A Bishop for the Navy.

SIR,—Great injustice would surely be done to the very careful and judicious Report of the Committee of the Lower House of Convocation on the Spiritual Provision for Seamen of the Royal Navy, if it were to be judged by the article signed 'R. N.' in your last week's issue.

Many of your readers will, I think, regret that in this instance there has been a departure from the excellent spirit which generally prevails in *Church Bells*, and that personal attacks upon officers of the Royal Navy have been allowed to appear in its columns.

I am inclined to think that the Naval Superintendents of Dockyards are unjustly singled out for complaint; and I am sure the present Chaplain of Chatham Dockyard would be the last to endorse all that is said of them, and also the sweeping and most unfair charge brought against commanding officers generally.

I venture to think that it is not true that 'when a chaplain seeks to make himself the father of his people, the pastor of his flock, and, in short, to earn his pay by executing the real work of his office, every impediment is thrown in his way by his immediate naval superior, and excused by the Admiralty.' To imply that such a case is even common in the Royal Navy is to do a grievous wrong to naval officers. So far from accepting the statements of 'R. N.' I believe that a high-minded Christian gentleman, devoted to the duties of his sacred calling, rarely, if ever, fails to secure the sympathy and co-operation of his commanding and brother-officers.

The fact is, there is another side to the Naval Chaplain Question; and before your readers accept the statements of 'R. N.' they should have the views entertained on the subject by naval officers generally. It is possible they might welcome an ex-Colonial Bishop, full of life and vigour, as Chaplain-General; that they desire a change in the present condition of things is beyond a doubt: but they might welcome the one, and surely do desire the other, on grounds and with an object which are not quite those set forth in your article of last week. A SAILOR'S SON AND BROTHER.

St. Margaret's, Laugharne.

SIR,—Will you kindly, once again, allow me to appeal through your columns? Not this time for the chancel of my church, but for the nave roof exterior, which is, indeed, in a sad state. The estimated cost is about 50*l.* My parishioners are all too poor to do anything, and it grieves me to see an ancient edifice for the want of so small a sum going rapidly to decay. A thousand subscribers of 1*s.* each could cancel this difficulty, or five hundred of 2*s.* each. I have not a resident gentleman in the parish, and the whole burden of appeal and collection devolves on myself. Will all clergy whose churches are dedicated to St. Margaret help? all whose Christian name is Margaret send 1*s.*?

Post-office Orders payable at Laugharne or St. Clears. Subscribers will oblige by saying in their notes, 'Through *Church Bells* of ——,' and then supply the date. J. T. RAYMOND.

Upton House, Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, Sept. 10, 1877.

P.S.—Received for the chancel in answer to appeal:—Julia, 2*s.*; Rochester Postmark, 1*s.*; Sheffield Postmark, 1*s.*; L. G., 5*s.*; A. B., 2*s.*

The Nag's Head Fable.

SIR,—There is a full account of Archbishop Parker's Consecration in the *Defence of the English Ordinations* by Dr. Courayer, Canon Regular and Librarian of St. Geneviève. This book was printed at Paris, in French, and afterwards translated into English by Daniel Williams. (London: printed by H. P. for Charles Rivington, A.D. 1728.) I have a copy of this translation at No. 7 Railway Terrace, Salford, Manchester. JOHN ASTLEY.

SIR,—In answer to 'E. J.' I would recommend Hugh James Rose's admirable Sermons and Appendices, published by Rivington, St. Paul's Churchyard, under the title, *The Commission and Consequent Duties of the Clergy.* Second edition. 1831. Price 9*s.* W. S.

SIR,—*The Apostolical Succession of the English Clergy, traced from the Earliest Times, and in the four dioceses of Canterbury, London, Norwich, and Ely, continued to the year* 1866, by the Rev. Richard Hart (price 1*s*; Samuel Miller and Co., Norwich), would help to meet the want of your correspondent, 'E. J.' X.

Lay Recital of Litany.

SIR,—I heard the Litany sung at Exeter Cathedral last year by a priest-vicar and a lay clerk together, as far as the Lord's Prayer. H.

Queries.

SIR,—May I ask some of your readers to be good enough to tell me, per post, the names of any Societies that give grants to Sunday Schools towards cost of building them, or materials used therein? T. JACKSON.

Dunwich, near Yoxford.

SIR,—Will any of your correspondents or readers kindly inform me of any Homes or Refuges for unruly and immoral girls under fifteen or sixteen years of age? In my large and poor parish I am often appealed to by distressed parents, who, in most cases, would be unable to make any payment.

AN ANXIOUS AND SADDENED VICAR.

SIR,—Will any of your readers be kind enough to tell me of a periodical of good Church tone, suitable for lads and lasses recently confirmed? O. C. A.

SIR,—May I ask you to let me know what is the exact meaning of the word 'guerdon' in Hymn 254, v. 4, of *Hymns A. & M.* Revised Edition? Does it mean in this case a present reward, or the pledge of a reward to come?

