. G. Moule completes his series of papers on the Epistle to the Philippians, and there are 'Some Advent Thoughts' by the late Rev. Gordon Calthrop. The Rev. A. Irving supplies an *In Memoriam* article on the late Archbishop Benson, which will be read with wide interest.

THE EXPOSITOR contains six articles, including 'Christ's attitude to His own Death,' by the Rev. A. M. Fairbairn, and 'Vicarious Heredity,' by the Rev. W. W. Peyton. The Rev. William Wright, D.D., contributes an able paper on 'The Homeland of Jesus.'

KNOWLEDGE maintains its right to be called an illustrated magazine of science, literature, and art. 'The Lunar Metropolis,' 'Our Fur-producers,' and 'Waves,' are all able and instructive articles, and there are many other interesting contributions.

THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW, a new sixpenny monthly, issued by the proprietors of the *Builders' Journal* and *Agricultural Record*, has recently come into existence. The first number contains fifty illustrations from sketches and photographs, with an admirable portrait of Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., as a supplement. It should command a wide support among those whose interests lie in the direction of architecture, painting, design, and craftsmanship, as such well-known names as those of Mr. Pearson, R.A., Mr. Jackson, R.A., Mr. Gilbert, R.A., Mr. Walter Crane, Mr. J. McN. Whistler, Mr. Joseph Pennell, and Mrs. Meynell, are included among the contributors.

THE Christmas number of *THE BOOKMAN* gives an illustrated supplement of Christmas books, which will be helpful in choosing gifts. Most of the volumes have been reviewed in these columns. The regular features of the magazine are quite up to their usual level.

GREAT THOUGHTS has a varied assortment of articles and papers. There is an interesting 'Talk with Mr. E. F. Benson,' and papers on 'James Russell Lowell,' and 'Dramatic Facts in Famous Lives,' which are excellent reading. The serial, 'Miss Grace of All Souls,' is continued, and there is some pretty verse among the remainder of the contents.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS and the PRIZE RECITER are both now well up to their usual standard. The former is a useful household magazine, and the latter contains a number of pleasing recitations.

A CONSIDERABLE part of the Christmas number of *CHAPMAN'S MAGAZINE* is filled with a curious story by Clark Russell, 'A Tale of Two Tunnels.' There are five other complete stories, of which the most amusing is Sophie L. Mackintosh's 'How Malachi Duggan served on a Jury.'

THE Christmas number of *THE CENTURY MAGAZINE* has a very interesting paper on the language spoken by Our Blessed Lord, and a reasonable article on 'The Christmas Kalends of Provence.' The general contents include further instalments of General Horace Porter's 'Campaigning with Grant,' and of Mr. Marion Crawford's 'Rose of Yesterday.' The remainder of the great variety of contents include articles on 'Our Great Pacific Commonwealth,' 'A Study of Ultimate California,' and a group of American girls early in the century, which are of special interest. It is superfluous to add that the illustrations are as numerous and as beautiful as ever.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on December 14th.
Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on December 15th; and St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on December 16th.
Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on December 18th.
College Youths: at St. Mary, Bow, E., on December 14th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, the 15th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, the 16th; St. John's, Wilton Rd., the 17th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, the 18th.—All about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, on November 14th, a peal of *GRANDSIRE CATERS*, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E sharp.

William G. Hall ..	1	Henry Dawkes ..	6
Henry A. Hall ..	2	W. Micklewright (Dudley) ..	7
Benj. Dalton (Tettenhall) ..	3	George Burrows ..	8
T. J. Elton* (Bloxwich) ..	4	Aaron Griffiths ..	9
Wm. Smith (Darlaston) ..	5	Farrington Jones ..	10

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and conducted by W. Micklewright. Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. A. Griffiths, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. [* First peal of *CATERS*.]

The Surrey Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, on November 25th, Thurstan's' peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES*, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins.

Robert Sewell ..	1	Ernest C. Lambert ..	5
James D. Drewitt ..	2	Joseph Fayers (100th peal) ..	6
Joseph A. Lambert ..	3	William S. Smith (conductor) ..	7
George Welling ..	4	William Short ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Sewell.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At the Parish Church, Swindon, Wilts, on November 28th, Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Chas. J. Gardiner (first peal) ..	1	Arthur L. Preece ..	5
George S. Brown ..	2	Thomas Ricketts* (conductor) ..	6
Alfred Lawrence ..	3	Thomas Robinson ..	7
Owen W. Layng ..	4	William Ball ..	8

[* First peal as conductor.]

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary Matfelon's, Whitechapel, on December 4th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins.

James Scholes .. 1	Samuel E. Joyce .. 5
Henry Springall .. 2	Ernest Clayton .. 6
Joseph Waghorn, jun. .. 3	Emanuel Hall .. 7
Edward Wallage .. 4	Edward P. O'Meara .. 8

Composed by the late John Cox, and conducted by H. Springall. The first peal in the method in this tower, and rung at the first attempt.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and Herts Association.

At the Parish Church, Bushey, Herts, on December 5th, Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

Walter H. L. Buckingham .. 1	Challis F. Winney (condr.) .. 5
Edward P. O'Meara .. 2	Ernest E. Huntley .. 6
Percy Debenham .. 3	James George .. 7
George R. Fardon .. 4	Frederick Edwards .. 8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

The Middlesex Association.

At the Church of All Hallows, Tottenham, on December 5th, a peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

Ernest Iverson* .. 1	George B. Lucas .. 5
Arthur W. Darlington* .. 2	Henry Stubbs .. 6
Henry A. Barnett .. 3	Joseph Waghorn, jun. .. 7
Joseph Waghorn .. 4	Sidney Darlington* .. 8

Composed by Henry Hubbard, and conducted by J. Waghorn, jun. [* First peal in the method.]

The Essex Association, Saffron Walden Branch.

At the Parish Church, Saffron Walden, on November 28th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

Jonathan Freeman* .. 1	George Taylor* .. 5
Frederick J. Pitstow* .. 2	Frederick Pitstow .. 6
George Martin .. 3	Alfred E. Pitstow .. 7
Arthur James .. 4	John F. Penning .. 8

The peal, a variation, by Lates of Birmingham, was conducted by Frederick Pitstow. The above peal was rung for the home-coming of of Mr. E. Pitstow, his brother ringers wishing him a happy wedded life. [* First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.]

The Cambridge University Guild.

At Caius College, on December 1st., a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 29 mins., on handbells retained in hand.

Richard H. Whitford .. 1-2	George F. Woodhouse .. 5-6
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey .. 3-4	F. Edwards .. 7-8

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and conducted by G. F. Woodhouse. Umpire—C. Elsee.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Lawrence's, Reading, on December 2nd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5045 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins.

Frank Hopgood .. 1	Johnson E. Hern .. 6
John Tucker .. 2	James Potter .. 7
Frank Tubb .. 3	Ambrose Osborne .. 8
Henry Tucker .. 4	William Newell .. 9
Charles Giles .. 5	Reuben Sawyer .. 10

Composed and conducted by F. Hopgood.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Worcestershire Association.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, Staffordshire, on December 5th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

W. R. Small .. 1	W. James .. 5
F. Bywater .. 2	R. Hall .. 6
T. Horton .. 3	A. H. Hill .. 7
G. James .. 4	G. Burrows .. 8

Composed and conducted by Mr. A. H. Hill. This peal contains a combination of 4-5-6 in sixth place at a course-end, and is now rung the first time; also rung in honour of the conductor's daughter's birthday, who was fourteen the same day.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, on November 28th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

William G. Hall .. 1	Horace Overton† .. 6
John E. Overton .. 2	William Micklewright .. 7
Herbert Knight .. 3	William Smith .. 8
John Overton, sen.* .. 4	Aaron Griffiths .. 9
Henry Dawkes .. 5	Farrington Jones .. 10

Composed and conducted by William Micklewright. Messrs. Overton came from Bridgnorth; Smith, Darlaston; Micklewright,

Dudley. Messrs. Overton, W. Hall, F. Jones, and W. Smith were elected members of this Association before starting for the peal. [* First peal of CATERS. † First peal with a bob-bell.]

New Bells at Stansfield, Suffolk.

On Saturday, November 14th, a new ring of five bells was dedicated in the parish church. The old bells, which were all originally made by Miles Graye, of Colchester, in 1652 ('quite a phenomenon,' says Dr. Raven in his *Church Bells of Suffolk*), had been for many years unringable, and the belfry had fallen into a dilapidated and almost ruinous condition. An effort was therefore made to restore the noble old tower and bells, and with the hearty co-operation and goodwill of all the parishioners, the work has now been brought to a happy termination, under the superintendence of Mr. J. W. Little, A.R.I.B.A., of Tonbridge. The bells have all been recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of Whitechapel. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in F. Each bell bears an appropriate inscription. During the afternoon, peals were rung on the new bells by a band of ringers from Glemsford, under the conductorship of Mr. S. Slater.

Before evensong, a short office of dedication was said in the tower by the Ven. Archdeacon Chapman and the assembled clergy and congregation; the Rector, the Rev. J. R. Little, tolling the tenor seven times to signify the completion of the work. Evensong followed, with special Psalms and Lessons, and the Ven. Archdeacon preached, from 1 Cor. xv. 2, a very interesting and impressive sermon, in the course of which he drew the attention of his hearers to the inscriptions on the bells as helping them 'to keep in memory the things preached unto them.' The thanksgiving services were continued on the following Sunday.

Stansfield is to be congratulated on the acquisition of a very melodious ring of bells. It only remains to complete the ring by the addition of a sixth bell, for which provision has been made in the frame.

Biddenham, Beds.

THE bells of this parish church were recently reopened after undergoing entire restoration by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The tenor bell got cracked a few months ago, and Mr. W. C. Kane, of Biddenham House, has had it recast at his own expense. As the second and fifth bells were out of tune, and the oak frame (which was dated 1604) in a very bad and unsafe condition, a meeting was called by the vicar, and 226l. were raised for the repairs. An estimate having been obtained from Messrs. Taylor, operations were commenced, and the work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The whole ring has been carefully tuned, with the most perfect mechanical appliances that modern science affords. The peal is equipped with entirely new fittings, notably the iron headstocks, the Heywood lubricators for the bearings, and the Hastings stays. The iron framework is of the H shape, massive castings being fixed to stout steel girders, giving a compact and perfectly rigid frame. Formerly the tower possessed only five bells, which were recast into six in the year 1787 by William Emerton, of Wootton, Bedfordshire.

ST. MARY'S, BATTERSEA.—On November 21st, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. W. E. Judd, 1; R. E. Chichester, 2; R. A. Daniel, E-q. 3; J. Nicholls, 4; C. Charge, 5; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 6; G. Charge, 7; W. Fox, 8.

ST. MARY ABBOTS', KENSINGTON.—On November 24th, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1260 changes, in 55 mins. J. W. Driver, 1; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 2; F. G. Godfrey, 3; W. T. Meaton, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; R. E. Chichester, 6; W. T. Elson, 7; E. H. Adams, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; W. Fox, 10.

ST. SWITHIN'S, WORCESTER.—On November 27th, on the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Harkness, wife of the Rector, several six-scores of GRANDSIRE were rung with the bells muffled; also the whole-pull-and-stand, denoting the age of the deceased lady, as a last mark of respect. The following took part:—Messrs. H. Wilkes, N. Wale, B. Hill, S. Hill, H. Pheasant, G. Checketts, T. Mallin, and W. Hale.

LORD STANMORE'S CHURCH AT SOUTH ASCOT.—A bell has been fixed in the tower of this church by Mr. Barnett, of King's Beeches, in memory of his father. The bell bears the following inscription:—'In memory of Charles George Barnett, of King's Beeches, who died May 1, A.D. 1896.' The weight of the bell is about seven and a half hundredweight, and it was cast at the foundry of Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. It is hoped one day to place a ring of eight bells in the tower, of which the above will be the fourth bell.

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College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on December 21st.

Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on December 23rd, at 8 p.m.

Les Cloches.

WHEN thou hear'st the passing bell,
Learn, O man, to die;
When the prayer-bell summons still
To the Kirk, draw nigh;
'Earth to earth and dust to dust,'
Sooner, later, needs we must
Wrapt in slumber lie.

L. H. W.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Westerham, on December 10th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Edward R. J. Dunk .. 1	George Steer 5
George B. Selby 2	Jack Preston 6
Henry J. Selby 3	Thos. Groombridge (condr.) 7
David Wright 4	David Ashdown 8

First peal in the method by all except the 1st and 7th men.

The Sussex Association.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, on December 8th, a peal of DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

William Hillman .. 1	William J. Alliss 5
Lazarus Payne 2	Herbert Markwell 6
Henry Stringer 3	Alfred W. Groves 7
George Payne 4	Charles Tyler 8

Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and conducted by Charles Tyler. First peal in the method by the Association.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

ON December 5th, at St. Andrew's, Netherton, in 3 hrs., 5040 changes in seven different methods, being 720 each of VIOLET, NEW LONDON PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK, MERCHANTS' DELIGHT, WOODBINE, OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB.

John Smith 1	John William Smith .. 4
Edward Hampton .. 2	Wm. Micklewright (condr.) 5
William Talbot 3	Richard Round 6

This is the first peal in seven TREBLE BOB methods by all the band; the first on the bells, and the first by members of this Association.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At St. George's, Dunster, on December 7th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Albert J. Chilcott .. 1	John Pugsley 5
Thomas A. Elliott .. 2	James Grabham (condr.) 6
Robert Hole 3	Rev. H. C. Courtney .. 7
John Tudball 4	John Payne 8

Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation held by the Bishop of the diocese.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On December 10th, for practice, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 26 mins. W. H. Smith, 1; H. Green, 2; J. Emery, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; F. Clements, 5; T. Langdon, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; C. H. Deer, 8. On December 13th,

for morning service, 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and for evening service a quarter-peal in the same method was attempted, but through starting late, 'stand' had to be called after ringing 1108 changes. W. H. Smith, 1; H. Green, 2; W. Langdon, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; F. Clements, 5; T. Langdon, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; W. Cobbett, 8.

ST. GEORGE'S, CAMBERWELL.—On December 12th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 40 mins., for evening service. W. Weatherstone, 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3; T. H. Taffender, 4; E. P. O'Meara, 5; W. T. Cockerill, 6; C. F. Winney (conductor), 7; T. H. Beams, 8. Also 450 conducted by J. Waghorn, jun., with T. H. Beams, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

ST. PETER'S, NORTHAMPTON.—On November 28th, by kind consent of the Rector, eight members of the Central Northamptonshire Association visited this fine old Norman church, and attempted a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. Unfortunately it was lost, after 4900 well-struck changes, owing to the seventh bell casting rope. The ringers (all residents of Northampton) stood as follows:—S. Hall, 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Roberts, 3; J. Mackay, 4; A. Stewart, 5; E. Haxley (conductor), 6; W. Wood, 7; A. Smith, 8. St. Peter's bells were all cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1734. The tenor probably weighs about 14 cwt. A local engineering firm recently rehung the bells and repaired the antiquated frame, but the result was not satisfactory.

WATTISFIELD, SUFFOLK.—The ring of bells in this tower, which have been silent for some time, was rung on Saturday, November 28th, after being thoroughly restored and rehung by Messrs. George Day & Sons, church bell-hangers, of Eye, Suffolk, who have carried out the work in a most efficient manner.

A CURIOUS relic has been discovered at the Church of St. Sepulchre in an old chest, which had been hidden away in the vestry for many years. It is the bell that the crier in the Stuart period used to ring outside the condemned cell at Newgate on the night prior to an execution. It is proposed to place an inscription on the bell, and to set it in a conspicuous position in the church. We hope that any inscription 'will not be placed' on the bell, but on a separate tablet.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW.—On December 11th, these bells, which have been augmented to ten, were dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Warner & Sons, who have not only made a good splice, but have also improved the old bells very much by careful tuning. The clergy and parishioners are to be congratulated on possessing such a handy, musical ring.

STOKE DOYLE, NEAR KETTERING.—The bells of this church, which have for some few weeks been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor & Son for repairs, have been opened with the ringing of 120's of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, ST. SIMON, and BOB DOUBLES. The 50% required for the work was quickly raised, for all living in the village or connected with it subscribed most liberally, and they now have the satisfaction of feeling that they will hand on their beautiful little ring of five bells to the next generation, perfectly safe and in good going order.

WINSCOMBE, NEAR BRISTOL.—A meeting of the parishioners has been held to consider the condition of the church bells. The Rev. J. A. Dodd, the vicar, read the report of an examination made by Messrs. Llewellyn & James. Altogether, including the cost of the new chiming apparatus, about 170% will be required. The Rev. R. F. Follett, late vicar, made a generous offer that he would subscribe 20% in two instalments, if four others would do the same. Promises of smaller sums were made at the meeting. The Winscombe bells are noted for their beautiful tone, and it is hoped that it will not be necessary to keep them silent for any length of time. Mr. W. Reece consented to act as hon. secretary to the executive committee.

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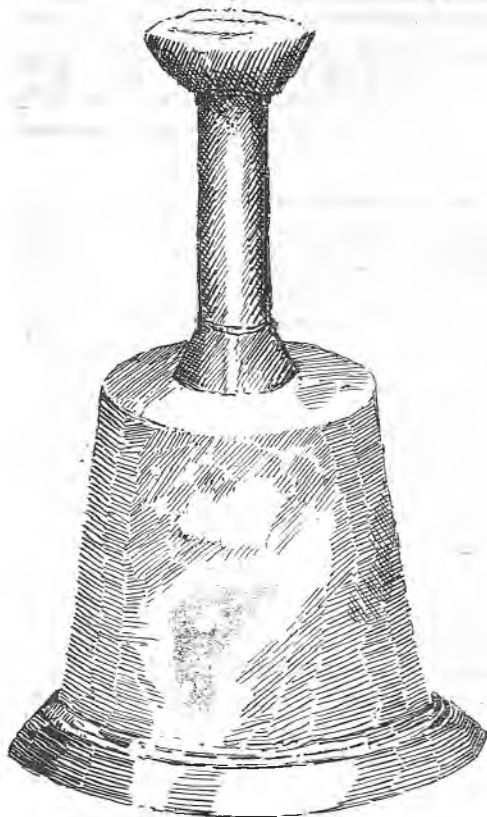
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bell, and, when the cart containing the condemned culprit passed by the church, he was to ring the bell and read a prayer requesting all present to pray for the soul of the criminal. The clerk also repeated, on the night before the execution, the following doggerel, outside the condemned cell in the prison:—

'All you that in the condemned hold do lie
Prepare, for to-morrow you shall die.
Watch all and pray, the hour is drawing near
That you before the Almighty must appear.

'Examine well yourselves, in time repent,
That you may not to eternal flames be sent,
And, when St. Sepulchre's bell in the morning tolls,
The Lord have mercy on your souls.
'Past twelve o'clock.'

When and why this quaint, though doubtless kindly intentioned, custom was discontinued is not known—possibly it may have been about the time when executions at Tyburn Tree ceased to take place, and the criminals were hanged within the walls of the prison. Nowadays, as a matter of fact, the bells of St. Sepulchre's always ring on the eve of an execution in Newgate.

The bell, of which we give an illustration, is of bell-metal, roughly cast, and stands nine inches high by five inches wide at the base. It is soon to occupy a resting-place on a ledge in the north aisle of St. Sepulchre's Church.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

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New Bells at Stansfield, Suffolk.

MR. R. COPEMAN, of Stoke Albany, writes in reference to the paragraph which appeared under this heading on the 11th instant:—

'The old bells are said to have been "all originally made by Miles Graye, of Colchester, in 1652." To have recast bells by the famous founder of that name would appear to all lovers of bells an act of vandalism. It is a relief, on looking into Dr. Raven's *Church Bells of Suffolk*, to find that the old peal at Stansfield was not the work of that "prince of workmen," but of Miles Graye the younger. Again, the quotation given from Dr. Raven's work, "quite a phenomenon," refers not to the old peal's quality, or even to the fact that all the bells are by one maker, but to the date at which the bells were cast, as the context—"the ten years from 1650 are, of course, not very productive of bells"—plainly shows.'

Canon Nolloth on Church Bells.

CANON NOLLOTH, D.D., vicar of Beverley Minster, delivered an interesting lecture on 'Church Bells and Bell-ringing' in the Royal Institution, Hull, on December 14th. The reverend gentleman, in tracing the history of bells, remarked that during the middle part of this century the art of bell-making had sunk to a very low level indeed, but lately had improved considerably, and said he believed the bells of the present day were nearly, if not quite, as good as the older ones. With regard to the tone of bells, he explained that the wider the diameter the deeper the note in proportion. People were, as a rule, very anxious, when they were putting bells into churches, to get well-tuned rings for as little money as they could, and forgot that the tune was quite different from the tone. It just happened that they might get them perfectly in tune with each other, but having a wretchedly cracked tone. The lecturer, after describing the composition of bell-metal, went on to cite the largest instruments of the kind in Europe. The great bell at Moscow of course headed the list, and others followed at Novgorod, Cologne, Vienna, London, and York. The lecturer expressed the hope that before long their largest bell at Beverley Minster would be recast. We shall be glad to know that, as a result of this lecture, Hull people have been stirred up to aim at securing a ring of bells more worthy of the grand church of Holy Trinity than the very poor ring which now occupies that fine tower.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Magnus', London Bridge, on December 19th, a peal of *KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL*, 5080 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 min.

Frank Buck 1	Samuel Andrews 6
Henry R. Newton .. 2	James Wiltshire 7
Thomas Emery 3	John N. Oxborrow 8
Walter Sorrell 4	Charles T. P. Brice 9
Henry S. Ellis 5	Edward P. O'Meara .. 10

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, conducted by Henry R. Newton.

AT Christ Church, Southgate, on December 19th, Thurston's peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES*, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., as a birthday compliment to Charles Davidson.

James Pettit 1	Joseph Waghorn 6
Challis F. Winney (condr.) 2	Joseph Waghorn, jun. .. 7
Charles A. Button .. 3	William T. Cockerill .. 8
Henry A. Barnett .. 4	Charles Davidson 9

The Kent County Association.

AT the Parish Church, Erith, on December 19th, a peal of *KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR*, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

William W. Bedwell .. 1	George Conyard 6
James George 2	William E. Grove 7
George H. Daynes .. 3	Arthur J. Neill 8
William Weatherstone .. 4	Harry Warnett 9

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by William W. Bedwell.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on December 19th, a peal of *KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS*, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins.

Charles E. Borrett .. 1	George Howchin 6
J. Armiger Trollope* .. 2	Albert G. Warnes* .. 7
Alfred W. Brighton .. 3	Frederick H. Knights* .. 8
William Bales 4	Edward Francis 9
Philip Sadler 5	Frederick J. Howchin .. 10
Frederick R. Borrett* .. 6	James George* 11

Composed by the late Henry Hubbard, and conducted by Charles Edward Borrett. [* First peal of MAXIMUS.]

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GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.—(Rung without calling) at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on January 31st, 1851 (7th bell).

KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.—5088 changes, at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on February 7th, 1853 (tenor), conducted by Mr. W. Cooter.

KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.—5232 changes, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 11th, 1853 (tenor), conducted by the late Mr. W. Lobb.

STEDMAN CATERS.—5081 changes, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on December 19th, 1863 (tenor).

KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.—5088 changes, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 17th, 1866 (rang tenor and conducted peal).

STEDMAN CINQUES.—8580 changes, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 27th, 1861 (9th bell), conducted by the late Mr. H. Haley.

KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.—15,840 changes, in 9 hrs. 12 mins., at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on April 27th, 1868 (7th bell).

Mr. Wood is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James's Society, and the Yorkshire Association. It is interesting to mention that his grandfather and great-uncle were both great ringers, each having rung over fifty peals. They were French Huguenots, having come from France when quite young, their surname being Du Bois.

Mr. Wood is one of the most skilful and respected of the present generation of bell-ringers, and, in spite of his seventy years, we trust that he will yet take part in many another peal.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on January 6th, at 8.30 p.m.

College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on January 4th; St. Magnus', London Bridge; and St. John's, Wilton Rd., on January 7th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 8th; all at 8 p.m.

Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on January 6th, at 8 p.m.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James', Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, January 9th, 1897. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 6 p.m.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 26th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

John Steddy	1	Henry S. Ellis	5
Arthur Ellis	2	Thomas H. Taffender ..	6
Henry Langdon, sen. ..	3	John Preston	7
John N. Oxborrow .. .	4	Thomas Groombridge ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by Thos. Groombridge.

The Surrey Association.

At the Parish Church, Bletchingley, on December 26th, Thurstan's peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

Frederick S. Bayley ..	1	George Welling	5
William S. Smith .. .	2	Joseph Fayers	6
Charles Bance	3	Wm. Burkin (conductor) ..	7
Frank M. Butler .. .	4	Albert Clark	8

The Essex Association.

At St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on December 19th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE CATERS**, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

York Green	1	Arthur James	6
Ernest Pitstow	2	Frederick Pitstow .. .	7
Walter Prior	3	Alfred Tucker	8
Alfred Pitstow	4	Harry J. Tucker	9
Nathan J. Pitstow .. .	5	Thomas Newman	10

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, conducted by H. J. Tucker.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, on December 26th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5568 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

William Bedwell .. .	1	William Weatherstone ..	5
Thomas Groombridge ..	2	Arthur J. Neale	6
John Steddy	3	Harry Warnett	7
Henry G. Hill	4	James George	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by William Bedwell.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and the Dunster Guild.

At St. George's, Dunster, on Christmas Day, for evening service, Thurstan's peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5010 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	John Pugsley	5
Thomas A. Elliott .. .	2	Rev. H. C. Courtney ..	6
Robert Hole	3	James Grabham	7
Albert J. Chilcott .. .	4	John Payne	8

Also at St. Michael's, Minehead, on December 26th, Holt's Original peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

Geo. Passmore (first peal)	1	Rev. H. C. Courtney ..	5
Sidney Mason	2	James Grabham	6
John Pugsley	3	Challis F. Winney (condr.)	7
James Parkman	4	Wyndham Lockyer .. .	8

ST. BOTOLPH'S, ALDGATE.—On December 17th, 1260 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 48 mins. T. Bernardine, 1; J. Scholes, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; S. Hayes, 4; H. Springall (conductor), 5; E. Clayton, 6; E. Hall, 7; S. E. Joyce, 8.

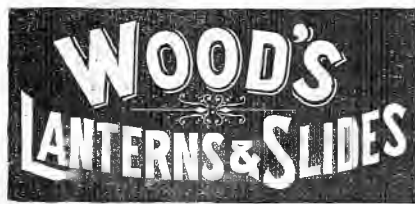
ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On December 17th, 1260 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 44 mins. W. H. Smith,* 1; H. Green,* 2; W. Berry, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; F. Clements,* 5; T. Langdon, 6; W. Humberston,* 7; W. Cobbett,* 8. * First quarter-peal; also first as conductor.]

HULL.—At the Royal Institution, on the occasion of Canon Nolloth's recent lecture (reported last week), illustrations of various methods, viz., **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**, **KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR**, **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, **GRANDSIRE CATERS**, and **PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS**, were given on handbells by the following members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers:—Messrs. H. W. Needham, C. Jackson, W. Southwick, D. W. Brown, T. Stockdale, and H. Jenkins.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—The bells of the Parish Church have just been thoroughly restored by Messrs. Taylor & Sons, of Loughborough. The second and fifth bells of the old ring were recast, and a new treble has been added, so that the present ring consists of six bells. All have been rehung, and the entire fittings of the tower are quite new.

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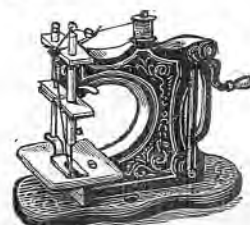
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND. By the Dean of Gloucester. (Cassell & Co.)—We have received Parts II. and III. (7d. each), and it is enough to say that, both in the excellence of the illustrations, and in the clear and attractive way in which the history is written, these parts well maintain the high standard of the opening number, of which we gave a notice some weeks back.

THE ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR (Jarrold & Sons. 2s.) has been prepared at the suggestion of Bishop Hornby, and is specially adapted for the use of the clergy, the Saints' days being indicated in red. Each month comes on a page. We can recommend this as a very useful companion for clergy and all busy people.

Magazines.

THE CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE contains an introductory article on the Epistle to the Colossians, by the Rev. H. C. G. Moule. The Rev. A. Irving writes about the Papal Encyclical 'De Unitate.' An interesting paper on Johannes Tauler, and several sermons and meditations, complete the number.

THE EXPOSITOR has an able and analytical review of the Rev. John Watson's book, 'The Mind of the Master,' from the pen of Dr. Chadwick, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. Professor Cheyne contributes some 'Notes on Obscure Passages in the Prophets;' the Rev. A. M. Fairbairn writes on 'Christ's Attitude to His Own Death,' while Professor Ramsay and others are among those who have supplied articles.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED is capital reading from the first to the last page. There are a number of complete short stories, and excellent articles on 'Election Day in Poorer New York,' 'The Most Wonderful Tunnel in the World,' and 'Women's Colleges at Oxford.' The magazine is very fully illustrated.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE continues General Porter's reminiscences of 'Campaigning with Grant,' this month dealing with incidents of the Wilderness conflicts, which ended in the collapse of the Confederacy. There are articles on the famous 'Ladies of Llangollen,' 'Nelson and the Battle of the Nile,' and 'Public Spirit in Modern Athens,' which are specially interesting, and a further instalment of Mr. Marion Crawford's 'Rose of Yesterday.' It goes without saying that the magazine is splendidly illustrated.

GREAT THOUGHTS has, among its great variety of contents, a talk with Mr. W. Clark Russell, a paper on Martin Luther, and a chat with the well-known editor of the *Gentlewoman*, and much other agreeable reading.

THE WOMAN AT HOME has an interview with Lady Tweedmouth. 'Royal Windsor' includes illustrations of many of the most interesting rooms at the Palace, and, like everything connected with the life of our beloved Queen, will be read with interest. Seven short papers are given as a discussion of the question: 'Should Girls be sent to Boarding-schools?' Annie Swan's delightful story, 'Wyndham's Daughter,' is continued, and Miss Ellen T. Fowler contributes a clever story, 'My Matrimonial Agency.' This magazine maintains its attractiveness, and the high standard of tone which it has had from the first.

THE LUDGATE, in its series, 'From Generation to Generation,' gives portraits of former members of the House of Norfolk. There is an article, with portraits, of some 'Black and White Artists of To-day,' dealing chiefly with those who work for the magazine. An interesting article, by a Fellow of the Microscopical Society, is well illustrated by photographs.

THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW fully maintains the excellence of its first number, and is really a wonderful sixpennyworth. There is given as a supplement an exquisite reproduction of a sketch of St. Anne's Church, Soho, by J. McNeill Whistler. Mr. J. E. Newberry contributes an interesting article on 'The Domestic Work of Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A.,' with many illustrations, including several of Peterborough Cathedral. George C. Haite, designer and painter, is well described by Gleeson White, and various specimens of the work of this talented artist are given. The reproductions throughout are admirably printed, and we predict a long and successful career for our enterprising contemporary.

THE RELIQUARY AND ILLUSTRATED ARCHEOLOGIST contains an interesting article by Fred R. Coles, entitled 'A Record of the Kistvaens found in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.' There are also readable articles on 'Hop Tallies' by E. Lovett; 'The Graves of Ardekeiling, Elginshire, N.B.,' by H. W. Young F.S.A., and a most instructive and well-illustrated description of the Stourhead Collection in the museum at Devizes, by the Rev. E. H. Goddard. The notes on Archaeology and kindred subjects are varied and well chosen. The handsome frontispiece of the Devil at Notre Dame—that grim figure which has watched unmoved the vicissitudes of life in Paris for over 500 years—is in our opinion, but for its somewhat repulsive subject, worthy of framing.

THE GIRLS' QUARTERLY, the bright little organ of the G.F.S., has some pleasant reading.

The Memorial Number of 'Church Bells,' dealing with the career of the late Archbishop, was sold out within thirty-six hours of publication. Don't lose the 'Enthronement' Number (Jan. 15th) by any delay in ordering.

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The Clarendon Press will publish shortly the Hebrew original of ten chapters of Ecclesiasticus (xxxix. 15–xlx. 11) lately discovered in the East. It was generally supposed that St. Jerome was the last scholar who saw or possessed it, until recently a Hebrew treatise, written by Saadiah Gaon (about A.D. 920), was found, in which the author quotes several sentences in Hebrew from Ecclesiasticus. Thus the book was still extant at that time in Bagdad, where Saadiah lived. No further trace of the Hebrew text was discovered until about June, 1896, when a MS. leaf brought to England by Mrs. Lewis, of Cambridge, was recognised as a portion of the long-lost original of Ecclesiasticus. The credit of this discovery belongs to Mr. S. Schechter, reader in Talmudic in the University of Cambridge. Almost simultaneously, nine leaves of the same MS., brought likewise from the East, were identified in the Bodleian Library. The Cambridge leaf was published by Mr. Schechter, with an English translation and short commentary, in the *Expositor* for July, 1896. The Clarendon Press is now issuing a critical edition of all ten leaves, consisting of the Hebrew original, accompanied by an English translation, and the Greek, Syriac, and Old Latin versions, followed by a complete glossary of new forms found in the Hebrew text, and of words used in new senses. A full list is added of the proverbs of Jesus, son of Sirach, genuine and spurious, found in Talmudic and Rabbinic literature, arranged according to the order of the Greek version. The preface gives full literary particulars respecting the book. One main result of the new text is that it proves Sirach to have written classical Hebrew (with the exception of a few New-Hebrew words). Two *facsimile* pages, the first and last of the Oxford fragment, are appended, showing marginal notes of various readings, somewhat resembling the Massora to the Old Testament.

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Monday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival)	9 to 10 a.m., & 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12 (Sons of the Clergy Festival)	2.30 & 5 p.m.
Monday, May 24 (Queen's Birthday)	9 to 10 a.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 27 (Ascension Day)	9.30 a.m. & 2.45 p.m.
Sunday, June 20 (Queen's Accession)	9.30 a.m., 2.45 p.m., 6.30 to 7 p.m., and after the service.
Monday, Oct. 11 (Harvest Thanksgiving)	6 to 7 p.m. and after the service.
Monday, Nov. 1 (All Saints')	9 to 10 a.m. & 6 to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day)	1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)	9 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	9.30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)	9 to 10 p.m.

On the following Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. for practice:—Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st and 29th, July 27th, Aug. 24th, Sept. 21st, Oct. 19th, and Nov. 16th.

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 (1897):—

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. 26th.*
St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, Friday, occasional.
St. Michael's, Cornhill, occasional.†

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.

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EIGHT BELLS.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, every Sunday, 10 a.m.
St. John's, Hackney, Thursday, every fortnight from Jan. 14th. On Sunday, Jan. 24th, at 6 p.m., and every fourth Sunday.
St. Paul's, Shadwell, Wednesday, occasional.
St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Thursday, occasional.
St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, Wednesday, every fortnight from Jan. 6th.
St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow, Monday, every fortnight from Jan. 11th; and at 6 p.m. the first Sunday in the month.
Christ Church, Spitalfields, Wednesday, every fortnight from Jan. 13th.
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. 10th.
St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, every Friday evening at 7.30 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.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex Association.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, on December 29th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.

Henry Stringer .. 1	Alfred W. Groves .. 5
William John Alliss .. 2	Lazarus Payne .. 6
Charles Tyler (conductor) 3	William Hillman .. 7
George Payne .. 4	Arthur Hodges .. 8

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, on January 2nd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

George Williams .. 1	J. S. Goldsmith .. 6
George A. King .. 2	Joseph Waghorn, sen. .. 7
H. Rann .. 3	J. Gay, jun. .. 8
W. Palmer .. 4	Keith Hart .. 9
Edward C. Merritt .. 5	W. Davey .. 10

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by George Williams.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity, Hawley, Hants, on December 30th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 43 mins.

Charles Giles .. 1	Harry Tucker .. 5
Alfred E. Reeves .. 2	John Ballard .. 6
John Tucker .. 3	Frank Hopgood .. 7
Henry White (conductor) 4	Maurice Steer .. 8

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At Merton College, Oxford, on December 28th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins.

Charles Hounslow .. 1	Rev. F. E. Robinson .. 5
Percy A. Hind .. 2	Thomas Hibbert .. 6
Charles Fowler .. 3	William Smith .. 7
Arthur W. Pike .. 4	James W. Washbrook .. 8

Composed and conducted by James W. Washbrook.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on December 12th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

Farrington Jones† .. 1	Henry A. Hall .. 5
William G. Hall* .. 2	Herbert Knight* .. 6
Benjamin Dalton .. 3	Aaron Griffiths* .. 7
George Burrows .. 4	James E. Groves .. 8

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by J. E. Groves. This is the first peal of BOB MAJOR by the local band. [* First peal of BOB MAJOR. † First peal of MAJOR.]

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At the Parish Church, Wombourn, on December 21st, Carter's Two-part peal of DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 43 mins.

Walter Smith .. 1	Henry A. Hall* .. 5
Percy Sadler .. 2	George Burrows* .. 6
Horace Sadler .. 3	Jas. E. Groves (conductor) 7
Herbert Knight .. 4	Rowland Cartwright .. 8

Rung to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the opening of the bells as a ring of eight. [* First peal in the method.]

The Midland Counties' Association.

At All Saints', Loughborough, on December 28th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 44 mins.

Josiah Morris .. 1	Joseph S. Needham .. 6
John O. Lancashire .. 2	John F. Marlow .. 7
Frederick Cooke .. 3	Jonathan W. Veasey .. 8
George Burrows .. 4	William Willson .. 9
William A. Tyler .. 5	Edward E. Smith .. 10

Composed and conducted by William Willson.

Central Northamptonshire Association.

At Wellingborough, on New-year's Eve, the Parish Church ringers made their first attempt for a peal of 5040 changes. Starting at 5.40, the ringing continued without mishap until 7.31, when, owing to a 'change-course,' the conductor called the bells into 'rounds,' after ringing 3024 changes. Although the full peal was not obtained, this makes the greatest number of changes ever rung on Wellingborough bells, and the longest time (1 hr. 51 mins.) the heavy tenor bell has been rung single-handed. G. Turnell, 1; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8. The peal attempted was a one-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, composed by George Cleal, of Leicester. Muffles removed, the New Year (sixtieth of the Queen's reign) was rung with the 'QUEEN'S' change, followed by 168 TRIPLES, at the termination of the midnight service.

On the first Sunday in the New Year, for Divine service, in the morning, 658 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, from Holt's Original, were rung. E. J. Dennes, 1; F. Wood, 2; T. Hensher (conductor), 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. Wood, 5; W. H. Ette, 6; E. West, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D.

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The Lancashire Association.

At Manchester Cathedral, on December 28th, J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Albert Honeybill ..	1	Edmund Hewitt ..	5
Alfred Wilson ..	2	Geo. F. Woodhouse (condr.)	6
William E. Ryder ..	3	John Eachus ..	7
Robert Davies ..	4	Ralph Ravenscroft ..	8

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THROUGH starting late for a peal at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on January 2nd, 2520 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 1 hr. 31 mins. M. A. Wood, 1; S. E. Joyce, 2; F. S. Bayley, 3; F. M. Butler (conductor), 4; C. F. Winney, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; W. Prime, 7; W. Williamson, 8.

Also, at St. Mary's, Lambeth, for the same reason, 2520 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 1 hr. 20 mins. C. P. Brice, 1; J. N. Oxborrow, 2; H. R.

Newton (conductor), 3; F. Buck, 4; H. S. Ellis, 5; S. E. Andrews, 6; J. Willshire, 7; W. Stoneman, 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—For morning service on December 27th, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. G. Melbourne, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargeant, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6.

ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER.—For evening service on January 3rd, two courses of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. G. Langford, 1; A. Ellis, 2; F. Buck, 3; J. Willshire, 4; S. E. Andrews, 5; E. Carter, 6; C. P. Brice, 7; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 8.

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College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on January 18th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. John's, Wilton Rd., on January 21st; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 22nd; all at 8 p.m.

Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on January 20th, at 8 p.m.

Kent County Association: at Chilham, Kent, on Tuesdays, at 7.30 p.m. Eight bells.

St. Ives Church, Huntingdonshire.

THE rehanging of these bells has been carried out by Messrs. F. White & Sons, of Appleton, Berks. All the bells have been quarter-turned, fitted with new frames, wheels, pulleys, sliders, ropes, and clappers. The whole cost has been generously borne by the Vicar, the Rev. Salisbury J. M. Price, and amounts to 137*l.* 10*s.* During the alterations the church clock has been cleaned and the chiming arrangements rearranged. The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

- (1.) 'Sometimes joy and sometimes sorrow,
Marriage to-day and death to-morrow. 1723.'
- (2.) 'Their sound is gone up. 1723.'
- (3.) 'Arise, and go to your business.
Henry Penn, founder, Peterborough, 1723.'
- (4.) 'I praise the true God.
Henry Penn, founder, 1723.'
- (5.) 'Robert Taylor, St. Neots, fecit 1796.
John Lindsell and James Osborne, Churchwardens.'
- (6.) 'When backward rung we tell of fire;
Think how the world shall thus expire.'
- (7.) 'Robert Taylor, St. Neots, fecit 1796.
John Lindsell and James Osborne, Churchwardens.'
- (8.) 'When souls are from their bodys torn,
Tis not to dye but to be born.
James Fisher, Isaac Jones, Churchwardens, 1723.
James Dodgson, Vicar. Henry Penn, founder.'

The tenor weighs 22 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, on January 4th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

Ernest H. Nixon ..	1	Arthur R. Davis ..	5
William Bedwell ..	2	Thomas Taylor ..	6
George H. Daynes ..	3	Arthur J. Neale ..	7
Harry Barrett ..	4	Harry Warnett ..	8

Composed by J. A. Trollope, and conducted by H. Warnett.

The Bedfordshire Association.

At St. Paul's, Bedford, on January 4th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATER, 5147 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins.

Harry Toll ..	1	Frederick Keech ..	6
Samuel J. Cullip ..	2	James N. Frossell ..	7
Charles Chasty ..	3	Isaac Hills ..	8
Harry Tysoe ..	4	Charles William Clarke ..	9
William Lightfoot ..	5	Frank Hull ..	10

Composed and conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

The Lancashire Association.

At Manchester Cathedral, on January 6th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins.

Walter Smethurst ..	1	Albert E. Wreaks ..	6
Alfred Wilson ..	2	John Eachus ..	7
Ralph Ravenscroft ..	3	George F. Woodhouse ..	8
William Ryder ..	4	George F. Dean ..	9
Edmund Hewitt ..	5	Charles Fairley ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by George F. Woodhouse.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks, on January 7th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Charles Hounslow ..	1	James W. Washbrook ..	5
Frederick Exon ..	2	Thomas Payne ..	6
Percy A. Hind ..	3	Charles H. Fowler ..	7
Charles Exon ..	4	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The first peal in the method conducted by an incumbent on his own bells.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester, on December 31st, 1896, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 6048 changes, in 4 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Walter Joinson ..	1	Charles Price ..	5
Henry W. Wilde ..	2	John Tomlinson ..	6
William Woods ..	3	William Moulton ..	7
James Swindley ..	4	Henry Dew (conductor) ..	8

Rung with the bells half-muffled in the last four hours of the passing year.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 9th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

John N. Oxborrow ..	1	James Willshire ..	5
Arthur G. Ellis ..	2	Samuel E. Andrews ..	6
Frank Buck ..	3	Charles T. P. Brice ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

Composed by Nathan J. Pistow, and conducted by C. T. P. Brice.

At 56 Anthony Street, Commercial Road, E., on January 7th, a half-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 2520 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 1 hr. 20½ mins. S. E. Joyce, 1-2; C. F. Winney, 3-4; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 5-6; E. Clayton, 7-8. Umpire, A. Hughes. This was rung through meeting too late for a peal.

ST. MAGNUS', LONDON BRIDGE.—On January 7th, for practice, 514 STEEDMAN CATER. W. Truss, 1; J. P. Bradley (composer), 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; W. Burkin (conductor), 4; Albert Coles, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; E. Carter, 7; H. Hoskins, 8; F. W. Thornton, 9; T. H. Beams, 10.

ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH.—On January 3rd, for evening service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. W. Berry, 1; W. Foreman, 2; I. G. Shade (conductor), 3; H. Hoskins, 4; F. W. Thornton, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.—A district ringers' meeting was held here on Boxing-day, members attending from Bournemouth, Cranborne, Crichele, Damerham, Edmondsham, Gussage, Handley, Hinton Marten, Martin, Pentridge, Pimperne, Tollard Royal, Wimborne, and Witchampton. A peal was attempted, but after 3700 changes had been rung the seventh rope broke, and the peal came to grief, much to the disappointment of the ringers, who had hoped to complete the peal of 5040 changes in honour of the Queen's long reign. Subsequently a service was held in the parish church, conducted by the Vicar, who delivered an appropriate address, and luncheon was afterwards served at the Fleur-de-lis Hotel. An instructor in change-ringing having been appointed for the rural deanery of Pimperne, some discussion on promoting change ringing arose from a suggestion of the General Secretary, Mr. T. Blackbourne.

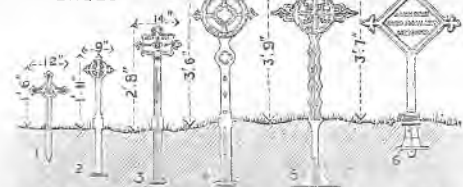
THRAPSTON, Northamptonshire, will commemorate the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign by having the five bells of the Parish Church recast, and increased to six by the addition of a new Tenor, to weigh 13½ cwt. All sections of the townspeople show an inclination to help on this good work.

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Magazines.

THE CHURCH QUARTERLY has a very powerful and carefully reasoned article on the Papal Bull on Anglican Orders, which should be studied by all who are interested in the important question of the independence of the Anglican Church. The subject is commanding increasing attention among us, as we begin to realise more fully the aims of Rome in regard to this country. 'The Papal Encyclical on Unity' is also ably dealt with. A sympathetic, though critical, analysis of Archbishop Magee's character is based on an examination of the late Primate's life and letters, which we reviewed in these columns a few months ago. Lord Selborne's 'Memorials' are adequately and ably discussed, while there are several other articles thoroughly deserving of attention.

THE STUDIO has an interesting account, by James Stanley Little, of the well-known artist, Maurice Greiffenhagen, and his work, with nine illustrations. One more is added to the almost endless methods proposed for celebrating the longest reign in English history, the suggested scheme being a Victorian Gallery, which would no doubt commend itself to many members of the artistic profession, as well as a large section of the public. Mr. Josiah Conder's interesting series of articles on 'Japanese Flower Arrangement' is brought to a close by a paper with seventeen illustrations, and the last of the descriptive accounts of the Arts and Crafts Exhibition of 1896 makes its appearance in this number. The 'studio-talk' from the Continent is cleverly written.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS has a very interesting article on Her Majesty the Queen, being a series of studies of the sovereign and the reign. 'Dean Farrar on Browning and his Message' gives the text of the Dean's address at the commemoration service on December 12th, and a full-page facsimile of the preacher's manuscript. 'After Seven Years' is an elaborate account of the development of the *Review of Reviews*, with numerous autographs and portraits. This is an exceptionally good number, and gives promise of a still greater success in the future.

THE STATIONER, PRINTER, AND FANCY TRADES' REGISTER for January enters on the thirty-eighth year of publication. It contains a variety of useful information, and is well got up. 'Heliography and Photogravure' is specially interesting. Our bell-ringing friends will be glad to see an account of Mr. H. S. Thomas, the capable advertisement manager of Messrs. Ward, Lock, & Co., the publishers.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

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Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on January 29th.
College Youths: at St. Mary, Bow, E., on January 25th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 26th (important business afterwards, at headquarters); Christ Church, Spitalfields, the 27th; St. John's, Wilton Rd., the 28th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, the 29th.—All about 8 p.m.

The Use of Bells in Churches.

It was in the Cathedral of Nola that the first bell, similar in form and construction to those of the present day, was placed. Nola is a small town in Naples—or, as it was called by the ancients, Campania. Hence the Latin term *campana* for bell. The use of bells in churches was introduced by St. Paulinus, bishop of Nola, of whom the following beautiful legend is preserved among the traditions of that city.

It was the sunset hour. The holy Bishop, meditating upon eternal life, was walking through a forest glade. The farewell beams of the departing sun streamed through the dense foliage of the giant trees in quivering lines of crimson and gold. The leaves softly rustled as the evening breeze swept lightly through the branches. The beauty of the scene, and the peace and calm which reigned around, filled the soul of the saint with ecstasy. Claspings his hands, and with eyes raised to Heaven, he prayed aloud. Scarcely had the saint ended his prayer when he heard a soft, sweet tinkling all around. Gazing in astonishment, he perceived that the bluebells were swaying gently to and fro, producing the sweet harmony which fell on his ear.

In memory of this wondrous answer to his prayer, St. Paulinus caused an enormous bell to be cast and hung in the tower of his church in Nola. It was a perfect model of the graceful bluebell, and was always rung whenever the congregation assembled to worship.

Elsewhere the use of bells spread but slowly. About the year A.D. 550, many of the churches in France were provided with bells, but still their use was far from being general. In the year 1050, Kinsius, archbishop of York, built a high tower to the church of Beverley, and placed two great bells in it. They are said to have been named 'Guthlac' and 'Guthrun.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Thomas's, Pendleton, on January 11th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.
 Frank Smith .. 1 Samuel Greenhalgh .. 5
 Josiah Rogers .. 2 George E. Turner .. 6
 John Smith .. 3 Alfred Cross .. 7
 Joseph Winterbottom .. 4 Harry Chapman .. 8
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Harry Chapman.
 First peal in the method by this Association.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, on January 12th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 41½ mins.
 Charles Hounslow .. 1 Thomas Payne .. 5
 Frederick Exon .. 2 Percy A. Hind .. 6
 Charles H. Fowler .. 3 William J. Smith .. 7
 Charles H. Exon .. 4 James W. Washbrook .. 8
 Composed and conducted by James W. Washbrook.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity, Gosport, on January 12th, J. J. Parker's Six-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.
 Albert Barrow .. 1 Richard Gardner .. 5
 Edward Reynolds .. 2 James Gould .. 6
 Henry Reynolds .. 3 Arthur E. Tomlins (condr.) .. 7
 Frederick Burnett .. 4 Richard Davies .. 8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, on January 12th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's Variation), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.
 Lazarus Payne .. 1 George Payne .. 5
 Henry Stringer .. 2 Herbert Markwell .. 6
 Charles Tyler (conductor) .. 3 Alfred W. Groves .. 7
 William Hillman .. 4 Arthur Hodges .. 8

The St. James's Society.

At St. John's, Wilton Road, S.W., on January 16th, a half-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 29 mins. J. Pettit, 1; F. M. Butler, 2; F. T. Gover, 3; A. E. Edwards, 4; C. F. Winney (conductor), 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8. Owing to a choir-practice being held in the church, this peal could not be finished.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 17th, for evening service 1844 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 52 mins. G. Langford, 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; F. Buck, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; S. E. Andrews, 5; E. Carter, 6; C. T. P. Brice, 7; H. R. Newton (conductor), 8.

At the recent meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers at St. James's Church, Wigan, the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Bull, M.A.) complimented the Guild on the earnestness and thoroughness of their efforts. Votes of condolence to the Corresponding Secretary (the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, M.A., vicar of Crossans) on the loss of his daughter, and to Mr. John Martin (hon. treasurer) on the death of Mrs. Martin, were unanimously carried. Several touches in GRANISIRE and UNION TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR brought a most satisfactory meeting to a conclusion. The bells, a gift of Mr. Eckersley, gave great satisfaction.

ST. SAVIOUR'S SOUTHWARK.—The greatest treasure possessed by this historic church is the ring of twelve bells, pronounced by many experts to be the finest in the world for quality of tone. It is to be hoped that the future Cathedral, which is being so carefully renovated, will not lack its most distinctive and unique feature for want of funds to put this magnificent ring in good going order.

ST. ANDREW'S, PLYMOUTH.—Lovers of campanology will be pleased to learn that the bells of this church will be rehung in about a fortnight. The 500*l.* recently subscribed has been well spent in thoroughly overhauling the massive hangings of this noble ring. Necessary repairs to the roof of the tower are at present being effected.

