

tion and on principles calculated to break her continuity with the great Catholic Church, and to commit her more and more to the narrow grooves of an insular Puritanism. I have great hopes that, if her inherent right of self-government were restored to the Church, we should see a great alteration for the better in this respect; I am very sure that things couldn't be worse than they are under a system as practically mischievous as it is theoretically indefensible. Many thanks for your courtesy in allowing me so full a hearing.

Brighton, May 29th, 1877.

W. JEFFERYS HILLS.

The Words of Administration.

SIR,—Reviewing the letters on this subject in a recent issue, signed 'R. K. B.' and 'K.' respectively, may I be permitted to express a hope that the views of the latter may prevail, to strengthen the hands of the Vicar of (Great Yarmouth—hands very far from Puritanical, as I should judge, by having visited Yarmouth annually of late years? When 'K.' tells us, 'that the words repeated by a minister when he delivers the bread or the chalice are not essential to the Communion in the remotest degree,' he does seem to me nearer to the redress of the Vicar's *gravamen*, whilst saying 'content' as to his proposition, than 'R. K. B.,' who traverses High, Puritanical, Calvinistic, Evangelical, and Anglican grounds by turns, without propounding a remedy of universal adaptability. Early Celebrations, however multiplied, will not meet the case in point, except in-so-far as 'R. K. B.' and those who think with him, might, at such services, be spared the detriment which they seem to deprecate, and be provided, as heretofore, with individual administration. The case appears to stand thus: not only at Yarmouth parish church, where the people assemble in their thousands, but at every church in the land, the people, if faithfully spoken to from the pulpit, are dejected from considering their worship complete until they have participated in the Holy Communion. Well, then, what would be the result if all thus tutored were to take the preacher at his word? Could the service be completed by the time the bells should ring for the service next ensuing? Rather, under the existing system, may not the greater part of the congregation be tempted to palliate their negligence by pleading their considerate behaviour in not insisting on the impracticable? But, then, is it right to provide hundreds of negligent souls with anything so nearly like an excuse as this?

Thus viewing the matter, I do not perceive that anyone has shown a better way of securing attention to the duty of making Eucharistic participation the rule, and not the exception, in our churches than has the Vicar of Great Yarmouth, by boldly advocating a method, which, of course, is looked upon in some quarters as dreadfully far from 'correct,' but which, nevertheless, seems to me far more correct than to urge that a thing be done, yet to object to the doing thereof in the only manner at present discovered to be possible.

AN INSIGNIFICANT PERSON.

SIR,—A copy of the *Church Bells* has just come for the reading-room and library of this School. It is very welcome, especially if it be the harbinger of a regular visit. The unknown friend to whom we are indebted for this favour has our sincere thanks.

GEO. L. CHASE, Warden.

Seabury Divinity School, Faribault, Minn., U.S., May 16, 1877.

RECEIVED ALSO.—A London Layman (with apologies for not acknowledging the letter last week); C. J. L.; Verite. Lavenham Church: photograph received with many thanks.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

On Saturday, 19th ult., eight members of the above rang at St. James's Church, Hull, Mr. Annable's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, with the bells full muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Petty, who was clerk at that church for forty-five years, and also a ringer. Thus:—A. Taylor, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; R. Chaffey, 3; H. Wharf, 4; T. Jackson, 5; C. Jackson, 6; H. Jenkins, 7; F. Merrison, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Time, 2 hrs. 59 mins. Conducted by C. Jackson.

And on Friday, June 1st, a date touch of 1877 Grandsire Triples, containing all the 6,7's and 7,0's of the 5040, in 1 hr. 3 mins. Composed by C. Jackson and conducted by W. Stickner.

Muffled Peal at St. John's, Waterloo Road, Surrey.

On Wednesday, the 2nd ult., eight members of the Waterloo Society met at St. John's, for the purpose of ringing (with the bells half muffled) the late Mr. John Holt's original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with two doubles in the last four leads, as a last mark of respect to the late Caleb William Coppage, jun., aged 22, and William Best, aged 26, both of Chiswick. The ringers were:—W. Baron, 1; H. Hopkins, 2; J. Mansfield, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; J. Cattle, 5; F. A. P. Knipe, 6; A. Hayward, 7; D. Stackwood, 8. After ringing 4700 changes in 2 hrs. 53 mins. the treble rope broke, leaving them 340 changes to complete the peal. Both the deceased ringers worked at the same business, both died on Monday, April 23rd, and both were buried on Thursday, April 26th. The peal was conducted by Mr. W. Baron.

Ringling at Beddington, Surrey, by Ten Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

On Saturday, the 12th ult., was rung at St. Mary's, Beddington, by permission of the Rector, a peal of Stedman's Caters, comprising 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. The ringers were:—H. Haley, sen., 1; W. Cooter, 2; G. A. Muskett, 3; W. Jones, 4; S. Reeves, 5; H. Page, 6; J. Pettit, 7; F. Bate, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; W. Greenleaf, 10. This is the first peal since the ring was augmented to ten by the addition of two trebles. Composed and conducted by H. Haley. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Change-ringing at Keighley, Yorkshire.

