

sense missionaries, and bound by their baptismal vows to do all in their power to extend the kingdom of Christ. Nor need he confine himself to one Society. The two great Societies of the Church at least (the S.P.G. and the C.M.S.) deserve the support of all Churchmen. Bishop Selwyn, in his opening address at the Archidiaconal Conference at Stafford, in October last, used words to this effect:—'There is an impression in the minds of some that the two Societies are antagonistic. Such is not the case. Each Society has its particular field of labour, and claims the sympathy and support of all Churchmen.' A better authority 'P. W. L.' will scarcely require.

R. W.

Queries.

SIR,—I should be much obliged if you would inform me in your next number whether the 'Short Commentary on the Psalms' which appeared in the last volume of CHURCH BELLS, is published in a separate form, and at what price? If it is not, can you recommend any small, and not expensive book, explaining the difficult passages?

CANTAB.

[The Rev. E. Daniel, the author of the 'Short Commentary on the Psalms' referred to by 'Cantab,' informs us that he has not yet found leisure to revise and publish it in a separate form. He would recommend to 'Cantab' *The Book of Psalms* (Prayer-book version), with short Headings and Explanatory Notes, by the Rev. Ernest Hawkins. (Bell and Daldy. 2s. 6d.)]

SIR,—Could any of your readers kindly inform me whether it is correct or not that the Dean and Chapter of Westminster insert in their leases a clause the wording of which prohibits the holding of a prayer-meeting on the property leased, and that, if so disposed, any neighbour could insist upon the clause being enforced? the consequence of which would be, that any such prayer-meeting would have to be abandoned, or the lease forfeited. I have just been reading in a Dissenting magazine that such a clause is inserted, the enforcement of which would entail such consequences. WILLIAM ODOM.

SIR,—Can any one recommend a really good small harmonium for a private room, to cost not more than 4l. 4s.?

W. H. RIDLEY.

SIR,—An Inquirer will be glad of answers to the following questions:—(1.) Have Churchwardens any legal power to interfere with the choir and services of a church? In other words, Can the Churchwardens lawfully countermand an order given to the choir by the minister, and must he necessarily consult them before the introduction of any change in the manner of conducting the services? (2.) In whom is the appointment and dismissal of the choir-master and organist invested? (3.) Can Churchwardens compel the minister to have either a weekly offertory or periodical collections for church expenses? (4.) Can any reader recommend a cheap pamphlet on the power and duties of Churchwardens? Also the best text-books to read for matriculation in London University?

J. H. L.

SIR,—Can any of your readers recommend a Manual on the Prayer-book, suitable for use in preparing pupil-teachers for the Diocesan Inspector's examination?

M. T.

SIR,—Will any one kindly explain to me the words at the head of each Psalm in Redhead's *Gregorian Psalter*—for example, '7th tone, 4th ending'?

ONE UNLEARNED IN GREGORIAN TONES.

SIR,—Can any of your readers inform me where I could procure the November and December numbers for 1870 of *Mission Life*? I would willingly give 1s. each for them. I have applied at the office, but they are out of print.

A. D. C.

SIR,—I shall feel obliged if any of your readers would name a book of Prayers for the use of the priest in the sick-room.

CHURCH.

SIR,—Is Bishop Ken's *Practice of Divine Love* (an exposition of the Catechism), still in print? who is the publisher? and what is the price of the book?

R. E.

A SUBSCRIBER TO CHURCH BELLS.—Two articles have appeared on the subject.

W. MAUGHAN.—The question of St. Peter's residence at Rome has given rise to much controversy; but there is little doubt that, at all events, he was martyred there.

L. M.—The Philip of Acts viii. is undoubtedly Philip the Deacon.—The word 'Lord' in capitals is the rendering of the Hebrew *Jehovah*. 'Lord,' in small letters, is the rendering of the Hebrew *Adonai*, or Greek *Kurios*, both titles of respect.

'Clericus' sends us an earnest warning against unsound teaching in *The Star of Childhood*, recently recommended by a correspondent in 'Notes and Queries.' His letter is too long for insertion.

RECEIVED ALSO.—K. B.; Lucy Trenholm; M. A. B. Johnson; M.; W. T. Mowbray; F. C.; Theta; B. C. U.; Bromley; J. C. Flood; J. Grundy; 'Puzzled'; H. G. M.; E. Newman.

BELLS AND BELL RINGING.

Prize-ringing at Black Torrington, Devon.

A CORRESPONDENT has favoured us with a copy of a local paper, containing an account of a Prize-ringing meeting at the above place on the 14th inst. It is not worth reproduction in our columns. We just allude to it for the purpose of exposing to the ringing world the low state of the science, and the ignorance of ringers in that county—not much better, we believe, in Cornwall. It also exposes the folly and utter uselessness of giving prizes under the notion that money so laid out encourages good ringing. It appears that five companies assembled, and that over seven pounds was wasted amongst them FOR DOING NOTHING!—for it is not reported what they rang, though one of the judges declared 'he had not heard one bad peal.' We suppose it was nothing but ups and downs and rounds and rounds. It is said they all had a very pleasant day and a friendly meeting; it would have been equally plea-

sant, and much more friendly, without the waste of 7l. in prizes. Our advice to the parson and churchwardens is not to allow any such desecrating use of the church bells in future, and to lay out their money—if they wish to get rid of it—in something that will tend more to the glory of God and the good of their neighbours.

What Ringing was and Ringers were in London in 1726.