NOTICE.—In order that peals may be reported without delay, conductors should send particulars to Mr. W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, immediately after the events.

SOME handsome stained glass has been inserted in the East window of the chancel of Leasingham Church, near Sleaford. It is in memory of the late Mr. William Heaford Daubney, solicitor, of Great Grimsby, sometime patron of the Leasingham benefice, and has been presented by his son, the present Rector.

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MR. HENRY S. THOMAS.

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manager, the duties of which he discharges to the entire satisfaction of those whom he has now served for upwards of twenty-four years.

Mr. Thomas evinced an interest in campanology from an early age, although his opportunities of handling the bells were few and far between. His thoroughness in mastering the art, however, was such that, in 1872, the Rev. J. Erskine Clarke, the beloved Vicar of Battersea, who for nearly a quarter of a century owned and directed the policy of *Church Bells*, invited Mr. Thomas to take entire charge of the belfry, and make all the arrangements for the ringing, and this responsible post he still holds. It was not until 1884 that he rang his first peal. The occasion was the 19th of February of that year, the place was the belfry of Battersea Church, and the conductor was Mr. W. Baron.

For more than twenty years Mr. Thomas has been a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and he has been instrumental in advancing its interests. He was Master of the Society during the Jubilee year, and, in commemoration of that event, he organized a grand dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, followed by a peal on the bells of St. Martin's Church. The event is commemorated by a tablet in the church. Among other ringing associations with which he is connected may be mentioned the

Waterloo Society, the St. James's Society, and the Amateur Society of Old Battersea.

Mr. Thomas has taken part successfully in upwards of twenty peals of Grandsire Triples and Cateters; but perhaps the most noteworthy of all his achievements was the 'Henry' peal, rung in his own belfry. The late Mr. Henry Haley conducted on the first occasion, but several attempts were made without success. There is a pathetic interest attaching to the accomplishment of the effort, which took place, with half-muffled bells, on the day of Mr. Haley's funeral. The eight 'Henries' who handled the bells were: Henry Bright, 1; Henry Hopkins, 2; Henry Langdon, 3; Henry Davis, 4; Henry Swain, 5; Henry Thomas, 6; Henry Tucker, 7; Henry Dains, 8. Mr. Tucker was conductor.

Mr. Thomas has exerted himself, with marked success, to benefit the body of ringers, among whom he is a great favourite. It is owing to him that many of the railway companies have arranged special reduced fares for bands of ringers on their excursions. A favourite resort of the fraternity is the Waterloo Tower, in Quex Park (the seat of Mr. Powell Cotton), near Birchington, and it was here Mr. Thomas completed his first peal of Cateters. His geniality and good nature on these expeditions are unrivalled, and no band is considered complete without him.

His merits have been recognised on several occasions. In 1884, a handsome marble clock, together with an illuminated address, was presented to Mr. Thomas by Canon Erskine Clarke, on behalf of the members and friends of the Ringing Society of Battersea Church. In January, 1886, he received from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths the gift of a picture in a gold frame, as a mark of their esteem; while in the Jubilee year (1887) his friends subscribed to present to the 'Cumberlands' a portrait of their esteemed Master.

Mr. Thomas is a striking example of the success which accompanies earnestness and thoroughness in every undertaking. In his life-work he holds a deservedly high position, while in the more recreative employment of ringing he has shown a determination to excel, combined with a thoughtfulness for the interests of others, that few men can equal or eclipse.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on February 3rd, at 8.30 p.m.

College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on February 1st; St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. John's, Wilton Rd., on February 4th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 5th.—All at 8 p.m.

Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on February 3rd, at 8 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on February 5th.

The Yorkshire Association.

THE twenty-first annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers was held at Leeds on Saturday. A choral service was conducted in the Parish Church at four p.m., at which the Rev. R. S. Medlicott (chaplain to the Leeds Parish Church ringers) delivered an excellent address, and the choir ably rendered 'Rejoice in the Lord,' which is known as the 'Bell Anthem.' Subsequently 150 members and friends from various parts of the country had tea in the Parish Church Schoolroom, after which the annual meeting was held, Mr. William Snowdon, president of the Association, being in the chair. On the platform were also Mr. A. P. Heywood, Mr. G. Bolland, Mr. Howard, a veteran of fifty years' service as ringer at York Minster, Mr. Stain-

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thorpe, hon. treasurer, and Mr. B. T. Copley, hon. secretary. The report and balance-sheet, the latter of which showed 200% invested in Leeds Corporation Stock, and a balance at the bank, were passed. Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, T. Lockwood, and W. Gill, were re-elected, with Mr. F. P. Powell, on the committee; and Messrs. W. Snowdon, G. Bolland, C. H. Hattersley, and G. Breed, were elected on the central council. Having three invitations for the May meeting from Horbury, Pontefract, and Lightcliffe respectively, it was decided to visit Pontefract. The meeting was afterwards addressed by Mr. A. P. Heywood, president of the Central Council of Change-ringers.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, on January 19th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

William Bedwell ..	1	Harry Hoskins ..	5
Arthur J. Neale ..	2	John Hack ..	6
William Weatherstone ..	3	Harry Warnett ..	7
Henry G. Hill ..	4	Harry Barrett ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by William Bedwell.

At St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on January 23rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

Isaac G. Shade ..	1	Harry Hoskins ..	5
Henry J. Skelt ..	2	Walter Ingham ..	6
Frederick Rumens ..	3	Harry Warnett ..	7
William Weatherstone ..	4	Frederick W. Thornton ..	8

Composed and conducted by I. G. Shade.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on January 20th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Frank Bennett ..	1	George Williams ..	5
Sydney Saker ..	2	Keith Hart ..	6
Herbert P. Harman ..	3	John S. Goldsmith ..	7
Harry Weston ..	4	Alfred J. Turner ..	8

Composed by Frank Bennett and conducted by John S. Goldsmith.

Also at Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, on January 23rd, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins.

L. Attwater ..	1	G. Paice ..	5
J. Rice ..	2	J. R. Sharman ..	6
J. S. Goldsmith ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
F. Bennett ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by G. Williams. K. Hart's 100th peal; J. Rice's 50th.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's Bushey, Herts, on January 23rd, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

Frank A. Smith ..	1	William I. Oakley ..	5
William G. Whitehead ..	2	Ernest E. Huntley ..	6
William J. S. Thorn ..	3	Fredk. Edwards (conductor) ..	7
George N. Price ..	4	Joseph J. Allen ..	8

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. N. Price, who is home on a visit from the Cape.

The St. Martin's Guild.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on January 18th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5137 changes, in 3 hrs. 33 mins.

Henry Bastable ..	1	William Munday ..	7
Bernard Wittchell ..	2	James George ..	8
William Hancox ..	3	Frederick Clayton ..	9
William H. Barber ..	4	Reuben Hall ..	10
Samuel Reeves ..	5	Thomas Miller ..	11
William Short ..	6	Thomas Reynolds ..	12

Composed by the late Henry Johnson and conducted by Bernard Wittchell.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Laurence's, Reading, on January 20th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins.

Frank Hopgood ..	1	Johnson E. Hern ..	6
John Tucker ..	2	James Potter ..	7
Frank Tubb ..	3	Ambrose Osborne ..	8
Henry Tucker ..	4	William Newell ..	9
Charles Giles ..	5	Reuben Sawyer ..	10

Composed and conducted by Frank Hopgood.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and St. Stephen's Society.

At St. Margaret's Westminster, on January 23rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

George Langford* ..	1	Samuel E. Andrews ..	6
Walter Sorrell ..	2	Henry S. Ellis ..	7
Arthur G. Ellis* ..	3	Frank Buck ..	8
James Willshire ..	4	John N. Oxborough ..	9
Nathan J. Pitstow ..	5	Henry R. Newton ..	10

Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by H. R. Newton.
[First peal on ten bells.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At 56 Anthony Street, Commercial Road, E., on January 18th, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40½ mins.

Samuel E. Joyce ..	1-2	Arthur W. Barkus ..	5-6
Challis F. Winney ..	3-4	Ernest Clayton ..	7-8

Conducted by A. W. Barkus. Umpire, Charles Kennedy.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, STREATHAM.—On January 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1344 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 52 mins. G. Langford, 1; A. G. Ellis, 2; W. Sorrell, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; H. R. Newton, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; C. T. P. Brice, 7; J. Willshire (conductor) 8.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—On January 24th, for morning service, three courses of STEDMAN CINQUES. J. Pettit (conductor) 1; F. M. Butler, 2; W. Cooter, 3; R. French, 4; H. Springall, 5; E. Horrex, 6; R. T. Hibbert, 7; C. F. Winnev, 8; F. W. Thornton, 9; E. Carter, 10; W. T. Cockerill, 11; E. P. O'Meara and T. H. Taffender, 12.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—The two bells—one given by Mr. T. Dyer Edwards and the other by Mr. J. Ellman Brown, of Shoreham—necessary to complete the ring of eight, and which have recently arrived in the town, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese at evening service on February 14th.

Magazines.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE seems ever to improve. There are, as usual, some complete short stories, and the remaining contents include some good articles on 'Australia' and 'The Landseer of the Sixteenth Century,' among others. The magazine is profusely illustrated.

THE TEMPLE MAGAZINE contains an article describing a visit to the Oxford University Press, giving some interesting information relating to the printing and binding of Bibles.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART for February has a very grateful frontispiece, being a photograph reproduction of E. Cipolla's picture, 'The Love Token.' Mr. F. G. Stephens contributes his second article on the 'Modern English Masters' included in the collection of Mr. W. Cuthbert Quilter, M.P. There are six illustrations, including works by Landseer, Millais, Linnell, John Philip, Leader, and Holman Hunt. Mr. M. H. Spielman writes an able and interesting paper on Mr. G. F. Watts, R.A., with eleven reproductions of the artist's work. The article, entitled 'Goldsmithery,' by Alex. Fisher, has twelve charming illustrations, from sketches by the author, including two gold chalices. Dr. J. Lumsden Propert writes attractively on 'The Renaissance of Miniature Painting,' a revival of an almost forgotten art. The number thoroughly maintains the high standard of this deservedly popular magazine.

THE OSBORNE is one of the recently born monthlies. This is the fourth number, and it is certainly an excellent threepennyworth. It includes an interesting article on 'Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P.,' by Walter Jerrold; a description of 'A Quaint Corner of Fair France,' 'The Solving of a Doubt,' a prettily-written story; a charming little essay on 'Little Foxes,' by the Rev. P. B. Power; a 'Children's Corner,' and many other attractions.

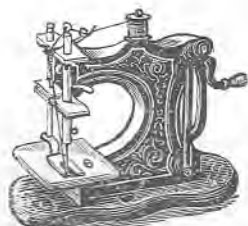
OUR SISTERS is a pleasantly edited penny monthly devoted to the interests of women. In the December number commences a serial by John Strange Winter, entitled 'Jewels to Wear.' There are sensible and attractive articles on 'Remunerative Employment for Women,' and 'Legal Business Hints to Women,' and many other interesting features.

THE PHOTOGRAM (3d. monthly) for February is a good number, and has much that should interest the general public. The most notable article, perhaps, is that which deals with the announcement of a direct and simple process of photography in natural colours which can be worked by any careful amateur. Full directions are given. An illustration of Blackwall Tunnel shows the last stage of this great engineering undertaking. There are endless artistic illustrations, notably, portraits by William Crooke printed in a soft bronze tint.

MR. ELLIOT STOCK announces for publication next week a new exposition of the Parables of our Lord, by L. Horsley, entitled THIRTY-ONE PARABLES EXPLAINED.

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 John's, Wilton Rd., the 11th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, the 12th.
 —All about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON Wednesday, January 27th, to celebrate the peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS rung at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 28th, 1896, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., very kindly entertained at dinner, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., the members of this Society who have taken part in any of the three peals so far accomplished on the Cathedral bells of the Metropolis. The toasts, 'Queen, Church and State,' 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' 'The Tenor man,' 'The Conductor of the three peals,' 'Prosperity to Change-ringing' and 'The Chairman' were duly honoured. Songs, interspersed with the toasts and responses, were contributed by Messrs. Burkin, Joyce, W. D. Smith, and Wood, and a recitation, 'The station-master's story,' was given by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

In proposing the toast, 'Prosperity to Change-ringing,' the much-respected host laid great stress on the apparent apathy of many of those who have grand rings of bells in their custody, which are too often in almost an unringable condition, the belfries gloomy and dirty, and unworthy of the sacred edifice of which they are a part. He urged all present to do their very best to assist the Central Council in its efforts to get incumbents and churchwardens to recognise their responsibilities with regard to the bells, which have in so many cases been bequeathed to them by generous and pious Churchmen of bygone days. This very enjoyable gathering was brought to a close with a course of STEDMAN CATERERS on the handbells by Messrs. Winney, Newton, Bayley, Wood, and W. D. Smith.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE quarterly meeting in connexion with the above Society was held on Saturday, January 23rd, at Cannock, when the following towers were represented:—Christ Church, West Bromwich; St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; St. Matthew's, Walsall; St. Mary's, Handsworth; Willenhall, and Cannock. A short service was held in the church at five p.m., and a very interesting address was given by the Vicar, after which a Committee meeting was held in the vestry, the Rev. H. V.

Stuart (vicar) and the Rev. A. H. Lanfear being elected hon. members of the Society. The next meeting being fixed at Barton-under-Needwood for Saturday, April 24th, an adjournment was made to the coffee-room, where an excellent tea was provided and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his very interesting address being passed unanimously, some returned to the tower for more ringing.

A Noted Bell-hanger.

THE death recently took place at Coventry of Mr. George Worton, who for many years carried on the business of a locksmith and bell-hanger, but who was better known by the connexion of himself and his ancestors with the celebrated clock and chimes of St. Michael's Church. The chiming machinery in St. Michael's tower was very ingenious, and Mr. George Worton, when necessity arose, overhauled and repaired it, and added improvements, until the barrel produced a tune for each day in the week, commencing with the Easter Hymn on Sunday, playing every three hours, and automatically changing for the next day's tune at each midnight. The cylinder or barrel was of remarkable construction: it was the work of the original William Worton, his son beginning the work of harmonising the chimes, which Mr. George Worton completed. Mr. Worton was accustomed to regard his 'musical snuff-box,' as he termed the machinery, with great affection, and was always happy in attending to it. When the tower was cleared for the restoration a few years ago, he was, despite his advanced age, entrusted with the difficult task of lowering the bells from the high chamber—a task which was accomplished without the slightest accident. Other hands replaced them recently, and the machinery has been adapted to the chiming of the bells for service, in addition to the tunes played every three hours. Mr. Worton was celebrated for his skill in bell-work of all kinds, and examples of his ingenuity are to be found in connexion with public clocks and church and cathedral bells in almost all parts of the country. He had attained the ripe age of eighty-five.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association.

At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, Barking, on January 26th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Alfred Wight 1	Thomas Faulkner 5
Albert Deards 2	Edward Lucas 6
Caleb Fenn 3	Samuel Hayes 7
Rowland Fenn 4	Albert C. Hardy 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, conducted by T. Faulkner.

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 220.)

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With Mrs. S——, near Killeigh, Tullamore. Case of a young Farmer in King's County, Ireland.

People who are wise always take warning from past experiences, and in applying to Mr. Congreve, just when he did, on behalf of his son, a young fellow then eighteen years of age, Mr. S. certainly acted most wisely. His own mother—the patient's grandmother—had died of Consumption, and the terrible disease had also carried off another son a few years before. So when the first symptoms showed themselves in Robert, the father put the facts before Mr. Congreve, and, as usually happens, the best results followed.

'My son's illness commenced,' Mrs. S. told me, 'with a cold about nine months before my husband asked for Mr. Congreve's advice. Pains in the chest,' described as a 'stitch,' the short, catchy pain so frequently present in cases of this sort: 'followed with cough and expectation. A fresh cold caught just about this time made matters worse, and my son was examined by a doctor, who reported that one lung was decidedly weak. Having lost one son with chest disease we were naturally anxious about Robert, and at once placed him under Mr. Congreve's treatment. I am glad to say he got quite well, and at the present time is strong and healthy. He is at work to-day cutting turf.'

'I see in a letter your husband wrote in November, 1895, saying how much better your son was, he applies for medicine for your daughter, who, he says, has a constant cough. How is she now?'

'She is also well. The medicine quite cured her cough.'

And as I left the house I saw the child, a girl of thirteen, looking well and strong, engaged in the erection of a dwelling place for a pet rabbit.

For personal reasons Mrs. S. did not wish her full name and address to be published, but any interested person in the locality can have them on application to Mr. Congreve.

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The Sussex County Association.

At Chichester Cathedral, on January 26th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins.

Joseph Hiscock ..	1	David Falconer ..	5
James H. Blake ..	2	David H. Falconer ..	6
Peter Tyler ..	3	Richard Walter (condr.) ..	7
Francis B. Tompkins ..	4	William Spurlock ..	8

Cambridge.

At St. Mary's-the-Great, on January 27th, a peal of **BOB MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

Reginald H. Whitford ..	1	William Kempton ..	5
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey ..	2	Cyril W. O. Jenkyn ..	6
John Taylor ..	3	Walter Eusden ..	7
George Taylor ..	4	George F. Woodhouse ..	8

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope, conducted by G. F. Woodhouse. This peal was rung on the silent apparatus.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On January 28th, for practice, the first 500 of Holt's Ten-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 19 mins. C. H. Deer, 1; J. Langdon, 2; W. Webber, 3; W. Humberstone, 4; H. Flanders, 5; F. Clements, 6; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 7; W. H. Smith, 8. Longest length by first and third men.

ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH.—On January 31st, for evening service, 1409 **STEDMAN CATERERS**. W. Berry, 1; F. S. Baylev, 2; H. Hoskins, 3; H. Skelt, 4; W. Foreman, 5; G. R. Fardon, 6; I. G. Shade (conductor), 7; T. Taylor, 8; F. W. Thornton, 9; C. Langdon, 10.

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one of the drawing-rooms, preferably the White Drawing-room. The Queen leaves the arrangement to the photographer. Sometimes she will suggest an alteration, such as having the lace cap removed and wearing a bonnet instead to give variety to the photographs. Her Majesty enters into conversation with Mr. Russell, and he says that the last time he was at Windsor 'I had some photographs with me that I had brought to show her, and she looked at them most interestedly and talked to me about them. On one occasion I was summoned to be at the Castle at three o'clock to photograph the Queen. I waited in the room with everything ready till four o'clock before she came in. I thought nothing of this, however; Her Majesty's time must be so fully occupied that the wonder is how she can ever find a minute to spare for such ordinary matters as photographs. When at length she walked into the room she said, "I am so sorry to have kept you waiting." Hall Caine's story is continued, and the remainder of the contents include an interesting article on Mr. Frank Dicksee, some more of Mr. Pemberton's amusing 'Varsity tales, and an able article on 'The House of Lords.'

THE STRAND MAGAZINE contains an article on 'Duelling in German Universities,' giving some very curious and interesting information about this practice, and another on the 'Policemen of the World,' which affords an opportunity for some useful comparisons. There is an illustrated interview with Sir Clements Markham which is full of entertaining reminiscences, and a paper on 'Cliff-climbing and Egg-hunting,' which gives some remarkable instances of the extraordinary perils voluntarily incurred by the hunters. Among the remainder of the contents is a charming article on 'The Flowery Islands,' by Sir George Newnes, and the usual variety of excellent short stories.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE (Isbister & Co.) opens with a wonderful testimony from Mr. Quarrier, founder of the 'Orphan Homes of Scotland,' with regard to 'Answers to Prayer.' Some of us might have thought that such luxuries as 'a clock and chimes to enliven the village' were hardly the things for which a man might pray with certainty that the request would be granted; but in this and numerous other instances the petitioner's simple faith was, as a matter of fact, rewarded in the very way he wished. Mr. Beavan's description of 'A Sunday at Sandringham' is sure to be popular, and in 'The Nurseries of the Churches—a Chat with Mr. Alderman Spicer,' we find some good hints on Sunday schools and their working, though we disagree with the opinion that Board-school teachers, where such can be had, make the best Sunday-school teachers.

IN THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER (R.T.S.) Miss Carey brings her story, 'Dr. Luttrell's First Patient,' to a point of tragic interest, which suggests a near termination. 'Handsome Jack' is a short love-tale, with a healthy moral, by Ruth S. Cove. 'The Modern Diary and its Varieties,' by Dora de Blaquiére, is amusing, but we do not fancy that the average reader of the G.O.P. would think '30% per annum' a remarkably modest amount to spend on her own dress! At least, we hope not.

GOOD WORDS (Isbister & Co.) contains an article by Mr. Abbott on 'The Miracle of Light,' which will be too abstruse for ordinary readers, but will be welcomed by students of science. Certain facts, however, are put in a form to be 'understood of the people,' as for instance this: 'If the sun were a hollow sphere, there would be room enough inside to place the earth at its centre, the moon at its actual distance of 240,000 miles, and yet there would still remain a gap beyond of 200,000 miles. Mr. Andrew Lang contributes an essay on 'Victorian Literature,' mainly dealing with poetry, history, and novels; the Editor's 'Sunday Readings' are devoted to the difficult topic of 'Heredity and Moral Freedom;' and Mr. Jane tells the story of Nelson's first achievements, on 'St. Valentine's Day One Hundred Years Ago.'

IN FRIENDLY LEAVES (G.F.S.) Miss Alice Wayte begins a series of papers on 'Sunny Spots,' her aim being to guide those who will follow her into the habit of 'looking on the bright side' of all things, and especially to point out to them the hidden beauties and pure enjoyment to be found in Nature, through which, as she says, they may enter, 'with ever-fresh wonder and reverence, into the presence of the Lord.'

THE ECONOMIC REVIEW has an able article by the Rev. the Hon. E. Lyttelton on 'The Ethics of Gambling.' Mr. C. H. d'E. Leppington, in 'The Charity Organization System of To-day,' apparently holds a brief for the C.O. Society. Margaret Phillimore's paper on 'The Agricultural Labourer, Past and Present,' gives a number of interesting facts. Mr. E. F. B. Fell contributes some thoughtful reflections on the 'Moral Limitations of State Interference.'

THE NAVY AND ARMY ILLUSTRATED tells the story of the battle honours of the 'Prince George' and of the 'Royal Scots Greys,' in picturesque and stirring language. The illustrations are really beautiful works of art.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW contains, along with a great deal of sermonic matter, many articles of permanent value, such as Professor Warfield on the 'Indispensableness of Systematic Theology to the Preacher,' and Archdeacon Sinclair on 'Men's Services.'

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on February 17th, at 8.30 p.m.

College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on February 15th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. John's, Wilton Rd., on February 18th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 19th.—All at 8 p.m.

Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on February 17th, at 8 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on February 19th.

Inscriptions on Worcester Bells.

THE following inscriptions on the bells of St. Helen's Church, Worcester, are very singular:—

(1.) 'Blenheim.

First is my note, and Blenheim is my name:
For Blenheim's story will be first in fame.'

(2.) 'Barcelona.

Let me relate how Louis did bemoan
His grandson Philip's flight from Barcelona.

(3.) 'Ramilies.

Deluged in blood, I, Ramilies, advance
Britannia's glory in the fall of France.'

(4.) 'Menin.

Let Menin on my sides engraven be,
And Flanders freed from Gallic slavery.'

(5.) 'Turin.

When in harmonious peal I roundly go,
Think on Turin, and triumph on the Po.'

(6.) 'Eugene.

With joy I bear illustrious Eugene's name,
Fav'rite of Fortune, and the boast of fame.'

(7.) 'Marlborough.

But I, with pride, the greater Marlborough bear;
Terror of tyrants, and the soul of war.'

(8.) 'Queen Ann.

Th' immortal praises of Queen Ann I sound;
With union blest, and all these glories crown'd.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association.

AT All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire, on February 2nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins.

Thomas Draper	1	John Howe	5
George Dawson	2	Benjamin Sugden	6
A. Percival Heywood	3	John Flower	7
John Patchett	4	William Hickling	8

Composed and conducted by A. Percival Heywood, Esq. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Herbert Strutt.

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 240.)

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BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.

At St. Philip's, Birmingham, on February 6th, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 24 mins.

Alfred Flowers* ..	1	Thomas Collinson ..	6
Alfred J. Hyland* ..	2	George Hitchman ..	7
John Carter ..	3	William Page ..	8
William A. Hancox* ..	4	Frederick Clayton ..	9
James Jones ..	5	James George ..	10

Composed and conducted by John Carter. This is Mr. James George's 150th peal. [* First peal in the method.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. George's-in-the-East, on February 6th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins., as a birthday compliment to E. Clayton.

James Scholes ..	1	Samuel E. Joyce ..	5
Henry Springall ..	2	Ernest Clayton ..	6
Edward Wallage ..	3	Emanuel Hall ..	7
William Truss ..	4	Samuel Hayes ..	8

Composed by Thomas Day, conducted by H. Springall. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D.

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on February 6th, Thurstans' peal o' STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Matthew A. Wood ..	1	Rev. Geo. J. Bayley ..	5
William Berry* ..	2	Harry Hoskins ..	6
Frederick S. Bayley (condr.)	3	Frederick W. Thornton ..	7
Frank M. Butler ..	4	Joseph Waghorn, jun. ..	8

[* First peal in the method.]

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 6th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins.

Frank Buck ..	1	Walter J. Sorrell ..	5
William E. Garrard ..	2	Henry R. Newton ..	6
Arthur G. Ellis ..	3	Charles T. P. Brice ..	7
John N. Oxborrow ..	4	James Willshire ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, conducted by J. Willshire.

The Kent County Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge, on January 31st, for morning service, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

James Heasman ..	1	James Wallis ..	5
William Steed ..	2	Thomas Wallis ..	6
William Latter ..	3	Jack Preston ..	7
John W. Steddy ..	4	Thomas Groombridge ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, conducted by T. Groombridge.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, on February 1st, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks' Variation), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins.

Harry Warnett ..	1	Harry Barrett ..	5
Ernest Holt Nixon ..	2	George H. Daynes ..	6
William Weatherstone ..	3	William Bedwell (condr.)	7
Thomas G. Deal ..	4	Arthur J. Neale ..	8

At the Parish Church, Erith, on February 6th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Arthur J. Neale ..	1	Arthur Tennant ..	5
Arthur Peill ..	2	William G. Grove ..	6
George Conyard ..	3	William Bedwell ..	7
Ernest E. Huntley ..	4	Edwin Barnett ..	8

Composed by A. Knights, conducted by E. Barnett.

The Surrey Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, on February 3rd, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's Variation), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.

William S. Smith ..	1	Albert Calver ..	5
Charles Bance ..	2	Joseph Fayers ..	6
Joseph A. Lambert ..	3	George Welling (condr.) ..	7
Ernest C. Lambert ..	4	Albert Clark ..	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Margaret's, Warnham, on February 6th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Thomas Andrews* ..	1	Walter Charman* ..	5
George Williams ..	2	Frederick W. Rice ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	John W. Whiting ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	Henry R. Chandler ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, conducted by G. Williams. Each of the band has rung over 100 peals: the numbers are respectively 142, 293, 107, 105, 107, 105, 123, 162. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

Crawley, Sussex.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, on January 31st, Shipway's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

John R. Sharman ..	1	George Paice ..	5
John Rice ..	2	Frederick W. Rice ..	6
George Attfield ..	3	Fred. W. Cripps (condr.)	7
Alfred Cripps ..	4	Frederick Merrett ..	8

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Saviour's, Bacup, on February 1st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

F. Howorth ..	1	J. Shepherd ..	5
J. A. Brown ..	2	J. Sutcliffe ..	6
A. Whitworth ..	3	W. Ashworth ..	7
J. T. Standing ..	4	W. Law ..	8

Composed by W. Sottanstill, conducted by J. Shepherd. Rung with the bells muffled out of respect to the memory of Mr. E. Entwistle.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Mary's, Handsworth, Staffordshire, on February 6th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt., in F sharp.

Alfred Smith* ..	1	William H. Godden ..	5
Thomas Verry ..	2	Reuben Hall ..	6
Samuel Reeves (condr.) ..	3	William Verry ..	7
Thomas Horton ..	4	Sidney Smith ..	8

[* First peal—age fifteen.]

The Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch).

At the Parish Church, Bromborough, Cheshire, on February 6th, a peal of CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5088 changes in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Joseph Woods ..	1	Frank Jones ..	5
Henry W. Wilde* ..	2	Thomas Hughes* ..	6
John Hughes* ..	3	Frederick T. Spence* ..	7
Joseph Shone ..	4	James Dillon ..	8

Composed and conducted by Henry Walter Wilde.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6, in 5-6, and the second and third are never in the fifth place at the course-ends. H. W. Wilde belongs to Belgrave, Chester; John Hughes, to Earham; F. T. Spence, to Grappenhall, and this is his first peal of MAJOR. [* First peal in the method.]

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—At St. James-the-Apostle's, Islington, on January 30th, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 21 mins. H. Spencer, 1; G. Gains, 2; H. Franks, 3; J. Barry, 4; N. Alderman, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, with H. Read, 1; W. Spicer, 6; conducted by J. Barry.

SUNDRIDGE, SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On February 3rd, in an unsuccessful attempt for seven 720's, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. R. Jenner, 1; J. Wallis, 2; J. Steddy, 3; T. Wallis, 4; J. Heasman, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6; afterwards 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR with J. Heasman, 2, J. Wallis, 5. These are the first 720's in the methods on the bells. The first 720 of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR on the bells was rung on October 19th, 1896. E. R. J. Dunk, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; D. Wright, 3; G. Steer, 4; J. Heath, 5; T. Groombridge (conductor), 6.

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 —All about 8 p.m.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Hatfield on Saturday next, February 20th, when the tower of the Parish Church will be open; ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at the 'East Indian Chief' at 6 p.m.; business meeting to follow.

Central Northamptonshire Association.

QUARTERLY MEETING at Rothwell, near Kettering, on Saturday afternoon, February 20th. The bells are a ring of six—tenor, 22 cwt.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A MEETING of the above Association will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, February 27th. (Fence Houses is the nearest railway station.)

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on February 13th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins.

Henry Hoskins* ..	1	Rev. George J. Bayley* ..	6
Frank M. Butler ..	2	Isaac G. Shade ..	7
Joseph Wagborn, sen. ..	3	Frederick W. Thornton ..	8
Herbert J. Skelton ..	4	William T. Cockerill ..	9
Frederick S. Bayley ..	5	William Berry* ..	10

Composed by J. P. Bradley, conducted by F. S. Bayley. [* First on ten bells. † First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

ALSO at St. John-the-Baptist's, Croydon, on February 13th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow ..	1	James Willshire ..	5
Walter J. Sorrell ..	2	Samuel E. Andrews ..	6
Frank Buck ..	3	Charles T. P. Brice ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitsoy, conducted by H. R. Newton.

AND at St. Mary's, Putney, on February 15th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

James W. Driver ..	1	John N. Oxborrow ..	5
Arthur G. Ellis ..	2	Frederick S. Bayley ..	6
William E. Garrard ..	3	William T. Cockerill ..	7
Henry R. Newton ..	4	William Burkin ..	8

Composed by F. Dench, conducted by W. Burkin.

The Essex Association.

AT St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on February 8th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Thomas Newman ..	1	Frederick Swarder ..	5
Richard Swarder ..	2	Walter Wm. Tucker ..	6
George Prior ..	3	Henry Jas. Tucker (condr.) ..	7
Walter Prior ..	4	Joseph Sampford ..	8

The Sussex County Association.

AT Henfield, Sussex, at the residence of Mr. Charles Tyler, on February 9th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

Lazarus Payne ..	1-2	Charles Tyler ..	7-8
William Hillman ..	3-4	William J. Alliss ..	9-10
George Payne ..	5-6	Alfred W. Groves ..	11-12

Composed by A. P. Heywood Esq., conducted by C. Tyler. First peal of CINQUES by the Association. Referee, Mr. Henry Stringer.

The Yorkshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT the Parish Church, Sheffield, on February 13th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt.

George Holmes ..	1	Arthur Craven* ..	7
John Holman ..	2	Arthur Brearley ..	8
Henry Bower* ..	3	David Brearley ..	9
Gabriel Lindoff* ..	4	Charles P. Clifton* ..	10
William Lomas ..	5	Thomas Hattersley ..	11
John Mulligan* ..	6	Thomas Silvester ..	12

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, conducted by T. Hattersley. [* First peal on twelve bells.]

The Yorkshire Association.

AT St. Peter's, Bramley, Leeds, on February 9th, 5040 of MINOR, being 720 each of TANNER'S PLEASURE, ARNOLD'S VICTORY, COLLEGE PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK, KENT, VIOLET, and OXFORD, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Fred Blacketh ..	1	J. W. Chadwick ..	4
Harry Gaythorpe ..	2	John Brown ..	5
J. W. T. Holgate (conductor) ..	3	Edward Redshaw ..	6

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Peter's, Old Windsor, on February 8th, a peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

William Ware ..	1	Thomas Gosling ..	5
Joseph W. Guttridge, jun. ..	2	Alfred Andrews ..	6
James W. Wilkins ..	3	Joseph Guttridge ..	7
Reuben Flaxman ..	4	Frederick Guttridge ..	8

Composed by J. Parker, conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

The Midland Counties Association.

AT the Parish Church, Solihull, on February 13th, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5060 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins.

Geoffrey A. Martineau* ..	1	John Carter ..	6
John Jennings ..	2	Thomas Collinson ..	7
James Jones ..	3	William A. Hancox ..	8
Charles Sparkes ..	4	George Hitchman ..	9
W. Rock Small ..	5	James George ..	10

Composed and conducted by John Carter. This peal has the 6th. four times wrong and twenty-four times right, and is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

AT the Parish Church, Ashted, on February 8th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5010 changes in 2 hrs. 49 mins.

Charles Race ..	1	William Marks ..	5
William Messam ..	2	Arthur Dean ..	6
Henry Wood ..	3	Edw. R. J. Dunk (condr.) ..	7
William R. Crockford ..	4	Henry Wilkinson ..	8

NEWARK CHURCH BELLS.—For some time past the fine ring of bells in the Parish Church has been silent, it being deemed unsafe to ring them in their present insecure state. The Vicar and Churchwardens have now decided to accept the tender of Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, for overhauling and refitting all the bells at a cost of 185*l.* 10*s.*, and an appeal for subscriptions is issued, there being no endowed funds applicable to the purpose. It is hoped the response will be so liberal as to enable the work to be put in hand at once, so that the bells will be available on the day of the celebration of the Queen's record reign.

ALEXANDER ARCH, of Mears Ashby, Northamptonshire, died on January 30th, aged twenty-eight years. He was bass singer in the choir and ringer of the tenor bell at his parish church, also a member of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Change-ringers. He will be greatly missed in his native village.

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GEORGE BREED was born on December 9th, 1849, at Braintree, Essex. He first commenced to handle a bell when he was fifteen years of age, but it was not until two years later that he rang, at St. Michael and All Angels', Braintree, his first peal of 720 Bob Minor.

In April, 1873, Mr. George Breed came to London, and was



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MR. GEORGE BREED.

[Avison.

introduced by Mr. J. M. Hayes to the Ancient Society of College Youths, who soon discovered the capacity for ringing of the new-comer. He was chosen as one of the band to ring a touch at the opening of Shoreditch Church, and was soon after elected a member of the St. James's Society. During his two years' residence in London, he took part in a large number of peals, and almost invariably was put in charge of one of the heaviest bells.

He left for York in 1875, and has resided there ever since. For the first three years his experiences of bell-ringing in Yorkshire were very satisfactory, but after that time several of the band left the city, and the younger members did not appear to be as enthusiastic as their predecessors. He has rung numerous peals at York Minster, as well as a Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Martin's, Coney Street, York, which he conducted.

Mr. Breed's heart is in the work, and he travels far and wide in order to take part in a peal. At Sheffield, Hull, Wakefield, and Newcastle, he is a welcome visitor, as well as at Durham Cathedral. In addition to the Societies mentioned above, he is a member of the London, Yorkshire, Durham, and Newcastle Associations.

Besides being a thoroughly accomplished bell-ringer, Mr. Breed is an excellent cricketer, and is Captain of the City of York

Cricket Club. Last year he won the bat with shield, both for the best average (29.1), and the largest individual score (101) in the match against Beverley.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

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Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on March 3rd, at 8 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on March 5th.

Worcestershire and District Change-ringing Association.

THE quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Oldswinford on January 30th. Proceedings commenced with a short service in church, and a brief address of welcome from the Rector, who said he thought it was very 'good for them to be there,' and commence their business by meeting in the House of God with prayer and praise. Afterwards the business meeting was held, the following bands of ringers being represented: Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Bridgnorth, Cradley, Dudley, Old Hill, Netherton, Kidderminster, Tipton, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Worcester, Malvern, Oldbury, Clent, Belbroughton, Oldswinford, Halesowen, and Wolverhampton. The Rev. A. B. Timbrell presided, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Mr. Smith (the Hon. Sec.) read the report, which stated that the work had progressed financially, numerically, and in the quality of performances. During the year thirty-two peals had been rung, being an advance of fifteen upon the number of last year. Special mention should be made of the peal on six bells in seven TREBLE BOB methods at Netherton, and the peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR at Kidderminster. During the day touches were rung in the following methods: GRANDSIRE, PLAIN BOB, OXFORD BOB and KENT TREBLE BOB, at Oldswinford, and at St. Thomas's 224 BOB MAJOR, 240 and 336 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, and 384 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on February 20th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.
William D. Smith .. 1 | William E. Garrard .. 5
Joseph Waghorn, jun. .. 2 | Charles T. P. Brice .. 6
Challis F. Winney .. 3 | William T. Cockerill .. 7
Frederick S. Bayley .. 4 | William Burkin .. 8
Composed by F. Dench, conducted by W. Burkin. The first peal in the method on the bells.

The North Lincolnshire Association.

At St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, on February 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.
John W. Watson .. 1 | Gabriel Lindoff .. 5
George Flintham* .. 2 | James R. Mackman* .. 6
Joseph B. Fenton .. 3 | Richard Dawson .. 7
George Bemrose* .. 4 | Charles W. P. Clifton .. 8
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The Hertfordshire County Association of Change-ringers.

A VERY successful meeting of the above Association was held at Hatfield on Saturday, February 20th, and was attended by a representative gathering of ringers from all parts of the county, there being present Messrs. H. Lewis, R. H. Weatherley, G. W. Cartmel (St. Albans), W. H. L. Buckingham, G. N. Price, E. Huntley (Bushey), T. Webb (Ballock), J. Crabb (Hunsdon), C. Bracey, R. Aldridge, J. Gray (Graveley), G. Barker (Ware), W. H. Newell (Berkhamsted), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), R. Shepherd, J. T. Kentish, W. J. Rumney, H. Shepherd, H. G. Rowe, A. Shepherd, J. Hollingsworth, H. Sharby, J. Kentish (Hatfield), E. Clarke, C. Ovenden (Essendon), J. Hare, A. Squires (Hitchin).

Ringings commenced early in the afternoon with touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. At 5 o'clock, tea was provided at the 'East Indian Chief.' After tea, Mr. Henry Lewis was voted to the chair, and commenced the business by calling upon the Assistant Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) to read the minutes of the previous meeting. These having been confirmed, the following were elected members:—O'Meara and W. T. Cockerill (London), G. N. Price (Bushey, provisional election confirmed),

W. H. Newell (Berkhamsted), G. Barker (Ware), A. Squires (Hitchin), C. Bracey (Graveley).

Mr. Lewis proposed the re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham as the representative of the Association on the Central Council, which was seconded by Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, and carried. Mr. E. Huntley proposed that the Annual Meeting be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, in the afternoon, and that the arrangements be carried out on similar lines to last year, which proved very successful. Mr. J. Gray seconded, and it was agreed to unanimously. The Assistant Secretary brought forward the question of Certificates, a specimen of which was exhibited in the room, and met with hearty approval. Members requiring a Certificate of Membership are asked to send in their names to the Assistant Secretary. The charge is sixpence.

Votes of thanks to the Rector of Hatfield for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Shepherd for making necessary arrangements, were carried. Ringing was afterwards resumed.

ST. JOHN'S, WILTON ROAD, S.W.—On February 20th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. J. Pettit, 1; G. Peace, 2; F. E. Dawe, 3; E. Horrex, 4; — Jelf, 5; F. Carter, 6; W. Alps (conductor), 7; J. Reed, 8.

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JOHNSTON.—On Feb. 15th, at Tollard Rectory, Somerset, the Rev. Henry Greydon Johnston, B.A., T.C.D., Rector, aged 75 years.

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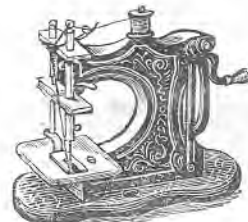
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 Cornhill, the 9th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, the 10th; St. John's,
 Wilton Rd., the 11th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, the 12th.—All
 about 8 p.m.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

A QUARTERLY meeting of the above Association took place at Rothwell on Saturday, February 20th. There was ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Parker, who lent the Association a room in the new Church House, was unfortunately too unwell to be present. The Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravensthorpe), the Rev. C. M. Wetherall (rector of Rushton), Mr. R. C. Lane (one of the four churchwardens of Rothwell), and Mr. Toms (lay reader) were present. The Rev. C. M. Wetherall and Mr. Lane kindly consented to become hon. members; and Mr. H. Toll, of Bedford, and Mr. W. C. Hunt, of North Shields, were elected 'Out-of-County' ringing members. The following churches were represented at the meeting: Rothwell, Kettering, Earl's Barton, Desborough, Rushden, Warkton, Wollaston, Ecton, and Wellingborough.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Kent County Association.

At the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on February 22nd, Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins.

Henry Harman 1	William John Jeffries .. 5
William Weatherstone .. 2	Harry Flanders (first peal) 6
Henry George Hill 3	F. W. Thornton (condr.) 7
William Berry 4	William Foreman 8

The Surrey Association.

At the Parish Church, Reigate, on February 22nd, Brooks' Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Frank Sinter 1	Henry Reeves 5
Francis T. Hoad (condr.) .. 2	Francis T. Hoad, jun. .. 6
George Thompson 3	William Argent 7
George F. Hoad 4	Alfred Moseley 8

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At St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, on February 25th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.
 William Weatherstone .. 1 Frederick S. Bayley .. 5
 Edwin Barnett 2 William Bedwell 6
 George Conyard 3 Harry Warnett 7
 Arthur J. Neale 4 Thomas Groombridge .. 8
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The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, on February 10th, in honour of the recent marriage of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

Joseph J. Allen 1	E. P. Debenham (condr.) 5
William E. Oakley 2	Frederick Edwards .. 6
William J. S. Thorn 3	Ernest E. Huntley .. 7
Alfred J. Pate 4	Frank A. Smith 8

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, on February 11th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

James E. Groves 1	John Overton 5
Arthur H. Espley 2	John E. Overton 6
William Maund 3	Horace W. Overton .. 7
Herbert Hammond 4	Harry Jones 8

Composed by John Carter and conducted by James E. Groves.

AND at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on February 13th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 43 cwt.

William Greenleaf 1	George Burrows 6
George Byolin 2	Thomas J. Bratton .. 7
Henry A. Hall 3	Aaron Griffiths 8
John Overton 4	James E. Groves 9
William H. Fussell 5	Henry King 10

Composed and conducted by James E. Groves.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association.

At St. Stephen's, Bristol, on February 17th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

W. James Hinton 1	Albert E. Bawn 6
William A. Cave 2	Charles H. Tomkins .. 7
Charles H. Horton 3	Charles H. Gordon .. 8
William Knight 4	Francis Price 9
Frederic Elles 5	William Colston 10

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Harry Simmonds .. 1	George Essex .. 5
Herbert P. Harman* .. 2	Richard T. Hibbert .. 6
E. J. Menday .. 3	Harry W. Smith .. 7
E. W. Menday .. 4	Thomas Newman .. 8

Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by Thomas Newman. [* First peal in the method.]

AND at St. Giles's, Reading, on February 16th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

George L. Boddington .. 1	Alfred W. Reeves .. 5
Henry Coffee .. 2	Frederick Sweetzer .. 6
Charles Giles .. 3	Albert E. Reeves (condr.) .. 7
Alfred E. Reeves .. 4	Arthur W. Higgs .. 8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, on February 20th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5020 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

James Matthews .. 1	Harry Weston .. 5
George Gatland .. 2	George Williams .. 6
John Smart .. 3	Charles Smart .. 7
Frank Bennett .. 4	John S. Goldsmith .. 8

Composed by H. Dains, conducted by G. Williams.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, on February 20th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

Ezra Keighley .. 1	William Hollings .. 5
Charles Pratt .. 2	Fred Hargreave .. 6
Richard Creasey .. 3	George Bolland .. 7
William Bolland .. 4	Frank Birks .. 8

Composed by the late W. Sottanstill, conducted by G. Bolland.

The Bedfordshire Association.

At St. Paul's, Bedford, on February 23rd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 36 mins.

Samuel J. Cullip .. 1	Herbert Sharp .. 6
Charles Chasty .. 2	Isaac Hills .. 7
Rev. W. W. C. Baker .. 3	Frank Hull .. 8
Frank Smith .. 4	Charles W. Clarke .. 9
Thomas R. Hersher .. 5	Walter C. Hunt .. 10

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by C. W. Clarke.

The Worcestershire Association.

At St. Thomas's, Dudley, on February 16th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Charles Faulkes* .. 1	William Micklewright .. 6
Arthur Spittle .. 2	Samuel Spittle .. 7
Harry Mason .. 3	John Smith .. 8
William R. Small .. 4	John Goodman .. 9
Samuel Reeves .. 5	Herbert Sheppard* .. 10

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and conducted by Samuel Spittle. The above was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late William Micklewright, of Stafford, formerly one of the local ringers of this town. [* First peal.]

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Mary's, Eccles, on February 23rd, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

Samuel Greenhalgh .. 1	Frederick Derbyshire .. 5
Walter Brown .. 2	Alfred Cross .. 6
Frank Smith .. 3	Richard Ridyard (condr.) .. 7
George E. Turner .. 4	Harry Chapman .. 8

Welshpool.

At the residence of Mr. T. J. Bratton, on February 21st, J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 33 mins., on handbells retained in hand.

Thomas J. Bratton .. 1-2	James E. Groves .. 5-6
William H. Fussell .. 3-4	William Greenleaf .. 7-8

Conducted by J. E. Groves. First handbell peal in Wales. Witness: Mr. J. Tristram.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—Thomas Kilborn, for fifty years tenant of the Vicarage Farm, Wellingborough, and sidesman of the Parish Church, died on February 13th, aged seventy-seven. On February 18th, the bells sent forth in muffled tones a token of the town's respect for his memory, and a well-struck half-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (from Holt's Original) was accomplished in 1 hr. 34 mins. Geo. Turnell, 1; Thos. R. Hensher, 2; William Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; Frank Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Conducted by Thomas R. Hensher.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On February 25th, for practice, 742 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original, in 26 mins. C. H. Deer, 1; H. Green, 2; W. Truss, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; W. Humberstone, 5; F. Clements, 6; W. Langdon, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

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WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—Recently two new peals of hand-bells have been procured for the use of the ringers of the parish church of Wellingborough as a recognition of belfry duties carried out with punctuality, care, and consideration. The bells are a set of twelve, from Taylor, of Loughborough, No. 22 Size, in C, and a set of fourteen from Warner, of London, No. 18 Size in G.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.—The ring of bells in St. Peter's Church was heard again on February 18th, after having been rehung by Messrs. Shaw, Son, & Co., of Bradford, who have done their work well. A considerable amount of interest was excited by the event. The ringers themselves were well satisfied with the condition of the bells, and the listeners were equally pleased. The ringers ascended the tower at 7.30 p.m., and rang a date touch of 1897 changes, composed and conducted by

G. H. Hardy, in 1 hr. 10 mins. The ringers were:—W. Idle, 1: J. Garforth, 2; W. Ainley, 3; C. Senior, 4; I. Idle, 5: G. H. Hardy, 6; G. Taylor, 7: J. Ruddlesden, 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—A public meeting was held on February 17th, to consider the present unsatisfactory condition of the church bells, the Rev. D. M. Ross, vicar, presiding. The chairman referred to the report prepared by Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, on the state of the tower and bells, which stated that if the bells were rung in their present unsafe condition, incalculable harm would be done to the masonry of the tower. A committee to canvass the town and district for subscriptions in aid of the restoration of the All Saints' bells, was appointed. Subscriptions were announced to the amount of 102l.

NOTICE.—In order that peals may be reported without delay, conductors should send particulars to Mr. W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, immediately after the events.

THE NEWS' AND THE S.P.C.K.—The

Editor of *The News* expresses much regret that in a review in the issue of 18 December of that paper, a certain book was inadvertently said to have been published by the S.P.C.K., which the Society did not publish; and certain strictures were made on the Society for having published the work, strictures which are hereby withdrawn.

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MR. GARRARD was born at Wickham Skeith, in Suffolk, on October 8th, 1868. From the time when he was quite a lad he began to take an interest in bells, and was often to be found in the belfry of the village church, the tower of which contained a good ring of six. At the age of fourteen he came to London, but it was not until four years later that, having been introduced to



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MR. W. E. GARRARD.

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the St. James's Society, he began to study change-ringing, and, on February 5th, 1887, rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. C. Mitchell. During the past ten years he has taken part in no less than 125 peals, on eight, ten, and twelve bells, the longest being 6550 changes of Stedman Caters at All Saints', Fulham, conducted by himself. The following is a list of his achievements:—Grandsire Triples, 24 peals, of which he conducted 8; Grandsire Caters, 15 peals, of which he conducted 2; Stedman Triples, 38 peals; Stedman Caters, 19 peals, of which he conducted 3; Stedman Cinques, 2 peals; Treble Bob Major, 5 peals; Treble Bob Royal, 8 peals; Treble Bob Maximus, 4 peals; Treble Bob Major, 3 peals, of which he conducted 1; Treble Bob Royal, 1 peal; Double Norwich Major, 2 peals; and Superlative Surprise Major, 4 peals.

Among some of his most interesting performances must be mentioned a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, on June 21st, 1890; Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. Garrard, at Eye, Suffolk on December 26th, 1891; and a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, at Stowmarket, on August 24th, 1895, conducted by Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich.

On November 26th last, Mr. Garrard was one of the band of

twelve who rang a peal of Treble Bob Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, conducted by Mr. James Pettit. In this peal, which occupied 4 hours 27 minutes, Mr. W. T. Cockerill rang the tenor single-handed throughout—the first time, we believe, that such a feat has ever been accomplished.

A year ago Mr. Garrard was appointed instructor of the Bell-ringers' Guild at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, the members of which ring peals of Grandsire Triples for morning and evening service on Sundays.

Mr. Garrard is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the St. James's Society, the Waterloo Society (London), the Norwich Diocesan Association, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society (Ipswich), the Fulham Association, and the St. Mary Abbott's (Kensington) Guild. He is a welcome visitor to our church belfries, both in London and the country, and has rendered important services to the art of ringing.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

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Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on March 17th, at 8 p.m.
College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on March 15th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. John's, Wilton Rd., on March 18th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 19th.—All at 8 p.m.
Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on March 17th, at 8 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on March 19th.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow, on March 5th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs.

James Scholes 1	Emmanuel Hall 5
James Pettit 2	Samuel Hayes 6
York Green 3	Henry Springall 7
Samuel E. Joyce 4	William Davies 8

Composed by York Green, conducted by H. Springall.

Also at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on March 6th, Broom's Variation of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Samuel E. Joyce 1	Edward Wallage 5
Matthew A. Wood 2	Isaac G. Shade (conductor) 6
James Scholes 3	Ernest Clayton 7
Henry Springall 4	Charles Kennedy 8

AND at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on March 6th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 52 mins.

James Pettit 1	William Willson 7
Challis F. Winney 2	Frederick S. Bayley 8
Thomas E. Taffender .. 3	William D. Smith 9
Edwin Horrex 4	Frederick W. Thornton .. 10
Frank Buck 5	William Davies 11
Joseph Waghorn, jun. .. 6	Walter Prime 12

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The Cambridge University Guild and Ancient Society of College Youths.