On Whit Monday, 21st ult., a peal of 5184 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at the Parish Church, Keighley, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., by the following:—W. Senior, 1; F. Bailey, 2; J. Illingworth, 3; J. Clegg, 4; W. Goodall, 5; C. A. Fox, 6; J. Garforth, 7; W. Collins, tenor. Weight, 15 cwt. Conducted by C. A. Fox, and composed by the late O. Lang, of Liversedge. The bob changes were:—

2	3	4	5	6	M.	W.	H.
5	2	3	6	4	2	2	2
5	6	4	2	3	2	1	1
6	2	3	4	5	1	2	—
2	5	3	4	6	1	—	2
X-4	2	3	5	6	1	2	—

Framland Ringers, Leicestershire.

THE members of this Society held their second Annual Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, 24th ult. The ringers of the various parishes in union mustered in strong force, and a marked improvement had evidently been made in the style of ringing since the winter meeting. The programme of the day was as follows:—1st. Practice, 11 to 2; luncheon at 2; Evensong and Sermon at 3.30. 2nd. Practice at 4.15; supper at 7.30. The remainder of the evening was spent in discussing the business of the Society and various subjects connected with the science and practice of ringing. Many of the local clergy were present on the occasion.

Dedication of New Bells at Bearsted, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., six new bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, the gift of H. Tasker, Esq., were opened with hymns and prayers, and an able sermon preached by the Rev. Canon Smith, and ringers from East Malling, who rang peals of 720 Treble and Kent Bob. The local paper says that the congregation was dispersed 'amidst the pealing of the organ' and 'merry clashing of the bells.' Does this mean that the organist and ringers contested which could make the greater noise? There certainly could not be any harmony in such a combination of sweet sounds, and if we had been among the listeners we should have sped our way as quickly as possible beyond the jarring discord. Perhaps it was the object of the organist and ringers to disperse the assembled crowd in that way. We solemnly protest against the clashing of bells; it can only be compared to the unmeaning jargon of uncivilised people. There could be nothing 'merry' in the performance.

Change-ringing at Westminster Abbey.

On Saturday last, June 2, on the occasion of celebrating the birthday of our Gracious Queen, the undermentioned band met in the tower of Westminster Abbey and rang a peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles, which, from the great difficulties attending the ringing these fine bells, is very rarely to be accomplished:—G. Stockham, 1; R. Hopkins, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; J. R. Haworth (Conductor), 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; E. Albone, 6. Tenor, 36 cwt.

[The Editor requests an explanation of the difficulties attending the ringing of the Abbey bells.]

Date Touch.

At Burton-on-Trent, on the 18th ult., 1877 Grandsire Triples, muffled, after the funeral of an old ringer.

RECEIVED.—Lavenham Bells; Warner and Sons; T. Larkin; C. Gordon.

BELFRY RECORDS.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTON. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

910. 'If list'n'ing traveler to music be inclined,
Concordant sounds Produced will captivate the mind,
From bells melodious, when move with art sublime,
Variety of numbers beating in mude time;
Let clamour cease because of dire mischance,
And solomon silence lead the mystic Dance,
So music Raising her majestic strains
While notes harmonious extend to Distant Plains.

911. FEB. 28th, 1720, the whole Peal of Grandsire Tripples, Containing 5040 Changes was Rung here in 3 hours and 18 minutes by the following persons, viz. —
Tho. Howard, First. G. Bayre, Fourth. Rob. Booth, Sixth.
Tho. Woodford, Second. Hen. Parker, Fifth. Jno Carley, Seventh.
John Law, Third. Henry Lades, Eighth.

912. SINCE it was ascertained our first Performance could not be Rung in less than 3 hours & a half, for an Experiment and before satisfactory judges on 12th of April, 1731, the whole peal of 5040 was completed at 30 changes each minute in 2 hours 48 minutes by the persons underwritten:—

Tho. Howard, First. G. Bayre, Fourth. Rob. Booth, Sixth.
Tho. Woodford, Second. Hen. Parker, Fifth. Jno. Carley, Seventh.
John Law, Third. Jona. Barlow, Eighth.

913. MONDAY, 16th April, 1750, was rung the whole Peal of 5040 Grandsire Tripples, in 111. hours & 11. minutes, by the following Persons:—
George Denton, 1.; William Hanger, 11.; Richard Lane, 111.; Anthony Hames, 1111.; Joseph Warner, v.; Joseph Parker, vi.; Daniel Altkorpe, vii.; John Carrington, viii.

MUSICA MENTIS MEDICINA.

On Monday, May 4th, 1840, A Complete Peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, was Rung at Kettering in Three hours and Ten minutes by the following Persons, all of the aforesaid Parrish, viz. —

John Wish, Treble. William Mawby, Fourth. John Scott, Sixth.
Thomas Dilks, Second. Thomas Enfield, Fifth. John Henson, Seventh.
Samuel Tilley, Third. James Hawthorn, Tenor.

First Single.	Last Single.
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8	1 3 2 4 5 6 7 8
1 2 3 5 4 7 6 8	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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