SIR,—Allow me to make an extract from a work now publishing in weekly numbers, entitled *Old and New London*, which will explain the heading of this letter, and perhaps convince some of our sceptical friends that the science of Change-ringing was considered to be no mean accomplishment by gentlemen in the last century, and that many of the same class were pleased to be present when the bells were ringing, 'to hear the pleasant music float aloft.' In the history of St. Bride's parish, Fleet Street, in the above work, the following occurs:—

'In 1710, ten bells were cast for this church by Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester, and on the 11th of January, 1717, it is reported that the first complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Caters ever rung was effected by the London Scholars. In 1718 two treble bells were added; and on the 9th of January, 1724, the first peal ever completed in this kingdom upon twelve bells was rung by the College Youths; and in 1726, the first peal of Bob Maximus, one of the ringers being Mr. Francis (afterwards Admiral) Geary. It is reported by the ancient ringers, says our trustworthy authority, that every one who rang in the last-mentioned peal left the church in his own carriage. Such was the dignity of the "Campanularian" art in those days. When St. Bride's bells were first put up, Fleet Street used to be thronged with carriages full of gentry, who had come far and near to hear the pleasant music float aloft.'

To corroborate the fact with regard to the Bob Maximus, I append the record of the peal, taken from the first peal-book of the Ancient Society of College Youths:—

'The company rung on Saturday, February 26th, 1726, a complete peal of 5280 Bob Maximus, being the first that was done:—Mr. William Woodrove, treble; Mr. Robert Catlin, 2nd; Mr. Edmund Chadwell, 3rd; Mr. John Ward, 4th; Mr. John Hardham, 5th; Mr. Francis [afterwards Admiral] Geary, 6th; Mr. John Dearnor, 7th; Mr. Samuel Jeacock, 8th; Mr. William Loughton, 9th; Mr. Peter Merrygarts, 10th; Mr. William Thompson, 11th; Mr. Benjamin Amable, tenor, call'd Bobs.'

J. R. HAWORTH.

Re-opening of Church Bells at Lezant, Cornwall.

THE church and tower having been thoroughly restored, and two of the bells, the tenor and the 5th, which were cracked, having been re-cast, have been re-hung with the other four by the Messrs. Hooper, sons of the late well-known Mr. Hooper of Woodbury, Devon, to the entire satisfaction of the rector and the churchwardens. The original ring was cast early in the 18th century by Messrs. Pennington, whose foundry was in the adjoining parish of Stoke Climsland. On Thursday, the 20th inst. they were re-opened. There were two services in the day, both of which were well attended, principally by parishioners. At the first service prayers were taken by the Rector, the Rev. W. P. Bastard, and the Rev. G. L. Woolcombe, Rector of St. Mewan, and the proper lessons (2 Chron. v., and Rev. iv.) by the Rev. Thomas Hullah, Rector of Calstock, and the Rev. Maitland Kelly (the last named, who is himself a skilful ringer and College Youth), preached a most appropriate and interesting sermon on Num. x. 1, 2. At the evening service at 7, the sermon on Num. x. 10, was preached by the Rev. G. L. Woolcombe. In the course of the services, the special hymns—'They are lifted to the steeple,' and 'The bells that in our tower to-day,' both of which have appeared in our columns, were well sung; and these, as well as the rest of the music, were well given by the parish choir. During the day several peals were well rung by the Lezant ringers, and by some friends from adjoining parishes.—Communicated.

Change-ringing at Gloucester.

ON Tuesday, 11th inst., eight members of the Society of Crypt and College Youths visited the village of Upton-St.-Leonard's, and by the kind permission of the Rev. J. Emeries they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Performers:—J. Meaton, treble; J. Thomas, 2nd; W. Bowers, 3rd; T. Belcher, 4th; G. Wanklin, 5th; C. Barrett, 6th; J. Gough, 7th; P. Pready, tenor. Composed and conducted by Mr. G. Wanklin.—Per Letter.

Change-ringing at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

ON Thursday, Feb. 20, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang at St. Stephen's, Westminster (Baroness Burdett-Coutts's church), Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, with two doubles in the last four leads, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. and 16 mins. Performers:—H. W. Haley, treble; G. Stockham, 2nd; G. Dorrington, 3rd; G. Mash, 4th; J. R. Haworth, 5th; W. Routh, 6th; M. Hayes, 7th; E. Horrocks, tenor. Called by Mr. Haley.—Per Letter.

Muffled Peal at St. Michael's, Honiton.

ON the 7th inst. after the funeral of Mr. Samuel Langdale, aged 62 (a ringer), a Muffled Peal was rung by W. B. Clarke, treble; F. J. B. Clarke, 2nd; J. French, 3rd; J. Pike, 4th; W. Ham, tenor.—Per Letter.

Muffled Peal at Otley, Yorkshire.

ON Thursday, the 13th inst., a Muffled Peal was rung at the Parish Church, Otley, in respectful remembrance of Mr. John Kendal, who died in his 77th year, having been a ringer at the above church sixty-two years, during which time he assisted in many peals of 5000 changes and upwards. His principal performance was in the year 1827, when he rang the sixth bell in Mr. C. Mason's peal of 9600 changes of London Treble Bob; this occupied 5 hrs. 33 mins. His last performance was at the Parish Church, Guiseley, in 1868, when he assisted in the veteran peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob. He is the third member of that company now deceased.—Per Letter.

Date Peals.

- 1873, Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in 1 hr. 18 mins. on the 18th inst.
- „ Grandsire Caters at Wednesfield, Staffordshire, in 1 hr. 10 mins. on the 10th inst.
- „ Stedman's Triples at Wednesbury, in 1 hr. 9 mins. on the 24th inst.

RECEIVED.—E. Bennett; James Foster.

Query, Are there no Belfry Boards at Nottingham?