At Caius College, on March 2nd, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.
 Reginald H. Whitford .. 1-2 James Rickman .. 7-8
 Rev. A. H. F. Boughey .. 3-4 F. Llewellyn Edwards .. 9-10
 George F. Woodhouse .. 5-6
 Composed by H. J. Tucker, conducted by G. F. Woodhouse.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on March 2nd, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins.
 Arthur Miller .. 1 John Miller .. 5
 Arthur L. Price .. 2 Herbert W. Newby .. 6
 William Ward .. 3 James Parker .. 7
 William J. Dell .. 4 John Howard .. 8
 Composed by J. Carter and conducted by William Ward.

The St. Martin's Guild.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on March 2nd, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5137 changes, in 3 hrs. 42 min.
 Henry Bastable (200th peal) .. 1 William Mundy .. 7
 William A. Hancock .. 2 William Short .. 8
 William H. Barber .. 3 Thomas Miller .. 9
 William Rock Small .. 4 Frederick Clayton .. 10
 Bernard Witchell .. 5 Thomas Reynolds .. 11
 Samuel Reeves .. 6 John Buffery .. 12
 Composed by the late Henry Johnson and conducted by Henry Bastable.

The Ely Diocesan Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham, on March 2nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins.
 Charles Sillitoe .. 1 William J. Nevard .. 5
 Fred. Wells .. 2 Wilby Hazel .. 6
 Ernest Ambrose .. 3 Arthur H. Osborne .. 7
 Samuel Slater .. 4 Arthur Symonds .. 8
 Composed by John Thorp and conducted by Charles Sillitoe.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Michael's, Framlingham, on March 1st, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins.
 William Wightman .. 1 Horace Howlett .. 5
 James Heffer, jun. .. 2 George Wightman .. 6
 William Flory .. 3 Albert E. Read .. 7
 John Self .. 4 Stephen Wightman, jun. .. 8
 Composed by J. Barker and conducted by George Wightman.

The Midland Counties' Association.

At All Saints', Duffield, on March 1st, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins.
 John Howe .. 1 Albert E. Thompson .. 5
 George Dawson .. 2 Benjamin Sugden .. 6
 William Hickling .. 3 A. Percival Heywood .. 7
 John Patchett .. 4 Thomas Draper .. 8
 Composed and conducted by A. Percival Heywood, Esq.
 At SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston, on February 25th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins.
 Alfred Flowers .. 1 Thomas Collinson .. 6
 John Jennings .. 2 James Jones .. 7
 Alfred T. Hyland .. 3 Thomas W. Chapman .. 8
 Charles Sparkes .. 4 John Carter .. 9
 Harry Argyle .. 5 William A. Hancox .. 10
 Composed and conducted by John Carter.

TONBRIDGE.—The tenor bell in the fine peal of the parish church, which was found to be cracked, has been recast and rehung. It weighs just over a ton. Retaining its old tone, it blends well with the rest of the peal, which is considered one of the best in Kent. The old inscription, which is preserved, is as follows:—'Pack & Chapman, of London, fecit: Rev. Harry Harrup, vicar; John Mugridge and W. Martin, churchwardens; 1774.' Below this is the inscription: 'Recast by Mears & Stainbank, 1897. Rev. C. G. Baskerville, vicar; T. E. Millidge and G. D. Warner, churchwardens.'

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St James' Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on March 22nd.
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 and St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on March 24th.
Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on March 19th.
College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on March 22nd; St. Giles',
 Cripplegate, the 23rd; Christ Church, Spitalfields, the 24th; St.
 John's, Wilton Rd., the 25th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, the
 26th.—All at about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Parish Church, Edenbridge, Kent, on March 13th, J. J.
 Parker's Variation of Washbrook's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES,
 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Joseph Waghorn, jun. 1	Walter Hawkins 5
Edward R. J. Dunk 2	Jack Preston 6
Frederick S. Bayley 3	T. Groombridge (condr.) 7
William Burkin 4	John Malyan 8

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The Kent County Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge, on March 7th, a peal of KENT
 TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Richard Jenner 1	James Wallis 5
William Steed 2	Thomas Wallis 6
James Heasman 3	Thomas Groombridge 7
John Steddy 4	Jack Preston 8

Composed by John Thorp, conducted by Jack Preston.

The Surrey Association.

At St. Giles', Ashtead, on March 6th, J. J. Parker's Six-part peal of
 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

Edward R. J. Dunk 1	George G. Schowen 5
John Wyatt 2	Arthur Dean 6
William R. Crockford 3	Henry Wilkinson (condr.) 7
Albert E. Bassett 4	William Cook 8

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, on March 10th, Holt's Ten-
 part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

Herbert Martin 1	E. P. Debenham (condr.) 5
William E. Oakley 2	William Hewitt 6
George N. Price 3	Henry G. Rowe 7
Ernest E. Huntley 4	Harry Mansfield 8

The Midland Counties' Association.

At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on March 2nd, a peal of CAMBRIDGE
 SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 34 mins.

George Pitt 1	Edward Isaac Stone 5
John Benstead 2	Arthur Wakley 6
George Pestell Burton 3	Harry Wakley 7
George Robinson 4	William Wakley 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by William Wakley.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Appleton, Berks, on March 4th, a peal of
 STEDMAN CATERS, 5247 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

Alfred White 1	Charles Hounslow 6
G. H. Phillott 2	Frederick Musty 7
Charles H. Fowler 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson 8
William T. Pates 4	James W. Washbrook 9
William Brinkworth 5	Stedman White 10

Composed and conducted by James William Washbrook.

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At St. James', Tong, on March 6th, seven 720's of MINOR—viz.,
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Frank Birks 1	William Bolland 4
George Bolland (conductor) 2	Henry Oddy 5
Edward Oddy 3	Frederick W. Hargreaves 6

Also at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on March 13th, a peal of
 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

James E. Groves 1	John Overton 6
Herbert Knight 2	Horace W. Overton 7
William G. Hall 3	Henry A. Hall 8
Robert Pickering 4	Aaron Griffiths 9
George Burrows 5	Farrington Jones 10

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The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At Wombourn, Staffordshire, on March 5th, a peal of BOB MAJOR,
 5184 changes, in 3 hrs.

Percy Sadler 1	William H. Fussell 5
Herbert Knight 2	George Burrows 6
Rowland Cartwright 3	Aaron Griffiths 7
Robert Pickering 4	James E. Groves 8

Composed by John Carter, conducted by J. E. Groves. Rung to
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At All Saints', West Bromwich, on March 13th, Thurstans' Five-
 part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins.

William Rock Small 1	Godfrey A. Martineau 5
Thomas Horton 2	William Kent 6
James George 3	Samuel Reeves (conductor) 7
William H. Godden 4	Reuben Hall 8

EARLS BARTON.—The Earls Barton Ringers, on Saturday last,
 accomplished a 720 of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, with 9 bobs, in
 25 mins. O. Chapman, 1; G. Johnson, 2; H. Line, 3; F. Jones, 4; A.
 White, 5; W. Willis (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is the first
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 H. S. Ellis, 4; J. Willshire, 5; S. E. Andrews, 6; C. T. P. Brice, 7;
 J. N. Oxborough (conductor), 8.

ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.—On March 8th, for practice, 768
 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. W. Davies (Liverpool), 1; W. Burkin, 2;
 H. Hoskins, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; I. G. Shade, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6;
 W. E. Garrard, 7; W. T. Cockerill (conductor), 8.

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 languor, headache, sickness, giddiness, a tendency to faintness, retching, and
 pain in the right side. That the lungs were weak was clearly shown by the
 shortness of breath which followed even the slightest exertion. For a year
 previously she had been getting weaker.

Advica and medicine were sent, and as a result the patient's recovery was
 both rapid and complete. In the following November, Mr. Taylor was in a
 position to report: 'I am glad to say that my daughter has been so well
 since taking your medicine, that she is able to do her work and go about with
 much greater ease and pleasure than formerly. I have every confidence in
 recommending your medicine, and do so whenever and wherever I can.'

When I called upon the Rev. J. Taylor recently, I asked him if the fore-
 going fairly represented the facts, and he told me it did, adding:

'My daughter had been very much worn down for some time previously,
 but after six months of Mr. Congreve's treatment she recovered her health
 and has remained quite well ever since.'

I saw Miss Taylor, and she corroborated this, as much by her appearance
 as her spoken testimony.

Knowing that Mr. Taylor's experience was not confined to the case of his
 own daughter, I asked him if he could call to mind the result of the treat-
 ment with regard to any other patients, and although he was much pressed
 for time, he gave me the following particulars:

'A man living near Bishop Auckland was desperately ill when I applied
 to Mr. Congreve on his behalf. He had so far recovered that at the time I
 left that town he was able to return to his work, a thing which seemed
 impossible previously. Since then I have heard a good account of him from
 his brother. In my last circuit there was a man suffering with Chronic
 Bronchitis; he had a terrible cough. He also was much benefited by Mr.
 Congreve's treatment. I haven't heard of him lately, but when I left six
 months ago, he was able to work again.'

Mr. Taylor readily acquiesced in my suggestion that I should publish this
 telling testimony of his, in the hope that others may take advantage of the
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RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—The six bells in the church of St. Peter, Raunds, having got into a very unsafe condition, the parishioners have called in Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, and, acting on their advice, have decided to rehang them in modern style. Mr. J. K. Smith, one of the churchwardens, has kindly offered to give two new trebles to complete the octave. A few years ago the same gentleman presented a very beautiful organ to Raunds Church.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—It is proposed to add two trebles to the ring of six in the Church of St. Mary, Finedon. One will be in commemoration of the jubilee of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Paul (who succeeded his father in the living in the year 1846), and the other in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The six old bells were all recast seventy-two years ago by Taylor, of Loughborough, the tenor being again recast and increased in weight from 19 cwt. to 23 cwt. in the year 1875. The order for the two new trebles has been given to the same firm. The Vicar of Finedon is an hon. member of

the Central Northamptonshire Association, having been one of its hearty supporters from the first. His ringers are also members, and accomplished their first 5000 on November 5th, 1895.

BATH ABBEY BELLS.—These bells are to be rehung and placed in proper order. For some years they have been rung with great difficulty, and the tenor has been out of position and useless. An anonymous donor has given 100l. to the cost, and the Mayor (Mr. G. Woodiwiss) has promised another 100l., so that little more will have to be raised.

TAUNTON.—At a meeting of the parishioners of St. James's, held under the presidency of the Vicar (the Rev. Godfrey Kingdon), it was decided to complete the peal of bells in the tower of the parish church as a memorial of the Queen's long reign.

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DEATHS.

COLE.—At Beetham Vicarage, Milnthorpe, the Rev. George William Cole, B.A., Vicar, aged 54.
EDWARDS.—On March 11th, at Llandeud, Caerleon, the Rev. Canon H. Powell Edwards, aged 70.
HAMMOND.—On March 10th, at Chilton House, the Rev. Egerton Douglas Hammond, formerly Rector of Sundridge, aged 74.
JOY.—On March 4th, at Hamay, Wantage, the Rev. C. A. Joy, aged 72.
LUCAS.—On March 10th, at Bournemouth, the Rev. Charles J. Lucas, for thirty-six years Rector of Burgh St. Margaret's, Norfolk, aged 74.
MEYER.—On March 14th, at Brighton, the Rev. Horace Meyer, M.A., lately Vicar of Christ Church, Clifton, aged 68.
WOODHOUSE.—On March 8th, at Weston-super-Mare, the Rev. Walter Webb Woodhouse, M.A., twenty-five years Rector of St. Helen's and St. Clement's, Ipswich, aged 63.

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Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on March 31st, at 8 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on April 2nd.

Shoreham Church Bells.

At New Shoreham Church, on February 14th, the Bishop of Chichester dedicated two new bells, given respectively by Mr. Dyer Edwardes and Mr. J. Ellman Brown, in order to complete the ring of eight, and also instituted the Vicar of New Shoreham (the Rev. C. M. A. Tower) into the living of Old Shoreham. The bells are inscribed:—

The Lighter Bell.—'To the Glory of God, and in ever loving memory of John Brown, born at Shoreham, obit February 14th, 1871, aetate 76, this bell is given by his son, John Ellman Brown, also a native of Shoreham, 3rd November, 1896.'

The Heavier Bell.—'A.M.D.G. et in piam memoriam Thomae Dyer Edwardes, qui multis beneficiis hanc ecclesiam ornavit, unicus ejus filius fecit fieri in Octavis Omnium Sanctorum, A.D. MDCCCXCVI.'

The translation of the latter is:—'To the greater glory of God and in pious memory of Thomas Dyer Edwardes, a great benefactor of this church, this bell was given by his only son in the Octave of All Saints, 1896.'

The ringers of St. Peter's, Brighton, rang several touches after the service.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, on March 20th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 hrs.

Henry R. Newton .. 1	Henry S. Ellis .. 5
Arthur G. Ellis .. 2	Joseph Fayers .. 6
Frank Buck .. 3	Samuel E. Andrews .. 7
Charles T. P. Brice .. 4	John N. Oxborrow .. 8

Composed by Yorke Green, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow.

At St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on March 23rd, on the occasion of the service of induction of the Rev. S. E. Pennefather to the Vicarage, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins.

Edwin Horrex .. 1	William E. Garrard .. 6
Henry R. Newton .. 2	Frank Buck .. 7
Joseph Waghorn, jun. .. 3	Charles T. P. Brice .. 8
Frederick S. Bayley .. 4	William T. Cockerill .. 9
James W. Driver .. 5	William Fox .. 10

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, conducted by W. E. Garrard.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Kent County Association.

At St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on March 19th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins.

Herbert J. Skelt .. 1	Frederick S. Bayley .. 5
Harry Hoskins .. 2	Walter Ingham .. 6
Isaac G. Shade .. 3	Joseph Waghorn, jun. .. 7
William Foreman .. 4	Frederick W. Thornton .. 8

Composed by John Cox, conducted by F. S. Bayley.

ALSO at St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on March 20th, after an unsuccessful attempt at a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 38 mins. H. Hill, 1; H. J. Skelt, 2; H. Hoskins, 3; I. G. Shade (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Foreman, 6; J. C. Harvey, 7; F. W. Thornton, 8.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Peter's, Horbury, Yorks, on March 14th, seven 720's of TREBLE BOB MINOR—viz., LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE, CITY

DELIGHT, ARNOLD'S VICTORY, COLLEGE PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK, VIOLET, and OXFORD, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

George Horner .. 1	Herbert Rowley (condr.) .. 4
Eli Brooke .. 2	George F. Pickles .. 5
George Hunt .. 3	Robert Thickett .. 6

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

At Holy Trinity Church, Staleybridge, on March 14th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

Thomas Taylor .. 1	Samuel Hill .. 5
Thomas Wroe .. 2	Abel Fielding .. 6
Philip W. Davies .. 3	James Adams .. 7
Samuel Booth .. 4	Samuel Wood .. 8

Composed and conducted by Samuel Wood.

AND at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on March 15th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5059 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins.

Edward S. Morgan .. 1	Frank Brown .. 7
Phillip W. Davies .. 2	Samuel Booth .. 8
Benjamin Thorpe .. 3	Harry Chapman .. 9
Thomas Wroe .. 4	Alfred Cross .. 10
George Turner .. 5	Samuel Wood .. 11
William Pyle .. 6	Albert Adams .. 12

Composed and conducted by Samuel Wood.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. Thomas's, Dudley, on March 15th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins.

Richard Round .. 1	John Smith .. 5
William Talbot .. 2	William Micklewright .. 6
John William Smith .. 3	Samuel Spittle .. 7
Edward Hampton .. 4	John Goodman .. 8

Composed by John Reeves and conducted by S. Spittle.

The Lancashire Association.

At Saviour's, Bacup, on March 16th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

John Shepherd .. 1	James B. Taylor .. 5
John A. Brown .. 2	Joseph Sutcliffe .. 6
Arthur W. Whitworth .. 3	William Ashworth .. 7
James T. Standring .. 4	Wilfrid Law .. 8

Composed by J. Nicholl and conducted by John Shepherd.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on March 20th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 7019 changes, in 4 hrs. 18 mins.

Farrington Jones .. 1	Henry Dawkes .. 6
Henry A. Hall .. 2	Herbert Knight .. 7
William G. Hall .. 3	Aaron Griffiths .. 8
George Burrows .. 4	James E. Groves .. 9
Robert Pickering .. 5	Isaac Purser* .. 10

Composed and conducted by James E. Groves.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Nellie, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Henry Roden, of Penn, to Mr. T. Marshall, of Southport. [*First peal of CATERS.]

For the past few weeks the quarter chimes of Canterbury Cathedral have been missed, as the ten bells in the south-west tower are being rehung. The old bell-frame will be replaced by one of improved construction, and other improvements effected (including quarter-turning of the bells), and it is hoped the bells will be heard again in about two months. The work is being carried out by Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury.

RYE, SUSSEX.—The committee appointed to carry out the rehanging and repairing of the bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary have accepted the tender of Taylor & Co., Loughborough, the entire work to be finished by May 24th, so that the bells may be used for the Diamond Jubilee.

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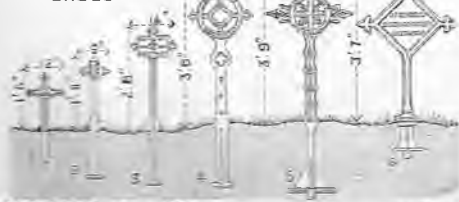
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Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on April 2nd.

College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on April 5th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, the 6th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, the 7th; St. John's, Wilton Rd., the 8th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, the 9th.—All at about 8 p.m.

The Bells of Rothwell, Northants.

It is intended that the bells of Holy Trinity, Rothwell, shall be re-hung and various belfry improvements made as soon as possible. The church (one of the most interesting in Northamptonshire) is now undergoing restoration. The bells would make a grand octave were two trebles added. The following are the inscriptions:—

(1) 'Cantate Domino Canticum Novum Henricus Bagley Me Fecit 1682.' Under which is inscribed, 'Edward Hill Esq. 1682.' (Diam. 32 in.)

(2) 'Henry Bagley Made Me 1682.' (Diam. 35 in.)

(3) 'William Stephens and Thomas Driver Chvrchwardens. Mathew Bagley Made Me 1682.' (Diam. 38 in.)

(4) 'J. Taylor & Son Founders Loughborough 1860.' (Diam. 40 in.)

(5) 'Ihs Nazarene Rex Iudeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei Gloria Patri Filio Et Spiritui Sancto. T. Eayre Kettering 1726.' (Diam. 44 in.)

(6) 'J. Taylor & Son Founders Loughborough 1857.' (Diam. 49½ in. Weight, 22 cwt.)

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, on March 23rd, a variation of Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins.

Harry Weston	1	Charles Smart	5
Frank Bennett	2	Alfred J. Turner	6
George Baker	3	John S. Goldsmith	7
Geo. Williams (conductor)	4	Keith Hart	8

Also at St. Peter's, Henfield, on March 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes in 3 hrs.

Henry Stringer	1	George Payne	5
William Hillman	2	William John Alliss	6
Lazarus Payne	3	Alfred W. Groves	7
George Gatland	4	Charles Tyler	8

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by Charles Tyler.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley, on March 28th, Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins.

F. W. Rice	1	Keith Hart	5
G. Parce	2	J. Rice	6
J. R. Sharman	3	Geo. Williams (conductor)	7
W. Steed*	4	R. Jordan	8

*First peal of STEDMAN. Comes from Tonbridge.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Church of St. John-at-Hackney, on March 27th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins.

William D. Smith	1	James Willshire	5
John N. Oxborrow	2	Samuel E. Andrews	6
Frank Buck	3	Charles T. B. Brice	7
Henry S. Ellis	4	Henry R. Newton	8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow and conducted by Charles T. P. Brice.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on March 20th, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

Harold N. Davis	1	Harry Barton	6
William Truss	2	Walter C. Hasted	7
Arthur Hardy	3	Arthur J. Neale	8
Frederick G. Perrin	4	William H. Barber	9
Victor W. West	5	James George	10

Composed by John Carter and conducted by Wm. H. Barber.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on March 27th, a peal of GRAND-SIRE CATERS, 5147 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

William G. Hall	1	Thomas Perry*	6
Alfred Moreton*	2	James E. Groves	7
George Burrows	3	William Bennett*	8
Benjamin Dalton	4	Aaron Griffiths	9
Robert Pickering	5	Herbert Knight	10

Composed by John Carter and conducted by J. E. Groves. *First peal of CATERS.]

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Advice and medicine were sent, on the application of Rev. J. W. Johnston, the Wesleyan minister at Castlederg; and from the first improvement was reported, although during a spell of cold weather a slight relapse took place. On May 27th the patient writes that he feels 'another man entirely,' and 'my health has been all that I could wish.' On August 11th, writing on behalf of another sufferer, he speaks of 'having derived great benefit' from the treatment.

Castlederg is a very inaccessible place, but I found Mr. Johnston at Dalkey, and, having told him my business, he said:

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The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, on March 18th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

James Houghton, sen.	1	James Garratt	5
John B. Martin	2	James Houghton, jun.	6
William Pettitt	3	Alfred H. Martin	7
Alphæus Perkins	4	Anderson Tyler	8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by Anderson Tyler.

This peal was taken from the Central Council Peal Appendix for 1895. This is the first peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR ever rung in Northamptonshire, and the first by the Association, also the first by all the band, and was rung at the second attempt. The band only met three times to practise the method previous to attempting the

peal, the first time ringing 224, the second 672, then a 928, and it was determined to go for the peal on March 6th, when, after ringing 4000 changes, the conductor called 'Stand,' owing to a miscall. Another start was made on the 18th, when a grand peal was rung, the bells running round splendidly in 3 hrs. 1 min. It is a noteworthy fact that the ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and tenor did not know what change-ringing meant three years ago.

PLYMOUTH.—The ten bells of St. Andrew's Parish Church were, on February 17th, rung for the first time after being rehung by Messrs. Warner & Sons, of London.

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VIII.—MR. E. HORREX.

MR. EDWIN HORREX was born at Ipswich on February 28th, 1838. As a boy he had a great love for bells, and when fifteen years old became a regular chimer at St. Margaret's, Ipswich. Here, too, he learnt to ring a bell, and three years later he was admitted to the Society of St. Mary-le-Tower, where, under the tuition of the late Mr. W. Garrard and others, he made good



MR. E. HORREX.

progress as a change-ringer. Removing to London in 1863, he became known to the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, meeting them at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and was elected a member, ringing his first peal, 5079 Stedman Caters, at St. James's, Bermondsey, on November 28th, 1863, with that Society. Since this date, the name of E. Horrex has been continuously before the eyes of the ringing world, he having taken part in peals of great merit, not only as a College Youth, but also with the Yorkshire, Norwich, and Durham Associations, and the St. James's and Waterloo Societies.

The following is a list of peals in which Mr. Horrex has taken part up to March 31st, 1897:—Grandsire Triples, 31 (two on hand-bells); Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 14; Stedman Triples, 31; Stedman Caters, 36; Stedman Cinques, 30; Kent Treble Bob Major, 36; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 22; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 14; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 7; Double Norwich Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; total, 228.

Of these performances, the most notable are:—8448 Kent Treble Bob Major at Christ Church, Spitalfields; 8896 Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Stephen's, Westminster; 8896 and 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major, both at St. Matthew's, Bethnal

Green; 6666 and 11,111 Stedman Caters, both at All Saints', Fulham.

Mr. Horrex has rung the tenors at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, to peals of Maximus, and in the three peals so far accomplished at St. Paul's Cathedral, he rang the 10th, 11th, and 9th bells respectively. Everybody knows that to accomplish such a record of performances as the above, many failures must also have been experienced, his greatest disappointment being 7 hrs. 35 mins. at Stedman Cinques, on the 11th bell, on Whit Monday, 1887, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, a very few changes being wanted to lead to that welcome call, 'That's all.'

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on April 14th.

College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on April 12th; St. Mary Mattfelon, Whitechapel, on April 14th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. John's, Wilton Rd., on April 15th.—All at 8 p.m.

Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on April 14th, at 8 p.m.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association, which will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, April 19th, 1897, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Dean has kindly consented to preside. The Cathedral tower will be open for ringing after evensong, 5 p.m. The towers also of St. John's and St. Nicholas's, six bells, will be open during the day for ringing.

The Herts Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at St. Alban's on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine service at the Cathedral at 5 o'clock; address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45; business meeting to follow.

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- (4.) 'Edwd. Weaver and Fra. Greatbach, churchwardens, 1724.' 6 cwt.
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- (6.) 'I to the church the living call, And to the grave do summon all. 1724.' 10 cwt.

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 400.)

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the residence of Mr. Whight, St. Ann's Road, Barking, Essex. on March 30th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 34 mins.

Caleb Fenn ..	1-2	Thomas Faulkner ..	5-6
Rowland Fenn ..	3-4	York Green ..	7-8

Composed by York Green, conducted by T. Faulkner. Umpire, Mr A. Whight.

Also at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Idol Lane, City, on April 3rd, as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Scholes, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins.

James Scholes ..	1	Emanuel Hall ..	5
Henry Springall ..	2	Ernest Clayton ..	6
William Truss ..	3	William T. Cockerill ..	7
Edward Wallage ..	4	Edward P. O'Meara ..	8

Composed by the late John Cox, conducted by Harry Springall. The first peal ever accomplished in the TREBLE BOB method was rung at this church by the Union Scholars on December 27th, 1718.

The St. James's Society.

At All Saints', Isleworth, on April 3rd. Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

Horace W. Cotton ..	1	Frederick Goddard ..	5
Henry J. Walsom ..	2	William Fox ..	6
William E. Judd ..	3	George A. Ransom ..	7
Wm. E. Garrard (condr.) ..	4	Thomas Beadle ..	8

The Waterloo Society.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, on April 3rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 min.

Henry Barton ..	1	William Bedwell ..	5
E. H. Nixon ..	2	Harold N. Davis ..	6
Frederick G. Perrin ..	3	Arthur W. Brighton ..	7
W. H. Smith ..	4	Frederick J. Pitts ..	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, conducted by W. Bedwell.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on March 30th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 changes, in 3 hrs. 36 mins.

Charles E. Borrett ..	1	Albert G. Warnes ..	6
Robert Christian ..	2	George Howchin ..	7
Robert D. Tooley ..	3	Frederick H. Knights ..	8
J. Armiger Trollope ..	4	Frederick Day ..	9
Thomas R. Tooley ..	5	Frederick J. Howchin ..	10

Composed by Arthur Hubbard and conducted by Charles E. Borrett.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, on March 30th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

Charles Tyler ..	1	William Hillman ..	5
Henry Stringer ..	2	George Payne ..	6
William John Alliss ..	3	Alfred W. Groves (condr.) ..	7
Lazarus Payne ..	4	Arthur Hodges ..	8

At Brighton, on March 18th, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, 2 Grove Street, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 16 mins.

Frank Bennett ..	1-2	Keith Hart ..	5-6
George Williams ..	3-4	Harry Weston ..	7-8

Conducted by George Williams. Umpire, Mrs. George Williams.

The above are all members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and Winchester Diocesan Guild, and it is the first peal on handbells by four members of the latter Society.

Also at Brighton, on March 31st, at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, 2 Grove Street, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 14 mins.

Mrs. George Williams ..	1-2	Keith Hart ..	5-6
George Williams ..	3-4	Harry Weston ..	7-8

Conducted by George Williams. Umpire, V. Scardiffeld.

The above are all members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and it is the first peal by either Society in which a lady has taken part.

ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.—On April 5th, for practice, 1120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. H. Hoskins, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; F. S. Bayley, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Burkin, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; W. T. Cockerill (conductor), 8. Also touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN CATERS, in which Messrs. Langdon, Winney, Weatherston, Truss, O'Meara, Brighton, Taffender, Coombe, and Webber took part.

ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE.—On April 1st, for practice, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. A. Dirt, 1; H. Hoskins, 2; W. Truss, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; W. T. Cockerill, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. Also a touch of STEDMAN CATERS, and a course of DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, in which Messrs. Burkin, Bradley, Passmore, and Taffender took part.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On March 25th, for practice, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holt's Original, in 26 min. W. H. Smith, 1; W. Truss, 2; H. Green, 3; W. Langdon, 2; F. H. Taffender (conductor), 5; F. Clements, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; W. Cobbett, 8.

ALL HALLOWS BARKING, E.C.—On March 18th, in an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 2176 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Scholes, 1; S. E. Joyce, 2; E. Wallage, 3; E. P. O'Meara, 4; W. Truss (twenty-first birthday), 5; H. Springall (conductor), 6; E. Clayton, 7; E. Hall, 8.

THE bells of East Farndon, near Market Harborough, are undergoing restoration at the hands of Messrs. Bownell, of Ipswich, and are to be increased to five by the addition of a new tenor.

RESTORATIONS are also contemplated at St. George's, Gravesend, and St. Michael's, Middlesbrough.

STAPLE FITZPAINE, SOMERSET.—The bells of the parish church, some of which are very ancient, are to be thoroughly restored. The beams under the bell-cage, which are much decayed, will be replaced with new of English oak. The bell-cage will be strengthened with bolts, &c., and the bells rebung with all new fittings of the best make. The whole of the work is entrusted to Mr. T. Doble, church bell-hanger, Taunton.

TOTNES CHURCH BELLS.—The fourth bell of this fine peal, which has been recast by Messrs. Warner, of London, at the expense of the Mayor of Totnes, was lately received at Totnes, and conveyed from the station to the churchyard, where it was inspected by a large number of persons. The bell bears two inscriptions. One announces that the bell was cast by A. Ruddall in 1732, James Teape, Mayor, Richd. Vavasor, churchwarden. The other inscription is as follows:—'Recasting the gift of Thomas Crensea Kellock, Mayor, 1897. God save the Queen.'

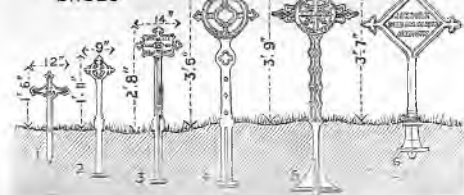
ROBERT SHARP, for twenty-nine years a member of the choir of Wilbye Church, and for eighteen years one of the ringers, recently died, aged thirty-five. On the evening of the funeral a muffled peal was rung on the four heaviest bells, Mr. Sharp's bell (the new treble) being left silent. The whole peal of five were chimed muffled for the services on the Sunday after his death. Robert Sharp was a member of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers, and a competent handbell-player. As a ringer his characteristic was careful striking, in which particular he set a good example to many a more ambitious change-ringer.

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VICTORIA REGINA. Words by Miss Birrell, music by Dr. Chas. Vincent. Miss Birrell's hymn of five verses is of a much higher standard than many of the sets of 'words' of this class just now appearing, and the tune (for four voices) is well adapted to its expression.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on April 20th, and St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on April 21st.

College Youths: at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on April 20th: Christ Church, Spitalfields, the 21st; St. John's, Wilton Rd., the 22nd; St. Stephen's, Westminster, the 23rd.—All at about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

TWELVE members of this Society will attempt to ring a peal of 10,000 **STEDMAN CINQUES** at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th inst. Meeting-time, two p.m.

Australian Bells.

A PEAL of eight bells has been presented to St. John's Church, Camden, in the diocese of Sydney. The inscriptions are as follow:—

- No. 8. 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye angelic host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.'
- No. 7. 'For peaceful homes and healthful days,
For all the blessings earth displays,
We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,
Giver of all.'
- No. 6.—'Emily Susan and Alexander Norman, children of Arthur and Elizabeth Onslow.
'Blest angels, whilst we silent lie,
You Hallelujahs sing on high.'
- No. 5.—'Arthur Alexander Walton Onslow.
'Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of God.'
- No. 4.—'Arthur Pooley and Rosa Onslow.
'Content to fill a little space if Thou be glorified.'
- No. 3.—'James and Emily Macarthur.
'Whose faith and works were bells of full accord.'
- No. 2.—'Edward, Elizabeth, John, Mary, William, and Emmeline, children of John and Elizabeth Macarthur.
'They have but left our weary ways,
To live in memory here,
In Heaven by love and praise.'
- No. 1.—'John and Elizabeth Macarthur.
'Te Deum Laudamus.'

The Herts Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at St. Alban's on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine service at the Cathedral at 5 o'clock; address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45; business meeting to follow.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on April 10th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE** BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins.

James Scholes 1	Henry Springall 6
James Pettit 2	Emmanuel Hall 7
Arthur W. Barkus 3	Ernest Clayton* 8
Samuel E. Joyce 4	Samuel Hayes 9
Joseph Waghorn, jun.* .. 5	William T. Cockerill .. 10

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, conducted by H. Springall.
[*First peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL.]

The Royal Cumberland Youths.

AT Christ Church, Southgate, on April 3rd, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE** SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins.

Henry Stubbs 1	Albert Pittam 5
Henry Wood 2	Arthur Jacob 6
Arthur Preece 3	James Parker (conductor) 7
William Ward 4	Fredk. Dench (composer) 8

The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

AT St. Mary's, Stoke-on-Trent, on April 6th, seven 720's of **SURPRISE MINOR**, viz., LONDON, CHESTER, YORK, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, BRISTOL, and WORCESTER (non-conducted), in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

George Clarkson 1	Charles Preston 5
William Wheeldon 2	Daniel Preston 6
John E. Wheeldon 3	William Twigg 8

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

AT St. Mary's, Stafford, on April 3rd, a peal of **GRANDSIRE CATERS**, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 min.

William Bennett 1	Alfred Moreton 6
Thomas Perry 2	Herbert Knight 7
Robert Pickering 3	Aaron Griffiths 8
Robert Grant 4	James E. Groves 9
Thomas Guest 5	Thomas Thompson .. 10

Composed by John Carter, conducted by J. E. Groves.

ST. MARY'S, CARMARTHEN, AND THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.—On a recent Sunday evening, the popular Vicar, the Rev. D. W. Jenkins, preached an impressive sermon to a large congregation on the subject of church bells. He gave an account of the six bells in St. Mary's tower, one of which was presented to the church in the year 1645—the same year as the beautiful chalice of the communion set which was presented to the church, bearing this inscription:—'Presented to St. Mary's Church by Colonel John Poyer, defender of the town and castle of Pembroke.' It is just possible that the bell which bears the same date was given by the same donor. The Vicar also said that they, as Church people, intended to celebrate our gracious Queen's reign by having the bells rehung, and one of them, which was broken, cast afresh. This would cost 140l., and if the money was forthcoming they would like to have to have two new bells, so as to make up the full peal of eight. Several people had promised subscriptions, and one of the first to do so was a leading Nonconformist in the town. He hoped the Church people would all do their best to have the bells ringing on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee day. [We learn that since the above was written the bells have been ordered.]

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DO YOU PRAY? a word to Boys, by Charles F. Harford-Battersby, principal of Livingstone College (*Home Words* Office. 9d.), is a useful and well-considered little book.

AMONG smaller pamphlets received are:—(a) *WHETHER OF THE TWIN; OR, THE MAN OF THE WORLD AND THE MAN OF GOD—WHICH IS THE MORE ATTRACTIVE CHARACTER?* By the Rev. J. W. Worden, Liverpool.—(b) *SOME MODERN VIEWS OF ZOROASTRIANISM EXAMINED IN THE LIGHT OF CHRISTIANITY.* By Rev. M. Kaufmann, author of *Socialism and Christianity*. (Religious Tract Society).—(c) *GODPARENTS AT CONFIRMATION.* By Rev. Alfred Salt, LL.D. With a Preface by the late Bishop Fraser, of Manchester. (S.P.C.K.).—(d) *THE ATHANASIAN CREED.* By Rev. Canon Gore, D.D. No. XXII., 'Oxford House Papers.' (Longmans, 3d.).—(e) *OUTLINES OF CONFIRMATION LECTURES.* By Rev. Arthur J. Robinson. (Elliot Stock, 2d.).—(f) *LAY WORKERS AND THEIR TRAINING.* By Rev. E. C. Unmack. (Elliot Stock, 4d.).—(g) *IS INFANT BAPTISM SCRIPTURAL?* By Rev. T. S. Hall, B.D. (Elliot Stock, 2d.).

TWO booklets follow:—(a) *A SERMON IN A CHILDREN'S WARD.* By the Bishop of Wakefield. (S.P.C.K.).—One of those sweet utterances of truth in song for which Bishop Walsham How is so well known to Churchmen.—(b) *THE GOSPEL OF SONG.* By the Rev. W. C. Bullock. (*Home Words* Office. 6d.). Consisting of two parts: (1) 'Christian Hymnody'; (2) 'The Power of Hymnody, and its Influence among Men.' Both booklets will make suitable gifts by post.

RECEIVED ALSO:—*THE ATHANASIAN CREED: its Damnatory Clauses; ELMERANE'S TREACHERY* (Heywood. 1d.).

Magazines.

THE *WINDSOR MAGAZINE* continues Mr. Hall Caine's story 'The Christian,' and gives a painful picture of the struggles of the heroine to find her vocation. The more solid contents include 'A Talk with Timothy Cole, the Engraver,' 'Life in a Coal Mine,' 'John Bull's Balance-sheet,' and 'Egypt of To-day,' all of which, and especially the last, are full of interest. The fiction—'seven splendid stories'—includes the first part of a powerful story, 'The League of the Aigrette'—a terrible secret society, and a very amusing but rather improbable little sketch, 'A Slight Mistake.' The magazine is excellently illustrated.

THE *REVIEW OF REVIEWS* has a large frontispiece, showing the unveiling of the statue of the Emperor William I. at Berlin. The fourth of the series of studies of the sovereign and the reign deals with 'The Queen as Head of the Church.' While adopting a somewhat Erastian tone, the writer gives some very interesting anecdotes, including various equally interesting conjectures, as to the appointments of some of the Bishops. Much of the information is gleaned from Bishop Davidson's *Life of Archbishop Tait*, while Sir Theodore Martin's *Life of the Prince Consort*, and the *Life of Bishop Willerforce*, are also brought into requisition. The article is illustrated by a number of charming portraits of Her Majesty. 'The Great Jubilee, and How to Celebrate it,' is naturally 'The Topic of the Month.' 'The Book of the Month' is the *Life of Professor Jowett*, under the title of 'The Gospel of St. Jowett.' Many of the Master of Balliol's witicisms and caustic utterances are reproduced.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on April 28th.

College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on April 26th; St. Mary, Matfelon, Whitechapel, on April 28th; St. John's, Wilton Rd., on April 29th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, April 30th.—All at 8 p.m.

Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on April 28th, at 8 p.m.

Reopening of Totnes Parish Church Bells.

WHEN the history of this eventful year is written, it will have to be placed on record that the Church people of Totnes, by a united effort, completed the last stage of the restoration of their fine old Parish Church. For a period closely approaching thirty years, the Vicars of Totnes, and principally the late Rev. J. W. Burrough, have shown great activity and energy in the work, and have been backed up with characteristic zeal by the townspeople, in restoring to a perfect state one of the most interesting ecclesiastical edifices in the county, which had unfortunately in many respects fallen into a state of decay. For so small a parish the undertaking was a gigantic one, but in the course of years a steady effort has resulted in about 15,000% being raised, and the outcome has been that, externally and internally, the sacred edifice has now been brought into perfect preservation and order, and its state is somewhat similar to what it presented in its original form. The successful effort last year, when the church organ was renovated, and removed into the chancel, was such a decided improvement, that attention was at once directed to the bells, which are not only the oldest, but one of the sweetest peals in the county. The work became necessary,

as owing to natural decay, their supports had been so rotten that it was considered unsafe to ring them. At a meeting held in October, the feeling of the parish was strikingly manifested, and on a determination being arrived at to restore and rehang them, 79% was at once promised, and an energetic committee appointed, consisting of the Vicar (Rev. T. H. Elliott), the churchwardens, sidesmen, and a few representative Church people, both ladies and gentlemen, who worked so energetically that on the day of the reopening they were able to listen to the joyful notes of the peal, with the knowledge that sufficient funds had been raised to pay for the whole of the work, which cost about 240%. The alterations have been somewhat extensive. The old wooden cage and beams have been removed, and the set of eight bells have been suspended in an iron cage, constructed on modern principles, and rehung with new head-stocks supplied with oak wheels, and entirely new fittings and ropes. The treble, second, third, and seventh bells have been quarter-turned. New clappers have also been supplied. All the bells were in perfect condition except the fourth, which was found to be cracked. This bell has been recast at the expense of the Mayor (Mr. T. C. Kellock), who, by a curious coincidence, is now occupying the civic chair for the fourth time. On the old fourth bell was the inscription, 'A.R., 1732. James Teape, Esq., Mayor, and Richard Vavasor, kt., churchwardens.' This has been again inscribed on the new bell, with the addition of the words, 'Recasting, the gift of Thomas Creaser Kellock, Mayor, 1897. God save the Queen.' The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, of Cripplegate, London.

After the dedication service, the local ringers first of all rang out a muffled peal to the memory of Mr. Frederick Kellock, the late parish warden for thirty years, and they were followed by the Plymouth and Devonport band of the Devonshire Guild, who gave an exhibition of scientific change-ringing, performing touches of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* in very creditable style. All spoke in the highest terms of praise of the manner in which the work had been executed, and the sweet tone of the bells was the subject of general favourable comment. It may be mentioned that the tenor (in D) weighs 27 cwt., and this, as well as the seventh, formerly required the attention of two ringers, but the hanging is so perfect that either can be rung by one man.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, on April 10th, a peal of *DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR*, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Edwin Rapley* 1	John S. Goldsmith 5
John Smart* 2	George Gatland 5
Frank Bennett 3	Harry Weston 7
Charles Smart 4	George Williams 8

Composed and conducted by George Williams. [* First peal of *DOUBLE NORWICH*.]

Also, at St. Margaret's, Warnham, on April 10th, Holt's Original peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

Walter Charman 1	Frank Knight (conductor) .. 5
Arthur Charman 2	James Garman 6
William Hooker 3	John Cook 7
Henry Burstow 4	William Stanford 8

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, on April 10th, a peal of *LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR*, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

Harry Simmonds 1	Joseph Hands 5
Albert Cullum 2	George Essex 6
Edwin J. Menday 3	Harry W. Smith 7
Ernest W. Menday 4	Thomas Newman 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, of Lincoln, and conducted by Thomas Newman.

The Chester Diocesan Guild and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

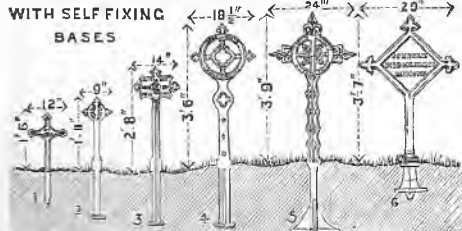
At St. George's, Heaviley, Stockport, on April 10th, a peal of *GRANDSIRE CATERPS*, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins.

James Booth 1	Thomas Marshall 6
William Walmsley 2	John W. Bayley 7
George E. Turner 3	Andrew Sidebottom 8
Samuel Booth 4	Samuel Wood 9
Harry Chapman 5	Alfred Cross 10

Composed and conducted by Samuel Wood. This is the first ten-bell peal on this grand ring of bells, which were cast by Mears & Stainbank.

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Magazines.

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THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE contains a number of capital short stories; continues Mr. Clark Russell's admirable series of 'Pictures from the Life of Nelson'; and has interesting articles on 'Curious Wills of Curious People,' 'St. George's, Hanover Square,' and the 'Spanish Embassy in London.'

THE TEMPLE MAGAZINE give an attractive description of the making and laying of an Atlantic Cable. The extraordinary care taken and precautions adopted will be new, we fancy, to most people.

THE WOMAN AT HOME illustrates, with a wealth of charming portraits, an account inscribed 'The Queen's Friends,' under which comprehensive and flattering title we read of the early life and later years of two of Her Majesty's bridesmaids, and her erstwhile Mistress of the Robes, the late Duchess of Buccleugh, all of whom enjoyed the privilege of their sovereign's personal friendship. There is much else of interest in this number.

THE LEISURE HOUR has a charming frontispiece of Sir Joshua Reynolds' 'Penelope Boothby,' and also an article on the same great artist as a painter of children.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME contains as a salient feature fifty-four portraits and an article on 'Representative Missionaries of the Nineteenth Century,' 'A Day on Vesuvius,' 'Handwriting of Famous Divines,' and a great deal besides.

THE BOY'S OWN PAPER is ever excellent, as is also, in its feminine way, the GIRL'S OWN PAPER for May.

THE ECONOMIC REVIEW is possessed of varied articles, amongst them being a comprehensive description of the 'Municipal Charities of Oxford.'

SUNDAY HOURS is noticeable for the multiplicity of its contents and its many illustrations. Essentially a good number.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE for April has an able description of 'The Ancient Monuments,' by the Rev. E. Treble, and several other useful contributions.

RECEIVED ALSO: THE CHURCH MONTHLY (as usual an excellent and attractive number); THE YOUNG WOMAN (which contains a somewhat startling account of the life of two London girls in a Persian Harem); THE BOY'S SUNDAY MONTHLY, THE YOUNG MAN, FRIENDLY GREETINGS, MUSICAL LIFE, THE ORGANIST, GOODWILL, THE MUSICAL HOME, THE MUSICAL TIMES, GOLDEN SUNBEAMS (most artistically got up); THE SHAKESPEARIAN, ROCHESTER DIOCESAN CHRONICLE, THE HOME MESSENGER, and MARCUS WARD'S MAGAZINE.

ONE of the most pleasing of the many portraits, which are already in circulation or preparation, of Her Majesty the Queen, is the chromo-lithograph just produced by Messrs. Forman & Sons. It has been executed in oils from a photograph by Gunn & Stewart, and is issued at 2s. 6d.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on April 30th.

St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 3rd.

Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on May 4th, and St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on May 5th.

College Youths: at St. Mary, Bow, E., May 3rd; St. Paul's Cathedral, May 4th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, the 5th; St. John's, Wilton Rd., the 6th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, the 7th.—All at about 8 p.m.

Annual Meeting at St. Albans.

EASTER Monday is always a great day with the members of the Hertford County Association of Change-ringers, but this year all previous attendances were eclipsed, and, moreover, the proceedings were honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of the diocese, who was not only present at the service at the Cathedral, but also at the business meeting, at which a presentation was made to Mr. E. P. Debenham on the occasion of his marriage, and in recognition of the valuable and long-continued services he has rendered to the Association. The members assembled early in the afternoon at the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's, and, after bell-ringing in various methods had been indulged in, evensong at the Cathedral was attended. The Bishop of St. Albans, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, the Revs. G. H. P. Glossop, P. Deedes, and T. T. Blockley were the surpliced clergy present. Previous to the singing of the Easter hymn, the Ven. Archdeacon gave a short address. After the service the members adjourned to the Town Hall, where they partook of a substantial meat tea.

The Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, who took the chair, said that, before they proceeded to the usual business, he had had a pleasant duty entrusted to him by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, viz., to give to their old and esteemed friend, who had been so long connected with this Association—he referred to Mr. E. P. Debenham—some recognition of their joy at hearing of an approaching happy event, in which he was to take a very considerable and very important part. Proceeding, the Archdeacon said: 'I have to give him, in your name, a very handsome wedding present, consisting of a marble timepiece, with an illuminated

address that has been signed by eighty-eight persons. It is especially interesting, I am sure, to think of—that Mr. Debenham, who has been so long and so successfully connected with the art of change-ringing, has at last fallen in love with a "bell(e)" (laughter). Not only that, but he is also going to ring her. May I add that, although he is such an excellent change-ringer, I hope he will find no change in her affection for him, or his for her. I am sure we all wish him every possible success and happiness, and this testimonial, I know, is a true indication of the very friendly feeling you have felt towards him for so long. You know he is a right good fellow, and he will keep these in memory of an event shortly to take place, and of your own goodwill for him. and the work he has done for the Association for so long a time past.'

The presentation was then made amid loud cheers. The address, which was beautifully illuminated, was as follows: 'Hertford County Association of Change-ringers.—This testimonial, together with a marble timepiece, was presented to Edward Percy Debenham, Esq., by the undersigned members of the Hertford County Association of Change-ringers, as a memento of his marriage, and in recognition of services rendered as honorary secretary of the above Association.—Easter, 1897.' There were eighty-eight signatures to the address. The timepiece, a very handsome one, was supplied by Mr. N. N. Hills, of St. Albans, a member of the Association.

Mr. Percy Debenham, on rising to reply, was cheered again and again. He had been, he said, taken quite by surprise, for when he entered the room he had no idea that their kindness would be shown in so marked a manner as it had been by the presentation to him of the timepiece and beautiful testimonial; and, further, by the hearty enthusiasm with which they had received him. He had to thank the Archdeacon for the kind words he had used in presenting the testimonial to him, and he would long cherish a lively recollection of the happy hours and days which he had spent with the members of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary read his annual report, which was adopted. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and the Rev. Canon Wigram was re-elected president; Mr. E. P. Debenham, hon. secretary and treasurer; Messrs. G. W. Cartmel and Henry Lewis, assistant secretaries; and Mr. E. E. Huntley (Bushey), auditor. The next district meeting will be held at Bushey.

ST. MARY'S, BRINKHAM, DEVON.—These bells have not been rung for a long time, owing to the decayed state of the frame and fittings, and one bell being cracked. The work of restoring the peal has been placed in the hands of Mr. W. Aggett, Chagford, who has arranged to complete the work for ringing on the Diamond Jubilee.

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 476.)

CONSUMPTION AND ALL CHEST DISEASES.

Interviews with Old Patients and New Cases By MR. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. GREANOFF,
Orphan Homes of Scotland, Bridge-of-Weir.

Mrs. Greanoff, at that time Miss Snelling, and living at Gipsy Hill S.E., applied personally at Combe Lodge in December, 1888. Proof of hereditary taint was not wanting, for no less than five relatives had died from consumption, and the patient herself had never been very strong. Her illness had developed somewhat rapidly from the previous July, and she complained of a cough, short breathing, and loss of flesh and strength. Blood had been brought up on three occasions—on the last, in the previous November, about a pint. Considering all the circumstances, and especially the hereditary predisposition, it must be admitted that the case was by no means free from difficulty; but the patient was encouraged to hope and to persevere, notwithstanding the fact that a local doctor had previously been tried, as well as residence at Bournemouth. Dr. S. had told Mr. Greanoff that there was no hope.

For eighteen months this lady closely followed the directions given to her, and gradually she was restored to health. Before me, as I write, is a letter from her dated Ballygowan, County Down, August, 1894, in which she says: 'Up to June, 1890, I took your medicine and followed out your instructions daily, with the grand result that not only does my chest seem quite strong again, but my little girl, who was born in June, 1890, seems to be perfectly healthy and strong. My husband and I always recommend your medicine as a cure for coughs and chest troubles, for we have found it so very beneficial.'

While on a flying visit to Scotland recently, I had the pleasure of a long chat with both Mr. and Mrs. Greanoff, and found them enthusiastic in their praise of Mr. Congreve's remedies, grateful for the benefits received, and quite willing that the case should be published.

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Littlehempston Church Bells, Devon.

FOLLOWING the example set by the parishes of Totnes and Berry Pomeroy, the people of Littlehempston are about to make an effort to rehang their church bells. The bells have been almost silent for a period of two years in consequence of the wooden cage in which they are hung having become so decayed as to be considered dangerous for the ringers to practise. The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

- (1.) 'F. H. Hele, rector; T. Whiteway, W. Reap, wardens, 1817.'
- (2.) 'R. A. C., P. T. M., wardens, 1700, I (bell) S.'
- (3.) 'Est michi collatum i h c istud nomen amatum.'
- (4.) 'Me melior vere non est campana sub ere.'
- (5.) 'Walter Bogan, Esq., John Segassick, Rector, R. R. P., P. P., Thomas Mudge, Edmund Mudge, Wardens, 1700, I (bell) S.'

