

'*Adeo ubi Ecclesiastici Ordinis non est consessus, et offers, et tinguis, et sacerdos es tibi solus.*' The Bishop's paraphrase is: 'In places where there are no clergy, any single Christian may exercise the functions of the priesthood, may celebrate the Eucharist, and baptize.' Tertullian's words, however, go beyond that. What Bishop Kaye describes as permitted, Tertullian describes as done. Yet, in so rhetorical a writer, it is dangerous to take passages like this literally; and if, as may be the case, Tertullian was writing not of the Christian Church at large, but only of some practice, or theory, of his heretical friends, the value of his testimony in this case becomes very small indeed. And we have a practical rule sufficient for all cases in our own country, whatever may be the exigencies on shipboard or abroad—'We have no such custom, neither the churches of God.'

Still, in these days, the priesthood of the laity needs to be faced, and, as far as may be, revived. We should be less troubled than we are now with defective or exaggerated theories of Absolution and the Real Presence if the connexion of both with the gathering together of two or three in Christ's name were more generally recognised according to Matt. xviii. 15-20. J. F.

Sheffield and the Diocese of York.

SIR,—In your account of the Consecration of the Bishop of Sodor and Man there is some allusion to the line taken by the Churchmen of Sheffield about the foundation of a new diocese in South Yorkshire. I must say I regret exceedingly that a great town has thought fit to pursue such a course as that. It is very well that Church people in Sheffield should feel a great personal attachment to their Archbishop, but they surely ought to think of the interests of the Church in general more than of their own partialities. The case stands thus. Wakefield is the most central place for a Bishopric of South Yorkshire, in which Sheffield would be the principal town, as Leeds is in Ripon. If Sheffield is left out of the diocese which is formed, and remains in York, it will have to go through the heart of the new diocese in order to reach by the straightest way the capital of its own. Is not this a great complication? And does it not hinder that increase of the Episcopate which we in the North so much need? I have always heard that when the railway was first made into Yorkshire, Sheffield opposed the then plan of the railway going through it. If so, the cost of altering the railway since, that it might pass Sheffield, has been very considerable. But if, in the present day, a great town uses its political influence to hinder a measure of great good to the Church, it will supply a tremendous argument to the advocates of Disestablishment.

A YORKSHIRE VICAR.

Church Temperance Society's Bazaar.

SIR,—Allow me to call the attention of your numerous readers to the special effort, in aid of the work of the Church of England Temperance Society, which is now being made in the Northern Province, or, in other words, throughout all the North of England. The work increases rapidly, and the more the Society does the more it finds to do. A Bazaar is to be held in Manchester in October, to which I earnestly ask your readers to render any aid they can. In this special effort an opportunity is given to all of showing their sympathy with Temperance work in a practical way. Subscriptions or donations will be gladly acknowledged by me, or by Mr. Graham, the General Secretary, 16 Mount Street, Albert Square, Manchester. HERBERT BIRCH, The Vicarage, Blackburn, Lancashire. Hon. Bazaar Sec.

Kneeling before beginning of Service.

SIR,—Some years ago it was agreed in the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Kingston-upon-Hull, that the clergy should ask all their people to kneel down with them when they knelt for private prayer before the service, and intercede silently for their ministers. I believe this is very generally done; at any rate it is in my church, and I am sorry the Vicar of Tottenham has written against the practice.

JOHN SCOTT.

Vicarage, St. Mary's, Hull.

Canons and Honorary Canons.

SIR,—In common with other newspapers you state that three Bishops have been appointed lately; two, Canons of York, and one Honorary Canon. There are no Honorary Canons of York. There are Residentiary and non-Residentiary; but all the Canons are members of the Chapter, it being an old foundation.

CANON (NON-RESIDENTIARY) OF YORK.

SIR,—In answer to the inquiry of 'A Candidate for Holy Orders' in *Church Bells* of Sept. 1, I can state that Canon Pinder used to recommend to the students of Wells Theological College, *Aid to Parochial Visiting, or a Manual for Keeping a Record concerning each Parishioner*, by Rev. A. Denne Hilton. It has reached a sixth edition, and is published by J. & C. Mozley, of 6 Paternoster Row, in cloth, at 1s.; in roan, at 1s. 6d. It was dedicated by permission to Bishop Wilberforce, who also recommended it to his clergy.

SIR,—Your correspondent 'E. J.' will find the following pamphlet contain a good deal of the matter he requires:—*The Succession of Bishops in the Church of England Unbroken; or, the Nag's Head Fable Refuted. With a Postscript, &c.* By E. C. Harrington. It was published in 1846 by Rivingtons, London; and Hannaford, Exeter. The price, I believe, was 3s.; but it may have been less.

T. H.

'MARY' has four or five old Church Services. She would be glad to know if there is any place she could send them where they would be of use.

