those Jewish regulations as to not gathering up sticks, &c., we, as Christians, have simply nothing to do. The seventh day means, and has surely always meant, one day out of seven; for we have not the slightest knowledge as to which was the first day of the week to Adam. The Israelites observed, as we all know, the seventh day, from the coming out of Egypt; but this was plainly *accidental*. Saturday was never intrinsically better or holier than Sunday. But it was accepted as the seventh day for the Jew. This is what was changed by the Christian Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Church did not presume to set aside the ordinance of the Sabbath-day, God forbid! It could not choose one day out of eight, or nine, or six, or five, but only one out of seven; but it kept its Sabbath on the Lord's Day. For a time it was permitted to Christians to keep both Saturday and Sunday holy, but this soon ceased to be the case; and the Lord's day, Sunday, or the first day of the week, became the Christian Sabbath, or one day out of seven. Any other opinion is illogical and essentially mischievous. The opinion here maintained is that of the whole Latin Church, and emphatically of the Anglican, which Calvin, with his usual effrontery, called 'the Anglican superstition.' And, Sir, I must not hesitate to say, that in spite of all drawbacks and exaggerations, I believe the moral greatness of Britain to be chiefly founded on her reverence for the Sabbath day. To her pre-eminently among Christian Churches pertain the words of Divine promise: 'If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable, and shalt honour Me, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.' Let us then hold fast, lest we lose the recompense of the reward. Yet let us remember our Lord's teaching and example. 'The Sabbath was made for man;' is, therefore, of *perpetual* obligation, and rather more needed in our day than in Paradise. But works of charity are lawful on it. Such a work may it well be to minister the sense of beauty and delight to hardworked men and women. This is a difficult practical question; I cannot profess to solve it in a few words. But one thing is clear,—the Sabbath, not Jewish, but Paradisiacal and universal, is of perpetual obligation, and is to be to us one with the Lord's day, a feast of holy joy and gladness; and whatever work is wrought that day is to be wrought in the spirit of charity and for the glory of God.

ARCHER GURNEY.

Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta Street, London.

P.S.—I need not carry on a controversy with Mr. Jefferys Hills, as we seem to be practically of one mind; that State tyranny can only be guarded against effectually by the addition of a lay element to Convocation.

SIR,—Allow me to explain that I have signed an address to the Archbishop of Canterbury, approving his Grace's action in the Committee on the Burial Bill. This has been taken, in a subsequent circular, to be a support of Lord Harrowby's amendment. I differ from this, and wish, therefore, to withdraw my name, as I was looking only to the amendment introduced by his Grace, of which I approved.

T. W. CARR.

Barming Rectory, June 13.

THE Rev. Reginald M. Johnson asks to be allowed, through *Church Bells*, to gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a valuable box of (chiefly) books forwarded anonymously; also, of the *Monitor* and several other interesting and useful periodicals, regularly mailed (postmark, Dover) by an unknown friend.

The Parsonage, Pouch Cave, Newfoundland, May 3*rd*, 1877.

'CLERICUS.'—We are sorry to pain any of our friends. The views you express have, in the course of the pleadings before the Privy Council, and in articles and correspondence since, been heard in our columns, and it is not necessary to repeat them.

'S. G. WOOD.'—We were under the impression that the photographs of Holy Trinity, Toronto, which you kindly sent, had been acknowledged. Accept our best thanks for them. We fear we shall not be able to use them at present.

'P. L. J.'—The only rule as to the elision or non-elision of the 'e' in reading the words 'declared,' &c., is that of usage. No uniform or greatly preponderating use has been established, and it must, therefore, be left to the reader's taste and judgment.

'C. C.'—Your name and address have not reached us.

RECEIVED ALSO.—G. F. Chambers; A Lonely Shepherd; A former Chaplain Thames Church Mission; Edward Liddell; A Layman.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

'First Steps to Bell-ringing.'

WE hail the publication of this useful pamphlet by Mr. Goslin. We have no hesitation in saying that it is the best 'Elementary Introduction to the Exercise of Bell-ringing in Rounds and Changes' that we have met with. We commend it to all would-be ringers, and those who have already learnt something will pick up a good deal of useful information from this beautifully illustrated tractate. It is to be had of John Warner and Sons, Cripplegate.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

A MEETING of the Committee will be held at Exeter on Thursday, June 21st, at 2 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting for transaction of business. *Agenda*:—Reception of Reports of Committee and Treasurer; election of officers for 1877; arranging for general meeting in July, &c.