The second and tenor bells were cast by Johannes Stadler, of Chumleigh, who cast several bells for churches between 1693 and 1720. The third and fourth bear the old leonine monkish hexameters in black letters, and were cast by Robert Norton, of Exeter, who carried on an active business as a bell-founder in the fifteenth century. The Church of St. John the Baptist at Littlehempston was rebuilt in 1439, and it may therefore be assumed that the bells of Norton were placed in the tower on or about that date. It was not until 1550 that dates on bells generally appeared. In a return for Devon, resulting from a Commission appointed by Edward VI., 1553, it is stated 'there were four bells in the tower of Little Hempston.' It is to be hoped that they will soon be heard ringing again, and that the grand old fourth may prove herself true to her boastful inscription, which being translated is, 'There is beneath the sky no better bell than I.' Estimates have been obtained for the contemplated work.

CHANGE-RINGING.*The Ancient Society of College Youths,*

At All Hallows', Lombard Street, on April 24th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE CATERS**, 5220 changes, in 3 hrs. 46 mins.

John Bonney 1	Samuel E. Joyce 6
Matthew A. Wood (compr.) 2	Henry Springall (condr.) 7
Isaac G. Shade 3	Ernest Clayton 8
Edward Wallage 4	Arthur W. Barkus 9
James Scholes 5	James Monday 10

This is the first peal on the bells since their removal from the tower of St. Dionis, Backchurch.

The Waterloo Society.

At St. John-the-Divine's, Brixton, on April 19th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5024 changes in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

Arthur R. Davis 1	Arthur J. Neale 5
Frederick G. Perrin .. 2	Walter C. Hasted 6
William Bedwell 3	Harold N. Davis 7
Victor W. West 4	George W. Wild 8

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by Harold N. Davis.

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Harlow, on April 24th, Holt's Original peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Thomas Newman 1	C. French 5
Thomas Hudson, sen. .. 2	W. Tarling 6
W. Prior 3	Henry J. Tucker (condr.) 7
Walter W. Tucker 4	J. Sampford 8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, on April 24th, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

John Smart 1	Charles Smart 5
Edward C. Merritt 2	James George 6
George Gatland 3	Keith Hart 7
John S. Goldsmith 4	George Williams 8

Composed by Henry Dain, conducted by George Williams. This is the conductor's 300th peal.

Also at the residence of Mr. G. Williams, 2 Grove Street, Brighton, on April 25th, on handbells retained in hand, J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 11½ mins.

Mrs. George Williams .. 1-2	George Williams (condr.) 5-6
Keith Hart 3-4	James George 7-8

Umpire, V. Scardiffeld.

The Midland Counties Association.

At St. John's, Whitwick, on April 20th, Holt's Original peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

John Rawson 1	Henry Partridge 5
Josiah Morris 2	William Willson (condr.) 6
Storer W. West 3	Edward E. Smith 7
Walter West 4	J. Albert Moulton 8

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*The Worcestershire and Districts Association.*

At the Parish Church, King's Norton, on April 20th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

John Withers 1	Alfred Pritchett 5
W. S. Pritchett 2	John S. Pritchett 6
Fred Sumner 3	Frederick Clayton 7
Theodore Pritchett .. 4	William H. Barber 8

Composed by Arthur Craven, conducted by W. H. Barber.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Oswald's, Guiseley, on April 19th, a peal of **OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 8128 changes in 4 hrs. 35 mins.

Joseph Broadley 1	Edwin Wheeler 5
John Sutherland 2	Benjamin F. Lamb* 6
Thomas B. Kendall 3	Frederick W. Dixon 7
Charles Pratt 4	Frank Birks 8

Composed by Arthur Craven, conducted by Frederick Dixon. [* First peal in the method.]

St. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.—On April 23rd (St. George's Day), for evening service, a quarter-peal of **LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**, 1280 changes, in 57 mins. J. W. Driver, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; H. Hoskins, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Burkin, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; W. T. Cockerill (conductor), 8.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—

'Amongst the many lovers of church bells there must be many who do not know how the bells are hung in the belfry—how, for instance, the large number of 8, 10, or 12, are placed. A sketch or plan of a belfry showing this would doubtless be acceptable, together with some details.' [Perhaps some of our readers would give a technical explanation.—Ed.] The same correspondent asks bell-lovers to state which they consider the most melodious bell we have in London. 'I sometimes think,' he writes, 'the great bell at the Italian Church, Hatton Garden, is. It was formerly hung just over one's head in the porch, but is now in a tower, and booms out with a soft rich tone unlike any other I know.'

THE Rev. W. T. Milligan, vicar of St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, recently announced that the gentleman who some time ago gave a clock for the tower of the church, had now offered to present a peal of bells in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Mr. Milligan added that he was at liberty to disclose the name of the benefactor to the parish, and he had great pleasure in stating that it was Mr. Edward Lisle, of Tettenhall, who is prominently connected with the Star Cycle Company. The contract for the peal of eight bells has been placed with Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, who have undertaken to complete the work by the 19th of June, in order that the bells may be rung for the first time on Jubilee Day. Mr. Lisle has recently given 250*l.* to the Mayor's Jubilee Fund.

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THE annual report of the Church Army for 1896 affords us yet again abundant proof—if such were needed—of the admirable work done by this great organization. The statistics given are a record of the valuable aid and never-ceasing labour displayed in the efficient carrying out of the varied projects for the benefit of the criminal, outcast, and needy classes, both in London and the provinces.

ELLESMERE COLLEGE, SHROPSHIRE.—A very successful reunion of former masters and 'old boys' of this school was held on Easter Monday, at the Holborn Restaurant, London. A good number sat down to dinner in the Phoenix Salon. The toast list which followed included the Queen, Church and State, Old Boys, Former Masters, present Head and Staff. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

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Stoneman taking part. Through Mr. Coppage, an introduction was obtained to members of the Waterloo Society, with whom, under the able tuition of Mr. Baron, the Grandsire method was mastered.

Practice in this and other methods was also obtained at St. Mary's, Lambeth, where the St. James's Society had fortnightly meetings, which were most regularly attended by Messrs. Winney, McLaughlin, Woodley, and others. The first attempt for a peal was at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 19th, 1887, with Messrs. Baron (conductor), Malin, H. Davies, Church, Banks, Coppage, and Wild, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins., but Holt's Original was scored at Putney on June 25th, 1887, conducted by Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. Cockerill has taken part in 123 peals, being: *Grandsire*—Triples, 17; Major, 1; Caters, 7. *Stedman*—Triples, 42; Caters, 16; Cinques, 6. *Treble Bob*—Major, 8; Royal, 8; *Maximus*, 5. *Plain Bob*—Major, 2; Royal, 1. *Duffield Major*, 1. *Double Norwich Major*, 3. *Superlative Surprise Major*, 6.

Of these, 33 were conducted by Mr. F. G. Newman, 23 by Mr. Winney, 16 by Mr. Newton, 9 by Mr. Pettit, 8 by Mr. Garrard, 6 by Mr. Springall, 3 by Mr. J. M. Hayes, 3 by himself; 2 each by Messrs. McLaughlin, J. Kelley, Driver, Dawe, W. H. L. Buckingham, and Burkin; 1 each by Messrs. Newson, W. Partington, F. L. Davies, Baron, C. Jackson, I. G. Shade, Butler, Brice, Oxborrow, and Bayley.

Sixteen were rung at Putney, 13 at Fulham, 8 each at Lambeth and St. Clement Danes; 7 at St. Stephen's, Westminster; 6 at Waterloo; 5 at Clerkenwell; 4 each at Stepney, Southgate, and Battersea; 3 each at Cripplegate, Greenwich, and St. Michael's, Cornhill; 2 each at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Clapton, Mortlake, Kensington, Mitcham, Walworth, and St. Paul's Cathedral; 1 each at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. John's, Brixton, St. John's, Wilton Road, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, St. Magnus', London Bridge, St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, St. Bride's, Fleet Street, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, St. George's, Southwark, and at Hampton, Salisbury, Beverley, Brentwood, Bromley, Streatham, Shadwell, Barking, Hammersmith, Beddington, and Bournemouth.

Mr. Cockerill is a member of the Yorkshire and Herts Associations; St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich; the Waterloo and St. James's Societies; and the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he has served as Honorary Secretary since July 5th, 1892.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on May 12th.

College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on May 10th; St. Mary Mattfelon, Whitechapel, on May 12th; St. John's, Wilton Rd., on May 13th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, May 14th.—All at 8 p.m.

Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on May 12th, at 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

TWELVE members of this Society will attempt to ring a peal of 10,000 STEDMAN CINQUES at St. Michael's, Cornhill, to-morrow, May 8th. Meeting-time, 2 p.m.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Prittlewell, Essex, on April 22nd, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

William Hunt ..	1	Charles Anderson ..	5
William Bedwell ..	2	Joseph Smith ..	6
William Dowsett ..	3	John Perry ..	7
William Dudley ..	4	William H. Judd ..	8

Composed by Frank Hopgood, conducted by W. H. Judd.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on May 1st, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	Ernest E. Huntley ..	5
George R. Fardon ..	2	George N. Price* ..	6
Alfred W. Brighton ..	3	Thomas E. Barber ..	7
Walter H. L. Buckingham	4	Frederick Edwards ..	8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells. [* First peal in the method, and first attempt.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on April 27th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

Herbert Martin ..	1	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	5
Frank A. Smith* ..	2	William I. Oakley ..	6
Ernest E. Huntley ..	3	Frederick Edwards ..	7
George N. Price ..	4	Joseph J. Allen ..	8

Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. E. P. Debenham, Hon. Secretary of the Association, on the occasion of his marriage. [* First peal with a bob-bell.]

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At Pershore Abbey, on April 19th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Noah Davis ..	1	William H. Barber ..	5
Thomas J. Salter ..	2	Adolphus Roberts ..	6
Richard E. Grove ..	3	William Short ..	7
Albert E. Parsons ..	4	John Barber ..	8

Composed by A. Craven and conducted by William Short.

The Yorkshire Association.

At the Minster, Beverley, on May 1st., a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins., being the first on the bells since their restoration.

G. H. Wilson* ..	1	Frank Osgerby ..	5
H. Blyth* ..	2	H. Smet* ..	6
G. T. Marshall ..	3	Charles Jackson ..	7
Thomas Stockdale ..	4	John W. Dale ..	8

Composed by Rev. C. P. Davies, conducted by F. Osgerby. [* First peal. † First peal with a bob-bell.]

ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER.—On May 2nd, for evening service, 768 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, in 30 mins. G. Langford, 1; J. Willshire, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; H. S. Ellis, 4; W. J. Sorrell, 5; S. E. Andrews, 6; H. R. Newton, 7; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 8.

ST. GABRIEL'S, PINLICO.—On May 2nd, for evening service, 448 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. G. Wild, 1; E. Gibbs, 2; E. Carter, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; E. Boniface, 5; T. H. Taffender, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8. Also a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, with E. P. O'Meara, 7.

ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON.—On May 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, being the first by the local band. G. Brush, 1; H. W. Cotton, 2; R. A. Daniell, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8.

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that it is divine only in that sense in which all else is divine which is good and noble. Any one may denounce the latter theories of inspiration, but no one can alter the fact that each of these theories has been held by divines of accredited faithfulness in every branch of the Christian Church. It is certain that had a doctrine so stupendous as the supernatural dictation of the Bible been in any sense true, it would not have been so completely omitted from Scripture itself, or only so faintly, obscurely, and as Coleridge expresses it, "obitaneously" declared, seeing that "in infallibility there are no degrees." St. Augustine says of St. Paul that he was *inspiratus a Deo sed tamen homo*, but to be human connotes multitudinous limitations. How can absolute infallibility be blended with fallibility? How can infallible truth be infallibly conveyed in defective and fallible manuscripts, in defective and fallible expressions, or in translations which are liable to every kind of error?

The Dean further proceeds to explain the dangerous results of the Supernatural Dictation theory, and he writes an interesting chapter on the fact of the Bible being not the only source from which we can learn from God. His words on the misinterpretation of Scripture, and on the pernicious and persistent twisting of texts to suit men's individual views, are characteristically strong. It is, however, when he passes from the misuse of the sacred book, and from the distortion of its teachings, to the comfort and solace which it has been, and is, to hundreds of thousands of people, that the author becomes at once more helpful and more instructive.

'All that is best and greatest in the literature of 2000 years has been rooted in it, and has sprung from it. It has inspired the career of all the best of men who "raised strong arms to bring heaven a little nearer to our earth." St. Vincent de Paul learnt from its pages his tenderness for the poor; and John Howard his love for the suffering; and William Wilberforce his compassion for the slaves; and Lord Shaftesbury the dedication of his life to the amelioration of the lot of his fellow-men. Has there been one of our foremost statesmen, or our best philanthropists, who has not confessed the force of its inspiration? It dilated and inspired the immortal song of Dante and of Milton. All the best and brightest English verse, from the poems of Chaucer to the plays of Shakespeare, in their noblest parts are echoes of its lessons; and from Cowper to Wordsworth, from Coleridge to Tennyson, the greatest of our poets have drawn from its pages their loftiest wisdom. It inspired the pictures of Fra Angelico and Raphael, the music of Handel and Mendelssohn. It kindled the intrepid genius of Luther, the bright imagination of Bunyan, the burning zeal of Whitfield. The hundred best books, the hundred best pictures, the hundred greatest strains of music, are all in it, and all derived from it.'

These are indeed brave and burning words, and they have the true ring. All the later chapters of the Dean's book, too, are very inspiring and helpful. They tell of the supremacy of the Bible in its marvellous effect upon men's intellects and lives, and of the utterly wonderful way in which its light has flashed into the recesses of individual souls. How it has come as the consoler of men's sorrows, to people of every nation and of every rank, is well told in a beautifully written essay; and its effect upon the evil and vicious is no less strongly emphasised than upon the virtuous and the true.

The Dean's book is a strong plea for the Bible. His wide acquaintance with literature enables him to bring forward the testimonies of many men to its power. He fears, and with reason, the timidity of those who are afraid to test and examine it thoroughly. 'The earnest reasoner,' he declares, 'can never injure the cause of religion; the inquisitor and the ruthless dogmatist have been its ruin and its curse.' We have to thank him for a thoughtful and powerful series of well-written essays upon the greatest book in the world, through which, for long, men have heard the voice of God 'sounding across the centuries the eternal distinctions of right and wrong.'

ARTHUR H. POWELL.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on May 14th; at St. James's, Clerkenwell, May 19th.
St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 17th.
Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on May 18th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 19th.
College Youths: at St. Mary, Bow, E., May 17th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, the 18th; St. John's, Wilton Rd., the 20th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, the 21st.—All at about 8 p.m.

Towcester and District Association.

THE Fourth Annual Festival of this Association will be held at Blakesley on Thursday next, May 20th, at twelve o'clock; business meeting to follow.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association.

AT the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggleshall, on May 1st, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 changes, in 3 hrs. 57 mins.
 Richard Potter .. 1 John Sadler .. 5
 David Elliott .. 2 Charles Norfolk .. 6
 William Dyer .. 3 Ernest W. Beckwith .. 7
 William Elliott .. 4 James Newman .. 8
 Composed by T. Lockwood, conducted by E. W. Beckwith.

The Kent County Association.

AT SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge, on May 2nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.
 Richard Jenner .. 1 James Heasman .. 7
 William Steed .. 2 Thomas Wallis .. 6
 George Steer .. 3 James Wallis .. 7
 John Steddy .. 4 John Preston .. 8
 Composed by G. Lindoff, conducted by J. Preston.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Nicholas', Brighton, on May 8th, a peal of PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.
 Arthur A. Fuller .. 1 William Palmer .. 6
 Edward C. Merritt .. 2 Fred. Morris Bacon .. 7
 Herbert Rann .. 3 James N. Frossell .. 8
 George A. King .. 4 Keith Hart .. 9
 John Jay, jun. .. 5 George Williams .. 10
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow, conducted by George Williams.
 This was the first peal of BOB ROYAL in the county, by the Association and by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. This composition has the 6th its extent at home.

The Sussex Association and St. Peter's Society.

AT St. Peter's, Brighton, on May 10th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.
 John Jay, sen. .. 1 Arthur A. Fuller .. 5
 Keith Hart .. 2 George A. King .. 6
 Frank Bennett .. 3 Harry Weston .. 7
 George F. Attree .. 4 George Williams .. 8
 Composed by J. S. Wilde, conducted by George Williams.
 Rung in honour of the wedding of Rev. E. H. Nash, senior curate of St. Peter's. Each of the above band has rung upwards of 100 peals.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The attempt to ring a long peal of STEDMAN CINQUES at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 8th, by members of this Society, came to an untimely end, after ringing thirty-eight courses in 3 hrs. 58 mins.

NOTICE.—In order that peals may be reported without delay, conductors should send particulars to Mr. W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, immediately after the events.

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In view of the Jubilee celebration, Messrs. Cassell & Co. are publishing this week a cheap edition of *THE PEOPLE'S LIFE OF THEIR QUEEN*, by the Rev. E. J. Hardy, M.A., chaplain to the Forces.

MESSRS. CASSELL & Co. will publish on the 25th inst. a popular edition at 6d. of *THE QUEEN'S PICTURES*, illustrating the chief events of Her Majesty's life (reproduced by Her Majesty's special permission), with descriptive notes by Richard R. Holmes, Esq., F.S.A., librarian at Windsor Castle. This work was published originally at 1s. 6d., and copies rapidly became so scarce that the price was advanced to 5s.

IN anticipation of the Queen's Jubilee, Messrs. Bradbury, Agnew, & Co. are preparing a collection of Cartoons from *Punch*, illustrative of events in the long reign in which Her Majesty's personal connexion has suggested the subject for the week's picture. Toby, M.P., has written the letterpress explanatory of each Cartoon, in its continuity forming a record of the Queen's reign. *THE QUEEN AND MR. PUNCH*, which will be published on the 1st of June, contains sixty pictures by Leech, Tenniel, and Linley Sambourne. The last-named artist has drawn a special picture of the Queen for the cover of the book.

NEW BOOKS, advertised or reviewed in *Church Bells*, will be obtained from the publishers, and supplied carriage free on receipt of the published prices, except net publications for which carriage at the rate of 1½d. on each shilling of the published prices should be forwarded.

Mission Note.

THE Rev. J. Addison Ingle, of the American Church Mission at Hankow, China, reports the baptism of forty-five converts. Hankow is noted, he says, as being an *omnium gatherum* of men from all parts of China, and one striking fact in connexion with the baptism of these forty-five persons is that they came from six different provinces, and that of those from the Province Hupeh, in which Hankow is situated, as many as nine counties were represented among them.

WHEN, in 1894, the Additional Curates Society was compelled, for financial reasons, to curtail some of its work, it was thought that possibly the income, already sadly insufficient, might suffer reduction in consequence of the Society's diminished operations. It is very pleasant, therefore, to be able to state that, up to the end of the year 1896, events have shown that this has not been the case. The figures for 1896 are as follows:—Subscriptions (Office List), 2226l.; Donations (Office List), 7437l.; Church Collections, &c., in Non-Grantee Parishes, 16,614l.; W. H. M. A., 13,353l.; Total, 39,630l. In last year's Report the Committee announced that they had decided to invite special contributions to form a Quinquennial Fund. They have pleasure now in recording their thankfulness for the generous response made to their appeal, which has enabled the Committee to vote grants to the extent of 1600l. a year, to the great benefit of thirty-six parishes, and the encouragement of their incumbents. Further contributions have been received since Christmas, and the Committee wish it to be known that the Fund is still open.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.—A Bishop, on his way to the Lambeth Conference, lately arrived at Thursday Island, and the usual number of deputations waited upon him. Among them were two Japanese, who wished to do him 'the honourable obeisance,' and wish him 'The honourable-happiness-of-felicitations-on-his-departure-to-the-native-land.' The lunch-bell rang, and there was a scramble for the saloon. The rather shy Orientals were left on deck, but they shortly received a message from the kindly Bishop, who sent a steward, saying, 'The Bishop's compliments, and will you gentlemen come to lunch?' He then retired to the saloon. 'What did he say?' inquired Mr. Morihashi, of his friend, Mr. Takihashigama. 'I believe,' remarked the latter, in the polished phrases of Tokyo, 'that the Bishop sends us his honourable compliments, and asks us to come and dance! He must have been misinformed about us. True, when the honourable Primate visited us, we hired musicians to show him our patriotic songs and sword dances, but . . . to dance now . . . with all these people! Horrible idea! These Western people do not understand us; they do not study our class distinctions!' And so they waited moodily on deck until the steward again returned, and said, 'The Bishop's compliments, and will you gentlemen —' 'No, we will not,' exclaimed the now excited Orientals; 'we don't know to, and we don't want to.' 'All right,' said the steward, 'don't,' and it was not until all the lunch had been finished, that the matter was explained and smoothed over.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Rd., on May 26th.
College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on May 24th; St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on May 26th; St. John's, Wilton Rd., on May 27th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, May 28th.—All at 8 p.m.
Cumberland Youths: at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, on May 26th, at 8 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, May 28th.

The St. James's Society.

THE Headquarters of this Society have been transferred to the 'Shakespeare's Head,' R. A. DANIELL, 20 Bucklersbury, E.C. Hon. Secretary.

Chilton Foliat, Wilts.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Chilton Foliat, contains a ring of five bells. the inscriptions on them being as follows:—

- (1.) 'Thomas Mears, Founder, London, 1841. William Spearing and James Hopkins, C Ws 1841.'
- (2.) Same as the first.
- (3.) 'R. Wells, Aldbourne, Fecit MDCCLXXI.'
- (4.) 'John Woodey, Thomas Chunne C Ws 1663. [bell] W [bell] P [bell].'
- (Tenor.) 'Henry Bagley made mee 1742, Roger Spanswick, Thomas Kimber, churchwardens.'

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association.

AT St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on May 11th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins.

William J. Coakham	.. 1	John H. Wilkins	.. 4
Frederick Rumens	.. 2	Thomas Maynard	.. 7
George Grimwade	.. 3	William R. Pinsent	.. 8
William B. Manning	.. 4	Frederick A. Nunn	.. 9
Robert J. Maynard	.. 5	Thomas Watson	.. 10

Composed by the late John Cox, conducted by T. Maynard. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to ten.

The Bedfordshire Association.

AT St. Peter's, Bedford, on May 12th, seven 720's of MINOR—viz., OXFORD, KENT, WOODBINE, DOUBLE COURT, COLLEGE SINGLE, OXFORD BOB, and PLAIN BOB—in 2 hrs. 44 mins.

William Barker	.. 1	Albert Robinson	.. 4
Charles Chasty	.. 2	Harry Toll	.. 5
Charles W. Clarke	.. 3	Samuel Constant (congr.)	.. 6

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The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Peter's, St. Albans, on May 10th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE CATERS**, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

William Little ..	1	Jesse W. Brewer ..	6
Edward Hull ..	2	Newman N. Hills ..	7
George W. Cartmel ..	3	Ernest E. Huntley ..	8
W. H. L. Buckingham ..	4	Walter Battle ..	9
Arthur Hull ..	5	Arthur Hallett ..	10

Composed by the late John Cox and conducted by Ernest E. Huntley. This peal was rung on the home-coming of E. P. Debenham, Esq., from his wedding tour.

The Hertfordshire Association (Bushey Society).

At St. James's, Bushey, on May 8th, a peal of **BOB MAJOR**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

Joseph J. Allen* ..	1	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	5
Frank A. Smith* ..	2	William J. S. Thorn* ..	6
William G. Whitehead* ..	3	William I. Oakley* ..	7
Frederick Edwards ..	4	Ernest E. Huntley ..	8

Composed by W. H. L. Buckingham and conducted by Ernest E. Huntley. First peal in the method by an entirely resident band, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late S. Noakes, Esq., J.P. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

The Middlesex Association.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on May 15th, Parker's Twelve-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Henry A. Barnett ..	1	Arthur Miller ..	5
Percy J. Darlington ..	2	William Bennett ..	6
John Miller ..	3	A. W. Darlington* (condr.)	7
Joseph Waghorn, jun. ..	4	Walter G. Darlington ..	8

[* First peal as conductor.]

The Oxford Diocesan Association.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on April 29th, Thurstans' peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

Charles Hounslow ..	1	Edwin Hims ..	5
Frederick C. Exon ..	2	Thomas Payne ..	6
Alfred Fox ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Charles H. Exon ..	4	William J. Smith ..	8

Also at St. Giles', Reading, on May 4th, Thurstans' peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

George L. Doddington ..	1	Alfred W. Reeves ..	5
Henry Coffee ..	2	Albert E. Reeves ..	6
Alfred E. Reeves ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
James W. Wilkins ..	4	Arthur W. Higgs ..	8

The Yorkshire Association.

At All Saints', Darton, on May 1st, seven 720's of **TREBLE BOB MINOR**, viz., LONDON SCHOLARS, CITY DELIGHT, ARNOLD'S VICTORY, COLLEGE PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK, VIOLET, and OXFORD, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

George E. Mellor ..	1	Frank Hargreaves ..	4
Rev. C. B. D. Farrow (condr.)	2	George Bolland ..	5
A. Townend ..	3	W. Birchall ..	6

Also at Holy Trinity, Rothwell, on May 1st, a peal of **OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5058 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Thomas Nickols ..	1	Walter Chapman ..	5
Alfred Chapman ..	2	William Abbishaw ..	6
Joseph C. Abbishaw ..	3	Stephen Stacey ..	7
George W. Steel ..	4	John M. Chadwick ..	8

Composed by A. Knights, conducted by J. M. Chadwick.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—At St. Mary's, Westerham, on May 15th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 1260 changes. W. Weatherstone, 1; A. V. Selby, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; T. Groombridge (conductor), 4; W. Ingham, 5; J. Preston, 6; D. Wright, 7; D. Ashdown, 8.

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.—On May 9th, for evening service, 504 **STEDMAN TRIPLES**. W. Berry, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; Rev. G. J. Bayley, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; H. Hoskins (conductor), 7; C. Langdon, 8.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 16th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 **BOB MINOR**. J. Cooper, 1; J. Barkis, 2; E. Fuller, 3; T. Leeson, 4; H. Peters, 5; W. Barkis (conductor), 6.

DUNCHURCH, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Monday evening, May 3rd, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Rigby Jubb, the members of the St. Andrew's Association of Change-ringers drove over from Rugby, and had their weekly practice here. They were accompanied by Mr. Hardy, of Warwick, and under the direction of Mr. James George, the ringing master of the Association, several touches of **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** and **MINOR** were well struck upon the fine-toned bells, for which this church is noted. Afterwards touches were rung on the handbells by Messrs. George, Hardy, Lightfoot, Shotton, and others—the visit being altogether an enjoyable one. Also, at St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, on Wednesday evening, May 5th, in honour of the election of churchwardens, the members of the St. Andrew's Association rang touches of **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** and **TRIPLES**.

THE Bishop of Rochester has accepted the position of President of the Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE Dean of Peterborough yesterday week dedicated a new peal of eight bells which have been hung in Thrapston Church to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—Mr. Henry Brafield, for many years churchwarden of Doddington, died on April 26th, at the age of fifty-nine, after a long and painful illness. He belonged to a family of farmers who had resided in the village for generations. A large number of old friends from Wellingborough and other places attended the funeral. A muffled peal was rung on the bells in the evening. Mr. Brafield not only took considerable interest in Doddington bells and the ringers, but was an honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association. Both he and his old friend and former fellow-churchwarden, the late Mr. John Sharp (who died in the autumn of last year), had a desire to see Great Doddington bells improved and increased in number, but they were not spared to see the work accomplished.

COMBE-IN-TWIGHEAD, DEVON.—The Misses Whidborne, of Torquay, have offered to defray the cost of recasting and rehangng the bells and repairing the cage in the tower of the parish church, in memory of their brother, who was formerly a curate of the parish.

RYE, SUSSEX.—All inhabitants of the ancient town will, we will sure, have heard with pleasure the Rye Church bells again ring out, the work of rehangng having now been completed, the result of the work eliciting the highest approbation of a visiting party of campanologists who recently rang the bells.

IRISH BELLS.—In the tower of Killenale Parish Church, diocese of Cashel, a new bell has just been erected, which has a very sweet tone.

'**CHARLES CARR**, the well-known firm of bell-founders, have issued a handsome Jubilee circular, inquiring whether the clergy intend commemorating the record reign by 'placing new bells in the tower of your church, or by having the existing ones recast or rehung.' In passing, we may remark that anything of the kind would be a very appropriate way of marking this memorable year.

NOTICE.—In order that peals may be reported without delay, conductors should send particulars to Mr. W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, immediately after the events.

THE Church of England Waifs and Strays Society dispatched lately for Canada a party of specially trained boys and girls. The former are to be sent to the Committee's Home at Sherbrooke, Quebec, and the latter to Miss Rye's Home at Niagara, which has now been taken over by the Society.

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Magazines.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART, which appears this month in a beautiful gilt cover, is full of interesting letter-press and exquisite illustrations. The frontispiece is a beautiful reproduction of 'Mrs. Jordan,' by George Romney. The first of the series of articles on the Royal Academy contains six typical illustrations, including 'The Message,' by Sir E. J. Poynter, P.R.A. 'Our Rising Artists' describes Mr. W. Reynolds-Stephens and his work, in an ably-written article by M. H. Spielman. It includes a portrait of the artist, by himself, and ten illustrations of his works. 'The Royal Painter-Etchers,' by Frederick Wedmore; 'The Wallace Collection,' by the Editor, with three illustrations; and 'The Royal Collections,' decorative art at Windsor Castle, by F. S. Robinson, with twelve illustrations; together with numerous other features, make a specially attractive number.

THE QUIVER has a frontispiece of Her Majesty, and a poem, 'Victoria Victrix,' by Sir Lewis Morris; 'Victoria the Good,' a lyric by the Rev. S. J. Stone, set to music by Dr. G. C. Martin; and 'The Queen to her People,' profusely illustrated. 'Her Majesty's Chaplains' is the subject of a brightly written article by the Rev. Montague Fowler, with numerous portraits. Archdeacon Sinclair writes powerfully on 'Gluttony,' in the course of articles under the heading of 'Spiritual Dangers.' 'Iona' is described in the second of the papers on 'The Romance of British Christianity' while there is, in addition, a plentiful array of interesting fiction. This magazine seems to improve every month.

CASSILL'S MAGAZINE has an able article by Alfred T. Story, on 'Sixty Years Ago and Now,' giving numerous interesting statistics. 'Through the Flames' describes some thrilling adventures of that brave class of men, the firemen. 'Handel in England' is by Frederick Dolman, and is illustrated by numerous photographs. 'The Lion Tamer' is full of the exciting experiences of Mr. John Cooper, while 'A Day in a Central African Village' arouses a very different kind of interest. There are several clever and absorbing stories, with excellent illustrations. With this exceptionally good number is given away an album of reproductions of Frank Dicksee's twelve charming illustrations of Romeo and Juliet.

THE WINDSOR MAGAZINE has surpassed itself this month, in honour of the national event which is being celebrated. The first place is given to an 'Album of Queen Victoria's Eminent Subjects,' of whom there are more than a dozen illustrations in tint. The fiction includes ten stories by Rudyard Kipling, Hall Caine, and other well-known writers, and even then the tale of the contents is not exhausted.

PEARSON'S MAGAZINE continues Mr. Wells' remarkable serial, 'The War of the Worlds,' and contains an article, 'The Lion's Share,' by Mr. Holt Schooling, who in a striking way demonstrates the extraordinary expansion of the British Empire during the past sixty years. The remainder of the varied contents include interesting articles on 'Wrestling' and 'Feats of Shooting,' and the illustrations are plentiful and beautiful.

GREAT THOUGHTS contains, among its varied contents, an interesting account of 'William Black at Home,' and a sketch of Sir Clements Markham, the well-known and popular President of the Royal Geographical Society.

THE MUSICAL TIMES contains a very interesting article on 'The Queen as a Musician.' With this number are presented gratis Extra Supplements, consisting of a chorus, 'It comes from the Misty Ages,' from the cantata, 'The Banner of St. George,' by Edward Elgar; and an excellent portrait of the late Mr. W. T. Best, the well-known Liverpool organist.

RECEIVED ALSO:—CHURCH MONTHLY, THE YOUNG MAN, THE YOUNG WOMAN, FRIENDLY GREETINGS, THE BOYS' SUNDAY MONTHLY, THE HOME MESSENGER.

Music.

We have received the following music for use at Jubilee Commemoration Services:—

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THE PROPER PSALMS (Cathedral Psalter), with Chants, and with the Versicles and Responses for the Queen's Accession. (Novello & Co. Price 2d.)

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The Kent County Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held on Whitsun Monday, June 7th, at Canterbury. Service in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. The address will be given by the Dean of Canterbury. Committee meeting at 12; dinner at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, at 1.30 p.m.; business meeting after dinner. The following towers will be open during the day:—Cathedral (ten bells), St. Stephen's (eight), St. Dunstan's (six), St. Alphege (six), and Holy Cross (five). Applications for dinner tickets to be made to the Hon. Secretary. Tickets of admission to the Cathedral belfry will be sent with the dinner tickets.

Canterbury.

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

The Bells of Buckinghamshire.

MR. ALFRED HENEAGE COCKS, in his volume on the *Church Bells of Buckinghamshire*, says that there are in that county 250 parish churches containing bells, about a quarter of which have only a single bell. In the rest we find one peal of ten bells, thirteen of eight, and forty-seven of six. Among these bells, amounting in all to rather more than a thousand, some ancient examples are recorded. The oldest belong either to the thirteenth century, or, at latest, to the first decade of the fourteenth. Of these there are six specimens; thirteen are allotted to the next century, and nearly a hundred are probably earlier than the first Stuart. Several bell-founders in England attained to considerable note, and examples of their skill are to be found in Buckinghamshire. Among them were the various London craftsmen who worked in Aldgate and Portsoken Wards, beginning with William Dawe; the founders of Wokingham, who are first heard of towards the middle of the fifteenth century, and of Reading, at a slightly later date; while towards the end of the next century Buckinghamshire itself became famous. Of all these, and other more distant manufactories, the churches in the county furnish examples. Some of these bells are exceptionally interesting. The bells at Aylesbury are quite didactic, giving lessons as to the power of music, the value of sobriety, and the importance of harmony—nuptial and campanological. Those of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Buckinghamshire, the heaviest ring of eight in the county, are somewhat self-assertive, beginning with the least, which affirms boldly, 'I mean to make it understood That tho' I'm little yet I'm good,' to the largest, which restricts itself to proclaiming the names of those by whom the peal was made and hung in 1782. A bell at Beaconsfield commemorates 'Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G.,' with the motto, 'Forti nihil difficile.' The curfew is still kept up in a few places in Bucks, as elsewhere in England, and the 'pancake bell,' which replaced the old 'shriving bell,' has not yet ceased; while at many places it has only been dropped within living memory.

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The Hertfordshire Association.

DISTRICT meeting at Oxhey and Bushev on Saturday, June 19th. Further particulars next week. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Council.

THE seventh annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 8th, 1897, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at two o'clock punctually.

(N.B.—Dean's Yard is a few steps from the west door of Westminster Abbey, and the Church House entrance is at the further end of Dean's Yard.)

The Standing Committee will meet at 11.30 punctually at the Westminster Palace Hotel. Members of this Committee are particularly requested to attend. In consequence of the sparse attendance at the dinner following the last meeting in London, it has been decided to substitute a social gathering in the evening, and Mr. Heywood invites members and their ringing friends to a 'pipe and glass' gathering at the Inns of Court Hotel (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance) at 9 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Election of President and Secretary. Nominations received—for President, A. P. Heywood, Esq.; for Secretary, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.
2. Election of hon. members (if desired).
3. Appointment of Standing Committee.
4. To receive any further report of Committee on Rail Fares.
5. To receive any further report of the Committee on preparation of a Glossary of Technical Terms.
6. To receive any further report of Committee on Peal Values.
7. To receive any further report on the progress of the Bibliography.
8. To receive the report of the Committee for Peal Collection and definition of points constituting 'Authorship' and 'Variation.'
9. To consider the following motions:—

(a) That the practice of using visible aids to memory in the conduction of peals is detrimental to the interests of the art; and to recommend for the adoption of societies a rule requiring all performances to be certified as conducted without such aid.

(b) That an official letter be written to the Very Rev. the Dean of Westminster, on behalf of the Council, calling attention to the condition of the ringing-chamber at Westminster Abbey, and the unringable state of the bells, requesting him to use his influence in the direction of belfry reform in this instance.

(c) For a return of the condition of all rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in the country, to enable a tabulated statement of existing defects to be drawn up and submitted by the Council to Church authorities.

(d) That the Council, recognising the insuperable objection taken by many six-bell ringers to the definition of a peal of Minor as carried at the meeting of 1892, and recognising the fact that on five or six bells no actually true peal of 5000 changes can be rung, and that therefore no strictly correct definition of such a peal can be logically formulated, do now decide to expunge the said definition from the standing resolutions, thus offering no opposition to the locally varying construction of the term 'peal' in regard to five- and six-bell performances.

The following subjects are also ripe for discussion, and may be introduced as questions if time permit:—

(a) Whether the Council should not have recourse to longer meetings, and at least a two days' session in the case of the London meetings?

(b) Whether the Council should pronounce upon a distinctive title to be applied to Thurstan's well-known Stedman Triples composition?

(c) Whether the Council should pronounce upon the suggestion that the now well-known variation of Cambridge Surprise Major should be accepted as the recognised method?

(d) Whether it is an offence against the laws governing Treble Bob composition to commence the calling with 1R or 2R?

(e) How far, and under what conditions, any departure from the true and clear ringing of every change is permissible in the performance of a peal?

(f) Whether the Council should not make some attempt to regulate the practice of Lent and Sunday peal-ringing?

NOTE.—It is to be borne in mind that motions on the agenda paper are in part the proposals of individual representatives, and that their insertion, therefore, does not necessarily imply that they command any general support. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Sussex County Association.

At a Committee meeting held at 139 North Street, Brighton, the following meetings for the ensuing year were arranged:—*Eastern District*: Heathfield (May), Rye (August), Seaford (November), Eastbourne (January, 1898). *Central*: Bolney (July), Chailey (October), East Grinstead (January, 1898). *Western*: Shoreham (June), Shipley (September), Chichester (December), Angmering (March, 1898).

The Committee chosen were as follows:—*Western*: Rev. C. Davis, H. Chandler, and E. Gatland. *Central*: G. Williams, F. W. Price, and C. Tyler. *Eastern*: S. Saker, F. Mathis, and F. Harding.

It was resolved that a touch of 720, being the number of months, and 60 volleys, being the number of years which Her Majesty will then have reigned, be rung for one of the services on Sunday, June 20th, and that, where possible, a peal be rung on Tuesday, June 22nd.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 29th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

George R. Fardon ..	1	Samuel E. Andrews ..	5
Frank Buck ..	2	Henry R. Newton ..	6
Henry S. Ellis ..	3	Charles T. P. Brice ..	7
Walter J. Sorrell ..	4	John N. Oxborrow ..	8

Composed by York Green, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Mary's, New Shoreham, on May 29th, a variation of Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

George Williams (condr.)	1	John Jay, sen. ..	5
James N. Frossell ..	2	William Palmer ..	6
George A. King ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Edward C. Merritt ..	4	Frederick R. Dearing ..	8

The first peal in the method on the bells.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Hawley, Hants, on May 29th, Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins.

A. E. Reeves ..	1	B. Hawkins ..	5
Henry White ..	2	F. W. Hopgood ..	6
Henry Tucker ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
John Tucker ..	4	M. Steer ..	8

This is the conductor's 500th peal.

THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 500 PEALS:—*Grandsire*—Triples, 52, 8* (Caters, 27, 1* (one 13,247). *Stedman*—Triples, 200, 69* (Caters, 57, 28* (one 12,041 and a record 15,041); Cinques, 1. *Union*—Triples, 1. *College Single*—Triples, 1. *Bob Major*, 2. *Duffield*—Major, 1: Royal, 1. *Double Oxford*—Major, 1. *Double Norwich*—Major, 71, 5* (one 10,080, and another 12,096). *Oxford Treble Bob*—Major, 2. *Kent Treble Bob*—Major, 12, 2*; Royal, 9; Maximus, 1. *Major Surprise Methods*—Superlative, 40, 6*; Cambridge, 9, 1*; London, 12, 3* (one a record, 11,328). [* The numbers so marked were conducted by Mr. Robinson.]

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

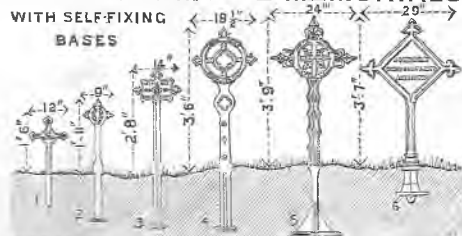
At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, on May 24th, to celebrate the Queen's birthday, Parker's Ten-part (No. 4) peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

Farrington Jones ..	1	Herbert Knight ..	5
Henry A. Hall ..	2	Aaron Griffiths ..	6
William G. Hall ..	3	Jas. E. Groves (condr.)	7
Robert Pickering ..	4	Isaac Purser ..	8

ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On May 28th, before a Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. W. R. Gibson, 1; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 2; E. Iverson, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; C. A. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8. And after service, 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Waghorn, jun., 1; E. Iverson, 2; H. A. Barnett, 3; W. Gibson, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. Waghorn (conductor), 6; C. A. Button, 7; W. Martin, 8. [* Longest touch in the method.]

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260). A. A. Perkins (first quarter-peal), 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 2; G. R. Pye, 3; W. Watson, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Dawkins, 8.

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Lectures to Clergy at Cambridge.

THE arrangements for the Long Vacation Lectures to Clergy at Cambridge, of which the provisional programme was issued in January, are now nearly completed. The opening meeting will be held in the Hall of Caius College, on Monday, July 19th, at 8.30 p.m., and will be followed by Evensong in the Chapel. Lectures will begin on the following morning at the Divinity School. The lectures during the first week (July 19th to 24th), will be as follows:—*Mornings*: 9.30, Professor Swete (Studies in St. Mark's Gospel); 10.45, Professor Mason (History and Doctrine of Ordination); 12.0, Professor Stanton (Christian Life and Thought in the sub-Apostolic Age). *Afternoons*: July 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 5.0 p.m., Rev. W. E. Collins (Relations between England and the Papacy to the Reformation). *Evenings*, at 8.30 p.m.: July 20th, the Dean of Ely (Frederick Denison Maurice); July 22nd, the Rev. W. H. Frere (the Development of the English Cathedral Service); July 29th, the Rev. W. C. Bishop (the Primitive Liturgy). In the second week (July 26th to 31st), the lectures will be as follows:—*Mornings*: July 26th, 9.30, the Rev. W. C. Bishop (Early History of Matins and Evensong); July 27th to 30th, 9.30, Dr. Chase (Types of Apostolic Teaching in the Book of the Acts); 10.45, Professor Kirkpatrick (Some Points in the Theology of the Psalms); 12.0, Dr. Moule (Studies in the Epistle to the Galatians). *Afternoons*: July 2nd and 30th, at 5 p.m., Professor Gwatkin (the Growth of English Nonconformity, and its Differentiation into Dissent). *Evenings*, at 8.30: July 26th, Professor Clifford Allbutt (the Duty of the Clergy in respect of Health); July 27th, Archdeacon Wilson (Some of the Lessons of Inductive Science for Christian Believers and Teachers); July 29th, Rev. J. A. Kempthorne (the Methods of St. Salpice). On July 31st there will be a concluding celebration of the Holy Communion in Selwyn College Chapel, at 8 a.m., followed by a breakfast. In addition to the lectures, excursions will be arranged to Ely and Bury St. Edmunds, as well as to various Colleges in Cambridge. The fee for the whole course of two weeks is 1*l.*, or 15*s.* for either week, and should be sent, together with an application for a ticket, to the Secretary (the Rev. A. L. Brown, Selwyn College, Cambridge), as soon as possible. The Secretary will also be glad to receive the names of any more clergymen who desire to reside in Selwyn College during the lectures, or to send a list of licensed lodgings in the town to those who desire to engage rooms for themselves.

Magazines.

'VICTORIAN Literature' is ably summarised by Mr. Clement K. Shorter in the Jubilee number of THE BOOKMAN in which he insistently upholds his opinion that 'the literature of the period is a literature essentially of the pulpit.' Next in order may be read a 'Review of Jubilee Books,' of which there is certainly a plethora, though perhaps not one too many. 'The Memoirs of Baron Thiebault,' translated and condensed by A. J. Butler, is the subject of an exhaustive criticism in the review column. Mr. Whistler's fine portrait of Carlyle is well reproduced in the number.

THE CHURCHMAN contains an article the title of which will at once arouse the reverential interest of the reader, 'The History of the Words of Administration in the Holy Communion' by Canon Carr. The number is also fortunate in possessing two articles from the pen of the Archdeacon of London, 'Queen and People,' and 'The Power of Faith.' The other contents of the magazine are as usual of a high order.

VERY varied are the contents of the June number of the FOREIGN CHURCH CHRONICLE AND REVIEW, quarterly. Most noteworthy of all is the short account of the personal characteristics and of the splendid part which the late Archbishop of Dublin played in the 'Old Catholic Reform Movement.' A further item of interest is the reproduction of a contribution headed 'The Old Catholics,' and which originally appeared in a recent number of the *Illustrated Church News*. 'The Cretan Refugees at Athens,' 'Rome and Peace,' several important book reviews, &c., constitute some of the interesting contents of the magazine.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE for June presents its usual features of interest.

MELODY is even more than ordinarily attractive, containing, in particular, a vocal duet, by L. Denza; two songs, by Milton Wellings; and a mazourka, by Nathalie Janotha. These are only a few of the many delightful items the number contains.

An illustrated volume entitled *The Fairies' Favourite* being the story of Queen Victoria for children, by Mr. T. Mullett Ellis, will be issued next week by Ash Partners, Limited.

Pre-Reformation Worthies is the title of a new book of biographies by William Cowan, to be published shortly by Mr. Elliot Stock. It will include the lives of Bishop Grossetete and Thomas à Kempis, and a preface by the Bishop of Derry.

Remainder of Magazine Notices, Reviews of Books, and various articles, are unavoidably postponed until next week.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day: at St. James's, Clerkenwell, June 16th.
St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on June 14th.
Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on June 15th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 16th.
College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E, June 14th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, June 15th (bells muffled in respect to the late Mr. E. Watts, steeple-keeper of this church for many years); St. John's, Wilton Road, June 17th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, June 18th.—All at about 8 p.m.

SIR,—I am desired to ask you to insert the following intimation. Any ringer visiting the City of York during the next Gala, on the 16th, 17th, and 18th inst., will be made welcome at the Minster at mid-day or after five o'clock, as soon as the service is over. W. H. HOWARD, 43 Trinity Lane, York, June 8th, 1897. Secretary.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

AT Christchurch, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Lancashire, on June 5th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Sholimar's Six-part Bob-and-Single variation), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

James Marsh	1	Edm. Prescott (Hindley)	5
Thomas Jenkinson	2	James R. Park	6
William Fairclough	3	William Bentham (condr.)	7
Edward Caunce	4	Charles Sharples	8

The Kent County Association.

AT St. John's, Deptford, on June 7th, Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins.

I. G. Shade (conductor)	1	Wm. J. Jeffries*	5
John J. Lamb*	2	T. W. Thornton	6
Harry Hoskins	3	John W. Whiting	7
George Williams	4	John Laws*	8

This is only the second peal of STEDMAN on the bells, the previous one being rung at the opening of the bells in 1874. Mr. Whiting came from Hants; Mr. Williams from Brighton, and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 596.)

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For some time Mr. M— (who for private reasons does not wish his full name to appear) suffered from acute asthma. He had medical advice, and was told that the left lung was very weak, and that its condition decidedly suggested dangerous developments. Occasionally he spit blood; had bad night sweats; and often, after being an hour in bed, would wake up, unable to get his breath.

This was the state of matters about four years ago, when Mr. M— went to Coombe Lodge.

'After being examined there,' he said, 'I was told I should get better if I persevered with the treatment. I took the medicine for a year and nine months, and I believe it saved my life. I haven't had any illness for over two years, except an attack of influenza. My situation exposes me a great deal to draughts, but I am glad to say that I keep well enough to remain at work.'

A fellow employe of Mr. M—'s was present during this conversation, and corroborated all that was said.

Without the slightest hesitation Mr. M— expressed his willingness that these facts should be made known.

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The Central Council.

THE seventh annual meeting of the Central Council of Change-ringers was held on Tuesday, June 8th, at the Church House, Westminster, being attended by fifty-three members, representing twenty-four societies and guilds throughout the country.

Following the agenda paper, which appeared in last week's issue, the business was opened with the election of Mr. A. Percival Heywood as president, and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer as hon. secretary. The minutes of the meeting held on Easter Tuesday, 1896, at Brighton, were read and adopted. Messrs. Pettit, F. E. Ward, J. C. Mitchell, F. W. Rees, F. E. Dawe, J. Carter, and Pilkington were elected as hon. members, and a standing committee was also appointed. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of 52*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Messrs. Snowdon, Bastable, Pritchett, and Ward. The Rev. H. A. Cockey read an answer from the railway authorities to his application for reduced railway fares for ringers, which expressed regret that no such reduction could be made. A committee to proceed with this application was re-appointed. The committee working on the 'Glossary of Technical Terms' was also reappointed.

Mr. Attree read a report prepared by him on Peal Values, carefully worked out with regard to lengths of peals and intricacy of methods rung, and it was agreed that the committee assisting in this work be reappointed, and that Mr. Attree use this table for the next twelve months to see how it works.

It was resolved that Mr. Strange be requested to continue his work on the Bibliography.

The Hon. Secretary made a statement on the work of the committee for the Peal Collection, and also read the committee's report on 'Authorship and Variation,' and the committee was re-elected.

Mr. F. E. Thornton moved the resolution, 9 (a) of the agenda. After a long discussion the following amendment was proposed by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews:—

'That this Council is of opinion that the use of visible aids to memory in conducting peals is undesirable, and that if such aids have been used, the fact ought to be stated in their published report.'

9 (b) was also proposed by Mr. F. E. Thornton, but the motion was ruled out of order by the President, as being outside the province of the Council.

9 (c) was moved by the President, seconded by Mr. G. F. Attree, and carried unanimously, and a committee, including Messrs. Heywood, Trollope, W. T. Cockerill, F. E. Dawe, Storey, Ward, and Williams, was elected.

6 (d) was introduced by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. R. S. Story, and carried unanimously. It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Bristol, on Whit-Tuesday, 1898.

The towers of St. Stephen's, Westminster, and St. Saviour's, Southwark, were open for ringing during the evening, and afterwards, at the kind invitation of the President, a social meeting was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn.

The Bells of Buckinghamshire.

Mr. A. H. COCKS (in his *Church Bells of Buckinghamshire*, to which we referred last week) says: 'There are ninety-six bells in Buckinghamshire of an older date than 1601. The oldest bells of all are at Caversfield. There were famous bell-foundries at Reading and Wokingham, specimens of whose work naturally found their way into the adjoining county. At the former place, in the sixteenth century, John White placed his initials and mottoes upon many famous bells, at a time when the industry was attended by no little danger. The "hottest" time of the Reformation may be supposed to have been during 1534-86, and at that time a bell-founder who did not wish to be made a

martyr of by either party would feel a little hesitation as to the class of inscription it would be most prudent to place on his productions. Founders, therefore, sometimes (as again during Mary's reign) took a neutral course, and either produced nonsense inscriptions, or else what are known as "alphabet" bells, which are bells having no words inscribed on them that might bring the founder into hot water with either party, but having simply either the whole, or more frequently a portion, of the alphabet on them.'

The Churchwardens' accounts at St. Lawrence's, Reading, are full of entries on the subjects of bells and bell-ringing. In 1593 Joseph Carter was churchwarden of St. Lawrence, and the following most sensible resolution seems undoubtedly his suggestion:—'Whereas there was through the slothfulness off the Sextine in times past, a kind off toling ye bell by ye clapper rope: yt was now florbidden and taken awaye: and that the bell should be toled: as in times past: and not in anie such Idle sorte.'

And again in 1594-95:—'At this accompt also yt was agreed That our gret Bell Should be cast againe, and not so much the Tune of the bell was cared for as to have yt a lowd bell and hard ffar. And the Churchwarden, Joseph Carter, consented and agreed, to cast yt before Midsomer following: And so he was chosen againe Churchwarden the Second Time. There being p'sent—Mr. Francis More, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lydall, Goodman Russell, the Churchwardens, with others.—John Smithe, Vicar.'