[The Rev. J. Scarth, of the Thames Mission to Seamen, Milton-next-Gravesend, makes good use of such books; which should, of course, be sent carriage paid.—ED.]

'H. W.' who is desirous of preparing for the Cambridge Preliminary Examination of Candidates for Holy Orders, would be much obliged to any one who would kindly furnish him with a list of books best adapted for the purpose.

17 Rawlins Street, Fairfield, Liverpool.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. W. W.; H.; Albert Bannister; An Anxious and Saddened Vicar; T. Jackson; Eaton Terrace.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Change-ringing by the Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, 25th ult., the Society rang at St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 5 mins. W. Greenwood, 1; H. Rastrick, 2; J. Whitaker, 3; T. Pollard, 4; G. Barraclough, 5; T. Lockwood, 6; J. B. Jennings, 7; H. Hubbard, jun., 8. The peal was composed and conducted by Tom Lockwood. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Also, on Friday night, the 31st ult., eight members of the above Association met at St. James's Church, Hull, and rang the Vicar's Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. Taylor, 1; H. Wharf, 2; R. Chaffer, 3; W. Stickney, 4; T. Stockdale; C. Jackson, 6; G. Harrison, 7; F. Merriam, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Conducted by C. Jackson.

Royal Cumberland Society, late 'London Scholars.'

THE Annual Meeting of the Society will take place on Friday evening, September 28th, at the Meeting-room, 54 St. Martin's Lane, London, W.C. The business of the evening being the receiving of the auditors' account for past year, re-election of officers for the coming year, and general business, members and friends will kindly accept this notification, and be in attendance as early as possible.

GEO. NEWSOM, Master.
H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

An Association of Ringers for the Diocese of Durham.

On Saturday, 25th ult., a Meeting was held at Durham for the purpose of forming an Association of Ringers for the diocese. Ringers were in attendance from the Cathedral, Alnwick, Hurworth-on-Tees, North Shields, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Stockton-on-Tees, the chair being occupied by the Rev. T. Rogers, M.A., Precentor and Minor Canon of the Cathedral. Mr. Reed, North Shields, was elected President; the Rev. J. J. M. Perry, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Alnwick, Treasurer; and Mr. Clarkson, Stockton-on-Tees, Secretary. These gentlemen form the Committee, with power to add to their number. Rules were drawn up, and a Meeting arranged to take place at Durham on Saturday, November 24th. The Dean of Durham, Dr. Tristram, Archdeacons Hamilton and Prest, and several clergy of the diocese, express their sympathy with the object of the Association, which is for the promotion of change-ringing and belfry-reform.

Verdict on the Fulham Peal.

SIR,—Although a few weeks ago Mr. Snowdon gave a lucid explanation respecting this peal, still, with due respect to him, I send you the two peals placed side by side, with the bobs in Reeves's peal marked alphabetically. By commencing with the bobs under the w marked *a*, placing them under the *m* in a new peal, and reversing the whole to the letter *z*, the Fulham Peal will be produced.

REEVES'S PEAL.						THE FULHAM PEAL.					
	M.	W.	H.				M.	W.	H.		
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Respecting the 5600 London Surprise extracted from the *Clavis* by my old friend Wm. Cooter, I can truthfully say that I never knew that a peal similar to the one I had composed was in existence until I was presented with a copy of the *Clavis* some eighteen months ago. As it seems necessary, in order to secure a peal nowadays, to give publicity to it, I now send you a 6720 of London Surprise with 60 bobs.

JOHN COX.

6720 London Surprise.

	M.	W.	H.
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Four times repeated.

Ringers' Excursion in Kent.

THE Gravesend ringers had a pleasant excursion on the 27th ult., accompanied by the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, ringing touches at various places, with the kind permission of the several Rectors and Churchwardens.

BELFRY RECORDS.

CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA. (Tablet in the Belfry.)

938. On June the 9th, 1850, was rung in this Steeple Mr. Holt's celebrated ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hours. The performers were stationed as follows:—

Thos. Le Sage, Treble.	W. H. Haley, Fourth.	Edward Sawyer, Seventh.
Charles Rahill, Second.	James Hewitt, Fifth.	Richd. Dodd & John Davy, Tenor.
Frederick Wade, Third.	William Lobb, Sixth.	

This Tablet is erected to commemorate the above performance, which was executed in a masterly style, and conducted by W. H. Haley with consummate skill, and being the first peal of change-ringing in the United States of America was duly appreciated by many attentive listeners.

Benjamin Dow, Rector.
W. C. Kent, Churchwardens.
Moses Kempton, C. Churchwardens.

Note.—Of the above band Rahill was from Kent, Wade from Norfolk, Dodd from Northampton, Davy from Devonshire; the other four from London.

RECEIVED ALSO.—C. Laffin; H. Luffin; J. Lockwood; W. Gordon (with P.O.O.); W. Cooke; J. H. Ryall; G. J. Clarkson (your trebles are badly hung; apply to a proper bellhanger).