J. L. LANGDON FULFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars). Presentation of the Cox Testimonial.

ON Friday evening, the 1st inst., several members and friends of this Society met at the 'Green Man,' St. Martin's Lane, for the purpose of doing honour to a veteran change-ringer. Grace was said by the Rev. J. H. Stewart, of Lincolnshire, before and after the repast provided for the occasion; and on the removal of the cloth, with a few remarks from the Chairman, Master Newson, the Secretary handed Mr. Cox a roll of bank-notes, the result of the several subscription lists that have appeared in *Church Bells*. Mr. Cox thanked his several friends most heartily, never, he said, expecting to realise such a proof of their esteem and kindness; and took his seat amid a round of applause. The toast, 'Prosperity to the Science,' coupled with the health of the clergy, was responded to by the Rev. Gentleman present, who was, he said, pleased to see the clergy making a move in the right direction, viz. by taking an active interest both in ringing and ringers also. The testimonial picture, enlarged to full size from a carte de visite, a copy of which has been forwarded to each subscriber of 10s. to the fund, will remain on the walls of the Society's meeting-room, as a memorial of John Cox and his connexion with the science of bell-ringing generally.

H. DAINS, *Hon. Sec.*

Ringing at Cradley, Worcestershire.

ON Whit Tuesday, the Christ Church Society of Change-ringers, West Bromwich, visited Cradley Church, and rang a true peal of new Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. The ringers were:—H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. Mallin, 3; W. Beeson, 4; S. Biddlestone, 5; J. Carter, 6; J. Tinsley, 7; J. Hipkins, 8. The peal is in twelve parts; composed by Mr. S. Biddlestone and conducted by Mr. J. Carter. This is the first peal rung upon these bells, the gift of the late Lady Aston of Cradley.

Change-ringing at Wollaston, Worcestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., six of St. James's Youths rang at St. James's Church, in 50 mins., two 720 changes of Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor, being their first attempt. It was the twelfth anniversary of the bells. W. Pugh, 1; R. Bidmead, 2; G. Howells, 3; H. Dakin, 4; J. Coaker (conductor), 5; J. Lewis, 6.

New Bells opened at St. Martin's, Bradley, Worcestershire.

ON the 31st ult. a ring of six bells, by Taylor of Loughborough (tenor, 24 cwt.), were opened by the donor, Mr. Pugh, who by himself rang out the tenor. His example was followed by some ladies, pulling away at the other bells. Afterwards they were handled by ringers from the neighbourhood. There was a large assemblage and a supper, at which, among other good things, Mr. Pugh stated that 'fifty-one years ago he came into the neighbourhood, and worked from six o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock at night, and went to bed in a wet shirt all the week round.' The donor—as he richly deserved—was most enthusiastically received; the Vicar of the parish being present, with the churchwardens and many other parishioners. We regret not to be able to gather from the report of the proceedings in the local paper that any appropriate service of dedication, with prayers and hymns, was held in the church.

Muffled Peal at St. Mary's, Sheffield.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, conducted by Thomas Hattersley, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled, as a last mark of respect to Mr. John Charlesworth, the respected steeple-keeper of the above-named church, who died after a fews days' illness, aged 43 years.

Jubilee at Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire.

AT Steeple Aston, June 6th was the jubilee of the completion of the ring of six bells in the church tower, the fourth of which, after hanging cracked and useless sixty years, was recast in 1827, and replaced June 6th in that year. From three o'clock to night-fall ringing was kept up, with short intervals, by the ringers of the village, of whom there are several more than 'a full side,' assisted by others from elsewhere, among whom were the Rev. F. P. Burnett, Messrs. Merry (Souldern), Baughan and Merry (Aynho), Preston, and Wingrave.

St. Mary's Amateur Ringers, Battersea, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., several members of the above Society, with their professional teacher, Mr. W. Baron, of the Waterloo Society, visited the bell-tower of Sir Stephen Lakeman, in Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, and rang several touches on the bells.

Willesden Campanology Society.

ON Tuesday, the 12th inst., six members of the above Society rang at St. Mary's Church their first complete peal of 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., viz.: L. J. Jackman, 1; F. Weare, 2; G. C. Hawkins, 3; J. Jackman, 4; H. Cutter, 5; R. Kilby, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. Called by R. Kilby.

Harmony Restored at Twickenham.

EIGHT out of nine of the ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Twickenham, who several weeks ago struck through not being permitted to ring three peals to commemorate the opening of the Orleans Club, and were discharged in consequence, have apologised to the Vicar and been reinstated by the churchwardens, and on Sunday last the usual morning peal was resumed.

New Bells in Barrow-in-Furness.

A NEW ring of eight bells is shortly to be placed in the tower of St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness, and it is hoped that the bells will be dedicated on St. James's Day, 25th July next. As this is the first ring which will be heard in this now important town, much interest attaches to the movement.

RECEIVED.—Edward Marsh; S. Drake; Vigorniensis; Vigilance. B. Keehle is requested to write copy *in extenso*.