There was a foundry at Wokingham in the fifteenth century, and the first one at Reading flourished in the sixteenth, the former being merged in the latter. About seventy years after, a bell-foundry was once more established at Wokingham by Thomas Eldridge, who sent bells thence, in 1565, to Bray and Winkfield. There were no less than three Reading foundries in the early part of Elizabeth's reign.

Burford, in Oxon, is interesting as the site of the only bell-foundry existing at the present time in the diocese of Oxford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—The annual festival of this Guild was held last week at Bradford-on-Avon, and was attended by about 140 ringers. The Rev. F. H. Fisher (Cranborne) was appointed Hon. Sec. for Dorset, with Mr. A. Grist (Bournemouth) as Assistant Secretary.

ROYAL EXCHANGE BELLS.—At the request of the Gresham Committee, Messrs. Gillett & Johnston have arranged to play the National Anthem on the Royal Exchange bells on the 22nd inst.

COLATON RALEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.—An effort is being made to restore the church bells of Colaton Raleigh. The East Budleigh Choral Society last week gave a concert for this object.

THE bells of Gravesend Parish Church, after having been unsafe for some time, have been overhauled and made safe for ringing by Mr. S. B. Goslin, of the Bishopsgate foundry.

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MR. JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH was born on the 21st of April, 1821, in Whitefriars, Fleet Street, in the City of London. He learned to ring a bell at the church of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, and was initiated in the art of change-ringing at the neighbouring church of St. Clement Danes, Strand. His first 5040 (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Borough of Southwark, on October 1st, 1839, with Messrs. Abraham Antill, James Hughes, Thomas Reece, William Lobb (conductor), John Freeman, Thomas Tolladay, and Robert Burgess. Mr. Haworth has taken part in



Photo by

MR. J. R. HAWORTH.

[R. Murray.]

176 peals of 5000 changes and upwards, viz., *Grandsire*—Triples, 62; Major, 3; Caters, 27; Cinques, 1. *Stedman*—Triples, 13; Caters, 20; Cinques, 15. *Bob Major*, 2. *Double Norwich Court Bob*—Major, 2. *Kent Treble Bob*—Major, 13; Royal, 10; Maximus, 6. *Oxford Treble Bob*—Major, 1; Royal, 1. The most noteworthy of these performances were—7524 *Stedman Cinques* at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on January 6th, 1851; 8580 *Stedman Cinques* at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 27th, 1861; 8099 *Grandsire Caters* at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on December 9th, 1878; and 5014 *Stedman Cinques* at St. Paul's Cathedral on December 10th, 1881 (first peal on the bells). Mr. Haworth rang the 7th at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on April 5th, 1858, in an unsuccessful attempt for 8551 *Stedman Cinques*. About 8000 changes had been rung when a mistake occurred through candles being unskilfully brought into the ringing-room.

Many miles have been travelled for the accomplishment of these peals, the towers visited being scattered not only all over England, but one peal each has been rung at Dundee, Waterford,

and Llanstefan. On the Accession of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, on June 20th, 1837, Mr. Haworth took part in the ringing at Westminster Abbey to celebrate that joyous event, where he has continued without intermission every 20th of June to loyally usher in the anniversary of that memorable day. The birthdays of the Royal children have always been proclaimed by the Abbey bells, and on these occasions Mr. Haworth has been one of the ringers—notably the 9th of November (Prince of Wales' birthday), when he has rung at various times at almost all the towers in the City of London and the suburbs.

Throughout his long ringing career, Mr. Haworth has continued a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was elected on August 13th, 1839, and is consequently the senior member of that famous body of change-ringers as regards membership. Ringers in many parts of England have been taught the rudiments of their art by Mr. Haworth, and appropriate presentations have been made to him at various places, acknowledging his untiring efforts and the esteem in which he was held by his pupils. On August 13th, 1889, after ringing at St. Saviour's, Southwark, a very pleasant meeting was held at the Society's Headquarters, where many ringers had assembled to congratulate their Jubilee member. A similar occurrence took place at St. Paul's on October 1st, 1889, the fiftieth anniversary of the completion of his first peal. This Society is indebted to Mr. Haworth for numerous gifts of framed photographs, tablets of ringing performances, a copy of his certificate of membership, and a richly engraved two-handled silver cup, which commemorates a peal at Sonning, Berkshire, on August 4th, 1883. This date was the centenary of the presentation of a silver cup to the College Youths 'by Mr. Peter Bluck, of Sonning, for the superior style in which they rang 1008 Bob Major in a contest with the Oxford and Farnham Societies on August 4th, 1783.' Mr. Haworth is also a member of the St. James's and Waterloo Societies, and also of several of the Provincial Associations.

From the early days of *Church Bells* to the present time Mr. Haworth has assisted in compiling the columns devoted to 'Bells and Bell-ringing,' having commenced with the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, who was Rector of Clyst St. George, Devon.

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Cumberland Youths: at St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on June 23rd; and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, June 25th, at 8 p.m.

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Central Northamptonshire Association.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the members of the Central Northamptonshire Association on Whit-Monday was a most successful gathering. Ringers were present from Castle Ashby, Desborough, Earls Barton, Ecton, Finedon, Great Doddington, Grendon, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Kettering, Mears Ashby, Northampton, Rushden, Whiston, Wellingborough, Wilby, Wollaston, Wootton, and Yardley Hastings. By special permission the bells of the churches of All Saints' (eight), St. Giles' (ten), St. Peter's (eight), and St. Edmund's (eight) were opened to the ringers from half-past nine in the morning. At one o'clock service was held in St. Giles' Church, at which about 100 ringers attended. With much good taste the bells were 'falled' and chimed for the service. The presence of the organist, Mr. Bowles, and a choir of seventeen choir-boys added much to the brightness of the singing. The special preacher was the Rev. E. C. Channer, an honorary member of the Association. The offertory was in aid of the funds of the Association. At two o'clock dinner was held at the Peacock Hotel, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, M.A., archdeacon of Oakham and rector of Uppingham, took the chair. The company numbered over 100. After the toast of 'The Queen,' Mr. Dennes, the Hon. Secretary, asked the Chairman, as President of the Association, to accept a peal-book with the following inscription: 'The Peal-book of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers. Founded at Raunds, 1883. The gift of an Honorary Member of the Association. A.D. 1897, being the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria.' The Chairman, in accepting the gift on behalf of the Association, said he did not know how many good societies had been formed during the long reign of Her Majesty, but he did not think any had been more productive of good than the Church Bell-ringers' Association. The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Mayor of Northampton (Alderman H. E. Randall), who expressed his entire sympathy with the work of the Association. Thirty-five new ringing members were enrolled, the parishes included being Ecton, Desborough, Kettering, Mears Ashby, Burton Latimer, Finedon, Wilby, Castle Ashby, Grendon, Whiston, and All Saints', St. Edmund's, and St. Giles', Northampton. It was decided to subscribe 10s. to the Raunds and Finedon Bell Funds. The next quarterly meeting of the Association is to be held at Rushden in August. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens of All Saints', St. Giles', St. Peter's, and St. Edmund's, for allowing the use of their bells. Mr. J. Barry, J.P., churchwarden of All Saints', and Mr. W. Smith, churchwarden of St. Giles', acknowledged the vote. The Rev. E. C. Channer proposed a vote of thanks to the President for presiding, which was replied to by the Archdeacon.

The Kent County Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Canterbury on Whitsun Monday, June 7th, and, except for one drawback, was very successful. Over two hundred members attended, the largest number hitherto present at any annual meeting. The bells at St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6), St. Alphege (6), and Holy Cross (5), were kept going throughout the day, as well as the Cathedral (10), just rehung, but not properly finished. This last was rather a disappointment to many, who had looked forward to a good ring on the occasion of the thirteenth centenary of the foundation of the Cathedral.

The ringers attended the usual morning service at the Cathedral at ten a.m., at the conclusion of which the Dean gave an interesting address. The service was Walmisley in D; the anthem, Spohr's beautiful setting of the 84th Psalm, 'How lovely are Thy dwellings fair.' During the offertory in aid of the Association's fund for belfry repairs, which amounted to 3l. 0s. 8d., the hymn 'When God of old came down from heaven' was sung. The Dean presided at the dinner at the Foresters' Hall, and was supported by the Revs. Canon Hichens, rector of St. Stephen's; E. W. Carpenter, vicar of Milton; T. G. Crosse, rector of St. Alphege, F. J. O. Helmore, precentor (Hon. Sec.); A. L. Brine, Bearsted; J. Dixon, E.g., and others. The usual toasts were given, 'The Queen and Royal Family,' and 'The Archbishop and Clergy, with thanks to the Preacher.'

The Dean, in responding to the latter, said that he considered it an

honour to preside at such a gathering, for it always gave him pleasure to meet large bodies of his fellow-countrymen, and not least a gathering of working men. On an Archbishop's monument in the Cathedral was the very striking sentence, that the one desire of his life was to make the Church of England the Church of the people. He was sure that was the wish, too, of the present Archbishop, who would certainly take an interest in this, as in every other association, which had as its object the improvement and elevation of working men.

The officers were re-elected. The members decided to abide by the ruling of the Central Council as to the use of visible aids to memory in the calling of peals.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Mary's, Mortlake, on June 8th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

Robert E. Chichester .. 1	James Aldridge .. 5
Thomas E. Barber .. 2	George R. Fardon .. 6
Frank Carter .. 3	Alfred W. Brighton .. 7
Francis E. Dawe (condr.) 4	Edward H. Adams .. 8

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the conductor's father and mother.

ALSO at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, on June 9th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Rev. Maitland Kelly .. 1	Robert E. Chichester .. 5
Henry Langdon, sen. .. 2	Edward P. O'Meara .. 6
Frank Godfrey .. 3	Joseph Waghorn, jun. .. 7
Fredk. S. Bayley (condr.) 4	William T. Cockerill .. 8

AND at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on June 10th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs.

James Pettit .. 1	Samuel E. Joyce .. 5
William Truss .. 2	Samuel Hayes .. 6
Henry Springall .. 3	Emanuel Hall .. 7
Alfred W. Brighton .. 4	Richard Ridyard .. 8

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, conducted by R. Ridyard.

AT St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 15th, the following members of the above Society rang the whole-pull-and-stand in respect to the memory of the late Mr. E. Watts, who has for fifty-one years been connected with this church. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; G. Muskett, 2; R. Jameson, 3; W. Cooter, 4; E. Horrex, 5; E. P. O'Meara, 6; W. Prime, 7; C. F. Winney, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; W. D. Smith, 10; J. M. Hayes, 11; W. T. Cockerill, 12. Afterwards two courses of STEDMAN CINQUES, with G. P. Burton, 3; W. Truss, 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; A. W. Brighton, 6; M. A. Wood, 7; F. S. Bayley, 9; E. P. O'Meara, 11; W. Prime, 12.

CALVERLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.—Two new bells have been added, one the gift of Mr. John Wood, and the other presented by the Rector (Rev. Donald Owen), in memory of his brother, Mr. George Owen. Mr. Wood also provided for the recasting of two of the three old bells, and the peal of five is now complete. The bells were dedicated and reopened by the Bishop of Crediton on May 26th.

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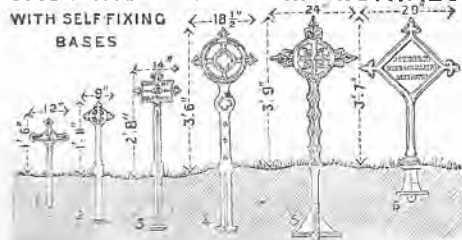
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Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day; at St. James's, Clerkenwell, June 30th.

St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on June 28th.

Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on June 29th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 30th.

College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., June 28th; St. Paul's Cathedral, June 29th; St. John's, Wilton Road, July 1st; St. Stephen's, Westminster, July 2nd.—All at about 8 p.m.

Mr. James R. Haworth.

In addition to the account which appeared in last week's issue of *Church Bells*, this veteran rang at Westminster Abbey on Sunday last (Accession Day), and on Tuesday, the 22nd, thus completing sixty years as a ringer at this historic Abbey.

A Veteran Ringer.

THE *Cheshire Observer* of June 5th says: 'In celebration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, the Christleton Church bell-ringers will attempt to ring a complete peal of 5040 changes. One of the ringers will be Mr. Samuel Mayers, now in his eighty-second year. He has been a regular ringer at Christleton for considerably more than half a century, and still handles the rope in a masterly manner. Mr. S. Mayers has in his time taken part in ringing peals of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, &c. What is more interesting at the present time is that this veteran took part in ringing a muffled peal at Christleton at midnight on the death of William IV. Again, at the general election after the dissolution consequent on the demise of the king, he assisted in ringing at Trinity Church, Newington, in the borough of Southwark. At the coronation of Queen Victoria he again was at his post at Christleton. On June 21st, 1887 (Jubilee Day), he was one of the Christleton ringers who "rang Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins." Mr. Mayers took part in the ringing on June 22nd, and although eighty-two years old, he proved himself thoroughly fit for the task. There is some talk of having him photographed, and asking Her Majesty's acceptance of a copy of the photograph. It is to be hoped that an opportunity of honouring such a veteran bell-ringer will not be allowed to slip.'

Bromsgrove Church Bells, Worcestershire.

THE bells at Bromsgrove Parish Church, which have been thoroughly renovated at a cost of nearly 250*l.*, were rededicated to the service of God on Saturday, June 5th. For some time it had been apparent that the ring was not in good order—in fact so dilapidated was the frame on which the bells were suspended that it was considered unsafe to ring them. At the commencement of this jubilee year the project of placing the bells in a thorough state of repair was brought forward by the Vicar and churchwardens, and after a preliminary meeting on the subject, Mr. Edmund Hartland, the senior churchwarden, generously undertook to pay the cost of a complete renovation of the bells, subject to the proviso that the chimes should also be restored during the year by the public of Bromsgrove. It is needless to say that Mr. Hartland's splendid gift was unanimously accepted, and as speedily as possible the task of restoration was placed in the hands of Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, by whom the work has been very successfully carried out. The tone of the old eighth bell was never considered quite satisfactory, and this has therefore been recast by the founders, who have also retuned the whole ring, with the result that Bromsgrove now possesses an evenly-balanced and well-tuned ring of ten worthy of its noble parish church.

The Bells of St. Luke's, Wolverhampton.

On Saturday afternoon, June 19th, a special service was held at St. Luke's Church, Wolverhampton, when the peal of bells presented to the church by Mr. Edward Lisle of Tettenhall, were dedicated by the Bishop of Shrewsbury. The donor of the bells had previously presented the clock which was fixed in the church steeple in 1894. To place these munificent gifts on record, a brass tablet has been affixed in the nave. The bells, which consist of an octave in G, have been cast by Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, at a cost of about 500*l.* The tenor bell weighs 10 cwt. The bells are fixed in an iron frame, and provided with the most recent fittings.

There was a crowded attendance at the dedication service, which was conducted by the incumbent, the Rev. W. T. Milligan, M.A., the lessons being read by the Revs. R. B. Forrester, M.A., and H. W. Leicester Ward, while the Bishop also assisted. The actual dedication took place in the belfry, the Bishop placing the bells in the charge of the vicar as a

sacred trust, 'set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses.' The Bishop subsequently unveiled the memorial tablet, and read the inscription to the congregation. Immediately after the consecration of the bells a peal was rung, and another at the conclusion of the service.

The opening touch was rung by a local band, consisting of 377 changes of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, by the following:—F. Jones, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; R. Pickering, 3; H. Knight, 4; G. Burrows, 5; J. E. Groves, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Purser, 8. Afterwards a peal of 5040 changes of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, in 2 hrs. 49 mins.: B. Dalton, 1; H. Dawkes, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; J. Carter, 4; S. Reeves, 5; R. Cartwright, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; C. H. Watts, 8. The changes had been composed by J. Carter, and the performance was conducted by J. E. Groves. The above ringers represent eight different towers in Staffordshire.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the St. Michael's Juniors.

On June 17th at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Gloucester a peal of GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt. 48 lbs.

Fred G. May ..	1	John Austin ..	5
William C. Jones ..	2	Francis E. Ward ..	6
William T. Pegler ..	3	Arthur E. Pegler ..	7
Francis E. Hart ..	4	Ernest E. Davis ..	8

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James. Conducted by John Austin. This is the first peal ever rung in this new method, the production of the Rev. E. Banks James, and the ringers were unanimous in their expressions of praise at the beauty of its working as also of its undoubted excellence from a musical point of view.

ST. JOHN'S, DEVIZES.—On Thursday, June 17th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by the following members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. A. Draper, 1; W. H. Johnson,* 2; T. Ruddon, 3; C. D. Heginbotham,* 4; C. R. Hampton,* 5; C. H. Hampton, 6; S. Hillier† (conductor), 7; R. Phillips, 8. On Sunday morning, the 20th inst., for service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. D. Heginbotham, 1; W. Hollier, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. On Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at midnight (after firing the bells sixty times) a well-struck 336 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. King, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; C. H. Hampton, 3; C. D. Heginbotham, 4; C. R. Hampton, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; A. Draper, 7; R. Phillips, 8. Also 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Hollier, treble, the rest as before. At mid-day, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. D. Heginbotham, 1; W. H. Johnson, 2; T. Ruddon, 3; W. Hollier, 4; A. Draper, 5; S. Hillier (conductor), 6; W. King, 7; R. Phillips, 8. [* First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal as conductor.]

Two new bells have recently been dedicated at Broadclyst. One is a treble bell inscribed 'Queen Victoria, 1897,' and the other a second treble, on which are the words 'Presented by the Weir Family of Hay Messrs. Wippell & Co., of Exeter, have prepared a tablet in commemoration of the event to place in the church.

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THE offertory at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday morning, was to be devoted to paying off the debt on the new organ, which was then used for the first time; but, during the course of the service, Canon Eyton announced that two members of the House of Commons had munificently undertaken to give the 400*l.* lacking to complete the organ fund, so that the offertory was available for the Hospital Fund.

THE third conference of the Clergy and Artists' Association was held yesterday week in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster, under the presidency of Canon Gore. The Association was brought into existence to enable the clergy and others to approach the artist more directly and to improve the standard of church decoration. Its object, as Canon Gore remarked, is to bring together those who have the material for ecclesiastical decoration and those who have the personal gifts. A paper was read by Mr. Edward E. Prior, on 'Church Building: Present and Future.' Among those present were the Bishop of Ballarat, the Bishop of Brisbane, Mr. T. Graham Jackson, R.A., Canon Eyton, the Rev. F. Dearmer, and the Rev. A. Gurney.

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The Herts County Association.

A DISTRICT meeting of the Hertford County Association of Change-ringers was held at Bushey, on Saturday, June 19th. During the afternoon representatives of bands in union with the Association rang upon the bells at the Parish Church and at Oxhey, and in the evening sat down to tea in the schools. When this 'course' was finished a business meeting was held, the Rev. T. H. Kynaston (rector) presiding; there being also present Mr. E. P. Debenham (Hon. Secretary), Mr. E. E. Huntley (Hon. Auditor), Messrs. A. Lewis (St. Albans), W. H. L. Buckingham, W. G. Whitehead, W. I. Oakley, F. Edwards, F. Smith (Bushey), W. Hewitt (Aldenharn), J. George (Rugby), C. George, H. Martin, P. H. Read, G. N. Price (Oxhey).

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Mr. J. Field was elected an honorary member, and Mr. A. L. Lance a ringing member of the Association. On the proposal of Mr. Buckingham, supported by Mr. E. E. Huntley, the next district meeting was decided to be held at Knebworth. It was also decided by the meeting that, if possible, a supplemental meeting be held at Hemel Hempstead on July 24th. Votes of thanks to the Rector of Bushey, and the Rev. Newton Price, vicar of Oxhey, for use of bells, concluded the meeting. Ringing was indulged in during the evening.

Another Veteran Bell-ringer.

At Leigh (Lancashire) Parish Church on Tuesday, the 22nd, Thomas Hussey, aged eighty-five, completed an extraordinary career as a ringer. Born in 1812, he became a ringer when fifteen years of age, and rang the mourning peal for the burial of George IV. He also rang for the coronation and funeral of William IV., the accession, coronation, and Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and on Tuesday he rang for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. He is considered the oldest ringer in England.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 22nd, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

I. George Shade ..	1	William Weatherstone ..	5
John J. Lamb* ..	2	Harry Hoskins ..	6
William Berry* ..	3	Henry Flanders* ..	7
William Foreman ..	4	Frederick W. Thornton ..	8

Composed by W. Harrison of Mottram, conducted by I. G. Shade. [*First peal of MAJOR.]

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 26th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

Alfred W. Brighton ..	1	Walter J. Sorrell ..	5
Henry R. Newton ..	2	Samuel E. Andrews ..	6
Frank Buck ..	3	Charles T. P. Brice ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	4	John N. Oxborrow ..	8

Composed by Henry Johnson, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on June 22nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5½ mins.

William Palmer ..	1	George A. King ..	5
Robert S. Cherryman ..	2	Arthur A. Fuller ..	6
Harry Weston ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
James N. Frossell ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, conducted by G. Williams. This peal was brought round at 7.34 a.m.

Also at St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, on June 22nd, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs.

Keith Hart ..	1	Arthur A. Fuller ..	5
Robert J. Dawe ..	2	Alfred J. Turner ..	6
Robert S. Cherryman ..	3	Charles Painter ..	7
John S. Goldsmith ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by T. Lockwood, conducted by Keith Hart.

The above two peals were rung in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Yorkshire Association.

At Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on June 21st, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

F. Moulson (first peal) ..	1	F. Osgerby (Beverley) ..	5
T. Stockdale ..	2	D. W. Brown ..	6
H. W. Needham ..	3	C. Jackson ..	7
G. Marshall ..	4	J. W. Dale ..	8

Composed by Rev. H. Law James, and conducted by C. Jackson.

This peal was rung to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, also in honour of Hull being elevated to the dignity of a City by Royal Charter.

Oswestry, Shropshire.

At St. Oswald's, Oswestry, on June 24th, Holt's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

John Hughes (first peal) ..	1	R. Martin ..	5
G. Davies ..	2	R. Edwards ..	6
Ed. Jones ..	3	D. Davies (conductor) ..	7
H. Jarman ..	4	W. Worton ..	8

Rung in honour of the Diamond Jubilee.

THE recasting and rehanging of the broken bells in Padstow Church are about to be done by Mr. Aggett, bell-hanger, of Chagford, Devon.

THE bells of St. Mary's, Brixham, have all now been taken down and the peal rehung on massive timbers of English oak, with new fittings complete. The fourth bell, which was cracked, has been recast and tuned to harmonise.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.—As a portion of the Jubilee celebrations in the village of Christleton, the ringers of the village church completed a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on the eight bells of 5040 changes, 194 bobs and 46 singles. The peal occupied 2 hrs. 51 mins. One of the ringers was Mr. Samuel Mayers, who is eighty-two years of age (of whom we gave some particulars last week), and it speaks well for his stamina and ability that he got through the task with little fatigue.

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THE LOGIA, OR SAYINGS OF CHRIST, discovered by Messrs. B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt, of Oxford, which Mr. Henry Frowde (Oxford University Press) is about to publish for the Egypt Exploration Fund, are contained on one piece of papyrus, five and a half inches by three and a half inches, a well-preserved leaf of a book. While the collection of sayings may have been made even earlier than the beginning of the second century, the writing itself (very clear uncials) may be said with tolerable certainty to be not later than the third century, or at least 100 years older than any MS. of the Gospels. The *Logia* are detached sayings without context, emphatic and precise in character. Each verse begins with the words 'Jesus saith.' Some are unlike those in the Gospels, others have their parallel in the New Testament, but the phraseology differs. Compared with the sayings recorded in the Synoptic Evangelists, these sayings are most like those handed down by St. Luke. These are certainly not part of those that are supposed to have been behind St. Matthew, but of probably an early collection, similar in character to that which the Evangelist is believed to have made.

PIANOFORTE AND ORGAN MUSIC.

FROM Messrs. Robert Cocks & Co. we have received:—

PRINTemps, by Felix Borowski, a quite charming and by no means trifling piece.

GRANDE VALSE BRILLIANTE, No. 4, in G Flat, and TITTLE TATTLE, by Angelo Maseheroni.—Two pieces of drawing-room music, of which the former in the hands of a spirited performer, could not fail in making its effect; whilst the latter, a simple, gavotte-like trifle, suffers from its principal melody being unfortunately somewhat commonplace.

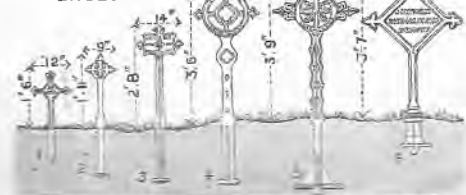
THREE ROMANIAN DANCES, by Anton Strelezki, are to be confidently recommended, as are the bulk of this writer's productions, being effective and taking, though artistic throughout, and making no undue demands upon the abilities of performers of even moderate pretensions.

Two new numbers of 'Standard Classical Pieces' are devoted to Hummel's well-known fantasia, LA CONTEMPLAZIONE, very satisfactorily edited and well printed, and Bach's PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN A MINOR, with a suggested reading of the *arpeggi*, which should, we consider, have appeared below Bach's text, with an explanatory note, and not above it, as here happens.

ALLEGRETTO, in B Minor, and MARCHE SOLENNELLE, in E Flat, for the Organ, by Edwin H. Lemare, are two pieces written in more or less successful imitation of the style adopted by the once popular French writers of the middle of this century, but lacking its melody and suavity.

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" Major	16	13	—
" Royal	1	1	—
Grandsire Triples	48	39	—
" Triples on handbells	4	4	—
" Major	1	1	—
" Caters	5	3	—
Union Triples	1	1	—
Stedman Triples	74	52	28
" Caters	7	5	—
" Cinques	1	—	—
Kent 'Treble Bob Major	22	19	—
" " " Royal	4	2	—
" " " Maximus	1	—	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1	—
College Exercise Major	1	—	—
Champion Major	1	—	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	41	32	24
Superlative Surprise Major	38	30	17
New Cumberland Surprise Major	2	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	10	8	6
London Surprise Major	10	9	5
Totals	308	236	

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day; at St. James's, Clerkenwell, July 14th.
St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on July 12th.
Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on July 13th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 14th.
College Youths: at Mary's, Bow, E., July 12th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, July 13th; St. John's, Wilton Road, July 15th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, July 16th.—All at about 8 p.m.

The Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

SIR,—At the annual meeting of the above Association on Whit Monday, I stated that the bells of the church of St. Mary, Whiston (Northants), had recently been rehung at the expense of the Rector, the Hon. and Rev. L. C. R. Irby (and I had been so informed), but I now find that the Rector paid one-third of the cost and Lord Boston, the patron of the living, the remainder. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead, on Saturday, July 24th. Further particulars next week.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

SEVERAL members of this Society, including the officers, were most kindly entertained by Miss Macalpine Leny on Saturday, July 3rd. Reserved carriages conveyed the party to Tonbridge, where a large brake was waiting to continue the journey to Penshurst. After luncheon, touches were rung on the Penshurst bells, which have recently been augmented to eight, and have made a very musical peal. In the afternoon, a move was made to Speldhurst, where more ringing was indulged in, until the time for dinner was announced by the Rectory bell. Afterwards, on the lawn, six courses of STEDMAN CATERS were rung on handbells, and at nine o'clock the brake was brought into requisition once more to commence the return journey. The day was most enjoyable throughout, and Cannon Street was safely reached soon after twelve o'clock.

A Ringer with a Record.

THE Wiltshire town of Trowbridge possesses a notability in the person of Mr. William Alley, who was one of the bell-ringers at the parish

church there at the time of Her Majesty's accession to the throne in 1837, and has been in active connexion with the ringing at the parish church till within the last five years. He rang at Her Majesty's coronation, at all her birthdays, her Jubilee, and also her Diamond Jubilee. Mr. Alley commenced ringing when quite a lad; he is now in his seventy-eighth year. He was christened by Poet Crabbe, and has rung at the induction of six Rectors of Trowbridge.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

AT All Saints', Benhilton, on June 26th, a Variation of Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

Henry Brooker (conductor)	1	Joseph Fayers	5
Alfred Clayton	2	William Smith	6
Charles Dean	3	Charles Bance	7
George Welling	4	Henry Bryant	8

ALSO at St. Giles's, Ashted, on June 28th, Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

David Ancomb	1	William Cook	5
Henry Wilkinson	2	John Wyatt (conductor)	6
Charles Read	3	Francis Groves	7
Henry Corbett	4	William Farrell	8

This peal was rung in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA.—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, taken from Holt's Original, in 48 mins. W. Webber, 1; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 2; G. Fardon, 3; W. Moss, 4; T. Barber, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; C. Hindes, 7; G. Chesterman, 8.

BROADCLYST, Devonshire, was enlivened on Saturday, June 19th, by merry peals on the church bells during the afternoon and evening. The occasion was the trial of two new trebles. Besides the addition of these, the tenor bell has been rehung and the other five repaired. A new cage has also been provided. The new bells were found to blend well with the old six, being well in tune and of excellent tone. The founders are Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel, London, whose work has proved very creditable. The cage was supplied by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, who also carried out the repairs. The Vicar, Committee, and subscribers are much pleased with the work, which has been superintended by Mr. Ferris Shepherd, of Exeter.

STOKE-IN-TEIGNHEAD Church bells, silent for the past six months, one of the peal being cracked, were rung again for the Jubilee celebration. Prior to 1887, there were four bells. One, however, having been cracked, it was removed, and two new bells were added, at a cost of 120*l.*, as a permanent memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. The dates of four bells are 1592, 1676, 1728, and 1887. The bell just hung, in the place of the one erected in 1728, is the third bell. It bears the inscription 'God Bless the Queen. 1897.' The cost, 30*l.*, will be defrayed out of subscriptions for the Diamond Jubilee.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—The congregation of St. James's Church, Taunton, have celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by adding two bells to their peal, which now numbers eight, and on Saturday evening, June 19th, the bells were dedicated by the Rev. Prebendary Askwith, rector of St. Mary's and Rural Dean.

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Church Music.

MOLWCH YR ARGLWYDD, anthem, composed for the Bangor Archidiaconal Festival, 1897, by R. Meyrick-Roberts. (Jarvis & Foster, Church in Wales Music Depot, Bangor.)—With much pleasure we welcome this excellent specimen of earnest and vigorous Church music as composed in the Principality. The choral sections are well laid out, and calculated for massive effects, even in the more florid portions, and if the movement in twelve-eight time reminds one of such a composer as Dr. Martin, it proves that the writer has studied good models. A suave tenor solo with semi-chorus, original in effect and properly contrasted, follows, and the last movement is a short fugue on a spirited subject excellently treated. The English version of the Psalm (cxlix.) is not inserted together with the Welsh, and this we consider an unfortunate omission, albeit we say it with bated breath. But such music need not be confined within the limits of Wales—in fact, there are numerous reasons why English people should see what Welsh composers are doing in the cause of serious musical art, and Welsh is not as yet a language 'understood of the people' in England generally.

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Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 21st.

College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on July 19th; St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on July 21st; St. John's, Wilton Road, and St. Magnus, London Bridge, on July 22nd; St. Stephen's, Westminster, July 23rd.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on July 21st; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, July 23rd.

Kent County Association.

AN extra meeting for the Ashford district will be held at Aldington Church, on Saturday afternoon next, July 17th. No allowances. *Hythe*.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,
Hon. District Secretary.

The St. James's Society.

MEMBERS are earnestly requested to attend at Headquarters, the 'Shakespeare,' Wych Street, Strand, on Monday, July 26th, for the election of Officers, and presentation of Balance-sheet by the Auditors.

R. E. DANIELL, Hon. Sec.

A Correction.

SIR,—You recently reviewed that extremely interesting book, *Moulton Church and its Bells*, by Sydney Madge. I think it should be known that the list of church bells in Northamptonshire, as given at the end of the book, is not correct or reliable, no account having been taken of most of the alterations and additions to rings of bells in the county since 1879 (the date of the publication of North's *Church Bells of Northamptonshire*, from which book the greater part of Mr. Madge's information has been extracted). I wrote to the author as soon as I noticed this defect in his book, and he kindly promised to re-issue that portion as soon as possible.

Wellingborough.

E. J. DENNES.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Mary's, Harlow, Essex, on July 3rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Alfred Whight	1	Rowland Fenn	5
Albert Deards	2	Thomas Faulkner	6
Caleb Fenn	3	York Green	7
Edward Lucas	4	Albert C. Hardy	8

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The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on July 8th, a variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins.

George Williams (condr.)	1	William Steed	5
John Steddy*	2	John S. Goldsmith	6
Alfred Lawrence*	3	Alfred J. Turner	7
Keith Hart	4	Edmund Lindup	1

[* First peal of Stedman.]

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At St. James's, Taunton, on July 3rd, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brook's Variation), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Albert J. Chilcott	1	Rev. H. C. Courtney	5
William W. Thorne	2	Ferris Shepherd (conductor)	6
Henry Porch	3	James Graham	7
Ernest Bishop	4	Joseph Maddock	8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Peter's Irthlingborough, on July 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

Walter Perkins	1	John B Martin	5
James Houghton, jun.	2	Charles W. Clarke	6
William V. Newman	3	James Garratt	7
Alfred H. Martin	4	Anderson Y. Tyler	8

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by Anderson Tyler.

Also on July 6th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

James Houghton, jun.	1	Alphæus Perkins	5
Anderson Tyler	2	William R. Hensher	6
Ernest Underwood*	3	James Houghton, sen.	7
William V. Newman	4	John D. Matthews*	8

Composed by H. Hubbard and conducted by John D. Matthews.

[* First peal in the method.]

ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, July 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. G. Brush, 1; H. W. Cotton, 2; A. E. Bradley, 3; R. E. Daniell, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; H. Wilson, 8.

Restoration of Astley Church Bells, Worcestershire.

THESE bells were reopened at a special service on St. Peter's Day, June 29th, this being about the 750th anniversary of the dedication of the church. The prayers were intoned by the Rector, Rev. M. B. Buckle. The special lesson was read by the Rev. J. L. Moilliet. Special prayers, appropriate for the occasion, having been offered, a peal was rung on the bells, the *Te Deum* immediately following. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. C. Stamer, rector of Holt.

The work includes a new bell floor, sound floor, and ringing floor. The interior walls of the tower, visible to the church, have been restored, thus opening up the old stonework. The tenor bell has been recast, and entirely new fittings provided for all the bells, together with a new chiming apparatus. A handsome brass to commemorate the event has been placed in the south wall, and bears the following inscription:—
"To the glory of God and in thankful memory of the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria, the bells in this Church were entirely rehung and restored by William Jones, Esq., J.P., D.L., Abberley Hall, Lord of the Manor of Astley, and patron of this benefice. God save the Queen." The work to the bells has been carried out by Mr. Charles Carr, Smethwick.

A permanent flagstaff, thirty-five feet in length, with flag, has also been placed above the tower by Mr. Jones. The tower, which is a very handsome and well-proportioned specimen of the later Decorated period, dates from about 1470, and from an early period in its history contained a peal of four bells. In the year 1728 these bells were taken down and recast into a peal of six by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, the founder of most peals of bells of about that date in the West of England. This peal of six is the peal that has just been restored. The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

- (1) 'Prosperity to this parish, 1728.'
- (2) 'John Rudhall, Gloucester.' (Fæcit 1806.)
- (3) 'Peace and good neighbourhood. Recast 1838, by Thomas Mears, of London.'
- (4) 'Fear God, honour the king, 1728.'
- (5) 'The gift of Sir Thomas Cookes Winford, Bart., 1728.'
- (6) 'I to the Church the living call, and to the grave do summon all. 1728. Recast 1897.'

Mrs. Henry Crane, of Weston-super-Mare, and formerly of Astley parish, has undertaken the complete restoration of the clock in the church tower. This lady is a sister of Frances Ridley Havergal, who lies buried in the churchyard here.

Todmorden Bells, Lancashire.

THE peal consists of eleven bells—eight hung for ringing and three extra for tune-playing. The diameters, weights, notes and inscriptions are as follows:—

	Diameter.	Weight	Note.
	ft. in.	c. qr. lbs.	
Treble of eight	2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 0 22	E Flat
Second	2 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 2 8	D
Third	2 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 3 12	C
Fourth	2 11	8 3 0	B Flat
Fifth	3 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 3 16	A Flat
Sixth	3 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	13 2 6	G
Seventh	3 8 $\frac{3}{4}$	17 0 24	F
Tenor	4 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	23 1 13	E Flat
Note above treble	2 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 2 5	F
Minor Seventh	2 7	7 0 18	D Flat
Augmented Fourth	3 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 1 26	A

INSCRIPTIONS:

Treble of eight, 'To God the Father;' second, 'God the Son;' third, 'And God the Spirit;' fourth, 'Three in one;' fifth, 'Be honour, praise;' sixth, 'And glory given;' seventh, 'By all in earth. Edward J. Russell, M.A., vicar, Arthur S. Roberts, M.A., assistant priest; Samuel Fielden, J.P., William A. Sutcliffe, wardens; Caleb Hoyle, first Mayor of the Borough;' tenor, 'And all in heaven. This peal of eleven bells was presented to the Todmorden Parish Church by Miss Hannah Howorth, of Brooklyn House, in memory of her brothers and sisters deceased. In the year of Our Lord 1897, being the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria;' the note above the treble, 'Deus homo;' the minor seventh, 'Rex cœlorum;' the augmented fourth, 'Miserere miserorum.'

The bells are cast of the purest metal, and the peal is tuned on Messrs. Taylor's latest perfected system; that is to say, the harmonic notes of each bell are tuned as well as its primary note. The fittings of the eight bells contain all the latest developments and improvements, viz., the iron girder headstocks, the 'Heywood' lubricators for the bearings, and the 'Hastings' stays and sliders. The framework consists of massive iron H-shaped castings, standing upon and secured to stout steel girders.

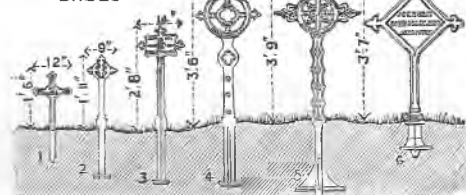
WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—At a Committee meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers, held at Eastleigh Vicarage, to make arrangements for the forthcoming festival at Romsey, on Monday next, the 19th inst., the chair was taken by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, vicar, and the following representatives were present: Basingstoke, Mr. White; Bournemouth, Mr. Grist; Eastleigh, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, vicar; Fareham, Mr. Whiting; Hurstley, Rev. C. Matthews, general secretary; Portsea, Mr. Harper; Twyford, Mr. Brown. It was stated that on the occasion of the festival the bells at Romsey Abbey Church and at the neighbouring towns will, by permission, be rung, with the addition of Salisbury, where the ringers of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, will visit.

WIVELISCOMBE.—On Thursday, July 1st, there was a special service in St. Andrew's, to celebrate the reopening of the bells, the preacher being the Rev. L. H. Evans, of Rhayader, Wales. The bells have been rehung at a cost of 230*l.*, all of which but 50*l.* has been subscribed.

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THE Annual Festival Service in connexion with the Foundling Hospital was held in the church at the Hospital on Sunday morning. The sermon in aid of the funds of the charity was preached by the Bishop of Peterborough. The Duke of Cambridge, president of the Hospital, presented prizes to fourteen former wards of the charity who had attained the age of twenty-one during the past year, and in the course of a short address said that the young people owed the deepest gratitude to the useful, excellent, and well-conducted Institution in which they had been reared and educated. The Bishop of Peterborough also spoke of the force their example would have upon the conduct of their younger comrades.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day; at St. James's, Clerkenwell, July 28th.

St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on July 26th.

Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on July 27th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 28th.

College Youths: at Mary's, Bow, E., July 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral, July 27th; St. John's, Wilton Road, July 29th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, July 30th.—All about 8 p.m.

St. Mary's, Lewisham.

THE Vicar and Churchwardens have appointed as steeple-keeper Mr. Harry Warnett, of 9 Harvard Road, Lewisham, to whom all communications concerning use of the bells, &c., should in future be addressed. Meetings for practice held every Monday at 8 p.m. Ringers cordially invited.

The St. James's Society.

MEMBERS are earnestly requested to attend at Headquarters, the 'Shakespeare,' Wych Street, Strand, on Monday next, July 26th, for the election of Officers, and presentation of Balance-sheet by the Auditors. R. E. DANIELL, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THERE was a good attendance of members at the annual meeting of this Association, held in Bath on Saturday, July 10th. Dinner was served at the Alliance Restaurant, and subsequently a business meeting was held at the Abbey Church House. Mr. C. D. E. Boutflower, the outgoing Master, was succeeded in the office by the Rev. H. C. Courtney, of Minehead, whose election was unanimous. Mr. Courtney expressed the intention of visiting every tower in the diocese during his year of office. The report stated that there was now a membership of 406, viz., 350 performing, 50 honorary, and 6 life; the balance in hand was 13*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* The report stated that much progress had not been made scientifically; this was probably owing to a lack of efficient conductors, without whom peals on the new methods could not be rung. Mr. W. H. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve, Washford, was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. On the motion of Mr. Boutflower the various deaneries of the diocese were empowered to form local branches with their own chairmen and secretaries, but to observe the rules of the Association. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip. A service was held in the Abbey, the Rector, Canon Quirk, giving a brief appropriate address.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Peter's, Hindley, on July 17th, a Six-part Bob-and-Single Variation peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

John Gummerson ..	1	William Major ..	5
Edward Brown ..	2	Thomas Tickle ..	6
Edmund Prescott ..	3	William Bentham ..	7
Alexander Shaw ..	4	Noah Gregory ..	8

Composed by John Aspinwall, of Liverpool, and conducted by William Bentham. Messrs. Gummerson, Shaw, and Major came from Wigan; W. Bentham from Aughton; the rest are local men.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

AT the Church of St. John the Baptist, Wolverley, on July 10th, seven 720's of MINOR in 2 hrs. 54 mins., being DOUBLE COURT, CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, DOUBLE OXFORD, OXFORD BOB, KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB, and PLAIN BOB.

John Barber ..	1	Thomas J. Salter ..	4
Noah Davies ..	2	William Short ..	5
William H. Smith ..	3	William H. Barber (condr.)	6

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

AT Ripon Cathedral, on July 10th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Robert Alcock ..	1	Walter Pick ..	5
John Wm. Passman (condr.)	2	Edward Edwardson ..	6
Thomas Neill ..	3	Thomas Metcalfe ..	7
James Metcalfe ..	4	Charles Swiers ..	8

The Midland Counties Association.

AT the house of Mr. Hackley, 102 William Street, Birmingham, on July 12th, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Referee, William Short, of Clent.

Robert J. Hunt..	1-2	Thomas Miller ..	5-6
William A. Hancox*	3-4	William H. Barber ..	7-8
Richard Hackley ..		9-10	

Composed by John Carter and conducted by William A. Hancox.

First peal of STEDMAN CATERS on handbells by all except T. Miller, and is the first in the method ever rung in the city, also by the Association; rung at the second attempt. [* First peal as conductor.]

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On July 15th, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 29 mins. W. H. Smith, 1; W. Webber, 2; W. Berry, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; W. H. Passmore, 5; F. Clements, 6; T. Langdon, 7; [no name], 8.

Barnes Church Bells: What is to happen to the Old Ones?

MR. HENRY ATTWELL writes in the *Richmond Herald* of July 10th: 'Last Thursday a friend from London (a campanologist), not knowing about our Jubilee peal, expressed his surprise at having seen at the church gates a cart containing three church bells, two of them "very good and interesting." He hoped the two bells would not be tampered with, and I assured him that no such Vandalism was contemplated, and that they were simply going to the founder's that five new bells might be attuned to the old ones, whose chime none of us would wish altered. My friend shook his head, but did not shake my confidence that no harm would come to our old bells. I have recently heard that not only will the faulty bell be restored, but that the other two will be so dealt with as to adapt their voices to those of their new companions. While I do trust that this is mere surmise, I know so well how little quarter is commonly given to the old when it stands in the way of the new, that I shall be glad to hear that our old friends will undergo no "chipping," recasting, or other restoration at the founder's hands. I might, it is true, inquire of those who are responsible for this detail of our Jubilee doings as to the treatment to which the bells are to be subjected, but as the week's ominous silence of the church tower has inspired other parishioners besides myself with fears, I think it is desirable that all anxiety as to the fate of a most interesting relic of old Barnes should be authoritatively dispelled.'

EAST TEIGNMOUTH.—Out of eight bells for St. Michael's, seven have now been presented by individual donors. A friend, who wishes for the present to remain anonymous, has recently given the treble. The work of erecting the bells and chimes is going on rapidly and is expected to be completed by the middle of August.

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THE Secretary of the Christian Evidence Society inform us that the books selected for their examination next April are as follows:—Gibson's *Plain and Simple*, Stewart's *Handbook of Christian Evidences*, Butler's *Analogy*, *Principles of Theism*, Wright's *Introduction to the Old Testament*, Robertson's *Discourse on the Introduction to the New Testament*, and McClymont's *New Testament*. There is no restriction of sex, age, or religious denomination; any persons, whether studying alone or in classes, may offer themselves as candidates for examination.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.—When the proprietors of an article of consumption are prepared to send over 2,000,000 free sample tins to those who send a postcard, it is fair to assume the vendors must themselves have a pretty good opinion of their specialité; and when, in addition, they possess sufficient courage to 'put up' 10,000*l.* in hard cash to pay for postage of samples, it must be evident they have satisfied themselves as to the value of the thing, and that it is better to demonstrate practically at the point of sale than to depend upon mere assurances by advertisement. Dr. TIBBIES' Vi-Cocoa, Limited, 60, 61, and 62 Bunhill Row, London, E.C., are sending over 10,000 free sample tins of their special preparation to the public, and as a result the sales are going up by leaps and bounds. This style of advertising has the merit of honesty, and that the public appreciate it is shown by the statement that Dr. Tibbies' Vi-Cocoa can now be obtained from grocers, chemists, and stores everywhere, and the trade are unanimous in saying that no preparation of a similar character has ever given equal satisfaction to their customers. To obtain a tin it is only necessary to send a postcard and the name of *Church Bells* should be mentioned.—[Advt.]

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 4th.

College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on August 2nd; St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on August 4th; St. John's, Wilton Road, and St. Magnus', London Bridge, on August 5th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, August 6th.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on August 4th; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, August 6th.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE sixteenth annual festival of the Guild was held at Banbury on July 12th. The proceedings opened in the morning, when a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins., under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of St. Clement's, Oxford. At 2.45, when the ringing had ceased, a fully choral service was held in the church, the Rev. Canon Porter officiating. At the luncheon, to which a large party sat down, the Rev. F. E. Robinson said he thought they might fairly say that under God's blessing—and they had all sought that—the Guild had been prosperous, when they considered they had a membership of over 1200, and their finances in fairly good position.

Since the establishment of the Guild in 1881 much progress has been made in the matter of change-ringing. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the patron, and the Lord Bishop of Oxford the president, the vice-presidents being the Bishop-suffragan of Reading and the Archdeacons of Berks and Bucks. The Guild has a popular master in the person of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton Vicarage, Abington, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis is hon. secretary. The Rugby local branch was represented by Mr. James George.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Old East Derbyshire and Yorkshire Associations.

At St. James's, Norton, Derbyshire, on July 17th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

Arthur Knights	1	Arthur Slater	5
Joseph Atkin	2	Gad Butcher	6
Edwin James	3	John Allen	7
Thomas G. Sarel	4	William Biggin	8

Composed and conducted by Arthur Knights.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Basingstoke, on July 17th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins.

Dora White* (aged 13) ..	1	Frederick G. Wilson ..	5
Alice White†	2	Charles Giles	6
Alfred E. Reeves	3	Frank Hoopgood	7
Henry White (conductor) ..	4	John Tucker	8

The ringer of the treble is the second daughter of the conductor.
[* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On July 26th, for practice, at the Parish Church, by members of the Central Northamptonshire Association, 337 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Turnell, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; W. Perkins, 3; W. Wood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher, 7; T. Craddock, 8. 350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Turnell, 1; W. Perkins, 2; F. Wood, 3; W. Wood, 4; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 5; E. West, 6; J. T. Tompkins, 7; T. Craddock, 8. 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Turnell, 1; F. Wood, 2; W. H. Ette, 3; E. West, 4; T. R. Hensher, 5; J. T. Tompkins, 6; W. Perkins, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Messrs. Tompkins and Perkins belong to Finedon belfry; these were the former's first 'touches' of Triples.

BEDFORD.—For some time past the condition of the five bells which St. Andrew's tower contains has been a subject of concern, it being found from a report of Messrs. Taylor & Son, the well-known Loughborough firm, that they were in a dangerous and dilapidated state. The estimated cost of putting them into a safe and satisfactory condition is 166*l.* 10*s.*, exclusive of some small mason's and carpenter's work connected with a proposed new frame. A Committee, consisting of Mr. Wingfield, the Clergy and Churchwardens (with power to add) have already been appointed, and a fund has been started. Another matter requiring attention is the church clock, the face of which has been restored, repainted, and regilded by the Rector and Mrs. Nicol as a special Jubilee memorial. The works, however, require restoration, which it is proposed to commence after the bells have been restored.

SELLINGE, KENT.—The Diamond Jubilee is to be permanently commemorated by the rehanging of the church bells, towards the cost of which 14*l.* has been raised. The parish is to be canvassed for subscriptions.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—The ringers of St. Margaret's Church had an outing by brake to Southwold on Saturday, July 10th. The Vicar and Churchwardens at Southwold took advantage of the occasion by causing the formal reopening of the bells after restoration to take place on that day. Various methods were rung until five o'clock, when the ringers were invited by the Vicar (Rev. C. H. Sutton, M.A.) to an excellent meat tea, over which he presided, assisted by the Churchwardens, and were met by the local company and ringers from neighbouring towns, adjourning afterwards to the Vicarage grounds, where various games and handbell-ringing took place, refreshments being supplied upon the lawn. The party had a very pleasant holiday.

THE NOISE NUISANCE IN LONDON.—Dwellers in towns must, of course, put up with a certain amount of noise at all hours. But there are necessary and unnecessary noises. The church bell belongs to the latter class. It is absurd to say that there is in these days any necessity whatever for ringing a bell to announce the hour of worship. If people want to go to church, they will go whether the bell rings or not. If they do not want to go, all the bells in creation will not fetch them. The theatres and music halls do not ring bells before every performance, and their managers are quite as good judges as the clergy of the best way to attract the public. Chiming clocks, again, are quite unnecessary in the middle of the night. In busy districts they may have a certain amount of use in the daytime, although I suspect that the chiming clock, like the bell for church service, had its origin in the time when there was only one clock in a town or village, and that generally at the church. I am prepared to support any legislation to suppress the ringing of church bells, and for stopping all chiming clocks, let us say from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. Street organs might be dealt with in the same bill on the same lines.—*Truth*.

'FATHER PROUT' writes in the *World*:—'I cannot agree with Mr. Labouchere, of London *Truth*, who, in an article on city noises, called out by the World's work, wants church bells suppressed. If they are made harmonious and rung at the proper time, they bring the pleasant thoughts which do more than anything else to prolong life. How much poorer life would be without such thoughts as are embodied in the "Bells of Shandon" and "Those Evening Bells!"

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Why Women are Attractive.

WHY is one woman attractive and another not? It isn't entirely a question of age, or features, or intellect. The most admirable and attractive thing about an attractive woman is her womanliness. Everybody admires a womanly woman. She must have health, of course, because without it she would lose the brightness of her eyes, the fulness of her cheeks, and her vivacity. Health brings all these things, but health means more than most people think of. If pale, nervous, and weak, a woman lacks good health. Women who are pale and wan should not resort to iron, drugs, and tonics, except by the advice of a properly qualified medical man. They should try instead to nourish and build up their blood by the vital nourishment imparted by Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa. And so rosy cheeks and comeliness may be attained. Surely the road is pleasanter than the thorny and nasty path paved with drugs.