W. A. C.

MR. W. H. KITSON, Torquay, Hon. Sec. of the Society for the Rejection of the Burials Bill, will be grateful for information respecting new churchyards, or additions to old churchyards, in different parts of England, made by Churchmen within the last few years.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. H. M.; W. W. H.; A Vicar; Albert Bannister; A. C. Maclachlan; Rev. Dr. H. (We regret we cannot add to the Patristic criticisms which have already appeared, and must suffice for vindication.)

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Bell-ringing for Non-Church Objects.

SIR,—I had no intention of implying that church bells might not be rung on the 'State Days,' for I regarded them as connected with 'things religious.' The coronation of the monarch is an eminently religious ceremony, and there is a service specially appointed for the 'Queen's Accession.'

GEORGE VENABLES.

Change-ringing at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, London.

ON Saturday, August 22nd, eight members of the St. James's Society of Change-ringers rang at the above church a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5280 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. F. Bate, 1; S. Reeves, 2; W. Hovard, 3; W. Collings, 4; H. Swain, 5; E. Horrex, 6; R. French, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Hubbard, sen., and conducted by Mr. J. M. Hayes.

Ringing at St. Paul's, Warrington, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., a friendly gathering of the following bands of ringers met in the tower of St. Paul's, and rang the following:—Darsbury, Grandsire Bob Minor, a touch of Oxford Treble Bob, and four peals of Grandsire Doubles. At St. Thomas's, St. Helen's, various touches.

Muffled Peal at St. Mary's Church, Woodford, Essex.

A MUFFLED peal was rung on Saturday, the 15th inst., as a last tribute of respect to the late Thomas Scarlett, who for upwards of thirty-five years was a ringer of the same, and died on the 9th inst., after a long and painful illness, at the age of fifty-three years. The ringers were, H. Nunn, sen., 1; A. Pledger, 2; W. Nunn, jun., 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; G. Burbridge, 5; H. Nunn, jun. (conductor), 6.

Change-ringing for the Harvest, Worth, Sussex.

ON Sunday, 16th inst., the Rusper Society of Change-ringers rang Shipway's ten-course peal of 720 changes, Oxford Bob method, called with 22 singles, in 24 mins. The ringers were, J. Dale, 1; P. Horley, 2; G. Tuttett, 3; F. Knight, 4; J. Worsfold, 5; H. Burstow, 6.

Ringing at St. John's, Hackney, by Amateur Change-ringers.

ON Sunday evening, the 16th inst., eight members of the above Society rang a muffled peal, as a mark of esteem for the late Rector, T. O. Goodchild, thirty-eight years Rector of this parish. The following rung:—W. Smith, 1; W. Rument, 2; G. Clark, 3; J. Carmichael, 4; G. Page, 5; R. Turner, 6; C. Lee, 7; J. Pettit, 8. Conducted by Mr. J. Pettit.

Muffled Peal at Greenwich.

ON Monday evening, the 17th inst., eight members of the Society of Eastern Scholars rang at St. Alphege Church, Greenwich, a deeply muffled peal as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. John Jones, for many years a ringer of this church, and who held the office of parish clerk at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, for over fifty years. He died on the 13th inst., at the age of eighty-one years. The ringers were, H. J. Shade, 1; W. G. Davis, 2; R. Shade, 3; J. Cronk, 4; J. G. Shade, 5; J. Forman, 6; W. G. Shade, 7; G. Thatcher, 8. Conducted by Mr. J. Forman.

Ringing at Newmarket, Cambridgeshire.

ON Friday, the 21st inst., the Benington Society of Change-ringers, by special invitation from the Vicar and authorities of the parish, visited Newmarket, and reopened the new ring of eight bells in the recently-built tower of All Saints' Church. They rang a select composition, consisting of 2212 changes, in the several intricate methods of Stedman's Triples, 756; Double Norwich Court Major, 448; Kent Treble Bob Major, 560; Superlative Surprise Major, 448: total, 2212. Tenor, 11 cwt.; key G.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.

ON Monday, the 24th inst., eight members of the above Society rang at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, Mr. John Holt's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples, with two doubles in the last four leads, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. H. Booth, 1; R. French, 2; S. Reeves, 3; J. Pettit, 4; W. Duffill, 5; H. Haley, jun., 6; F. Bate, 7; T. Bugby, 8. Conducted by Mr. James Pettit.

Steeple-Keeper Wanted.

WANTED a Steeple-Keeper (a Ringer) for Waterford Cathedral. To ring in peal for two services on Sundays, and practice one or two evenings in the week. The day-time would be his own. Salary 1*l.* per week and fare paid. Apply to R. S. BLEE, Waterford.

BELFRY RECORDS.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

951. DECEMBER 25th, 1821.—Grandsire Bob was rung on these bells 25 times 120, equal to 3000 changes, in 1 hour and 52 minutes, by

William Wakeling, *First.* | Edward Charlton, *Third.* | and
Thomas Showler, *Second.* | Edward Doughty, *Fourth.* | Joseph Wakelin, *the Tenor.*

952. JAN. 15th, 1864.—Grandsire Bob was rung 27 times through in 2 hours and 11 minutes.

W. E. Grantham, *First.* W. Doughty, *Second.* H. Stoakes, *Third.*
F. Falkinder, *Fourth.* J. Wakelin, *Tenor.*

RECEIVED ALSO.—A. Tidy; Jas. Dixon.