Nurse Tillotson, Alexander Hotel, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, writes: 'I have tried Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa, and like it very much. I shall have much pleasure in recommending it to my patients.'

Miss S. Percival, Post Office, Burgh, writes: 'I do not think any other can equal yours. My father has been taking ordinary cocoa, but I think Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa is better. I will tell my friends of your Vi-Cocoa.'

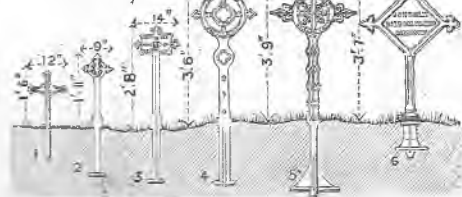
Mrs. King, Linden Cottage, Wimbledon Hill, Surrey, writes: 'I think Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa is delicious, and quite fulfils all said about it.'

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ligious people, but also of railroad men, and it is the subject of pride and boast to the great trunk lines that they have safely transported the tens of thousands of Endeavourers across the Rockies and the Sierras. Yet their resources were so over-taxed that hundreds of Pennsylvania's delegates did not arrive till the last day of the Convention. The great meeting was formally opened on Thursday, July 8th, and lasted till Monday, July 12th. The enthusiasm, characteristic of the Society, prevailed at this Convention as never before, and we, who have no direct part in it, and ecclesiastically no interest in it, can at least imagine the divine furor which must have possessed those 23,000 delegates, most of whom had travelled 2000 miles, with as many more, citizens and visitors, equally interested in the event, while a great city gave its warm sympathy to the occasion. The days were spent in prayer and praise, with preaching and the Bible class. Simple exhortation to practical Christianity was the burden of the words spoken, and little time was lost in mere organization and law-making. Yet it must be one of the best organized bodies in the world, as declared by its unanimity and fellowship; doubtless it is an example of what a true informing principle can do when once grasped by a people. The growth of the Society is a wonderful phenomenon. In fifteen years it has grown from one Society and fifty-seven members to an organization embracing 50,700 Societies with 3,000,000 members, who are to be found in every quarter of the globe. It is the most remarkable index of the great and, on the whole, most wholesome revival that in the last two decades have swept silently but irresistibly over this land, in which grand movement we may boast of our St. Andrew's Brotherhood. The Society is now taking a quiet and subordinate place in the organized work of the many denominations which are concerned in it. Its appearance seems a few years ago to have alarmed the ecclesiastical leaders of the various bodies, which resulted in denominational organizations patterned after the Christian Endeavour, such as the Epworth League, the Baptist Young People's Society, and the Luther League. But while the immediate effect of this movement has been actually to stiffen up the old sectarian lines, nevertheless the final tendency of it all is to Christian unity. The next annual meeting will be held at Nashville, and the strategy of the Society is aiming at London for 1900.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

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The Sussex County Association of Change-ringers.

THE quarterly district meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Bolney on Saturday, July 24th. During the afternoon and evening, touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung on the parish church bells by successive teams of eight members. After tea, the usual quarterly business meeting was held. Mr. S. Saker occupied the chair. The following bands were represented: Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicholas), Lindfield, Southover (Lewes), Christchurch (Blacklands, Crawley), Cuckfield, and Bolney—twenty-four in all. The Rev. T. A. Holcroft, the new vicar of Bolney, who was elected an honorary member, was present during the meeting, and warmly welcomed the Association. He said that the use of the bells was always at their disposal, and he trusted that he should often meet them. Four active members were also elected, two non-resident, from Norwich and Heathfield. Votes of thanks concluded the business.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

ON Monday, July 26th, a small meeting of local ringers was held at the 'White Hart,' Newcastle, when the Chairman, Mr. R. S. Story, in the name of the subscribers, formally presented Mr. W. Holmes with a handsome carpet, on the occasion of his starting house-keeping, having been married at his native place, Mirfield, on Monday, June 21st. The Chairman explained to Mr. Holmes the hearty and voluntary manner in which the fund for the presentation had been responded to, and the very good wishes that had been expressed towards him and his good wife in their new venture, by every one connected with the matter. He hoped that Mr. Holmes might remain in Newcastle till the carpet was worn out by him and his family, and took the opportunity to thank him for all he had done for ringing in that district. Since Mr. Holmes came to Newcastle, he had been a great acquisition to the Association in innumerable ways.

Mr. Holmes suitably responded, and expressed his wish to remain in Newcastle as long as he could, and assured his friends that the advancement of ringing would continue to have his chief support.

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The St. James's Society.

At the annual meeting, held on July 26th, the following members were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year; Mr. C. F. Winney, Master; Mr. W. Weatherstone, Treasurer; Mr. W. Truss and Mr. G. R. Fardon, Stewards; and Mr. R. A. Daniell (20 Bucklersbury, E.C.), Secretary.

Bath Abbey Notes and Notices.

In a letter, in this month's notice-paper, from the Rev. Canon Quirk, M.A., to his parishioners, is the following:—

"An interesting service in the Abbey on Saturday, July 10th, was held for the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers; and I publish in the Notes in this connexion some quaint records relating to our fine peal, which I have come across in some *Notes on Bells and Belfries in Somerset*. They show the history of the peal we possess, and relate more than one quaint incident relating thereto.

THE BELLS OF BATH ABBEY.

- (1.) "Francis Bennet, Esq., mayor, 1774"—29 cwt.
- (2.) "Nicholas Beaker, George Clark, wardens, 1774"—31 cwt.
- (3.) "When you me ring, I sweetly sing, A. R., 1700"—32 cwt.
- (4.) "God prosper the Church of England, A. R., 1700"—33 cwt.
- (5.) "Prosperity to all our benefactors, A. R., 1700"—37 cwt.
- (6.) "Pray ring us tru, wee will praise you, A. R., 1700"—40 cwt.
- (7.) "Peace and good neighbourhood, A. R., 1700"—44½ cwt.
- (8.) "James Smith, Samuel Ditcher, churchwardens, A. R., 1700"—47 cwt.
- (9.) "Thos. Gibbs, maior; Mr. Wm. Clement, minister, Anno Domini, 1700"—51 cwt.
- (10.) "Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1869"—58½ cwt.

(3 to 8.) A. R. stands for Abraham Rudhall, the famous bell-founder of Gloucester.

(9.) The Rev. Wm. Clement was rector from 1680-1712.

(10.) The former bell, unfortunately cracked in February, 1869, bore this inscription:—

"All you of Bath that heare mee sound,
Thank Lady Hopton's hundred pound.
Abra. Rudhall cast us all, Anno Do. 1700."

The bell was twice recast by Warner.

"In a manuscript in the Abbey Library is the following:—"The Ladie Hopton, of Witham Friary, in the countie of Somersett, and Robert Hopton, Esq., have, with some other of her familie, given the Greate Bell in the Tower, which came to the some of 160*l*." Then follow the names of Lady Hopton and fifteen members of her family and the sums they gave. "And to perfect the said Bell the Cittie of Bathe have laid out the some of 60*l*." So the bell really cost 220*l*, of which Lady Hopton gave 20*l*.

'It is said in Tunstall's *Rambles* that in 1813 "Thomas Nash bequeathed 50*l*. annually to the ringers, that they should ring doleful

peals on the anniversary of his marriage and joyful ones on that of his death, to continue from eight in the morning to the same hour at night, in joyful remembrance of his happy release from domestic misery and wretchedness." The inhabitants of Bath, though not the ringers, may rejoice that the terms of the will were not complied with.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity, Hawley, Hants, on July 24th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Henry White .. 1	Charles Willshire .. 5
George Hawkins .. 2	Barzillai Hawkins .. 6
Frank Bennett .. 3	William W. Thorne .. 7
Harry Lawes .. 4	Frank Blondell .. 8

Composed and conducted by Frank Bennett. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal of TREBLE BOB.]

AND at St. Michael's, York Town, Surrey, on July 25th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

Frederick Francis .. 1	Frank Bennett .. 5
George Hawkins .. 2	William W. Thorne .. 6
Denison Hayward .. 3	Frank Blondell .. 7
Barzillai Hawkins .. 4	Edgar Collins .. 8

Composed and conducted by Frank Bennett. This is the first peal of MAJOR on the bells, and is now rung for the first time.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on July 26th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins.

James N. Frossell .. 1	George A. King .. 5
Alfred W. Brighton* .. 2	Thomas J. Salter .. 6
Frank Bennett .. 3	Keith Hart .. 7
John O. Bennett .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook and conducted by G. Williams. [* First peal in the method, and first attempt.]

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Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, August 13th; St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on August 18th.—All about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths, and the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Pulham, Norfolk, on August 1st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs.
 John N. Oxborrow .. 1 James Willshire .. 5
 Walter J. Sorrell .. 2 Samuel Andrews .. 6
 Frank Buck .. 3 Charles T. P. Brice .. 7
 Henry S. Ellis .. 4 Henry R. Newton .. 8
 Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by C. T. P. Brice. [This is the first peal in the method on the bells.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, on August 2nd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.
 George Williams .. 1 William Stead* .. 6
 Charles W. Clarke* .. 2 John Steddy* .. 7
 Thomas J. Salter* .. 3 James N. Frossell .. 8
 Robert J. Dawe* .. 4 Keith Hart .. 9
 Charles Chasty* .. 5 William Palmer .. 10
 Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by George Williams.
 [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 2nd, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 changes, in 3 hrs. 52 mins.
 James Motts .. 1 George Howchin .. 7
 Frederick W. Watling .. 2 William L. Catchpole .. 8
 Isaac S. Alexander .. 3 Robert H. Brundle .. 9
 Charles E. Borrett .. 4 Edgar Pemberton .. 10
 Fredk. J. Howchin .. 5 George Smith .. 11
 William Motts .. 6 Frederick J. Tillett .. 12
 Composed by the late William Hudson, of Sheffield, and conducted by James Motts.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, on August 2nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6336 changes, in 3 hrs. 52 mins.
 William Bedwell .. 1 William Weatherstone .. 5
 George H. Daynes .. 2 William J. Jeffries .. 6
 Arthur J. Neale .. 3 Harry Flanders .. 7
 Isaac G. Shade .. 4 James George .. 8
 Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Bedwell.
 AND at the Parish Church, Erith, on August 2nd, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 6000 changes, in 3 hrs. 42 mins.
 Arthur J. Neale .. 1 Isaac G. Shade .. 5
 William Weatherstone .. 2 George H. Daynes .. 6
 William Bedwell (condr.) .. 3 Harry Flanders .. 7
 William J. Jeffries .. 4 James George .. 8

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At the Parish Church, Debenham, Suffolk, on August 3rd, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.
 William H. Barber .. 1 George Rowe, jun. .. 5
 Alfred W. Grimes .. 2 William Grimes .. 6
 William Groom .. 3 David Collins .. 7
 William G. Crickmer .. 4 Frederick Clayton .. 8
 Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William H. Barber.

ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 1st, for Divine service, 720 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, on the back six bells. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. First 720 in this method by all the band; also the first in the method on the bells. Tenor, 17 cwt.

ST. ANDREW'S, HORNCURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, August 1st, after Divine service, 720 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, being the first in the method on the bells. W. Watson, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Pye (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt.

COTTINGHAM, HULL.—The four bells of this fine old church are being augmented to eight by Messrs. Warner & Sons, and are to be opened to-day. An instructor from Hull has already been engaged, and, with a band of promising young pupils, it is to be hoped that 'change-ringing' will soon be established in this large and populous village.

BATH ABBEY BELLS.—In the account of these bells last week, the numbers should read *inches*, not hundredweights, being the measurements across the mouths of the bells.

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College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on August 23rd; St. Paul's Cathedral, on August 24th; St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 26th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 27th.—All about 8 p.m.

Central Northamptonshire Association.

By invitation of the Rev. W. R. Morse, a quarterly meeting will be held at Rushden on Saturday afternoon, August 28th. The bells are a ring of six; tenor, 18 cwt.

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Cheshire Bell-ringers' Guild.

THE members of the Bell-ringers' Guild of the diocese of Chester, numbering between 200 and 300, held their annual meeting at Chester on Monday, August 2nd. In the morning they took part in a special service in the Cathedral, Canon Blencowe preaching. Afterwards they held their meeting, at which Archdeacon Barber (the President of the Guild) presided. The members then dined at the Liberal Club, and afterwards went to the different churches in the city and rang the bells.

Dedication of Bells at Curry Rivell, Somerset.

THE Ven. Dr. A. C. Ainslie, archdeacon of Taunton, on Wednesday evening, July 21st, performed the dedicatory ceremony in connexion with the completion of the peal of bells in the Curry Rivell church tower by the addition of three new ones, which have been hung as a thank-offering to God for all the blessings of the Church and nation that have marked Queen Victoria's long and glorious reign. The new bells have been cast of the purest metal, and have been added to the five already in the tower, thus completing the peal. The whole have been tuned on the most artistic principles to the key of E flat major, and hung in a massive iron cage of the H shape, bolted to steel girders, and built into the masonry of the tower. The bells are all equipped with fittings in which the latest improvements have been introduced, notably the iron headstocks, the 'Hastings' stays, and the 'Heywood' lubricators for the bearings, designed by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, who have most satisfactorily carried out the whole work, while the masonry work has been entrusted to Mr. Pittard, of Langport. Most of the bells bear inscriptions and dates; the fourth, which has no date, and is by far the oldest, is believed to have been cast not later than the fourteenth century. The inscriptions on the fifth and sixth only give the names of the churchwardens for the time being; but the tenor, which was recast in 1887 in commemoration of the fiftieth year of the Queen's reign, besides the inscription, bears the Royal Arms. The cost of the undertaking has been about 400*l*.

During the afternoon, eight members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang Hollis's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. The ringers were as follows:—H. Pearce, 1; A. Doble, 2; H. J. Poole, 3; T. Doble, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtenay, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6; G. Yendall, 7; E. Harris, 8.

At the dedicatory service a shortened form of evensong was used, the service being intoned by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Weldon Kirby, who also read the special lessons, while the special psalms used were the 122nd and the 150th. The dedicatory prayers having been said by the Archdeacon, the members of the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang a short peal, which was followed by a hymn.

The Archdeacon preached an exceedingly appropriate sermon upon the text, 2 St. Pet. i. 5-7. Following the sermon, the hymn, 'Now our offering is completed, now our bells are set on high,' was sung, and during this a collection was made on behalf of the bell fund.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, on August 13th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Arthur Lane (first peal) ..	1	Ernest E. Huntley ..	5
Walter H. L. Buckingham ..	2	William I. Oakley ..	6
Herbert Martin ..	3	George N. Price (conductor) ..	7
William Norris ..	4	James Alexander ..	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, on August 7th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

William Palmer ..	1	Thomas J. Salter ..	5
Charles Chasty ..	2	James N. Frossell ..	6
George A. King ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Charles W. Clarke ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by George Williams.

The Midland Counties Association.

At the Parish Church, Shepshed, Leicestershire, on August 7th, a Variation of Carter's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

William Platts ..	1	John H. Grundy ..	5
William H. Inglesant ..	2	John A. Moul (conductor) ..	6
Albert Whitmore ..	3	Thomas Start ..	7
William Johnson ..	4	Levi Partridge ..	8

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, on August 7th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

James Houghton, jun. ..	1	John D. Matthews ..	5
James Garratt ..	2	William R. Hensher ..	6
John B. Martin ..	3	Thomas R. Hensher ..	7
Alphæus Perkins ..	4	Anderson Y. Tyler ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, and conducted by Anderson Y. Tyler.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (taken from Holt's Original) in 43 mins. C. H. Deer (first quarter-peal), 1; H. Green, 2; W. Truss, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; T. Clements, 5; T. Langdon, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; G. Woodage, 8. The above was rung on the occasion of the Rector (Rev. T. G. Gardiner) preaching his farewell sermon, being compelled to resign through failing health.

SIDMOUTH, DEVONSHIRE.—The Otery St. Mary Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) on the bells of Sidmouth Parish Church, on Tuesday evening, August 10th. George Godfrey, 1; Sidney H. Godfrey, 2; Walter H. Godfrey, 3; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 4; Francis G. Godfrey, 5; John H. Godfrey, 6; A. Pike (conductor), 7; J. Baker, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.—A peal of six bells has just been placed in the tower of Knowle Church by Mr. Barwell, of Birmingham, to commemorate the Queen's record reign. The bells bear the following inscriptions: 'In Nomine Domini, 1837, Victoria, R.I., 1897, d.d. Johannes Wakefield,' ditto, d.d. J. Habertus Bower et fam., 'Te Deum Laudamus, 1837, Victoria, R.I., 1897, d.d. Thomas Savage, M.D. Recasting, the gift of B. Maria Christopherson, God Save the Queen, 1897,' and on the remaining two, 'Made by Mathew Bagley, 1687. recast by Jas. Barwell, 1897, at the cost of the parishioners of Knowle.' 'Fear God, Honour the King.' The dedication service was held on August 7th, when the Rev. C. R. Shaw-Stewart, vicar of Temple Balsall, delivered a suitable address, in the course of which he pointed out that the voice of church bells had an influence of some kind upon every one, and so it was that bells had played so large a part in Church history. After the service, a party of members of St. Martin's Guild of Change-ringers, Birmingham, rang several 720's on the bells.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—The Burgess Hill permanent memorial of the Diamond Jubilee is now definitely decided upon. The form of memorial adopted, after many suggestions, was to provide the Jubilee clock in St. John's Church with chimes. This decision was afterwards enlarged upon by the suggestion that the three bells should be heavier, and so framed that if at some future time it should be decided to put a peal of bells in the tower the three bells might be used as part of the peal. Financial matters have delayed the project, but friends of the church having now promised the 45*l*., the extra cost of the enlarged scheme, and the funds generally having risen to the required point, the committee have been empowered to order the bells.

SOUTH AFRICAN BELLS.—There is a ring of eight bells in St. George's Cathedral, Capetown. In the very first proposal to erect that church (February, 1825) a ring of bells was suggested; and in 1826, while the present building was in progress, a Captain Fairlie and his friends gave the sum of 154*l*. for an organ, and 40*l*. for a peal of bells, which amounts were supplemented by other donations. Two of the bells are, however, cracked or otherwise deficient (G and D), so that only six notes of the octave are rung on festivals and great occasions, with no very beautiful effect.

J. R. JERRAM.—See correction last week.

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literary and dramatic merit of these old-time 'pleasures and teachings,' but he describes the influence and effect they produced upon the minds and life of the people. In the appendix we have the order of the York, Wakefield, and Chester plays, &c., with a list of performers, subject matter, and characters impersonated. This is a pleasant book to read, besides being a useful reference to a subject almost forgotten in this nineteenth century, when the drama has well-nigh lost its ancient religious aspect.

SAINT COLUMBA, A RECORD AND A TRIBUTE. By Duncan Macgregor, minister of Inverallochy. (Edinburgh: J. Gardner Hitt. 1897. 1s. net.)—A useful and valuable sketch of the great saint. Mr. Macgregor has gone to the original sources for his information, and has gleaned well even where many have been before him.

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THE COUNSELS OF WILLIAM DE BRITAINNE. Rewritten in modern English by Herbert H. Sturmer. (F. E. Robinson. 3s. 6d.)—There is a real delight in perusing these mediæval lights of literature and religion, in which the quaint advice almost startles us into more practice and less profession. This book is a revision of an old Stuart theologian's work, 1680-1717, called *Humane (human) Prudence, or the Art by which a Man may raise Himself and his Fortune to Grandeur*. The identity of the author has been lost, but his work remains to us, and Mr. Sturmer is to be commended for his painstaking task of restoring to a modern generation such a sage old book. The counsels are many in number and varied in subject, comprising almost every phase of the philosophy of human nature. Short pithy anecdotes enrich the text by way of illustration, and the wit and wisdom of the author is no less to be admired than his depth of learning and his wide knowledge of the ancient classics. The editor has indeed opened a veritable mine of knowledge to both entertain and instruct us. To quote two examples to prove this we have: 'If the turret clock of the tongue be not set by the sundial of the heart, it will not go right.' And, again, 'Let your mind set a lock upon your lips, but be sure that your will keeps the key.'

Magazines.

THE CHURCH QUARTERLY contains twelve principal articles, which supply a great diversity of subject and of interest. 'Our Lord's Divine and Human Knowledge' is powerfully written, being based on Mr. H. C. Powell's work on *The Principle of the Incarnation*. Mr. Gladstone's *Later Gleanings* (already reviewed in these columns) supplies a text for an attractive essay. Brightman's *Eastern Liturgies* and Dean Church's *Occasional Papers* are pleasantly treated, and there are many other contributions which are more than sufficient to maintain the high reputation so deservedly won and maintained by this popular quarterly.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS has a frontispiece of Prince Bismarck. The subject of the character sketch is Mark Twain, illustrated by numerous portraits. 'The Progress of the World' includes, among other items of interest, a capital description of the Klondike gold-fields, with the best map of the district we have yet seen. 'The Whitewashing of Mr. Chamberlain' is the title of the topic of the month. The history of the South African Committee is fully dealt with, from the point of view of those who are opposed to the Imperialist policy of Mr. Rhodes and of those who have done so much to develop and strengthen British influence in South Africa. The article is readable even by those who entirely dissent from the conclusions arrived at. The magazine is full of information, and is, as usual, very entertaining.

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College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on August 30th; St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on September 1st; St. John's, Wilton Road, and St. Magnus', London Bridge, on September 2nd; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 3rd.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, August 27th; St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on September 1st.—All about 8 p.m.

Lower Winchendon, Bucks.

IN commemoration of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins-Bernard, as well as of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the bells of the parish church have been restored, and they were formally dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Bourke on a recent Thursday evening. There was a fair congregation at the dedication service, and but for the harvesting operations more would undoubtedly have been present. The prayers were said by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Alford), and the lessons read by the Rev. J. L. Challis, rural dean. Special dedicatory prayers were said by the Archdeacon, after which the bells pealed forth while the congregation remained standing. The Ven. Archdeacon Bourke, who took as his text, Heb. x. 19th and following verses, said that they had been offering for God's acceptance the work which had been done in the belfry of that church—the setting of the bells in good repair, that they might serve their good purpose. Church bells were used for many purposes. They had been used this year in celebration of public joy; and sometimes, as in the case of a wedding, they were also used to show forth private joy. Then they were used to signify private and national mourning. But the one great purpose of church bells was to call people to church—their one grand object was to say, 'Come to church, come to worship your God.' The preacher referred at some length to the necessity and benefit of regular public worship, afterwards dwelling upon the three heads, Faith, Hope, and Love. Under the category of each, he affirmed the bells taught them something. They talked about the note of a bell being 'true.' The bell was modelled by the maker for the purpose of one particular sound. When a bell had a round, good, honest sound, they said it was a true bell. Sometimes there was a flaw in the bell, its sound was not true, and it did not give the sound it was intended to give. Was it not the same with the heart? Sometimes there was a grudge and enmity in the heart, there was a flaw in it, and although a man might come and pretend to worship, there was no soundness in that worship. God wanted public worship, true, honest, genuine, sincere, and without hypocrisy. The bells also taught them something of the message of Hope. They rang to call them to public worship, especially on Sunday. How fair they sounded! Through the trees, right across the meadows, to farm, to cottage, and hillside, proclaiming to all the world that Christians were going to do something that day—not going to work or play—but to worship God, in whom was all their hope. With regard to Love, there again he thought the bells had something to say to them, because one bell, or two, or three, or four, were not complete by themselves. Each one of them was dependent upon the other. They supported and helped each other in the peal. They, as Christians, were none of them perfect by themselves. They were made members of one family, and each out of love should help one another. Faith, Hope, Love—might these three Christian graces grow and increase in that church, in that parish, everywhere within the sound of those bells, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

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BY A MEDICAL MAN.

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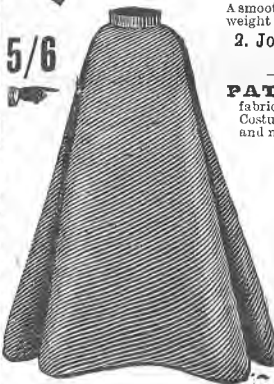
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The New Peal of Bells in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

DURING the last few months a new peal of bells has been placed in the tower of St. Patrick's Cathedral by the munificence of the Right Hon. Lord Iveagh, K.P., to whose generosity in any matters connected with the National Cathedral there appears to be no limit. The sole condition imposed by him on the Cathedral authorities as to the purchase of the bells was that they should be of the very best quality, and hung in the most superior manner. The bells were dedicated on Friday by the Archbishop of Dublin in the presence of a large congregation. The new peal, which was cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, consists of ten bells in the key of C natural. The tenor weighs 45 cwt., and the peal altogether is the heaviest in Ireland. We are glad to learn that a society has been formed in St. Patrick's to study the art of change-ringing, and that an instructor is about to be engaged from England to teach them. We trust that in time the ringers will learn the art, and that change-ringing may become as established an institution in Ireland as it is throughout England. The only churches where we believe it has hitherto been attempted in Ireland are Waterford Cathedral and Christ Church, Bray. In Waterford a society was established about twenty-five years ago, which attained considerable proficiency, and succeeded on one occasion in ringing a complete peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (5040 changes), but, unfortunately, the ringers became scattered, and latterly there has been no change-ringing there. In Bray a society has for some time existed, and Christ Church, Bray, is, we believe, the only church in Ireland where change-ringing is now practised.

The Bells of East Anstey, Devonshire.

A MOST successful bazaar has been held in the Rectory grounds (by kind permission of Mrs. Buchanan) in aid of funds to restore the tower and bells of East Anstey Church. By the effort which has been made, between 60% and 70% will be in hand to commence the work. The rector and churchwardens are, however, obliged to appeal for further subscriptions to enable them to complete the much-needed work.

New Bells and Chimes for East Teignmouth.

THE new peal of eight bells, with chiming apparatus, in St. Michael's tower, were opened and dedicated on Thursday at a service conducted by Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Ottery St. Mary, and Rev. J. Veysey, vicar of East Teignmouth. The eight bells are of the following weights and notes:—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Note.
Treble	5	0	16	D.
Second	5	2	0	C sharp.
Third	6	2	21	B.
Fourth	8	0	14	A.
Fifth	9	1	7	G.
Sixth	10	2	14	F sharp.
Seventh	14	1	21	E.
Tenor	22	1	0	D.

Dedication of Bells at Barnes, Surrey.

THE parishioners of Barnes have just witnessed the completion of their scheme for celebrating the sixty years' munificent reign of Queen Victoria. On a recent Sunday evening, a large congregation assembled to take part in the service of dedication of a peal of bells, just placed in the tower of the venerable structure by the well-known bell-founders, Messrs. Warner. The peal now consists of eight bells; the three old bells, dating from 1575, having been rehung, and the whole enclosed in a new cast-iron frame.

The service, which included the singing of special psalms and hymns, was brought to a fitting close with the singing of a verse of the National Anthem. As the congregation left the church the bells rang for nearly an hour. Many lingered within the precincts of the sacred building to listen to the music, and there were general expressions of approval at the very pleasing tone of the peal. The ringers were from Mortlake Parish Church, and were as follows: Messrs. J. Newman, 1; S. Jeffrey, 2; F. Lenan, 3; A. Amon, 4; T. Bullen, 5; G. Jeffrey, 6; G. Wood, 7; C. Hunt, 8.

Dedication at Cottingham, Hull.

THE first festive peal, on Wednesday, August 18th, upon the bells at Cottingham was intended to honour and celebrate the completion of the work of hanging the four new bells and rehanging the four old ones at Cottingham Church by Messrs. Warner. The event was the occasion of a ceremony at the church, when the bells and font were dedicated by the Bishop of Hull (Dr. Blunt). The ceremony at the font having been concluded, there was a special service, conducted by the Bishop, clergy, choir, and churchwardens, in the tower. The Bishop received the ropes from the churchwardens, and in turn delivered them to the

Vicar. The bells were then pealed for about a minute. Dr. Blunt, in an address delivered from the pulpit, said he had heard the details surrounding the hanging of the bells, and he was glad to think so much had been done at the church since two years ago, when he had the pleasure of dedicating the chancel. He was glad the work had so far prospered that the bells could be rung, and that they could arrange for the stability of the tower. There still, however, remained the work of lowering the floor of the church to the level of the font. He was told that 400% more was required in order that the floor of the church might be lowered and to wipe off the debt upon the arrangement of the peal. He hoped the money might be forthcoming in order that proper heating apparatus might be provided. Was it too much to say, since they had expended 3000% upon work at that church, that worshippers would grudge the small amount of money required to make the building still more beautiful?

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At the Parish Church, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, on August 14th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	Rev. H. C. Courtney	5
Thomas A. Elliott	2	Ferris Shepherd	6
William Drake	3	James Grabham	7
Albert J. Chilcott	4	Henry Moore	8

This is the first peal on the bells.

Also at St. George's, Dunster, Somerset, on August 16th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	Rev. H. A. Cockey	5
Thomas A. Elliott	2	Rev. H. C. Courtney	6
Robert Hole	3	James Grabham	7
John Pugsley	4	John Payne	8

And at St. Michael's, Minehead, Somerset, on August 17th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

Rev. H. A. Cockey	1	Rev. H. C. Courtney	5
Albert J. Chilcott	2	Challis F. Winney (condr.)	6
John Pugsley	3	Henry Moore*	7
James Grabham	4	James Reed	8

[* First peal of Stedman.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on August 18th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

Fredk. J. Glennerster	1	George N. Price (condr.)	5
Frank A. Smith	2	Herbert Martin	6
Ernest E. Huntley	3	W. H. L. Buckingham	7
William J. S. Thorn	4	James Alexander	8

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss C. E. Price, daughter of the Rev. Newton Price, vicar of Oxhey.

PENRYN, CORNWALL.—The bells of St. Gluvias' Church cannot be rung owing to their bad condition. Orders for the immediate restoration have been sent to Mr. Aggett, bell-hanger, of Chagford, Devon.

A FEW days ago, while the bells were being chimed for evening service at St. Mary's Church, Dover, a clapper from one of the bells fell on the head of a lad named Wilson, who was severely injured and removed to the hospital.

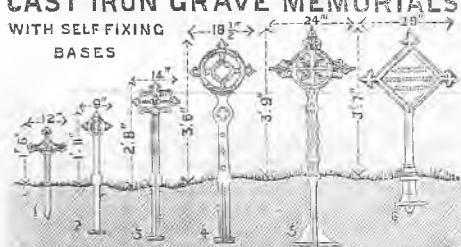
THE bells of Northam Church, Devon, have been rehung (after months of silence), and are provided with new fittings.

NOTICE.—In order that peals may be reported without delay, conductors should send particulars to Mr. W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, immediately after the events.

THE debt on the restoration of Grinton Church, Swaledale, Yorks., has been liquidated. The total cost of the restoration was 2974%. Towards this amount Colonel Charlesworth has given 100% as a thank-offering for his wife's recovery to health, and the Incorporated Church Building Society made a grant of 50%.

A LADY has presented to the Church Army, in memory of her husband, a mission and colportage van for the diocese of Truro. This new van will work in the Bodmin archdeaconry, the present Truro van working in the archdeaconry of Cornwall. Thirty-three of these vans are now constantly in use, and, through the generosity of kind friends, four more are at present being built.

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Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on September 7th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 8th.

College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on September 6th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, September 7th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 10th.—All about 8 p.m.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of this Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; business meeting 6 p.m.

(Rev.) W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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A 'Ring' and a 'Peal.'

SIR,—If a 'ring of bells' is the correct term, and not a 'peal of bells,' it is a pity that so many of your correspondents use the latter and incorrect expression. I notice that several bell-founders in their advertisements err in the same way.

R. S. T.

[It would be well if there were some settled usage in this respect. —ED.]

The Bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

THE following are the inscriptions on these bells, of which we gave some account last week. Treble, 'Sursum corda.' Second, 'Venite adoramus et propiciamus.' Third, 'Te laudamus.' Fourth, 'Tibi benedicimus.' Fifth, 'Te adoramus.' Sixth, 'Te glorificamus.' Seventh, 'Per singulos dies benedicimus te.' Eighth, 'Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.' Ninth, 'Gloria in excelsis Deo.' Tenor, 'Ad majorem Dei gloriam.' This peal of ten bells was erected at the expense of Edward Cecil Baron Iveagh, K.P., A.D. 1897. Henry Jellett, Dean.

A Famous Irish Belfry.

THE following interesting letter on the belfry of St. Patrick's Cathedral from the eminent architect, Mr. Thomas Drew, has appeared in an Irish contemporary:—

'The hanging of a great peal of bells—the greatest that has ever been hung in Ireland—at St. Patrick's Cathedral should attract some notice to the great belfry in which they hang.

'Minot's tower, little written of, built in 1370, is a genuine survival of mediæval Dublin, without its equal as a tower in Ireland, and, as a belfry, without perhaps its compeer in the kingdom. Archbishop Thomas Minot, about 1370 (subsequent to a disastrous fire caused by the carelessness of Thomas, the sexton), proceeded to re-edify the north-western part of the church and build a high steeple of hewn stone, and, with that end, to "take up sixty idle and straggling fellows to assist in repairing the church, building the steeple." If he did so it is evident to the modern architect that his "straggling fellows," professional beggars, were but pressed men, labourers and hodmen. Minot's masons built such solid good mason-work as Dublin had never seen before or since. In the interior of the walls the stone and mortar is still as hard as homogeneous cast iron, and the greatest difficulty has been experienced in inserting in it the ends of modern girders.

'Starting at the base, no fewer than thirty-nine feet square, with walls ten feet thick, this tower was designed stage by stage as a grand belfry for practical ringing. One marvels at the appreciation of the art of campanology in the fourteenth century, which would design such an ideal belfry for such a peal of bells as the nineteenth century might provide. There is evidence of care in the staging of the different floors for practical bell-ringing. These great floors were of massive Wicklow oak, which, having served their turn for 525 years and become decayed and dangerous, have been of necessity removed and reasonably replaced with nineteenth-century construction of iron beams and concrete. Many hundred tons of old oak and rubbish and accumulated dirt of five centuries have been cleared out, and it is now to be seen what an interesting tower this is.

'Its ground story has been for many years the robing-room for the choirmen, because there was no other available. One can see, however, that Minot designed it as a north-west porch to the church with entry on the north side. To such a use may it return when the principal approaches to St. Patrick's will be from the north by way of new St. Patrick's Park, and widened and rebuilt St. Werburgh's, St. Patrick's, and St. Nicholas Street.

'Over the ground story the next stage reveals itself when cleared of rubbish as a fine apartment, a well-devised priest's chamber, parvise, or library, well lighted with windows on three sides, and on the fourth apparently an ancient fireplace. The next stage is an ideal bell-ringers' "floor," an apartment about twenty feet high. It has a floor area about twenty-six feet square, and has deep arched recesses with semi-circular

arches on each of the four sides. At the angles it has at three corners cleverly contrived closets or garderobes, and at the fourth the stone winding stairs that lead from the ground to the battlements. Facing the cardinal points—east, north, and west—remain three windows, and on the south one, now built up. In all remain quaint stone window-seats, where two occupants could face each other in intervals of rest from singing, and (what was, perhaps, more thought of in the fourteenth century) keep an outlook for the prowling O'Tooles and O'Byrnes about the fortified precinct of the cathedral, who "so pried and harried" its clerical garrison.

'Archbishop Minot, or his master of works, was good campanologist enough to know that two floors more should intervene between ringers and the swinging bells if they were not to be deafened and "bothered" by the sounds themselves had made, and provided for them accordingly, and when a great peal has come to be hung 500 years after his time, his prescience is remarkably justified. The bell stage, the fifth from the ground, is a truly noble one, thirty-seven feet square. It is a great peal of ten bells, with a tenor of 46 cwt., which has been placed in it, but its room would be ample to hang more bells in. The construction of the bell-frames and girders is all of steel and of modern methods.

'Passing yet above the bells by the circular turret squares the battlements of this grand tower are reached, and the views of Dublin from this novel standpoint are of a most interesting and picturesque character. The spire, too, not incongruous in effect with the noble tower, is nevertheless an innovation in architectural propriety, for no mediæval tower in Ireland ever affected the English spire. This spire is an eighteenth-century addition built by bequest of Archbishop Stearne.

'Minot's tower, heretofore inaccessible to visitors, rubbish-choked and neglected, is now by Lord Iveagh's restoration a distinct gain of interest to the Cathedral, and something to be visited. It is to be hoped that the Cathedral authorities may see their way, by, if necessary, charge of a moderate fee for the privilege, to make Minot's belfry and Lord Iveagh's bells and the panoramic view from the battlements, accessible to those who have special tastes to be gratified.

'THOMAS DREW, *Cathedral Architect.*

Some Bell Notes.

THE heaviest bell ever made in the United States was the alarm-bell, formerly in the City Hall in New York. It weighed 23,000 lbs. In 1867 it was broken, and recast in smaller fire-bells. The most celebrated bell in the United States is that known as the 'Liberty Bell' in Philadelphia. It was imported from England in 1752, cracked by a trial stroke, and recast in Philadelphia by Isaac Norris. On the Fourth of July, 1776, this bell announced the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It was again cracked while being rung in honour of Henry Clay's visit to Philadelphia, and since then has been on exhibition

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CONSUMPTION AND ALL CHEST DISEASES.

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With Mr. H. BURROUGHS,
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The Rev. W. Datson, Congregational Minister, of Bristol, first brought the case of Miss Burroughs to the notice of Mr. Congreve. Writing in June, 1896, he says he has spoken to the parents as to commencing the treatment, and describes the young woman's symptoms. 'During the last three or four months she seems to have developed consumptive symptoms. She is now twenty-two years of age. . . . She has wasted very considerably lately; her appetite is not good. She has a bad cough, which is more troublesome at nights, and expectorates frothy phlegm, and is in a weakly condition. . . . They earnestly desire me to write you, stating her case.'

Medicine and advice were sent at once; the result may be seen in the testimony of the father, given me during a brief chat I had with him recently.

'My daughter Elizabeth,' Mr. Burroughs told me, 'was never very strong; and at the time Rev. W. Datson wrote to Mr. Congreve she was so ill that we didn't think she would pull through. Although she had medical advice she didn't improve to our satisfaction. After taking the medicine Mr. Congreve sent her, however, she got quite well, and is now better than ever she was in her life. She has gone back to business again. She is a wonder to us.'

Mr. Burroughs added that he would be very pleased to see the case published, and that he should recommend the treatment whenever he had an opportunity.

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On the largest of the three bells placed by Edward III. in the Little Sanctuary, Westminster, are these words:—

'King Edward made me thirtie thousand weight and three;
Take me down and wey me, and more you shall find me.'

On a bell in Durham Cathedral is inscribed:—

'To call the folks to church in time, I chime;
When mirth and pleasure's on the wing, I ring;
And when the body leaves the soul, I toll.

On a bell at Lapley, in Staffordshire:—

'I will sound and resound to Thee, O Lord,
To call Thy people to Thy word.'

The following motto may still be seen on some of the bells that have swung in their steeples for centuries:—

'Men's death I tell by doleful knell;
Lightning and thunder I break asunder.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.

At St. Peter's Church, Harborne, Staffordshire, on August 21st, a peal of DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins.

Henry Grosvenor* .. 1	Albert Walker* .. 5
James Jones .. 2	James George .. 6
Thomas Horton* .. 3	John Carter .. 7
Thomas Collinson .. 4	Edward Hancox (first peal) 8

Composed and conducted by John Carter. [*First peal in the method.]

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on August 22nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 50 mins.

Arthur Mathews .. 1	William A. Tyler .. 6
William T. Billingham .. 2	William Willson .. 7
Richard F. Lane .. 3	John W. Taylor, jun. .. 8
John Smith .. 4	William Wakley .. 9
Samuel Smith .. 5	James W. Washbrook .. 10

Composed by Henry Johnson, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. This is the first peal on the bells.

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, on August 23rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.

Frank Smith .. 1	George E. Turner .. 5
John Smith .. 2	Harry Shuter .. 6
Brogden Taylor .. 3	C. R. Greenall .. 7
Alfred Cross .. 4	Richard Ridyard .. 8

Composed by the late H. W. Haley, conducted by R. Ridyard.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Michael's, Aylsham, on August 23rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins.

Charles E. Borrett .. 1	Fredk. R. Borrett .. 6
George Howchin .. 2	John Moy* .. 7
Fredk. J. Howchin .. 3	Fredk. H. Knights .. 8
George Moy .. 4	Albert G. Warnes .. 9
William E. Garrard .. 5	James George .. 10

Composed by Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, conducted by Charles E. Borrett. [*First peal of ROYAL.]

AND at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 24th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins.

Albert G. Warnes .. 1	William Bales .. 6
J. Armiger Trollope .. 2	Fredk. H. Knights .. 7
William E. Garrard .. 3	Fredk. J. Howchin .. 8
Fredk. R. Borrett .. 4	George Smith .. 9
George Howchin .. 5	James George .. 10

Composed by James George, conducted by William E. Garrard.

MR. FRANCIS LEES died at Newcastle on the 26th ult. The deceased gentleman was born of Quaker parents at Holmfirth in 1839, was brought up at Glossop, and had been settled in Newcastle for over thirty-four years. He took great interest in bell-ringing, and was well known among campanologists throughout the North of England. In 1889 Mr. Lees was appointed instructor of St. George's, Newcastle, Guild of Ringers.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, August 2nd, a party of bell-ringers connected with the churches of St. Giles, St. Peter, and All Saints, Northampton, together with their wives and children, drove in brakes to Wellingborough. After lunch at that ancient inn, the 'Golden Lion,' they, by the kindness of the Rev. R. W. Wynter, rang some touches of TRIPLES on the parish church bells. They afterwards proceeded to Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, and Rushden, getting the use of the bells in each of those places.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—The parish church ringers, for practice, on Monday, August 2nd, accomplished a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, from Holt's Original, in 47 mins. G. Turnell, 1; F. Wood, 2; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. H. Ette, 5; E. West, 6; W. Wood, 7; T. Craddock, 8.

The Finedon bells will be reopened as a peal of eight when the spire is completed, and the local ringers are doing their best to render themselves competent to manage them in a satisfactory manner.

ST. JAMES'S, BERMONDSEY.—These bells have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Warner. On August 29th, for evening service, they were rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths in the DOUBLE NORWICH and STEDMAN methods.

ST. MARY'S, STOCKPORT.—The eight bells of this church, which have done service since 1817, are to be recast by Messrs. Taylor. The cost of renovation, and of making provision for two additional bells, which it is hoped somebody may give before the alterations are completed, will not be less than 400*l.*, of which sum about one-half has been subscribed. The promoters of the scheme are looking to the public for the balance of the amount required. The work had become a virtual necessity as a matter of safety. It is expected that the bells will be ready for ringing again on Mayor's Day, November 9th.

In the church tower of Michaelstow-by-Camelford, Cornwall, a new ring of bells, with beams, frames, and new fittings complete, are to be provided. The old bells and fittings have been for some years useless.

On Saturday last, the bells of Ealing churches were rung in honour of Miss Perceval attaining her 92nd birthday. She is the sole surviving daughter of the Right Hon. Spencer Perceval, who was shot by Bellingham in 1812, while entering the House of Commons. The venerable lady, who has lived her entire life in Ealing, is in good health, and assisted actively in organizing the local Jubilee festivities.

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Magazines.

'THE CHURCHMAN has a further instalment from Chancellor Lias on 'The Authorship of the Pentateuch'; the Rev. Montague Fowler contributes the second of his well-reasoned articles on 'Rome's Departure from Primitive Doctrine'; the Archdeacon of London describes the history and working of the East London Church Fund; and there are several other useful and instructive papers.

THE MAGAZINE OF ART has a charming frontispiece by Fred Walker, A.R.A., entitled 'The Harbour of Refuge.' Mr. M. H. Spielmann contributes a brightly written article on 'The Paris Salons: at the Champ de Mars,' with three charming illustrations. James Gillray is the subject of Mr. Joseph Grego's contribution, under the title of 'Our Graphic Humourists,' which is illustrated by two portraits of Gillray (by himself), and four specimens of his work. Among the other contents may be specially mentioned a charming description of 'Compton Wynnyates, in Warwickshire,' by the Rev. S. Baring Gould, illustrated by seven of Mr. Herbert Raiton's inimitable sketches; 'The Royal Collections,' describing the boudoir work at Windsor Castle; and numerous other excellent articles.

PEARSON'S MAGAZINE includes a varied assortment of stories and articles of general interest, and almost every page of the magazine has one or two, or even more, excellent and graphic illustrations. 'The Making and Laying of an Atlantic Cable,' 'The Manufacture of Arsenic,' 'The Great White East,' the solemn religious penance which each year the Jews observe most strictly in the month of September; 'Elephant Catching in Siam;' and 'Fancy Pianos,' and are among the contents which will appeal to a wide circle of readers. There are six complete stories, the contributors including Mr. Morley Roberts, Mr. George Griffith, Mrs. L. T. Meade, and Mr. Clifford Halifax. The serial, by Mr. H. G. Wells, entitled, 'The War of the Worlds,' maintains its attractive character. The cover of the magazine is particularly good this month.

THE LUDGATE, which has not been sent us for review for some months, appear in a more convenient size, and is improved both in printing and contents. 'The Cry of the Children' is the title of a series of articles by Frank Hird, who gives a pathetic account of box making and its hardships. 'The Telephone—behind the scenes,' gives some interesting facts in regard to the working of this great industry. 'Chairs of Yesterday' is well illustrated from photographs, and 'Some Valuable Dogs' is a good article.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE contains 120 pages and the profusion of illustrations may be judged from the fact that they number no fewer than 176. 'The Tragedy of the Korosko' deepens, and among the remainder of the fiction is a thrilling story, 'Touch and Go.' The article on 'Tornadoes' graphically depicts the appalling ruin they leave behind them, and 'Longfellow with his Children,' is an appreciative reminiscence of that famous poet from the pen of his daughter. There is a very interesting illustrated interview with Sir William H. White, K.C.B., the famous naval constructor, and all the usual popular features are continued.

THE LADY'S REALM has a capital article on the Princess Louise as an artist, with reproductions of several of her Royal Highness' sketches. Sarah A. Tooley writes chatily about Royalty on the Deeside, with numerous illustrations. 'Some Famous Lady Cyclists' has several good portraits. Flora Annie Steel discourses of 'The Modern Marriage Market,' while 'The Ideal Woman' is described by Mr. Frankfort Moore, the Earl of Desart, and others. Mr. Moore's description is very clever. 'Deliverance,' by Rita; 'Part of a Honeymoon;' 'A Three Days' Romance;' and other short stories, complete an excellent number.

THE CHURCH MONTHLY for 1897 comes to us, in its bright scarlet and gold binding, in two sizes. It has well maintained its high standard of past years, and well deserves the wide popularity it enjoys.

THE Rev. W. F. Stocken, chaplain of Pentonville Prison, writes:—

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 15th.

College Youths: at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on September 15th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, on September 16th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 17th.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, September 10th; St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on September 15th.—All about 8 p.m.

Central Northamptonshire Association.

A QUARTERLY meeting of the Association was held in the Rectory grounds at Rushden on the 28th ult. At evensong an address was given by the Rev. J. R. Blunt. The bells of St. Mary, Rushden, are a ring of six, all being dated 1794, except the tenor. They were rehung about thirty years ago. Repairs are now contemplated again, with the possible addition of two trebles to complete the octave. The meeting at Rushden was attended by about fifty ringers, and several new members were admitted. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ecton.

St. Mary's, Rickmansworth.

THE tower of this church contains a fine ring of eight bells, considered one of the finest in the county, although the 'go' of the bells when being rung is not altogether satisfactory. There is no record of a peal of 5040 changes having been completed in this tower since the year 1819, although some few years ago a peal was said to have been completed and not recorded. A sanctus bell also hangs in the tower, and bears the date of 1654.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—'Lester and Pack of London, Fecit 1765.'

No. 2.—'Lester and Pack of London, Fecit 1765.'

No. 3.—'Music is medicine to the mind.
Lester and Pack of London, Fecit 1765.'

No. 4.—'Peace and good neighbourhood.
Lester and Pack of London, Fecit 1765.'

No. 5.—'Our voices shall with joyful sound,
Make hills and valleys echo round.
Lester and Pack of London, Fecit 1765.'

No. 6.—'Ye ringers all that prize
Your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise,
And you'll the same possess.
Lester and Pack of London, Fecit 1765.'

No. 7.—'In wedlock bands all ye who join
With hands your hearts unite,
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite.
Lester and Pack of London, Fecit 1765.'

Tenor.—'Stephen Salter, Henry Wankford, Dan Parrot, Ch.
Wardens. Lester and Pack of London, Fecit 1765.'

The Rev. John Alexander, who was presented to the living of Rickmansworth about the year 1758, was vicar at the time the bells were cast, although his name is not inscribed with those of the churchwardens on the tenor bell.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association.

At St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on September 1st, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

George Prior 1	James George 5
Walter Prior 2	Walter W. Tucker .. 6
Henry J. Tucker .. 3	Philip Springham .. 7
George Dent 4	Thomas Newman .. 8

Composed by John Carter and conducted by James George.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, on August 31st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

James George 1	William G. Grove 5
William Weatherstone .. 2	William J. Aldridge .. 6
John E. Beavan 3	Arthur J. Neale 7
William J. Jeffries .. 4	William Bedwell 8

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by William Bedwell.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

At St. Albans Cathedral, on September 4th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

Henry Lee Waddington* .. 1	Walter H. L. Buckingham 5
Sidney Barnes† 2	William H. Buckingham 6
Arthur Hallett 3	Walter Battle 7
Richard Hammond .. 4	Herbert J. Samuels† .. 8

Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Waddington. [*First peal. †First peal on Treble.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, on August 28th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

George Williams 1	George Paice 6
Frank Bennett 2	Edward C. Merritt .. 7
John Jay, jun. 3	Frederick R. Rice .. 8
William Palmer 4	James George 9
John Rice 5	Keith Hart 10

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by Keith Hart.

And at St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on August 30th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 29 min.

James George 1	George Williams 5
Robert J. Dawe 2	James N. Frossell .. 6
Frank Bennett 3	Keith Hart (conductor) .. 7
George A. King 4	Benjamin Bassett .. 8

The Lancashire Association.

At Manchester Cathedral, on August 30th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins.

Harry Shaker 1	Job Morgan 6
George F. Wilson .. 2	George E. Turner .. 7
Frank Smith 3	John Eachus 8
Walter Brown 4	Harry Chapman .. 9
Ralph Ravenscroft .. 5	Alfred Cross 10

Composed by John Rogers and conducted by Harry Chapman.

The Midland Counties' Association.

At All Saints', Loughborough, on August 28th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 31½ mins.

John Smith 1	Charles H. Fowler .. 6
William Willson 2	William T. Billingham .. 7
William H. Inglesant .. 3	David Brearley 8
Arthur W. Matthews .. 4	Arthur Brearley 9
Samuel Smith 5	John W. Taylor, jun. .. 10

Composed by the late J. Reeves and conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun.

ST. MATTHEW'S, KINGSDOWN, BRISTOL.—On August 26th, 630 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following:—J. Palmer, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; J. Richmond, 3; H. Porch, 4; J. George, 5; W. J. Hinton, 6; G. Staddon, 7; J. Viney, 8. Composed and conducted by J. George, of Rugby. This touch was rung on the birthday of the late Mr. John Bangle, who was the donor of the bells, which were cast about the year 1837, by Mr. Jefferis, bell-founder, Redcliffe Street, Bristol.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORFOLK.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, September 5th, 658 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. J. Dennes, 1; F. Wood, 2; F. Underwood, 3; W. H. Ette, 4; W. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R.

Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Recently, for practice, 503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. J. Dennes, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; F. Underwood, 3; W. Wood, 4; E. West, 5; F. Wood, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; F. Underwood, 3; W. Wood (conductor), 4; E. West, 5; W. H. Ette, 6; F. Wood, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also 168 with W. H. Ette, jun., ringing the 5th, and one with G. M. Ette ringing the 4th, and F. J. Tompkins, the 5th. The three last-named are probationers.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, September 5th, at the church of St. Michael-at-Coslany, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes. P. Sadler, 1; F. H. Knights, 2; C. F. Winney* (conductor), 3; A. W. Brighton* 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; G. F. Fardon,* 6; G. Smith, 7; H. R. Newton, 8. Also at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, for evening service, a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS. A. W. Brighton (conductor), 1; C. F. Winney, 2; J. A. Trollop, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; P. Sadler, 5; G. F. Fardon, 6; G. Howchin, 7; A. G. Warnes, 8; F. H. Knights, 9; H. R. Newton, 10; F. Knights, 11; G. Smith, 12. [*From London.]

ON Saturday week the ringers of Stoke Gabriel Church, Devon, visited Brixham, and spent the afternoon in ringing the bells of St. Mary's.

MERIDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—The work of rehanging and restoring the ring of bells at the parish church is in progress, and in a few weeks they will be ready for ringing. The work is being carried out by Messrs. George Day & Son, of Eye, Suffolk, at a cost of nearly 100%, and will form the Jubilee commemoration memorial for the parish.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—The bell-ringers of the Bushey Parish Church had an outing on Saturday, August 28th, going by brake to Kings Langley, Berkhamstead, and Tring. The respective churches were visited, and the ropes handled in masterly style. In addition to the church at Tring, the party visited Tring Park, and, by special permission, were admitted to the aquarium. The party consisted of twelve, including the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Kynaston) and Mr. Dack (the parish clerk and sexton).

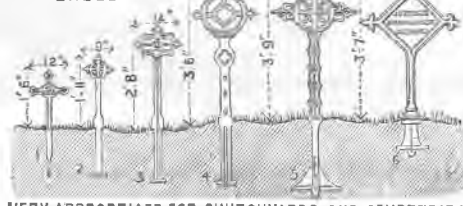
RENDCOMBE, CHELTENHAM.—As far back as the first week in February a contract was signed for the rehanging of the peal of six bells in the tower of the parish church. This was done in accordance with a resolution of the Parish Council, which suggested that the putting of the belfry in good repair would be a suitable memorial of the Diamond Jubilee year. The work is now, at last, complete, and the music from the belfry is again heard. This puts the finishing touch to the larger work of restoration which was taken in hand some two years ago. The cost of it amounts to a sum of nearly 40%, the greater part of which has already been found.

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Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. James's, Clerkenwell, on September 22nd; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on September 24th.
St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on September 20th.
Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on September 21st; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 22nd.
College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on September 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral, September 21st; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 24th.—All about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AFTER ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 21st, the business meeting will be held at the Society's new headquarters, 'The Coffee-pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C., where it is hoped a good company will attend. *WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

THE Guild held their quarterly meeting at Southport on Saturday, the 11th inst. Representatives of the bell towers of Aughton, Bootle, Croston, Crossens, Hindley, Ormskirk, Upholland, Southport, Sefton, and Wigan, assembled in Christ Church.

In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Honeybourne) the Rev. F. Sinker, senior curate, accorded a hearty welcome to the Guild, and conducted the special service, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, vicar of Crossens, and Hon. Secretary to the Guild. Mr. Sinker gave an address to the ringers from the text Exodus, xxviii. 33, 'Golden bells,' and traced the continuity of the use of bells in Divine worship from the earliest to the present time, and also enlarged on the duties and responsibilities of those who undertook to ring church bells.

At the meeting which followed, Mr. Bentham, the ringing secretary, stated that the members of the Guild were working hard to improve their mode of ringing; and a general discussion followed, several valuable suggestions being made, from which good results are hoped. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Sinker for his instructive address and kindly welcome was passed, and it was resolved to print his address in the next annual report. An expression of sincere gratitude to the Rev. W. T. Bulpit for his unflagging zeal in furthering the best interests of the Guild brought a pleasant meeting to a close. Several new members were elected.

St. Peter's, Raunds, and its Bells.

ST. PETER'S, Raunds, Thrapston, Northants, was the birthplace of the Northants Association of Ringers, and has long been famous for its bells and its ringers. Unfortunately, the peal has not been heard since Christmas, and the ringers are among the unemployed, because the bell-frame has been condemned by Mr. Taylor as dangerous. It will be necessary to have an entirely new frame. Mr. J. King Smith, the churchwarden, has generously offered two new bells to complete the octave, and an effort is being made to raise the money for rehanging, as a Jubilee thank-offering. About 100*l.* have already been given, out of the 380*l.* required. There is a very enthusiastic and loyal congregation, but composed almost entirely of artisans, and just now a very large outlay is being made on the Church schools. Our advertising columns contain an appeal for help in raising the balance of the sum needed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY.

AT St. Stephen's Westminster, on September 11th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins.

Henry R. Newton ..	1	Alfred W. Brighton ..	5
Arthur G. Ellis ..	2	Samuel E. Andrews ..	6
Frank Buck ..	3	Charles T. P. Brice ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	4	John N. Oxborough ..	8

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The Middlesex Association.

AT St. Andrew's, Enfield, on September 11th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Henry A. Barnett ..	1	Alfred W. Darlington ..	5
Ernest Iverson ..	2	Percy Darlington ..	6
Walker Dickinson ..	3	Joseph Waghorn, jun. (condr.) ..	7
George B. Lucas ..	4	Joseph Waghorn ..	8

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

AT St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, on September 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

Alfred H. Martin ..	1	John B. Martin ..	5
Anderson Y. Tyler ..	2	James Garratt ..	6
Alphæus Perkins ..	3	James Houghton, sen. ..	7
Thomas R. Hensher ..	4	Jas. Houghton, jun. (condr.) ..	8

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

AT the residence of Mr. James Pagett, Kidderminster, on September 5th, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 19½ mins.

James Pagett ..	1-2	William H. Barber ..	5-6
Frederick Clayton ..	3-4	William H. Smith ..	7-8

Composed by Frederick Clayton, conducted by William H. Barber. Referee, Mr. George Salter.

The Bedfordshire Association.

AT the Parish Church, Thurleigh, on September 4th, seven 720's of MINOR, viz., COLLEGE EXERCISE, WOODBINE, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE COURT, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB, in 3 hrs.

Thomas Foote ..	1	Chas. Wm. Clarke (condr.) ..	4
William J. Barker ..	2	Charles R. Lilley ..	5
Charles Chasty ..	3	Frank Hall ..	6

The Yorkshire Association.

AT St. Paul's, Shipley, on September 4th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Ezra Keighley ..	1	William R. Sandiforth ..	5
Joseph Broadley ..	2	Joseph S. Clark ..	6
Thomas B. Kendall ..	3	Frederick W. Hargreave ..	7
Charles Pratt ..	4	George Nettleton ..	8

Composed by William Sottanstell, and conducted by F. W. Hargreave.

UPOTTERY, DEVON.—The work of fixing the new bell in the parish church, to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, has just been completed. The bell, weighing about 7½ cwt., has been erected by Mr. H. Stokes, of Woodbury, the cost being about 53*l.*, including the fixing. It will shortly be dedicated by Dr. Trefusis, Bishop of Crediton. The bell bears the following inscription, composed by the Right Hon. Viscount Sidmouth:—

'To-day for sixty years we've been
 The subjects of one gracious Queen,
 So as those days are ended now,
 With thanks to God this bell we vow—June 22nd, 1897.'

A CORRESPONDENT writes: 'Having seen in *Church Bells* of last week a notice stating that the "Harvest Bell" at Duffield is rung daily during this month at 5 a.m. and 7 p.m., I beg to state that I know of another village. Glinton in Northamptonshire, where a similar old custom has been observed for many years, called there the "Gleaning Bell," rung at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.'

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J. C. Mitchell, 7-8. During 1886 Mr. C. F. Winney came down and called the first handbell peal rung in St. Albans, in which Messrs. Hill, Lewis, and Cartmel took part. Messrs. Mitchell and Buckingham being in London every day on business, were consequently often ringing with Mr. Winney, with the result that on January 27th, 1887, after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal on handbells retained in hand, which was successfully brought round by J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. F. Winney (conductor), 5-6; Wm. Greenleaf, 7-8. Mr. Winney, seeing that this band were in good trim, arranged to meet for practice with the intention of ringing Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples non-conducted on handbells retained in hand. After a deal of practice it was arranged to meet at Mr. Winney's residence one night with the intention of seeing how far the band could ring without making any mistake (Mr. Garrard being a witness): the result was that the peal was rung with only three slight trips in the ringing. This was thought to be sufficient proof that the band were capable of ringing a perfectly silent peal; consequently, on March 4th, an attempt was made, which came to grief after ringing 4700 changes, through the 3-4 man, when St. Paul's clock was striking eleven, trying to count thirteen. However, a further attempt was made on Friday, March 11th, 1887, which resulted in success after two hours and twenty-nine minutes' perfect ringing. The band were J. C. Mitchell, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; G. F. McLaughlin, 7-8. Umpires—Messrs. W. Baron and G. Wild of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. Rowbotham of the Ancient Society of College Youths, besides a number of other witnesses. The same band also rang Holt's Ten-part peal, non-conducted, on April 20th, 1887, and a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Winney, on December 30th, 1887.

Since that time Mr. Buckingham has rung fifty-five handbell peals (thirty-three of which he conducted) in the Stedman, Grandsire Bob, Canterbury and Treble Bob methods; he has also rung 152 peals in the tower in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman Bob, Treble Bob (Oxford and Kent), Canterbury, Double Norwich, and Superlative—of which he conducted 44; a grand total of 207 peals, of which 77 were conducted by him. His longest peal was 12,097 of Double Norwich, rung at Maidenhead on December 31st, 1892, in 7 hrs. 10 mins. He represents the Middlesex Association on the Central Council of Change-ringers, and belongs to the Ancient Society of College Youths, St. James's and Waterloo Societies, the Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Yorkshire, Middlesex, and Essex Associations, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and is an honorary member of the St. Albans, All Saints', Fulham, and Bushey Societies.

At the latter place (Bushey) he has resided since his marriage on February 9th last.

WITH a view to enlisting the sympathies of Church people in the diocese of Southwell in the Clergy Orphan Schools, the Secretary (Rev. W. C. Cluff) has secured a stall in the Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition during the Nottingham Church Congress, where he will be prepared to show photographs and models of the school, and give full information respecting the aim and methods of the Society.

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The Church in the United States.

NEVER before in Philadelphia have there been so many churches and parish buildings in course of construction as during the past summer. There are four north of the city's centre; and there are four others in the southern section: St. Mary's Mission (of St. Mark's Church) and St. Augustine's (of the Crucifixion) for the African race; St. Elizabeth's Church and clergy house for the 'Religious' of the C.S.S.S.; and lastly, the Church of the Holy Spirit. In West Philadelphia, the parish house for Calvary parish is just completed; Grace Church Chapel is being enlarged; St. Mary's parish building is being rebuilt, and St. Andrew's Church restored; the two latter having been partially destroyed by fire.

Sunday Labour in Foreign Ports.

THE Gibraltar Mission to Seamen in the Mediterranean reports that very few shipowners have followed the excellent example set by the Cunard Company, in prohibiting all unnecessary Sunday labour on board ship. The chaplains of the Mission all speak of this evil as one of the greatest hindrances to their work. A captain lately said to one of the chaplains, 'My former employers, with whom I was for thirteen years, always said, "If you can finish on Saturday, do so; if not, wait till Monday—let there be no Sunday work;" but nowadays there seems to be greater laxity in this respect, and my present employers always have Sunday work, if possible. I have had to work more Sundays in the last two years than in all the previous thirteen years. And after all, nothing is gained, and the men are discontented.' Such conduct on the part of our shipowners is alike dishonourable and shortsighted. It is dishonouring to God and man, and the spirit of murmuring and discontent which it evokes makes the seamen unwilling to do their best for their employer's interest. Unnecessary Sunday cargo and coaling work is death to worship both on Sundays and on week-days. It is the owners of these prayerless merchant ships who complain most of their crews.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 29th.
College Youths: at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on September 29th;
 St. Magnus', London Bridge, on September 30th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 1st.
Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, September 24th;
 St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on September 29th.—All about 8 p.m.

A Ringing Tour in Cornwall.

A RINGING tour similar to that carried out in North Devon in 1893, and in South Devon in 1895, is being arranged in Cornwall during the first week of October. The band, which is selected by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, of Crowthorne Vicarage, Berks, is almost identical with that which took part in the other tours, consisting of the Revs. F. E. Robinson, W. Saltren-Willett, M. Kelly, and C. F. Coleridge; Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, E. Pitstow, W. W. Gifford, C. Hounslow, J. W. Washbrook, and A. W. Pike. It is intended to attempt to ring peals consisting of 5040 changes in various methods at the towers mentioned below. The band during their stay in the West are to be the guests of the Bishop of Truro, Lord Robartes, and friends in Plymouth and Devonport. The details of the tour are:—

Mon., Oct. 4th.	St. Andrew's, Plymouth, 5 p.m.	STEDMAN CATERS.
Tues., " 5th.	{ Cardynham, 10.30 a.m.	DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.
	{ Bodmin, 4.30 p.m.	STEDMAN TRIPLES.
Wed., " 6th.	{ Lanhydrock, 10 a.m.	SUPER. SURPRISE MAJOR.
	{ Lanlivery, 4.30 p.m.	STEDMAN TRIPLES.
Thurs., " 7th.	{ St. Austell, 9.20 a.m.	DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.
	{ Fowey, 3.30 p.m.	STEDMAN TRIPLES.
Fri., " 8th.	Kenwyn, 10 a.m.	SUPER. SURPRISE MAJOR.
Sat., " 9th.	Totnes, 10 a.m.	STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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The Royal Cumberland Youths.

On Friday, September 10th, at headquarters, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, when the following were unanimously elected: Mr. G. Wild, Master; Mr. W. Baron, sen., Treasurer (retaining office); Mr. Barton and W. Baron, jun., Stewards; Mr. A. Jacob retaining the office of Secretary.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Cirencester, on September 9th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins.

Ernest E. Davis ..	1	Walter T. Bennett ..	7
Francis E. Hart ..	2	Francis E. Ward ..	8
Rev. E. Banks James ..	3	Fred G. May ..	9
Ernest Bishop ..	4	William T. Pegler ..	10
John Austin ..	5	Arthur E. Pegler ..	11
Lionel Longney ..	6	Rev. H. Law James ..	12

Composed by J. Miller and conducted by John Austin.

Also at St. John-the-Baptist's, Coln St. Aldwyn's, on September 12th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

Charles Gardener ..	1	William T. Pegler ..	5
Thomas Ricketts ..	2	Arthur E. Pegler ..	6
John Austin ..	3	James Kitchener ..	7
Henry Roberts ..	4	James H. Shepherd ..	8

Composed by John Carter and conducted by John Austin.

Also at St. Stephen-the-Martyr's, Bristol, on September 15th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

W. James Hinton ..	1	Albert E. Bawn ..	6
Charles Millard ..	2	Charles H. Tompkins ..	7
Charles H. Horton ..	3	Charles H. Gordon ..	8
William Knight ..	4	Francis Price ..	9
Harry Pring ..	5	William A. Cave ..	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William A. Cave.

The Midland Counties Association.

At the Globe Tavern, Granville Street, Birmingham, on September 13th, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Robert J. Hunt ..	1-2	Thomas Miller ..	5-6
William H. Barber ..	3-4	William A. Hancox ..	7-8
Richard Hackley ..	9-10		

Composed by John Carter and conducted by William A. Hancox. Referee—F. Clayton. Witnesses—Jos. Porter and Albert Hackley.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, on September 15th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

W. Wightman ..	1	W. Whiting ..	5
W. W. Miller ..	2	S. Wightman, jun. ..	6
F. E. W. Meadows ..	3	H. Last ..	7
A. S. Wightman ..	4	G. Wightman (condr.) ..	8

The Essex Association.

At St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, on September 18th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Richard Potter ..	1	John Sadler ..	5
William Keble ..	2	David Elliott (condr.) ..	6
William Dyer ..	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ..	7
William Elliott ..	4	James Newman ..	8

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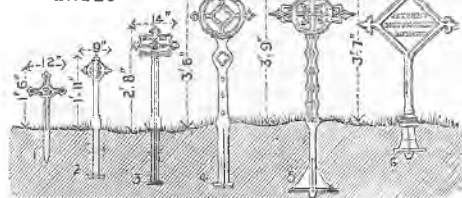
The bells of All Hallows Barking, Great Tower Street, E.C., have been overhauled by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and were reopened by the local ringers on Saturday, September 18th.

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EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, September 19th, at SS. Peter and Paul's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. J. Preston, 1; T. Groombridge, 2; J. Heasman, 3; J. Steady, 4; J. Wallis, 5; T. Wallis, 6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7; J. Malyan, 8.

ALPHINGTON CHURCH bells, near Plymouth, silent for some time, owing to the weakness of the tower and of the hanging arrangements, rang out merrily on Tuesday, September 14th, after a thorough restoration. The fine peal of eight were cast by T. Bilbie, of Culmington, in 1749. On June 10th, 1826, the bells were being rung in honour of Mr. Kekewich's return to Parliament, when a thunder-storm burst over the village, and the tower was struck by lightning and damaged. One of the ringers, John Coles, was killed, and the others were more or less injured.

GRIMSBY.—The People's Warden, Mr. F. W. Wood, entertained the bell-ringers of the parish church to supper, at the Yarborough Hotel, on a recent occasion, in connexion with the completion of the fixing and casing of the Jubilee clock. Mr. Wood was supported by Alderman Doughty, M.P., who, in proposing the health of the bell-ringers, referred to the ancient custom of ringing bells, and the important part they have always occupied in celebrating the joys or sorrows of our national life, in addition to the time-honoured custom of summoning us to worship. Songs were sung by Mr. A. Newton (Hull), Mr. Benton (Cambridge), Mr. Avery (Scarborough), and others. Both Alderman Doughty and Mr. Wood expressed their willingness to become honorary members of the North Lincolnshire Association of Bell-ringers, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

EAST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—A band of ringers has been formed at East Teignmouth to ring the new peal of bells recently opened in St. Michael's Tower.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. James's, Clerkenwell, on October 6th; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on October 8th.

St James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on October 4th.

Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on October 5th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 6th.

College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on October 4th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 5th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 8th.—All about 8 p.m.

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WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Bells of the Church of St Peter, Raunds.

Mr. E. J. DENNES, of Wellingborough, writes: 'I was pleased to see the article in your issue of September 17th, with reference to the church bells of Raunds, Northamptonshire. As there stated, it was at Raunds that the Central Northamptonshire Association was founded in the year 1883, by the then Vicar, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, and his ringers. It was at Raunds, too, that change-ringing flourished when it had almost died out in this district. That old Irthlingborough ringer, Richard Neville, instructed the Raunds company in the art, and through them it has spread into the greater number of belfries in this part of the county, mainly by the teaching and zeal of the two Gilberts and H. Stubbs. There is no body of ringers that I know of who have (despite the bad state of their bells and frame) kept together so well, earned such a good name in their own parish, and taken such pains to train probationers, as the ringers of Raunds. Had it not been for the care bestowed upon the frame and fittings by Mr. Stubbs, the steeple-keeper, ringing must have been stopped long since. A new frame with an improved and increased ring of bells these men richly deserve, and may be relied upon to do justice to them when obtained. The noble tower and spire of the church of St. Peter, Raunds, is well able to contain eight bells, or ten if necessary. The present bells are rather a mixed family. The treble, third, and fourth were cast by Eayre, of Kettering, 1732, the second by Pen, of Peterborough, 1723, and the fifth and tenor by Warners, of London, 1878. The bell-frame is dated 1633.'

Bells in South Africa.

THE *Southern Cross* of South Africa, in an article on church bells and ringing, says that, in South Africa, 'we have two instances of churches with eight bells, viz., the Cathedrals of Capetown and Grahams-town, though unfortunately they can never be rung. We are informed that at Capetown "two are cracked or otherwise deficient," and at Grahamstown, possibly through some fault in the "cage," ringing is apparently out of the question.' After explaining that chiming and ringing are entirely different, the article mentions that there are 'two systems of ringing, each bell, of course, requiring a separate ringer. The one is the system of "call-changes." A conductor, who is one of the ringers, gives the call at every variation of the order in which the bells go round, and the same order is repeated until the next call. But this is looked down upon by those who have studied the other system, which is known as "change-ringing" (i.e., ringing by a method learnt and carried in the head), in which the bells change each time they go round in melodious succession. There are many different "methods," all of which have their distinctive names in bell music. Change-ringing is performed so accurately that when a peal (which to a scientific ringer means not less than 5000 changes) is rung, the bells return after some hours of continuous ringing to the same position of rounds in which they started, viz., the progressive order from one to eight. The wonder of the achievement seems the greater when it is borne in mind that only a quarter of a second elapses between the sound of every two bells. It is hardly necessary to say that such ringing means close application on the part of those who learn, but the fascination and pleasure quickly grow upon any who really set themselves with patience and earnestness to the work. England has been called the "ringing island," for nowhere else has this art been so cultivated. There should be no reason why in South Africa, wherever there are the bells, we

should not reproduce what is so familiar to many at home. We have amongst us old ringers who love to talk of their ringing days and experiences; and with the constant arrivals from the old country there must be some who could instruct others, and there are many excellent manuals which set forth the subject in the simplest manner. Perhaps as the Church advances we may have rings of fine bells in most of our cathedral and larger towns, and the art and exercise of change-ringing, with its musical delights, which at present finds no place in the country, may have its enthusiastic advocates and supporters. We hope that our contemporary's words will do something to bring about such a desirable result as is indicated.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity Church, Privett, Hants, on September 21st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins.

George Grafham ..	1	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	5
William W. Gifford ..	2	George Williams ..	6
Frank Hopgood ..	3	John W. Whiting ..	7
Charles Giles ..	4	Keith Hart ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, conducted by George Williams.

ALSO at All Saints', Eastmeon, Hants, on September 21st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

John W. Whiting ..	1	Keith Hart ..	5
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	6
Henry White ..	3	William W. Gifford ..	7
Frank Hopgood ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, conducted by George Williams.

AND at St. Faith's, Havant, Hants, on September 22nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Keith Hart ..	1	George Grafham ..	5
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	Frank Hopgood ..	6
Charles Giles ..	3	John W. Whiting ..	7
Henry White ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by A. Knights, conducted by George Williams.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Andrew's Steyning, on September 25th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40½ mins.

John Smart ..	1	Charles Giles ..	5
George Williams (condr.) ..	2	Frank Bennett ..	6
Robert J. Dawe ..	3	Frank Hopgood ..	7
John J. Jones* ..	4	George Gatland ..	8

* First peal of STEDMAN.]

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 920.)

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Mr. Ashton willingly accorded me his permission to make his testimony public.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Mortlake, on September 22nd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

George Brush*	1	William T. Meaton	5
William E. Garrard (condr.)	2	James Aldridge	6
Ernest A. Arthurton*	3	William Fox	7
William E. Judd,	4	John Judd*	8

[* First peal.]

Also at All Hallows', Lombard Street, on September 25th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Edwin Horrex	1	Edward P. O'Meara	6
Challis F. Winney	2	Charles H. Tompkins	7
Charles H. Gordon	3	W. James Hinton	8
Frederick W. Elles	4	Francis Price	9
William Truss	5	Thomas H. Taffender	10

Composed by the late Henry Haley, conducted by C. F. Winney.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY

At St. Barnabas', Pimlico, on September 21st, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins.

Arthur G. Ellis	1	Henry S. Ellis	6
Frank Buck	2	Walter J. Sorrell	7
George R. Fardon	3	Charles T. P. Brice	8
Henry R. Newton	4	John N. Oxborrow	9
Alfred W. Brighton	5	Samuel E. Andrews	10

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow and conducted by J. N. Oxborrow.

ST. LAWRENCE'S, STROUD.—On September 21st, by the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 26 mins. A. T. Ford, 1; H. Scriven, 2; E. H. Tribe, 3; S. G. Dickenson, 4; S. Baker, 5; C. King (conductor), 6; W. Hale, 7; W. White, 8. This is the longest touch by a local band for many years.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on September 24th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. W. J. Coakham, 1; F. Nunn, 2; W. B. Manning (conductor), 3; F. G. New, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; F. Rumens, 6; J. Cullen, 7; W. R. Pinsent, 8; W. H. Freeman, 9; W. Crockford, 10. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on September 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 1259 changes, in 55 mins. G. Brush, 1; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 2; A. E. Bradley, 3; E. A. Arthurton, 4; J. Aldridge, 5; W. E. Judd, 6; J. Nicholls, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. T. Meaton, 9; H. Wilson, 10.

TOTTENHAM.—At the Parish Church, on September 26th, a quarter-peal of BOB TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. A. E. Martin (first quarter-peal), 1; E. Iverson, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; H. A. Barnett, 4; W. Dickenson, 5; J. Waghorn, jun., 6; C. A. Button (conductor), 7; W. Martin, 8.

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.—The following is an extract from the *Daily Mail*. We shall be glad to hear more about the bell if any kind reader can supply information. 'After pumping a pond dry on Rooksie Farm, Preston, Suffolk, and clearing away the mud at the bottom, some workmen the other day came upon a clay subsoil, near the top of which was found a bell bearing the date 1133, and also a gold set of teeth and a broken pipe mounted with massive silver. It is conjectured that at one time a monastery existed on the spot.'

BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.—The balance required towards the cost of the Blacklands bells (26l. 16s.) has been given by Mr. H. Lodge. The Blacklands Diamond Jubilee bells are now practically an accomplished fact.

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WALKS IN BELGIUM, by Percy Lindley (30 Fleet Street, E.C. Price 6d.), is a most attractive guide-book, issued in connexion with the Great Eastern Railway's service to the Continent *via* Antwerp. It is full of useful and practical information; the descriptive chapters are bright and interesting; while the illustrations are exceptionally good. It includes a guide to the Ardennes, hints to cyclists, and a great variety of knowledge which is invaluable to travellers.

ANIMALS' WAYS AND CLAIMS, by Edith Carrington (Geo. Bell & Sons), is another of the numerous delightful works by this popular animal-lover. The authoress not only writes with authority as a student who has mastered her subject, but her books show forth in every line the sympathy and affection which she feels towards every member of the animal creation. Birds, beasts, fishes, and insects alike occupy her attention and thoughts; and while replete with anecdotes, the book is full of instructive matter. The numerous illustrations are cleverly drawn, and add to the interest which cannot fail to be aroused in the reader. The cover is original and graceful, and authoress and publishers alike are to be congratulated. Each section of the book is issued in a pamphlet form, in paper wrapper, for 1d.

Magazines.

PEARSON'S MAGAZINE includes an account of the Jubilee bonfires, profusely illustrated, the photographs of a blazing bonfire being particularly good; Mrs. Alec Tweedie's pathetic description of the life of a band of women who have doomed themselves to eternal silence—the only sisterhood of its kind in the world; and an interesting paper dealing with the origin of the many huge figures carved in chalk on the Sussex, Wiltshire, and other Downs, accompanied by photographs of the most striking of these English turf monuments. There is also a paper on the German Postcard Craze; a diagrammatic article by Mr. J. Holt Schooling on the 'Smiths' in the world; a series of illustrations of some wonderful balancing feats; and an account of a visit to Madame Tussaud's. The fiction, which is excellent, is from the pens of such well-known writers as Mr. Robert Hichens, Mrs. L. T. Meade and Mr. Clifford Halifax, Mr. Cutcliffe Hyne, and Mr. George Griffith. Mr. H. G. Wells continues his serial, the 'War of the Worlds.'

THE WINDSOR MAGAZINE has an excellent interview with 'Prince Ranjitsinhji,' and an interesting article on 'Famous Cyclists of the Day.' 'A Unique School' is a striking account of Madame Bergman Osterberg's College, at Dartford, for the physical training of women. Its *raison d'être*, we are told, is to produce, as nearly as may be, women who shall be physically perfect. 'The college course extends over two years, and during the whole of this period the students lead perforce an almost ideally healthy life. . . . The College girls go bare-headed in all weathers, and wear a special costume, clad in which their movements are absolutely free and untrammelled, and they are able to leap and run with a swiftness and agility that would have caused the typical bread-and-butter miss of a decade or two back to hold her breath in horrified amazement. It also seems unnecessary to add that at Dartford the corset, or any substitute thereof, is strictly tabooed.' 'Trapping Planets' is full of many interesting particulars; 'The Christian' is continued, and there is among the remainder of the contents a number of capital short stories.

In the **STRAND MAGAZINE** 'The Tragedy of the Korosko' reaches a terrible crisis, and the remainder of the fiction includes five complete stories. 'The New El Dorado on the Klondike' is an interview with Mr. Harry De Windt, who probably knows more about those parts than anybody else in England. The illustrations—from photographs—give a vivid idea of part of what the gold-seekers have to face in their quest. 'At a Baby Show' and 'Queer Conveyances' are two excellent articles, as is also 'Some Peculiar Wills.' The illustrations are as numerous and as excellent as ever.

PART IX. OF ALL ABOUT ANIMALS is well illustrated and continues to sustain its claim to be brightly written, and not a dry scientific work.

THE MUSICAL TIMES is full of interesting matter, and includes a biographical sketch of Sir George Grove, with a life-like portrait. There is also a humorous article, entitled 'A Lost Opportunity,' showing many of the possible ways of treating the National Anthem. The Music Supplement this month is a part-song by Edward Elgar, 'My Love dwelt in a Northern Land.'

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A Ringers' Guild for Cornwall.

It is proposed to form a Guild of Church Bell-ringers for the diocese of Truro, and a meeting to further this object will be held in the Chapter House of Truro Cathedral to-day at 2.30. The Bishop will preside, and an address will be given by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, vicar of Ottery St. Mary. All willing to co-operate are invited to the meeting.

The Bells of Warnham, Sussex.

THE bells, entirely recast, now lie at the side of the church, and will very shortly be placed in the tower. Upon the tenor bell is the following: '1837—1897. Victoria. "She wrought her people lasting good." These bells were recast to the glory of God and to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. June, 1897. God save the Queen.' The 7th bell bears the words: 'Victoria R.I. May all in truth and harmony rejoice, to honour Church and Queen with heart and voice.' 6th bell: 'The Rev. R. W. Bowcott, M.A., vicar; the Rev. J. A. Labouchere, B.A., curate; C. J. Lucas, F. Freeman, churchwardens; William Charman, parish clerk. We ring for the people of Warnham, against powers of evil to warn 'em.' The 5th bell contains the names of the change-ringers, as follows: Walter Charman (captain), T. Andrews (treasurer), H. Chandler, Albert Charman, Alf. Charman, Art. Charman, J. Cook, A. Cox, A. Davey, J. Garman, W. Hooker, F. Knight, C. Mitchell, W. Stanford. Also, 'We ring by night, we ring by day; We like to ring for joy alway.' Upon the 4th bell was inscribed the following verse: 'When orange blossom decks the head, Of Warnham Belle to true love wed, My most harmonious note I'll bring, To weld together heart and ring.' 3rd bell: 'Anon we peal with joyful mirth, for marriage, festival and birth; Anon ring out a mournful toll, to speed to Heaven the parting soul.' 2nd: 'Wilfred—I was put here with "Little Joey" to complete the ring, 1885. "Ring out the old, ring in the new; ring out the false, ring in the true." The treble, designated "Little Joey," bore the following: 'I'm called so after C. E. L., in memory of his birth. I'm but a very little bell, tho' big in joy and mirth. I here was placed by C. J. L., who lives at Warnham Court. Everybody wished me well, and so I think they ought. For my sole wish is long to swing, with seven others here, Oft-times to sound a merry ring, all Warnham hearts to cheer. 16th April, 1885.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association.

At the Parish Church, Stanford, Leicester, on September 27th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs.
 John H. Grundy .. 1 Samuel Smith .. 5
 William A. Tyler .. 2 John Smith .. 6
 Richard Lane .. 3 Edward Reader .. 7
 Arthur W. Matthews .. 4 John W. Taylor, jun. .. 8
 Composed by H. Dains, conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun.

The St. Martin's Guild.

At the Globe Tavern, Granville Street, Birmingham, on September 27th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 22 mins.
 Wm. A. Hancox (condr.) 1-2 Robert J. Hunt .. 5-6
 Frederick Clayton .. 3-4 William Short .. 7-8
 Referee, Thomas Wakeman.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

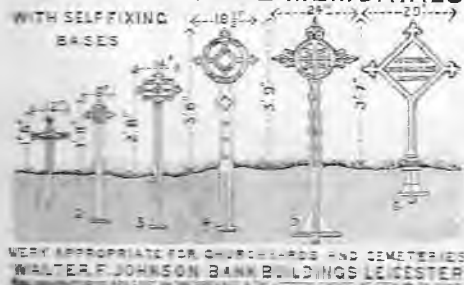
At St. Wilfrid's, Grappenhall, on September 28th, seven 720's of TREBLE BOB MINOR, viz., BRAINTREE, LONDON, BOCKING, COLLEGE EXERCISE, COLLEGE PLEASURE, CITY DELIGHT, and KILLMARSH.
 James Mainwaring .. 1 Samuel Horsfall .. 4
 Hy. Thos. Moston .. 2 Fredk. Thos. Spence .. 5
 Thos. Burrows .. 3 Robt. Geo. Lewis (condr.) .. 6

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At the Parish Church, Bishopwearmouth, on September 29th, a peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins.
 Robert Mawson Pick .. 1 Thomas Hudson, jun. .. 5
 Robert W. Lovie .. 2 John Field .. 6
 Thomas Hudson .. 3 William T. Robson .. 7
 Robert C. Hudson .. 4 Richard W. Langton .. 8
 Composed by Benjamin Annable, conducted by R. C. Hudson.

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The North Sea Church Mission.

In our issue of October 1st we gave a brief account of the annual meeting of the patrons and subscribers of this important Society, which indicated the changes that had been made in the general management and organization of the work.

It will be remembered that, a little more than two years ago, we published, as one of a series of articles dealing with various Church efforts, an illustrated account of 'a floating parish,' describing the arrangements which had been made for supplying the teaching and Sacraments of the Church to the army—numbering some fourteen thousand souls—of fishermen in the North Sea. Up to that time these men had been without the advantage of spiritual ministrations by a clergyman.

A totally unlooked-for interest in the effort immediately followed the publication of the article, and within six months about 3000*l.* had been raised for extending the scheme, mainly through the readers of *Church Bells*. One lady sent the munificent donation of 2000*l.* This assistance encouraged those who were directing the Mission to launch out into a considerably increased plan of operations, and it was decided without delay to build a second Mission ship.

The result was that, although the generosity of sympathisers and friends continued unabated, the work grew so rapidly that the expenditure was found to be exceeding the assured income.

The Mission had been inaugurated by the Vicar of Gorleston, who, in spite of the burden of a heavy and difficult parish, threw himself into the project with the utmost enthusiasm, and was successful in enlisting the support of many clergy and laymen.

At length, however, it seemed clear to those who had at heart the best interests of the Mission, that it ought no longer, even in appearance, to be of the nature of a parochial effort, but should command the good wishes and the practical help of Churchmen at large; and also that it needed the fullest attention and guidance of an experienced man of business, if the wishes of those who had subscribed so generously were to be carried out.

With this end in view, a complete reorganization of the Mission has been effected. The Bishop of Thetford has accepted the office of President, while the entire business arrangements have been placed in the capable hands of Mr. J. H. Easterbrook, who was for a considerable period the energetic Secretary of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Mr. Easterbrook's wide experience, extending over a great number of years, is a sufficient assurance that every detail of the work will be carried out with efficiency and economy.

It is possible that, in the initial stages of this grand and useful effort, the expenditure was on too liberal a scale, and that in certain particulars the most has not been made of the support which has been, so ungrudgingly bestowed; but this state of things is almost inevitable where an enterprise grows as quickly as the North Sea Church Mission has done.

The readers of *Church Bells* may fairly claim to have founded the Mission. They have undoubtedly been instrumental in developing it with an almost unprecedented rapidity. We feel confident that they have no intention of allowing so magnificent a work to lapse, or even to curtail its operations, for lack of funds.

We had the opportunity, a few days ago, of a long conversation with Mr. Easterbrook in regard to his future plans, and we have arranged with him that the readers of *Church Bells* shall be kept regularly informed of the progress of the work in which they have taken so deep an interest from the first.

The grounds on which the Mission can, and does, claim the assistance of Churchmen is that it is the only organization in existence which provides for the spiritual wants of the fishermen of the North Sea through the teaching and Sacraments of the Church. These men, whose labours add so enormously to the comfort of those living on shore, are exposed to great hardships, and the hospital work, which is combined with the Mission work on board the *St. Andrew*, proves that the Church cares for the bodies as well as the souls of the fishermen, and in this she is following the example of her Master.

The special desiderata of the Mission at the present time are: (1) the prayers of the faithful; (2) voluntary workers; (3) money—whether donations, annual subscriptions, or offertories. Most of us can send some gift, however small. Some of the clergy could arrange to set apart an offertory. Many Churchmen in different parts of the country could render assistance by offering their services as local hon. secretary for a district or rural deanery. All can help the Mission with their prayers.

We heartily commend this effort to the generous consideration of our readers. Any one wanting further information, or willing to co-operate, should write direct to J. H. Easterbrook, Esq., Waterside, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth.

Canon Gore in Canada.

To a reporter Canon Gore has expressed himself as delighted with what he has seen of the American continent on this his first visit. The Hudson River, Lake Champlain, and Lake George surprised him beyond expression with their natural beauty, but the climax was reached at Niagara Falls. Speaking of the two branches of Church work in which he is particularly interested—Christian Social Union and the Community of the Resurrection—the former, he stated, was organized some ten years ago in Oxford, and its chief aim was to help Church people to realise and carry out their duties toward their fellow-men. Of the Community of the Resurrection, the Canon said he had not gone to Canada to form a similar organization, as had been stated in some newspapers. In reply to an inquiry, he stated that the Church at home was active and progressive, fully alive to its duties and responsibilities, and striving to discharge them.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. James's, Clerkenwell, on October 20th; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on October 22nd.

St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on October 18th.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 20th; and St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on October 21st.

College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on October 18th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 19th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 22nd.—All about 8 p.m.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m.; tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow. All members and visitors intending to be present are particularly requested to so inform me not later than Tuesday, October 19th, in order that arrangements may be made for tea, &c. Members travelling by rail are asked to state the station they will book from.

St. Albans.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 260th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, November 13th, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street. E.C. Tickets, 3*s.* 6*d.* each, may be obtained from Messrs. Burkin, W. H. L. Buckingham, Butler, Cockerill, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, T. Mash, McLaughlin, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Weatherstone, and Winney.

The Ringing Tour in Cornwall.

REFERRING to the programme which appeared in *Church Bells* on September 24th, six of the attempts were successful, viz., three peals of STEPMAN TRIPLES, two of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, and one of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. The others were lost through the bad condition of the bells. Great enthusiasm was shown by the local ringers at the various churches, and tremendous ovations were given at the end of every successful peal.

The greatest event of the tour, however, is the proposed formation of a Guild of Change-ringers for Cornwall. An influential meeting for this object was held at Truro Cathedral on October 8th, and a committee, including the Archdeacons of Bodmin and Cornwall, was formed to draw up rules and make suggestions for the formation of the Guild.

Dedication of Bells at St. Michael's, Betchworth, Surrey.

MICHAELMAS DAY was again a great day in this parish. Last year this festival was the occasion of the dedication of the beautifully carved oak choir stalls, the gift and handiwork of a lady parishioner. This year the feast of St. Michael was the occasion of the dedication of all the aisle windows, eight in number, which have been filled with stained glass by Messrs. Powell & Sons, of Whitefriars, and of two new bells and a clock bell, from the foundry of Messrs. Mears & Stambank, of Whitechapel. These gifts are all memorials, the bells being the gift of the Harris family, in memory of Miss Eleanor Harris, who died last Maundy Thursday, and was buried in Betchworth Churchyard; the windows, the gifts of different parishioners in memory of friends who departed this life in God's faith and fear. The Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Sanders, offered special dedication prayers, and Canon Jelf preached.

St. Mary-the-Virgin, Norwood, Southall, Middlesex.

SOME time ago it was found that the wooden belfry of this church, which contained a ring of six bells, was in such an unsafe condition that the ringing of the bells had to be discontinued, and as, also, from the situation of the belfry, the vibration had done much harm to the west wall of the church, the only expedient possible was to build a new belfry tower. This tower, built in accordance with the architecture of the church, was erected a year ago, the memorial stone thereof having been placed by the Earl of Jersey on June 1st, 1896.

The bells were temporarily (for want of funds) placed in the new tower, so that they could be chimed by Ellacombe's apparatus; but this year, in consequence of a special and successful effort, the bells have been placed in a wrought-iron frame, and although they were rung out from their new position on Jubilee Day, the entire work was not completed till a month ago. Taking advantage of the Harvest Thanksgiving on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, this bell-frame was dedicated on the 29th ult. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., vicar of Drayton, Abingdon, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, who, at the instance of the Rector of Norwood the Rev. J. L. Macdonald, M.A., had inspected and approved of the workmanship, preached at the Harvest Thanksgiving service, and then took a turn in the belfry.

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 984.)

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 9th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	Samuel E. Andrews .. 5
Frank Buck .. 2	Charles F. P. Brice .. 6
Henry S. Ellis .. 3	Ernest Beckwith .. 7
Walter J. Sorrell .. 4	David Elliott .. 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY.)

At St. Mary's, Battersea, on October 11th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs.

George Langford .. 1	Walter J. Sorrell .. 5
Arthur G. Ellis .. 2	Samuel E. Andrews .. 6
John N. Oxborrow .. 3	Charles T. B. Brice .. 7
Henry S. Ellis .. 4	Henry R. Newton .. 8

Composed by Henry Johnson, conducted by H. R. Newton.

The Midland Counties Association.

At All Saints', Loughborough, on October 1st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

John H. Grundy .. 1	Samuel Smith .. 5
William H. Inglesant .. 2	Edward Reader .. 6
William A. Tyler .. 3	Arthur W. Mathews .. 7
John Smith .. 4	John W. Taylor, jun. .. 8

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by John W. Taylor, jun.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Debenham, on October 2nd, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins.

Sedley Collins .. 1	James Rumsey .. 5
William Groom .. 2	George Perry .. 6
Alfred W. Grimes .. 3	William Rumsey .. 7
George Thurlow .. 4	William Grimes .. 8

Composed by F. Clayton, conducted by W. Grimes.

The Devonshire Guild.

At the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, on October 4th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins.

Rev. W. S. Willett .. 1	Nathan J. Pitstow .. 5
Charles Hounslow .. 2	Rev. F. E. Robinson .. 6
Arthur W. Pike .. 3	Rev. G. F. Coleridge .. 7
Alfred Pitstow .. 4	J. W. Washbrook (condr.) .. 8

The Kent County Association.

At the Parish Church, Erith, on October 8th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

J. Town .. 1	George Conyard .. 5
T. G. Deal .. 2	J. Hack .. 6
William Weatherstone .. 3	Arthur J. Neal .. 7
Thomas P. Richards .. 4	William Bedwell .. 8

Composed by C. H. Martin, conducted by William Bedwell.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On October 10th (Harvest Festival), after morning service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, from Holt's Original, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1; W. Langdon, 2; T. Langdon, 3; G. E. Symonds, 4; W. H. Pasmore, 5; F. Clements, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; W. Cobbett, 8.

ST. JOHN'S, WILTON ROAD, S.W.—On October 2nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 768 changes of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. E. Horrex, 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; C. P. Burton, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; J. C. Mitchell, 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; W. T. Cockerill (conductor), 8.

ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA.—On October 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 1259 changes, in 52 mins. W. Webber,* 1; V. W. West, 2; W. Moss,* 3; W. Langdon, 4; T. H. Taffender, 5; G. R. Fardon (conductor), 6; T. Langdon, 7; W. J. Barber, 8; T. E. Barber, 9; G. Chesterman, 10. [* First quarter-peal of CATERS.]

HAYES, KENT.—On October 4th, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Town, 5; J. Hack (conductor), 6.

FAVERSHAM.—On September 28th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. H. Wallis, 1; G. Foster, 2; A. Biggs, 3; H. Foster, 4; T. Biggs, 5; E. Foreman (conductor), 6; F. Hunt, 7; G. Wood, 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On October 4th, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. G. Doody, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. T. Lightfoot, 4; H. Turner, 5; J. George, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. Shotton, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. This composition contains the twenty-four 4-6's. Composed and conducted by Mr. J. George. It was also rung by the local band. The striking was good throughout, which gave this fine-toned peal (cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of London) an opportunity of pouring forth their beautiful music. Great credit is due to Messrs. Doody and Watson for the masterly manner their bells were rung, as they only commenced to learn change-ringing during the last few months.

BENWELL PARISH CHURCH.—The new bells at Benwell Parish Church, which, with a new clock, were given by Mr. Walter Scott, were dedicated by the Bishop of Newcastle on September 27th. The clock strikes the Cambridge quarters upon four bells, and the hours upon the tenor bell. The six bells are also to be used for change-ringing, the total weight being over three tons.

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The late Bishop Walsham How.

On Friday a large and influential meeting representing the diocese of Wakefield was held at Wakefield for the purpose of taking into consideration a proposed national memorial to the late Dr. Walsham How, D.D., first Bishop of Wakefield. A resolution was carried appointing a committee of clergy and laity to recommend what form the memorial should take, and requesting them specially to consider one or more of the following suggestions:—Additions to Wakefield Cathedral, pension scheme for aged clergy, a recumbent effigy, a scholarship at one of the Universities for candidates for Holy Orders, and better glass in some of the cathedral windows. A resolution was passed welcoming the proposal of a children's special memorial to Bishop How, and expressing the opinion that this could be carried out side by side with the larger scheme.

Magazines.

THE CHURCH QUARTERLY has a long and appreciative article on Archbishop Benson's *Cyprian*, which it describes in the following terms: 'It is not only an armoury of Catholic truth against every form of separatist error. Ultramontane or Puritan; but it is replete with insistence upon the great fundamental principles which make for peace, and it is on these that the dying Primate dwells most impressively in his concluding pages. To us they seem golden sentences to be treasured up in the hearts and transmuted into the lives of Churchmen.' 'The Planting of the English Church' is a powerful paper, based on three recent publications—Canon Mason's *Mission of St. Augustine to England*, Canon Bright's *Chapters of Early English History*, and the Rev. T. Moore's *Beginnings of the English Church and Kingdom*—which contains a strong plea for the teaching of Church history in a popular form in our elementary schools. It concludes with an able refutation of the extraordinary utterance of Cardinal Vaughan at Ramsgate last month, when the Romanists, piqued at the visit of the Lambeth Conference to Ebbsfleet, in July, decided that they would make a pilgrimage to the spot which tradition points out as the landing-place of St. Augustine. 'The Diocese of Lincoln,' 'The Lambeth Conference of 1897,' 'The Celtic Church in Wales,' and numerous other able articles combine to make this one of the most attractive and instructive numbers of this excellent quarterly which we have seen for a long time.

THE CHURCH ECLECTIC (Milwaukee, U.S.A.) has an excellent portrait of the present Archbishop of York, and an important article entitled 'A Sketch of the Life and Times of William Laud.' It was read before the Ministerial Association of Piqua, Ohio, at which a number of dissenting ministers were present. The author of the article claims for him that 'The Church of England and her American daughter owe the affirmation of their Catholicity, if not indeed their very continuance and existence, to Laud.' The paper presents a very broad and thoughtful view of the subject.

THE CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE includes a meditation on the Epistle to the Colossians, by the Rev. H. C. G. Moule; some sermonettes on the 'Epistles of the Church Year,' by the Rev. W. Burrows; 'Thoughts on the Lambeth Conference;' and three papers on the last two chapters of the Apocalypse.

THE STUDIO is full of interesting artistic matter. James Stanley Little contributes a very readable account of 'Frank Brangwyn and his Art,' with thirteen illustrations of his works. This promising artist was born at Bruges, where his father, a Welshman and an architect, had a factory for the production of church embroideries. 'Swedish Art at the Stockholm Exhibition,' by Count Birger Mörner, is well written and illustrated. Mr. George Frampton, A.R.A., in the first of a series of articles, describes some of the intricacies, and the delights, of the 'Art of Wood-carving.' The headquarters of the Guild of Handicraft, at Essex House in the Mole End Road, are fully dealt with, and no less than nineteen illustrations are given to show the varieties of work turned out from this excellent institution. This artistic periodical leaves nothing to be desired, either from the editorial or the publishing point of view.

THE BOOKMAN is a specially interesting number, and contains much valuable matter for literary readers. There is an admirable defence of Mr. Hall Caine, evidently expressing his personal views, though not an authorised interview, in which many of the numerous and severe criticisms of *The Christian* are shown to be based on a misapprehension of the author's purpose and point of view. There is a capital character sketch, illustrated, of Mrs. Humphry Ward.

THE CHILD'S OWN MAGAZINE, Vol. LXIV. (Sunday School Union), is a delightful present for young folk. It contains a number of little stories suitable for them, and abounds in amusing illustrations.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 27th.

College Youths: at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on October 27th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, on October 28th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 29th.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, October 22nd; St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on October 27th.—All about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 260th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, November 13th, at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Burkin, W. H. L., Buckingham, Butler, Cockerill, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, T. Mash, McLaughlin, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Springall, Weatherstone, and Winney.

The Bells of St. Mary's, Finedon.

THE bells were dedicated and reopened on Thursday, September 30th, the sermon being preached by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Drayton, master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. During the afternoon ringers from Finedon, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, and Raunds rang touches of TRIPLES and MAJOR. The late Rev. Dolben Paul was formerly hon. secretary of the Oxford Guild. Mr. Robinson handled a rope in Finedon belfry over fifty years ago in the time of the present Vicar's father.

The six old bells were rehung by Taylor in an oak frame when the tenor was recast, 1875. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble: 'In everything give thanks. In commemoration of the Jubilee of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Paul, M.A. 1847-1897.' Diam. 31 in. Exact weight, 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs.

Second: 'Fear God, honour the King. In commemoration of the Sixtieth Year of the Reign of Queen Victoria—June 1897. T. Meadows, R. Robinson, churchwardens.' Diam. 32 in. Exact weight, 7 cwt 3 qrs. 2 lbs.

Third: 'Ex Dono Gilbert Dolben Armiger 1688 recast 1825. Call a solemn assembly. W. & J. Taylor Founders Oxford. Thomas Boddington and Peter Smith churchwardens.' Diam. 34 in. Estimated weight, 8 cwt.

Fourth: 'Holiness unto the Lord. Recast by W. & J. Taylor Oxford 1825. Thomas Boddington and Peter Smith, churchwardens.' Diam. 36 in. Estimated weight, 9 cwt.

Fifth: 'Praise God upon the high sounding Cymbals. Recast by W. & J. T. Oxon, 1825. T. Boddington & P. Smith Ch Ws.' Diam. 39 in. Estimated weight, 11 cwt.

Sixth: 'A Voice from the Temple a Voice of the Lord. Rev. S. W. Paul vicar Richard Vincent and Vincent Bailey churchwardens 1879. Recast 1825.' Diam. 40 in. Estimated weight, 12 cwt.

Seventh: 'As in Adam all die so in Christ shall all be made alive. Cast by Watts of Leicester 1639 & recast by W. & J. Taylor Oxford 1825.' Diam. 41½ in. Estimated weight, 14 cwt.

Tenor: 'Watch therefore for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. This bell cast by John Taylor & Co. 1875. M^{rs} Mackworth Dolben Lady of the Manor. Rev^d G. W. Paul vicar John Hawkes William Lea Hill Ch Wardens. Date of original tenor bell 1613.' Diam. 51 in. Exact weight, 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb. Note, E flat.

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 1004.)

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The Kent County Association: Ashford District.

THE Annual District Meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday afternoon, October 30th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at the 'Wilberforce.' Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding 2s., will be allowed to all members present at 5.30.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, District Hon. Secretary.

Hythe, Kent, October 19th, 1897.

The Bells of St. Mary's, Norwood, Southall, Middlesex.

THE following are the respective weights and inscriptions on these bells, an account of the dedication of which we gave last week:—

First: 'Thomas Swain made me 1753.' Weight, 3 cwt.

Second: (The Jubilee bell, which was recast on the occasion of our gracious Queen having reigned fifty years.) 'Mears & Stainbank, London; J. L. Macdonald, rector, 1887. "God save the Queen." Weight, 3 cwt. 1 qr.

Third: 'Richard Phelps made these 5 bells, 1718.' Weight, 3 cwt. 3 qrs.

Fourth: 'G. Mears & Co., 1862.' Weight, 4 cwt. 14 lbs.

Fifth: 'T. Mears of London, fecit 1819.' Weight, 5 cwt.

Sixth: 'Richard Knight and Austen Tooley, churchwardens; Thomas Swain made me, 1772. T. H. Swain, fecit.' Weight, 6 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

AT SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge, on October 12th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Joseph Edwards 1	James Wallis 5
Edward Dunk 2	Thomas Wallis 6
Richard Jenner 3	John Preston (conductor) .. 7
James Heasman 4	John Malyan 8

The Midland Counties Association.

AT All Saints', Loughborough, on October 12th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins.

Thomas Start 1	Arthur W. Matthews .. 6
Robert Christian 2	William A. Tyler 7
Richard Lane 3	John H. Grundy 8
William H. Inglesant .. 4	John W. Taylor, jun. .. 9
Samuel Smith 5	John Smith 10

Composed by J. Carter and conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on October 12th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

Robert J. Dawe 1	Henry Jones 5
Alfred Turner 2	Keith Hart 6
Frank Bennett 3	John S. Goldsmith (condr.) 7
George Williams 4	John F. Steadman 8

The Hertfordshire Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, Herts, on October 13th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins.

Frederick J. Glennerster .. 1	William Hewitt 5
Charles George 2	Herbert Martin 6
William Norris 3	George N. Price (condr.) .. 7
Walter Norris 4	James Scott (first peal) .. 8

Ancient Society of College Youths and Kent County Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Penshurst, on October 16th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes (Heywood's variation of Thurstan's Four-part), in 3 hrs. 1 min., being the first peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

James George 1	William Latter 5
Jack Preston 2	Thomas Wallis 6
James Wallis 3	Thomas Groombridge (condr.) 7
Edward Dunk 4	John Malyan 8

The Essex Association.

AT St. Mary's, Widford, on October 16th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

Alfred Tarbut 1	William Hawkes 5
William Rowlands 2	Harry Harper 6
William J. Piper 3	Alfred Whight 7
Thomas Faulkner 4	Arthur Edwards 8

Composed by York Green and conducted by Thomas Faulkner.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbott's, on October 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS (1259 changes): A. Preace, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; W. E. Gerrard (conductor), 3; W. T. Elson, 4; C. P. Burton, 5; W. Harvey, 6; H. Harvey, 7; W. Fox, 8; J. Nicholls, 9; J. Judd, 10. Also on October 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 58 mins. H. Powell, 1; G. Brush (first inside), 2; E. A. Boutwell, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7; H. Sear, 8. [* First quarter-peal.]

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On October 6th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 46 mins. J. Sinden, 1; W. Franks (conductor), 2; F. Mathis, 3; C. Carter, 4; C. Hyland, 5; W. Eastland, 6; W. Thomas, 7; W. Eldridge, 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's, on October 17th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 40 mins. T. Groombridge, 1; J. Heasman, 2; R. Jenner, 3; J. Steddy, 4; J. Wallis, 5; J. Preston, 6; W. Latter (conductor), 7; J. Malyan, 8. Composed by J. George, Rugby.

WALWORTH.—At St. Peter's, on October 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. V. W. West, 1; H. Langdon, 2; G. E. Symonds, 3; W. H. Webber, 4; H. R. Pasmore, 5; T. Langdon (conductor), 6; W. H. Pasmore, 7; W. Langdon, 8.

ROMFORD.—At St. Edward's, on October 17th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1280 changes. G. Roughton, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; G. H. Burch (Colchester), 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; E. Pye, 6; W. Watson, 7; J. Dale, 8. Also a course of GRANDSIRE CINQUES on handbells. E. Pye, 1-2; B. Keeble, 3-4; W. Pye, 5-6; A. J. Perkins, 7-8; G. R. Pye, 9-10; W. Nash, 11-12.

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Common Diseases.

3.—THE KIDNEYS.

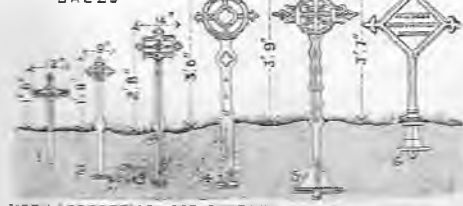
NEXT in order of importance to the liver the kidneys play a most important part in the internal economy of the excretory organs. Their functions are solely purifying or excretory, by getting rid of effete products contained in the blood. Should they from any cause become inefficient the uric acid which should be excreted is retained in the circulatory system and gives rise to uric poisoning—ending fatally. There is no doubt that errors in eating and drinking give rise to all kidney troubles. When the X or Röntgen rays have been turned on to these wonderful organs, the high liver will be able to see what his excesses have led up to. He will see either the small shrunk kidney caused by excessive indulgence in spirituous liquors or the large fatty kidney, degenerating as the result of over-eating and highly-flavoured flesh food, without having taken the necessary exercise to counteract fatty formations. These few remarks are mainly due to the fact which has been demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt, that Kola, and Hopalim from Hops, both ingredients in Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa, exercise a most beneficial effect on the structural tissues of the kidney, and so on its excretory functions.

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Third bell—'Fear God; Honour the King. A.R. 1748.'
Fourth bell—'Queen Victoria. The Diamond Jubilee, 1837 to 1897. God bless the Queen.'
Fifth bell—'Prosperity to the Parish, 1748. Recast 1897.' (Names of the Vicars from 1743 to 1897.)
Tenor—'Richard Thomas, Esq., and Benjamin Blamey, C.W. J.P. and Co., 1772.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Bow, E., on October 19th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Samuel Hayes 1	Thomas Faulkner 5
Henry Springall 2	Albert C. Hardy 6
Rowland Fenn 3	Samuel E. Joyce 7
York Green 4	Henry J. Tucker 8

Composed by York Green, conducted by H. J. Tucker.

The Archdeaconry of Stafford and Worcestershire and Districts Associations.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, Staffordshire, on October 23rd, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs.

H. Knight 1	W. James 5
W. Rock Small 2	J. Smith 6
G. James 3	A. H. Hill 7
H. W. Micklewright 4	A. Griffiths 8

Composed by T. Jesson, and conducted by A. H. Hill.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—At the Parish Church, Gainsborough, on October 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. E. Credland, 1; Rev. — Bulwer, 2; A. Wheeler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; F. S. W. Butler, 6; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; R. Lakin, 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for the Rev. W. Earle Bulwer, who is on a visit, to going to South Africa, and was elected a member of the Association before starting.

GREENWICH.—At St. Alphege's, on October 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. H. Hoskins, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; H. Evans, 8.

CHESTER.—At St. Luke's, on October 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. W. Langdon, 1; E. Horrex, 2; W. Moss, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. R. Fardon, 5; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 6; T. Langdon, 7; W. J. Barber, 8; T. E. Barber, 9; G. Chesterman, 10. [* First quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD: CREWE BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Sandbach on October 2nd, when members from Crewe, Acton, Alsager, Sandbach, and Church Lawton were present. At 3.30 the bells of Sandbach Church were raised in full peal and several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung. About half-past four o'clock an adjournment was made to the schoolroom adjoining the church, where the usual business meeting was held.

ST. JAMES'S, BERMONDSEY.—In commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, a set of hemispherical chimes of ten bells has been erected at St. James's Church, Bermondsey, at the expense of Mr. Chandler, an old parishioner. A separate tune will be played every twenty-four hours, Monday's selection being 'God save the Queen,' and Saturday's 'Home, Sweet Home.' The fine peal of ten bells, which had not been rung for a long time owing to repairs being needed, has also been put in thorough order as the result of a special Jubilee shilling subscription in the district. The bells were recently dedicated at a public service on, after which the chimes were set in motion by Mrs. E. N. Coulthard, the Vicar's wife.

ST. NICHOLAS', BRISTOL.—The vestry has determined, at a large outlay, to rehang the beautiful ring of ten bells, which it has been unsafe to ring for some years past. The order has been given to a well-known firm, and it is hoped that the work will be completed in time to ring the bells on Christmas Day. There will be a sum of something like 80l. to make up beyond what the vestry is empowered to spend for this purpose.

STONEHOUSE, DEVON.—The new ring of bells which the Deputy-Chairman of the Stonehouse District Council (Mr. J. E. Bone) and his wife are presenting to St. George's, the mother church of Stonehouse, will shortly be in course of hanging. Already the tower has been strengthened, under the superintendence of Mr. Snell, architect. According to present intentions, the bells will be in position to be dedicated at a special service on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 3rd.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTER.—Local ringers may congratulate themselves on the addition of two bells in the church tower, as a part of the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The two bells with their head-stocks weigh 16 cwt., and were cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Both of the new bells bear the following inscription: 'This bell was placed here by public subscription to commemorate the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. June 20th, 1897.' The larger bell bears the words, 'God bless the Prince of Wales,' and the smaller one 'God save the Queen.' The ring now consists of an octave, and is ready for use.

MERSHAM.—The death bell has been tolled for Mr. Frederick Finn, builder, of this village, one of the oldest bell-ringers in Kent, and an ardent member of the County Association. The funeral took place on September 25th, and the Folkestone bell-ringers, of which the deceased's son is a member, rang a muffled touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. Mr. Finn, who died suddenly, was sixty-nine years old.

BADGWORTH, NEAR BRISTOL.—These fine bells have been rehung and quartered, and put in thorough working order, as a permanent memorial of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The necessary funds were provided by the willing contributions of many of the parishioners and by the kind help of some of the landowners and others. The work was completed on September 30th, and the bells were then rung for the first time.

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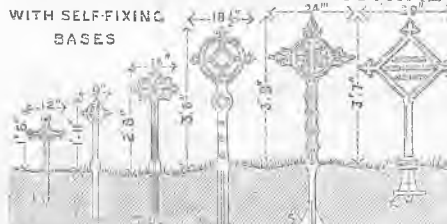
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Evans, is at once interesting and useful, as is also 'Sensitometers,' a paper by C. Townsend, F.C.S. Nor must we omit that from the pen of Mr. Hinton, *apropos* of the Photographic Salon, entitled 'The Salon Hangings.' Many other topics of photographic interest are touched on in the number.

PEARSON'S MAGAZINE opens with an article, entitled 'In Baby-land,' charmingly illustrated; a pathetic Canadian love story by Kathleen Sullivan; an admirable tale by Mrs. L. T. Meade and Mr. Clifford Halifax; a clever detective story by Mr. George Griffith; a weird ghost story; and an amusing little French story, are among the large array of fiction to be found in this number. There are articles on the manufacture of the walking-stick; the process by which leaves are skeletonised, cleverly illustrated; an interview with Mr. Beerbohm Tree; one of Mr. J. Holt Schooling's clever statistical articles, in which the Sea and Land on this planet are compared as regards weight, volume, &c.; and many other interesting papers.

Canon Church has reached this month the concluding paper of the series which he has contributed lately to GOOD WORDS. Mr. H. Railton's illustrations thereof are beautifully executed. Mr. Canton contributes two papers, the most important being his appreciative criticism, if so it may be termed, of the recently published *Life of Lord Tennyson*. 'The Tutor's Wooing,' 'What I saw of the Matabele Outbreak,' and a very interesting account of the 'House of Christie,' illustrated chiefly from old engravings, form, amongst much else, the chief items of mark in the number.

The pains rather than the pleasures of bicycling are to be gathered from Mr. Fraser's entertaining description of 'Across Persia on a Bicycle' in the LEISURE HOUR. 'Sixty Years a Painter: G. F. Watts, R.A.,' contains a description of the artist and his life, with a portrait and reproduction of one of his well-known pictures. Praise must also be accorded to the beautiful tinted plates composing the frontispiece, *i.e.*, 'Sir Galahad' and 'The Happy Warrior,' by G. F. Watts. 'Lord Tennyson,' the first chapters of a new serial, 'Driftwood,' by Mary Palgrave; and a profusely illustrated paper descriptive of 'The Spoon,' 'best-natured and most pacific among the implements of the table,' are also comprised in the November number.

'Righteous Overmuch' is the title of a characteristic little story of Ian Maclaren's in the WOMAN AT HOME. The place of honour in the magazine is undoubtedly occupied by a well-written account of the 'Marchioness of Salisbury,' illustrated by recent portraits of herself and members of the family. Lady Jeune and others discuss, in all its bearings, the pertinent question, 'Are Wedding Presents an Unfair Tax?' Mr. Frankfort Moore and Norman Hurst also contribute specimens of their skill.

Two new serial stories, both of which seem likely to prove of interest, are commenced in the November SUNDAY AT HOME, entitled respectively, 'God's Outcast,' and 'A Bit of Wool,' essentially readable is Mr. Walker's 'The Tombs of the English Kings,' especially well illustrated. A short paper on 'W. Walsham How: Bishop and Poet,' is also a noticeable feature, with much besides.

It is impossible to enumerate all the attractions combined with more serious matter contained in the GIRL'S OWN PAPER. It is enriched by two coloured plates, that entitled 'A Reverie' being particularly pleasing. Lady Georgina Vernon's useful paper on 'The Employment of Girls in Dairy Work and Outdoor Industries,' will be doubtless very acceptable, and may fairly be taken as typical of the invariable practical advice and good sense displayed in this magazine.

THE BOY'S OWN PAPER begins its new volume with a serial story, 'Among Malay Pirates,' from the welcome pen of Mr. Henty; 'Mobsley's Mohicans' will certainly claim boyish attention, as will also 'The Boy's Own Camera Club,' 'The Cave on the Sands,' and all the manifold articles contained in its well-filled pages.

LITTLE FOLKS is particularly attractive this month, by reason of the charming reproduction of Sir E. Landseer's well-known picture, 'Laying Down the Law,' which is presented with the November number. The serial stories are as interesting as ever, whilst 'How Royal Children Dine,' with an account of the German Imperial children, illustrated, its variety of short stories, &c., many illustrations and coloured frontispiece, all tend to make the magazine very acceptable.

'EXETER CATHEDRAL,' by the Rev. Canon Edwards, 'Sunday in St. George's Chapel, Windsor,' and a 'Notable Mariner's Retreat,' all well illustrated, unite in rendering the SUNDAY MAGAZINE for November a specially excellent number. Miss Esme Stuart contributes a bright little story, and other items include 'The Last Days of St. Francis of Assisi,' by the Rev. Canon Knox Little, also the Bishop of Ripon's concluding paper, 'The Forty Days of the Risen Life.'

SUNDAY HOURS, which we regret to see will soon no longer exist, is nevertheless well to the fore this month, comprising very varied contents, amongst which is conspicuous a paper styled 'The Christianographie of Africa,' possessing a curious map of Africa, dated 1635.

CATHEDRALS, ABBEYS, AND CHURCHES OF ENGLAND AND WALES is a reissue of this attractive work (which bears the name of Messrs. Cassell & Company, Limited) in fourteen sixpenny parts. Hitherto it has been published in thirty parts at 7d., so that the new edition is practically issued at less than half the price of the old.

THE QUEEN'S LONDON (Cassell, Limited) is to be completed in fifteen weekly parts, and is a series of process illustrations. The first part contains thirty-two photographic views of the Jubilee procession.

RECEIVED ALSO: FRIENDLY GREETINGS, BOY'S SUNDAY MONTHLY, GREAT THOUGHTS, HELPING WORDS, Part 50 of CASSELL'S GAZETTEER, THE CHILDREN'S FRIEND, THE FAMILY FRIEND, THE BRITISH WORKMAN, LIGHT IN THE HOME, OUR LITTLE DOTS, &c.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, a History for the People, has reached Part 13, and THE COMPLETE BIBLE COMMENTARY, Part 35.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 10th.

College Youths: at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on November 10th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, on November 11th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 12th.

Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, November 5th; St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on November 10th.—All about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

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The Central Northamptonshire Association.

By consent of the Rector, the Rev. C. T. Davis, a quarterly meeting of the above Association took place at Ecton, on Saturday, October 30th. There was tea at five o'clock, and business meeting of delegates afterwards. In addition to over forty ringers from various churches in the district, the Rev. R. R. Cobbold, Earls Barton; Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, Wilbye; Rev. J. B. Fausett, Mears Ashby; and Messrs. Callis and Hawkes, churchwardens of Ecton, and Mr. J. Abbott, churchwarden of Earls Barton, were also present. The Rector of Ecton was prevented by ill-health from attending the meeting, but wrote expressing his sympathy with the objects of the Association and wishing it every success.

The Bells of St. Mary Magdalene, Ecton, Northants.

THESE bells are a ring of six, their dates and inscriptions being as below:—

Treble: 'Guliel: Freman Ar: in hac parochia natus me legavit MDCCCLIX.' (Diam. 30 in.)

Second: 'God save our King 1612.' (Diam. 33 in.)

Third: 'A B C D E F G H I K L M N O 1612.' (Diam. 34 in.)

Fourth: 'Ihs ansareus Rex Iudeorum Fili Dei misere mei 1634.' (Diam. 35 in.)

Fifth: 'Feyre God 1612.' (Diam. 36 in.)

Sixth: 'Ihs: Nazareus Rex: Iudeorum Fili: Dei miserere mei 1622.' (Diam. 41 in.)

There were only five bells previous to 1749, in which year the present treble was given by George Freeman, Esq. The chimes date from 1690, the clock from 1630.

On the wall of the ringing-room are two inscriptions. The first gives the names of the five 'ringers' in 1721; under which are the lines:—

'All you that come
Into this place
Thare names may read
But not disface.'

The second inscription is:—'April 21st 1756. We the under written ring the first six bell peal 720 upon six bells of this parish. First, Thomas Cox (5 ft. 6 in.); second, Thos. Collins (5 ft. 6½ in.); third, John Childes (5 ft. 9½ in.); fourth, John Langly (5 ft. 6 in.); fifth, Willm. Smith (5 ft. 7½ in.); sixth, John Jelley (5 ft. 8 in.).'

Under this is a picture painted in colours on the plaster representing these six ringers all in a row, and each with his bell raised. They are attired in knee-breeches, stockings, and buckled shoes, with the shirts well opened at the neck. The central figure—said to be John Childes—is distinguished by a frilled shirt, white stockings, and a bunch of keys hanging from his 'fob.'—From North's 'Church Bells of Northamptonshire.'

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The First Peal rung on Eight Bells in Northampton.

SIR,—There has hitherto been a difference of opinion as to when the first eight-bell peal was rung in Northampton. The information given below (kindly obtained and placed in my hands by Mr. A. O. Stewart, of St. Giles's Belfry) quite settles the question. St. Peter's bells were recast into eight in the year 1734. A company of the London College Youths, under the leadership of Mr. Benjamin Annable, visited Northampton in 1739, and rang a peal of MAJOR. The bells of the Churches of St. Giles and All Saints were not increased to eight until some forty years later. Benjamin Annable, who conducted this peal, was a Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge. He was a noted ringer and composer. He died in 1756, and was buried under the tower of the Church of St. Bride, Fleet Street, London.

Extract from the *College Youths' Peal-book* :—

'PEAL No. 43.—ST. PETER'S, IN NORTHAMPTON.—The company rung on Friday, June 15th, 1739, a complete peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR, and in 3 hrs. 12½ mins. it was performed. Mr. William Pickard, treble; Mr. Samuel Lee, second; Mr. James Windus, third; Mr. Joseph Griffiths, fourth; Mr. James Barton, fifth; Mr. William Watts, sixth; Mr. Benjamin Annable, seventh (called Bobs); Mr. Job Lingay, tenor.'

There is no record of another peal being rung at St. Peter's until the one accomplished by members of the Central Northamptonshire Association on May 22nd of this year, on which occasion the ringers were all residents of Northampton.

E. J. DENNES.

Wellingborough, October 25th, 1897.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The South Lincolnshire Association.

AT St. Martin's, Stamford, on October 27th, seven 720's of MINOR, viz.: OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, COURT BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, GRANDSIRE, OXFORD BOB and PLAIN BOB.

Robert Christian ..	1	Robert S. Cox ..	4
Edward Popple ..	2	Frederick Dennison ..	5
Christopher Harper ..	3	Rev. H. Law James (condr.)	6

The Kent County Association.

AT SS. Peter and Paul, Edenbridge, Kent, on October 28th, Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

James J. Heasman ..	1	James Wallis ..	5
John W. Goldsmith ..	2	Thomas Wallis ..	6
Joseph Edwards ..	3	John Preston (conductor)	7
John Steddy ..	4	Richard Jenner ..	8

The Essex Association.

AT the church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Great Coggeshall, on October 30th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins.

David Elliott ..	1	John Sadler* ..	5
William Keeble* ..	2	Charles Norfolk* ..	6
William Dyer* ..	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ..	7
William Elliott* ..	4	James Newman* ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow; conducted by D. Elliott. First peal in the method.]

KENNINGTON, KENT.—On Sunday, October 17th, 720 BOB MINOR. E. Dixon, 1; F. Philpott, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Spice, 4; G. Sharpe, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. E. Dixon, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; W. Spice, 4; G. Sharpe, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday, October 24th, for afternoon service, at St. Michael's Church, 720 BOB MINOR. R. H. Weatherley, 1; H. Lewis, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; N. N. Hills, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; W. Battle, 6. The tower of this church has recently been rebuilt by Lord Grimthorpe, who has studied the comfort of the ringers by providing them with a good ringing chamber, and has had the bells rehung by Messrs. J. W. Taylor & Son. First 720 since rehanging.

ST. PETER'S, WALWORTH.—On October 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 41 mins. W. S. Langdon, 1; W. H. Webber, 2; G. E. Symonds, 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; H. R. Pasmore, 5; W. H. Pasmore, 6; T. Langdon (conductor), 7; J. W. Golding (first quarter-peal), 8.

ST. LUKE'S, CHELSEA.—On October 31st, for evening service, 1367 GRANDSIRE CATERERS in 58 mins. W. Webber, 1; W. Langdon, 2; W. Moss, 3; T. Langdon, 4; G. R. Fardon (conductor), 5; W. F. Meads, 6; W. J. Barber, 7; E. Frazer, 8; T. E. Barber, 9; G. Chesterman, 10.

ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET, E.C.—On October 31st, for evening service, 1000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 50 mins. E. P. O'Meara, 1; H. Springall, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; T. H. Taffender, 4; W. Truss, 5; S. Hayes, 6; E. Wallage, 7; E. Carter, 8; W. T. Cockerill, 9; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 10.

ROMFORD.—On October 31st, at St. Edmund's, 1472 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. G. Boughton, 1; E. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; E. Whightman, 4; J. Wall, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6; W. Watson, 7; W. Pye, 8. Also, after service, 560 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, conducted by E. Whightman.

BLACKLANDS, NEAR HASTINGS.—The Bishop of Chichester recently visited Christ Church for the purpose of dedicating two new bells which have been subscribed for by the parishioners to mark the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign. A window representing Christ as the Good Shepherd, the Light of the World, was also dedicated at the same service, the gift of two members of the congregation. The two bells now added make the peal of eight complete.

ASHFORD, KENT.—An old Ashfordian calls attention to the continued silence of these bells. The fact is that the bells are in urgent need of repair. An estimate of about 173l. has been given by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and it is certainly to be hoped that some effort will be made to raise the necessary sum to restore the bells. The Vicar and Churchwardens are anxious to proceed with the work as soon as the necessary funds can be provided.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—Mr. William Nocton, of Langham Hall, has very kindly provided for the restoring and rehanging of the church bells, which have not been rung for the last thirty-five years, when the church was seriously damaged by fire. The five existing bells have been equipped with entirely new fittings with the latest improvements, and a new tenor bell has been added. The total cost is over 200l.

NOTICE.—In order that peals may be reported without delay, conductor should send particulars to Mr. W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, immediately after the events.

HAVING been asked to express an opinion in regard to the efficiency of 'Bronchonia,' we have pleasure in stating that we have been informed that it has been found very efficacious in relieving throat irritation and checking coughs and colds.

Common Diseases.

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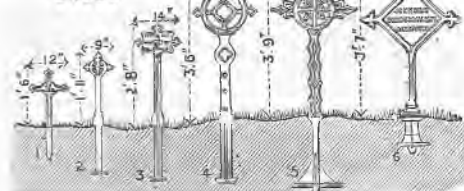
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St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on November 15th.
Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 17th; and St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on November 18th.
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The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT meeting of this Association was held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 23rd, and was attended by nineteen members, representing St. Albans (St. Peter's), Hatfield, Hitchin, Baldock, Ware, Little Munden, and Graveley. The church tower was open from three o'clock, and the bells were rung until about half-past five, when an adjournment was made to the National Schools, where by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. H. M. Wells) a substantial tea was provided. At the conclusion of the meal a business meeting was held, the Rector being in the chair. Mr. Wells welcomed the Association to Knebworth, and spoke of the work of the Association, and of the responsibility of the office of a ringer as a worker in the Church of Christ. Mr. H. Tyler (Hatfield) and Mr. R. Dennis (Knebworth) were elected ringing members, and the Rector was elected an honorary member. The next district meeting was fixed to be held at Baldock in February. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for granting the use of the tower, for his kind hospitality, and for presiding at the meeting, and a similar vote was passed to Mr. J. Dennis for the efforts he had made to

render the meeting an enjoyable one. Ringing was then resumed until nine o'clock.

The Durham and Northumberland Association.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held at Durham on October 25th. The proceedings commenced with a special service at the Cathedral, when an address was given by the Dean of Durham (Dr. Kitchen), who spoke on the subject of bell-ringing and its history from its earliest origin, imparting a great deal of information which was new to many well-read and thoughtful ringers. He impressed upon the members of the Association the importance and solemnity of the duty which each performed in the Church, and exhorted them to properly value the opportunities for usefulness which were offered them in their respective bellfries.

Subsequently the annual dinner and business meeting was held at the Three Tuns Hotel—the President, Mr. R. S. Storey, in the chair. Amongst those present were the Dean, and several of the clergy who are performing members of the Association, and about forty other members of the Association. The Dean responded to the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy of the two Northern Dioceses,' and expressed the great gratification it had been to him to welcome the members of the Association to the Cathedral.

The annual report was presented, in the course of which a tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. Francis Lees, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association. It also dealt with what had been done in the respective bellfries under the control of the members of the Association during the past year, and commented upon the fact that at Stockton Parish Church a ring of ten bells was in progress, which would be the first ring of ten bells in the county of Durham. The report remarked that it was to the interest of the Association that new rings of bells should be opened in a becoming manner, and that members of the Association should not lend themselves to informal openings. The report further stated that the number of peals was smaller than usual, and it urged that, while practising the higher methods, it should not despise those of a more simple character. The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of 2l. 17s. 9d., which was about 5l. less than last year. The whole of the officers were re-elected.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Society of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday afternoon, October 30th, the quarterly meeting of this Society was held at Leigh-on-Mendip, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. John E. W. Honnywill. The principal streets were gaily adorned

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 1068.)

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With Mr. J. G. Vaine, Foxhill, Wanborough, Wilts.

It was a bitterly cold, foggy day in December when I drove out to Foxhill to see Mr. Vaine. As I found him, looking well and strong, able to attend to his work, I was repaid for a long and miserable journey.

'My father died of Bronchitis,' the patient told me, 'and I developed the same complaint after an attack of Influenza. In course of time the disease became chronic—so the doctor said. Having heard of Mr. Congreve's treatment from a friend in Hampshire—where I lived until two years ago—I wrote to Coombe Lodge explaining my case, and saying how I was affected with pain in the side; my breathing was bad at times; I brought up a lot of phlegm, yellowish and heavy; my appetite had failed, and so had my strength. I continued to take the medicine—five or six large bottles altogether—until I got quite well. A little while ago I caught a cold, and sent for another bottle; now I am quite right again, and I owe my renewed health to the medicine.'

Mr. Vaine is not content with simply allowing me to publish his testimony, but as I learnt for myself, he strongly recommends Mr. Congreve's treatment to any one suffering with their chest with whom he comes in contact.

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with bunting, flags, &c., in honour of the occasion, and the visitors were accorded a hearty welcome by the villagers generally. There were present the Master of the Society, the Rev. H. O. Courtenay (Minehead), the ex-Master, Mr. Boutflower (Bristol), the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. H. Tompkins (Washford), the Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, the Rev. W. Thompson (rector of Nunney), and the Rev. H. W. Jordan (vicar of Chantry). Divine service, which was well attended, was held in the parish church. The service was intoned by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the Rev. H. W. Jordan. An interesting address was given by the Vicar on the 'History of Church Bells.' A business meeting, at which the Master presided, followed, when about fifty were present. Change-ringing took place at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

A Rededication at Charles, Devonshire.

THE romantically situated parish of Charles, on the borders of Exmoor, held high festival on Thursday, October 14th, when the five bells of the church were re-dedicated, and the annual harvest festival was held. The earliest account of the bells is given in *The Inventory of Church Goods*, which was ordered to be taken, tempo Edwardi VI., 1553. Hundred of Sherwell, parish of Charles—'ij belles in ye towre their.' In the year 1773 these three bells were rehung, and two more added to them. The inscriptions are:—

Treble: 'Prosperity to all my benefactors.'
Second: 'Peace and good neighbourhood.'
Third: 'William Evans, of Chepstow, cast us all.'
Fourth: Geo. Gould, Geo. Gould, jun., churchwardens.'
Tenor: 'Geo. Leworthy, gent.; John Rosier, minister.'

Over 500*l.* has been spent upon this little moorland church during the last five years, and of this sum 478*l.* has been collected and paid for work done. A balance of 22*l.* still remains, and it is hoped to clear this off during the Jubilee year.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At the Parish Church, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on October 30th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes (Brook's Variation) in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt. (First peal in the method on the bells.)

Charles Watts 1	Robert Hunt 5
William R. Small 2	John Jagger 6
William H. Godden 3	Samuel Reeves (conductor) 7
Thomas Horton 4	William Painter 8

ALSO at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, on November 1st, Vicars' Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Wm. H. Barber (condr.) .. 1	Thomas Hyland 5
Joseph Kitteridge 2	Thomas Wakeman 6
Frederick Sumner 3	Frederick Clayton 7
Edward Hinton 4	Henry Withers 8

The Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

At St. Mary's, Bucknall, Staffordshire, on November 2nd, seven 720's of SURPRISE MINOR, viz.:—LONDON, CHESTER, CARLISLE, LINCOLN, YORK, CAMBRIDGE, and SUPERLATIVE, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

George Clarkson 1	W. Wheeldon (conductor) 4
Daniel Preston 2	Charles Preston 5
John E. Wheeldon 3	William Twigg 6

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 6th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Frank Buck 1	Frederick Dench 5
Arthur G. Ellis 2	Samuel E. Andrews 6
Henry R. Newton 3	Charles T. P. Brice 7
Henry S. Ellis 4	John N. Oxborrow 8

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Mr. J. Birkbeck Nevins, M.D., has forwarded to us for review a copy of his pamphlet (reprinted from the proceedings of the Liverpool Literary and Philosophical Society, 1897) entitled: ON SOME LITTLE KNOWN HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET JONAH, AND AN INQUIRY—AS A NATURALIST—INTO THE CREDIBILITY OF SOME OF THE INCIDENTS IN HIS CAREER ALLEGED TO BE IMPOSSIBLE AND INCREDIBLE. There is much that is interesting and ingenious in the argument about the whale, and numerous remarkable details of Jonah's preaching in Nineveh are culled from Dr. Burgess' translation of a metrical sermon in Syriac by Ephraem Syrus, discovered in a Syrian monastery, and brought to Rome about the year 1715.

FROM Mr. John Hodges we have several small books, price 1s. each. (1) THE TREATISE OF ST. CATHARINE OF GENOA ON PURGATORY. Newly translated by J. M. A. Edited, with an introductory Essay on Hell and the Intermediate State, by a Priest Associate of the Guild of All Souls. (2) EUCHARISTIC MANUALS, and (3) EUCHARISTIC HYMNS OF JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY. Edited from a Reprint of the Original Editions of 1748-57-94. By the Rev. W. E. Dutton.—The former may have its uses, but we fail to see that our modern theological literature is enriched by its publication; while for the two latter we claim some consideration, as being useful to show the doctrine and practice of the two brothers Wesley in their foundation of the following which adopted their name. The true Churchmanship of J. Wesley has never been doubted by right-minded persons, yet these manuals remind us in a marked way of the wide difference between the original Wesleys and the modern Wesleyans.

WE have received from Cassell & Co. the first and second parts of a cheap issue of Dean Farrar's LIFE OF CHRIST. It will appear in weekly numbers (price 6d.). The first part has an excellent coloured map of Palestine.

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OTHER smaller pamphlets and brochures received include—RUTH, HAGGAI, AND ESTHER, by a Practical Teacher (Murby's 'Scripture Manuals,' 6d. each); THE MIRACLES OF OUR LORD, by Professor Laidlaw ('Bible-class Primers,' T. & T. Clark. 6d.). Both are useful manuals for teachers and private students.

Magazines.

THE CHURCHMAN has several good articles, including the eleventh of Chancellor Lias' instructive papers on the 'Authorship of the Pentateuch,' and Archdeacon Sinclair's Church Congress paper on 'Church Reform.'

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE has a good article on 'Russia,' by the Rev. George Washington, and a most interesting account of the 'Old Catholics and their relations to Anglicans,' by the Rev. Chancellor Lias.

THE ANGLICAN for November has just reached us. It has a second instalment of the following: Dean Farrar's article on 'St. Augustine's Mission and the Church of England,' 'Home Missions,' by the Dean of Bristol; and 'A Holiday in Egypt,' well illustrated. The Bishop of Pretoria contributes a paper on his diocese, which commences with an excellent portrait of Dr. Bousfield. Chancellor P. V. Smith writes on 'Church Unity,' and Canon Thompson gives the first of a series of articles on 'St. Saviour's, Southwark.' Mr. Wilson's 'Romance of our Ancient Churches,' is beautifully illustrated by Alex. Ansted. There is a carefully written and admirable review, by Chancellor Lias, of the Bishop of Durham's 'Some Lessons of the Revised Version of the New Testament.'

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 24th.
College Youths: at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on November 24th;
St. Magnus', London Bridge, on November 25th; St. Stephen's,
Westminster, on November 26th.
Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, November
19th; St. Mary Magdalene, Islington, on November 24th.—All about
8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 260th anniversary was celebrated on November 13th. Touches on eight, ten, and twelve bells were rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in the afternoon by numerous ringers and in various methods. The dinner, at the Champion Hotel, was attended by 140 members and friends, Mr. F. E. Dawe presiding, in the regretted absence of the Master, Mr. W. Burkin, through illness. Miss Lenny again honoured the Society with her presence, as did also the Ven. the Archdeacon of London. Members resident in the country who attended included Messrs. Phillott and Pates, of Cheltenham; Mr. F. N. T. Shuldham, of Norton, Somerset; Messrs. Carter, Godden, Kent, and Russam, from Birmingham; Messrs. Catchpole and Gillingham, from Ipswich; Mr. Borrett, from Norwich; and Mr. Hickling, of Nottingham.

The toasts were, 'Church, Queen, and Royal Family,' 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' proposed by the Chairman, and responded to, the former by the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, and the latter by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barking, Essex; 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' proposed by Mr. J. C. Mitchell, responded to by Messrs. R. A. Daniell and G. H. Phillott; 'The Press,' proposed by Mr. Hughes and responded to by the Rev. Montague Fowler, editorial director of the Church Newspaper Company; 'The Visitors,' proposed by the Vice-Chairman and responded to by Mr. Coutall; 'The Officers of the Society,' proposed by Mr. W. D. Smith, responded to by the Senior Steward, Mr. E. P. O'Meara.

During the year, eighty-nine members have been elected, and sixty-eight peals have been rung by members of the Society.

Through long speeches, it was unfortunate that the musical part of the programme had to be greatly curtailed, time only allowing for the glee, 'Strike the lyre,' by members of the St. George's Glee Union; songs by Messrs. Young, McCann, and T. Ellis, the latter singing 'The fine old English gentleman,' which brought out a rousing chorus; and a quartette, 'Phyllis dyes her tresses,' by Messrs. Hopkins, Young, Flint, and Chamberlain.

The meeting was brought to a close at 11.15 with the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

On November 16th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. W. Prime; Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit; Senior Steward, Mr. T. Mash; Junior Steward, Mr. Albert Coles; Trustees, Messrs. Winney and Newton; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.

At St. James's, Colwall, Herefordshire, on November 3rd, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Charles Layton (condr.) .. 1	Andrew Layton .. 5
George Peacey .. 2	Henry W. Allen .. 6
Walter S. Evans .. 3	James Field .. 7
Stephen Hope .. 4	William Smart .. 8

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Duchess of Teck.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, on November 7th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Arthur Lance .. 1	Charles R. Lilley* .. 5
Ernest E. Huntley .. 2	George N. Price (conductor) 6
Herbert Martin .. 3	Walter H. L. Buckingham 7
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G. H. Phillott ..	2	F. Musty ..	7
F. White ..	3	W. Dyer ..	8
R. White ..	4	H. Roberts ..	9
William T. Pates ..	5	A. W. Humphris ..	10

Composed and conducted by W. T. Pates. Rung with bells muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of H.R.H. the late Duchess of Teck.

The Essex Association.

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Great Coggeshall, on November 6th, a peal of **OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5376 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Richard Potter ..	1	John Sadler ..	5
Charles Norfolk ..	2	Edward Ladham* ..	6
William Keeble ..	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ..	7
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Isaac George Shade (con.)	1	Harry Hoskins	..	5
John James Lamb	..	2	Thomas Taylor	..
William Berry	..	3	Harry Flanders	..
William Foreman	..	4	Frederick W. Thornton	..

Composed by the late William Harrison, of Mottram-in-Longden-ale. The first peal of TREBLE BOB upon the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Berry. Mr. Thomas Taylor belongs to St. Mary's, Lewisham, the remainder of the band to St. Alfege, Greenwich.

Also at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent, on November 13th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

John James Lamb	..	1	Isaac George Shade	..	5
Harry Flanders	..	2	William Foreman	..	6
Walter Ingham	..	3	George Durling	..	7
Thomas Taylor	..	4	Fredk. W. Thornton (con.)	..	8

Composed by the late William Harrison. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick W. Thornton on the completion of his thirty-fifth year.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Chipping Barnet, Herts, on November 11th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

James Pettit (conductor)	1	Albert Coles	..	5
Frederick Rumens	..	2	George J. Smith	..
William D. Smith	..	3	Walter Prime	..
Matthew A. Wood	..	4	Arthur T. King	..

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The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Stephen's, Westminster, Society.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate, on November 13th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

George W. Mulley	..	1	James Willshire (50th peal)	5
John N. Oxborrow	..	2	Samuel E. Andrews	..
Frank Buck	..	3	Charles T. P. Brice	..
Henry S. Ellis	..	4	Henry R. Newton	..

Composed by H. Johnson and conducted by H. R. Newton. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for so kindly meeting them.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association and the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster.

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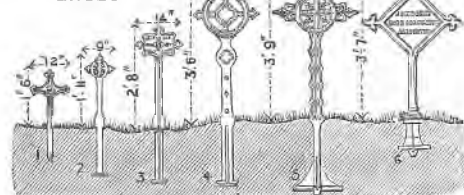
William H. Barber	..	1	John S. Pritchett	..	5
Thomas J. Salter	..	2	Adolphus Roberts	..	6
Noah Davis	..	3	Frederick Clayton	..	7
John O. Bennett	..	4	William Short	..	8

Composed by A. P. Heywood, conducted by W. H. Barber.

GIGGLESWICK, YORKS.—On October 27th, 720 VIOLET TREBLE BOB. S. James, jun., 1; J. L. Bulcock, 2; W. Fell, 3; S. James, 4; J. Parker, 5; J. Morphet (conductor), 6. And on November 7th, 360 DUKE OF YORK, in the same order. Also, on October 31st, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE. H. Monk, 1; S. James, jun., 2; J. L. Bulcock, 3; S. James, 4; W. Fell, 5; J. Morphet (conductor), 6.

BERMONDSEY.—At St. James's Church, on November 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. C. Withecombe, 1; W. Webber, 2; T. H. Taffender, 3; G. R. Fardon, 4; W. Langdon, 5; W. Truss, 6; T. Langdon (conductor), 7; H. Spinks, 8.

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LOVE'S SPEECH, song, words by Maud Maddick, music by E. L. Newman, consists of a somewhat commonplace setting of a couple of stanzas far above the average love song in quality.

CONCERT STUDY IN C MINOR, for Pianoforte. By Arthur Somervelle.—An excellent study on a quintuplet figure—treated in both hands—and with a no less interesting middle section, containing much 'melody playing,' all well written for the instrument. The following serious misprints may be pointed out—omission of a rest on page 4, bar 1; wrong bass notes, page 6, bar 1, and page 10, bar 5.

THREE CHARACTERISTIC PIECES, for Pianoforte: 'Egyptian,' 'Grecian' 'Roman.' By H. T. Taylor.—Two of these pieces begin with a series of 'consecutive fifths,' and the other with a succession of 'octaves,' which proceeding, if not distinctly 'characteristic' of antiquity, at least shows that Mr. Taylor is aware that the ancients were unacquainted with the elements of modern musical grammar. So little is known of 'Egyptian' music that the particular piece so denominated may or may not be 'characteristic'—no one can tell, and Mr. Taylor is on safe ground so far. A less crude composition is the 'Grecian' piece, which contains some suitable 'colouring,' derivable from a free reference to the Greek modal system, and some rhythmic complication, but, of course, in harmony. The 'Roman' piece contains a middle section, musical and ear-tickling enough to do duty in a modern drawing-room solo; this is, therefore, the least 'characteristic' of the set, lacking, as it does, any suggestion whatever of that warlike and utterly unmusical people.

TEN SHORT SKETCHES, for Pianoforte, by C. A. Ehrenfechter, are excellent, short, one-page studies for youthful players who have acquired some independence of finger.

L'ANGELUS, for the Organ, by William W. Starmer, is a pleasantly written pastorate, in simple style and of some length, available for church use.

THREE INTRODUCTORY VOLUNTARIES, for the Organ. By J. Varley Roberts.—In these short pieces the Magdalen College organist, while writing nothing really difficult, has yet produced specimens of high-class organ music of distinctly pleasing effect. They will prove very useful for their intended purpose.

I LOVE MY LOVE IN THE MORNING is a tasteful and expressive part-song by the same composer.

AN ODE TO MUSIC, for Tenor Solo, Men's Voices, and Orchestra. Words by Florence Hoare. Music by Myles B. Foster.—In this short ode of a dozen pages the composer has been singularly happy in taking advantage of the numerous opportunities, given him by the poem, of writing some highly descriptive and eminently appropriate music. We cordially recommend it to the attention of conductors of 'male voice' choral societies.

TE DEUM, in E, and **BENEDICTUS**, in A flat. By C. S. Jekyll.—Apart from some cases of unfortunate accentuation, such as 'dark-ness,' 'sha-dow,' &c., and the repetition of that maltreated word, 'confounded,' six times, and that in a straightforward and easy setting, in which the avoidance of word-repetition has apparently been aimed at, this service, containing good church music, will be acceptable in many a choir not over-ambitious in its efforts.

O YE THAT LOVE THE LORD, Anthem, by W. H. Richmond, is a graceful tenor (or soprano) solo, accompanied in its latter sections by the chorus; the ending is somewhat disconnected and abrupt in effect.

AWAKE UP, MY GLORY, Anthem, by Boyton Smith, has a simple and singable Quartet, repeated in part by the Chorus, and concluding with an effective Coda.

I WAS GLAD, by H. G. Bonavia Hunt, a four-part verse Anthem, is, generally, an effective piece of church music, suited to ordinary choirs, though we confess to no liking for the ugly slip in the treatment of the discord on the second word of the chorus. H. R.

Magazines.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS has a most interesting and graphic account of the rescue of Mlle. Evangelina Cisneros, the young Cuban lady, from her prison, through the alleged enterprise of Mr. W. R. Hearst, the editor of the *New York Journal*. There are several portraits and illustrations of the prison. Lady Henry Somerset contributes a brief paper on the late Duchess of Teck, whose death has been deeply deplored by all classes. 'The Progress of the World' is, as usual, full of interesting facts.

A SECOND edition of Mr. William Andrews's popular volume, *Curious Church Customs*, is promised for early issue. When first published, two years ago, it passed out of print in a few days.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

Cumberland Youths: at St. James's, Clerkenwell, on December 1st; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on December 3rd.

St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on November 29th.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 1st and St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on December 2nd.

College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on November 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on November 30th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on December 1st; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 3rd.—All about 8 p.m.

Peal-boards at St. Nicholas', Brighton.

THREE age-worn boards in St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, are very interesting bell-ringing relics. They were originally in the tower, but at the time of the restoration in 1854 they were removed for safety to 'The Running Horse,' King Street, which was in those days the headquarters of the bell-ringers. The boards have been in the club-room there ever since till a year or two ago, when steps were taken to regain possession of them for the church.

The oldest dates back to 1779, and bears the following inscription:—'On May 24th, 1779, was rung, in this tower, by the Society of Cumberland youths, a true and complete peal of 11,088 changes bob-major, performed in six hours and fifty minutes in order as follows.' The names are of little interest, seeing that the ringers were all strangers. Brightonians were concerned in the two other peals recorded, the conductor in each case being Mr. Isaac Tester, father of the present Colonel Tester.

One board reads:—'On January 29th, 1820, being the accession of King George IV., was rung in this tower by the Brighton Society of Change Ringers, a true and complete peal of 5040 changes of bob-major in three hours and six minutes by the persons in order as follows:—William Reynolds, James Parsons, Richard Bodle, Edward Honeysett, John Pocock, James Potter, William Wells, Isaac Tester. Conducted by Isaac Tester.'

The third board is inscribed:—'On Thursday, November 27th, 1823, the Brighton Society of Change Ringers assembled in this tower and rang a true and complete peal of 5040 changes of grandsire caters in three hours, thirty minutes, in order as follows: Thomas Markwick, William Wells, Robert Birch, James Parsons, Richard Bodle, George Manwarring, Isaac Tester, James Potter, Richard Cooke, Samuel Good. Conducted by Isaac Tester.'

(For continuation of Bell-ringing see page 1108.)

CONSUMPTION

AND

ALL CHEST DISEASES.

Interviews with Old Patients and New Cases
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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH INTERVIEW.

With Mrs DURHAM WEST, Paulton, near Bristol.

With reference to the case of her husband.

This patient's illness commenced with a cough, followed by hemorrhage of the lungs, pains in the chest and side, and what he described as a "gurgling noise." He had some night perspiration, the expectoration was yellowish, and there was loss of both flesh and strength. Residing at that time in the metropolis, he consulted a London medical man, who advised him to return to the country, and told him he was in the first stage of Consumption. No appreciable benefit following from the change of air, Mr. West saw several doctors at Bath; and ultimately, being no better, applied to Mr. Congreve in July 1893.

Medicine and advice were sent as requested, and for three years the patient persevered, each letter—written at intervals of about a month—reporting some improvement in his condition, except on one or two occasions when, as a result of catching cold, he lost a little ground. In September of this year he came to London, well and strong, when it was found that he had been suffering from chronic bronchial catarrh, with traces of more serious mischief.

When I called at Mr. West's house recently, I ascertained that he was at work, although it was a most inclement day, when even the healthiest would prefer to remain indoors. I had a few minutes' conversation with Mrs. West, and was pleased to hear he remained in good health.

'My husband hasn't the slightest objection to the case being published,' Mrs West said. 'He is really in splendid health. He said only last week he was never better in his life. He is at work every day, going out in all weathers. The doctor has passed him for club-membership, and said he couldn't find anything the matter with him.'

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At a meeting held at the new headquarters, 'The Coffee-pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following Committee: Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), W. D. Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney.

The Truro Diocesan Conference.

At the late Truro Conference, Archdeacon Cornish moved 'That it is advisable in the interests of bell-ringing and ringers that an association of bell-ringers should be formed in the diocese.' He said that bell-ringers had not received that recognition and encouragement they deserved, and the belfries had been left too much to themselves. This had been in part due to the awful reputation which attached to belfries in the old days. Bell-ringing was being raised to its true position as part of the worship of Almighty God, and the time was past when bells could be rung when a horse had run a race. They hoped the day was past also when they could ring for a prize. Prize-ringing was degrading ringing, and efforts made to hold such contests reverently had failed. They desired to put before their ringers that in their work they had one object in view—the glory of God.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly seconded, and explained that the objects of the guilds such as were now in most dioceses were the promotion of a reverent feeling amongst bell-ringers for their sacred office, belfry reform, and the cultivation of change-ringing.—The resolution was carried.

Archdeacon Cornish moved that, with the object of carrying the resolution into effect, those who were elected at the meeting in Truro should form the association of the diocese. This was agreed to, and a number of names were added.

Professor or Baker?

SIR,—Referring to the interesting letter, in your issue of November 5th, from Mr. E. J. Dennes—an active and much-respected member of our fraternity—it would seem that there is something wrong as to the statement that Benjamin Annable was a Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge. The late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe unearthed a MS. note-book of this truly great ringer, and in your columns of December 9th, 1876, my deceased brother, Jasper W. Snowdon, commenced an interesting account of what he found therein, and from these papers we learn that Annable was by trade a baker. Had he been a Professor of Mathematics, I think less credit would have been due to him for his persevering work in the early days of change-ringing. A Cambridge Professor who honoured our art by taking an interest in it—and may I say honoured himself thereby—was Dr. Mason, who was a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Woodwardian Professor about the middle of the last century. Dr. Mason's MSS. are, according to Mr. Ellacombe, to be found in the Bowtell collection in Downing College Library. Of these again my brother wrote a detailed account in your columns, commencing September 4th, 1875.

Of Annable's death it is interesting to note that Dr. Mason wrote, 'This worthy man dying February 1st, 1756, a mourning peal was rung for him in Great St. Mary's tower, Cambridge.'

My object in writing is partly to call the attention of the younger members of the craft to Dr. Mason's MSS. and also to Annable's note-book, now in the British Museum. Was there, however, another Professor interested in the science in Annable's time? If so, many of us would like to hear of him.

WM. SNOWDON,

President of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

Leeds, November 18th, 1897.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on November 15th, a peal of CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5083 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Walter H. L. Buckingham	1	George N. Price*	..	5
Frank A. Smith*	2	William J. S. Thorn*	..	6
William E. Oakley*	3	William J. Oakley*	..	7
Frederick Edwards	4	Ernest E. Huntley (condr.)	8	

Composed by W. H. L. Buckingham. [* First peal in the method.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks, on November 15th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt.

G. E. Blay ..	..	1	T. Short ..	5
R. White ..	..	2	F. White ..	6
E. Aldworth ..	..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Rev. H. C. Courtney	..	4	H. Hyde ..	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, on November 20th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

James Matthews ..	..	1	Frank Bennett ..	5
John Smart ..	..	2	John S. Goldsmith ..	6
Charles Smart ..	..	3	George A. King ..	7
George Gatland ..	..	4	George Williams (condr.)	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. [* First peal in the method.]

BRISTOL.—On November 3rd, at St. Mary Redcliff, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of GRANDSINE TRIPLES in 1 hr. Arthur Pearce, 1; Charles Horton, 2; Harry Pring, 3; Percy Came, 4; Frederick Gooding, 5; William Emery, 6; Harry Porch (conductor), 7; James Richmond, 8. Tenor, 50 cwt. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect for H.R.H. the late Duchess of Teck.

SHERBURN, YORKSHIRE.—The Bishop of Beverley (the Rev. Dr. Crosthwaite), on All Saints' Day, dedicated two bells, placed in the tower of All Saints' Church, Sherburn-in-Elmet. The bells complete a ring of eight, and have cost 152l. 10s. After the service, the Dewsbury Parish Church ringers rang a date touch of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1897 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Idle, 1; J. Garforth, 2; W. Ainley, 3; C. Senior, 4; J. Idle, 5; G. H. Hardy (conductor), 6; G. Taylor, 7; J. Ruddledsen, 8.

WHITECHAPEL.—At the church of St. Mary Matfelon, on November 17th, 1280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 50 mins. J. Scholes, 1; W. Truss, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; H. Springall (conductor), 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Wise, 6; E. Hall, 7; W. J. Cockerill, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

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