

Printers' Guild for Working Boys, 4 Kemble Street, Drury Lane, W.C.

SIR,—You were good enough two years ago to insert a letter of mine in *Church Bells*, which gave some account of the Printers' Guild for Working Boys. That letter, though not an appeal for funds, brought gifts to the institution from your readers to the amount of 11l. I thus feel encouraged to ask now for pecuniary help on behalf of an organization which has been doing good work for four years among a friendless class of boys. Yet they ought not to be neglected, for they stand in direct relation to ourselves. None of us, methinks, who read our daily paper, who enjoy the last new novel, who enrich our minds with the treasures of deeper thought which books afford, are free from obligation to those who, at an early age, when boys of another class are yet at their preparatory school, spend their days, and often also their nights, amid the whirl of machinery, in the dust, steam, and heat, of the printing office.

Many of these boys are well cared for by their employers. With others the case is different. I know many of the lowest class to be found in London, strangers to all that is good in our civilisation, types of all that boyhood should not be, imbued with low cunning and prematurely old in vice. I could tell of good boys living in desperate poverty—of motherless children who, after the day's work is over, clean up the home, wash the younger ones and put them to bed, before coming late to the Guild to get half a lesson or a short spell of play.

It is to help these printers' boys that the Guild has been formed. It aims at attracting them out of the streets and educating them. It has now about fifty members, having had more or less under its influence in the past four years some three hundred. As the Guild meets in a cellar situate in a Mission district of Saint Giles's, that was lately my cure, I saw much of the elder members. Some of them I prepared and presented for Confirmation; and have reason to think that all of these are living good and holy lives in the midst of terrible difficulties.

Many boys have learned at the Guild to read and write. Some frequent it for the sake of the games. All join in prayer before they separate. A few gentlemen, who need reinforcement, have long gallantly sacrificed their evenings to the welfare of these boys. Is it asking too much from your readers if I appeal for funds to pay the rent of the cellar in which the Guild meets, and the cost of lighting it? The weekly pennies of the boys are insufficient to meet these expenses. Cannot a number of your readers contribute each a small sum to so good a work?

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Wills, 23 Florence Street, Islington, N., will be happy to receive contributions, or they may be sent to
Bowdon, Cheshire.

H. A. D. SURRIDGE.

'Priest' or 'Presbyter'?

SIR,—I am a regular reader of your very useful paper, and, as a general rule, its tone of peace in these days of strife, of loyalty in these days of disloyalty, of obedience in these days of self-pleasing, must please all faithful sons of the Church of England. Yet there is one little word which I grieve to see dethroned from its high position in Church phraseology by the authority of your leading articles. May I venture to suggest that the word *priest* is a good old English word, while *presbyter*, which you so often put in its place, is not English at all? It is surely a 'Puritan innovation' which has made the latter word known in our language; and it is not a 'Papal innovation' by which we, the elders of the Church of England, are called priests. I need not discuss any doctrinal significance which may attach to the use of either word, but I have a right, surely, to press the claims of that word which the Prayer-book uses to the exclusion of the other. To us, who have been called to the second order in the ministry, authority was given to 'exercise the office of a priest in the Church of God.' Why, then, should we shun the name of our holy office? Good George Herbert was of my way of thinking, or, rather, I follow him:—

'The Priest I say, the Presbyter I mean,
As nowadays he's called
By many men; but I choose to retain
The name wherewith install'd
He was at first in our mother tongue;
And doing so, I hope, I do no wrong.'

AN ENGLISH PRIEST.

New Lectionary.—Listening to the Lessons.

SIR,—I heartily trust that we shall have a new Lectionary, and that it will be, as it may easily be, a decided improvement upon both the old and the present Lectionary. A letter from one of your correspondents, against which I have no desire to say one word, set me thinking about the practice so common in some churches, of the congregation finding the lesson in their Bibles and reading it silently. After all, is *this* a wise plan? Would it not be more profitable to listen all attentively to 'him that readeth?' Would not the reading often be better if attended to? Would not the hearers profit much more? I incline to the opinion that it would be so.
T. H. E.

Easter Communicants.

SIR,—I have reason to believe that it is becoming increasingly common among the clergy to ask for the names and addresses of their Easter communicants. Would any of your readers that have had experience kindly inform me how far such requests are responded to, and whether any, and what, practical use is made of the results?
CHARLES GREEN.

St. Paul's, Beckenham.

CHURCHWARDENS AND THE OFFERTORY.—'Churchman' writes: 'Can any of your readers inform me which warden has legal right to receive or take charge of the offertory money—the minister's warden or the people's warden?'

FAMILY PRAYERS.—'D. G.' wishes to know of Family Prayers—not long—for the Christian seasons, Easter, Christmas, &c., if separate from daily family prayers, or otherwise. Publisher's name if possible.

TRACTS ON THE OFFERTORY.—'Agar' would be glad to know if there is any tract published on 'giving,' and especially at the weekly offertory.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Very Rev. E. M. Goulburn; Charles Green; Rev. R. C.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

New Ring of Six at Monk Bretton, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

ON Friday, the 12th inst., a gratifying event took place in the parish of Monk Bretton, the opening of a ring of six bells, munificently presented by Miss Bright of Monk Bretton, as a loving memorial to her two sisters. The first essay on the bells took place at ten o'clock p.m. by the ringers from the adjoining parish of Royston, under the leadership of Mr. Haigh, and consisted of different touches. 1. Raising in peal. 2. Touches of Treble Bob Minor, both Oxford and Violet. 3. Several touches of other noted compositions. Mr. T. Mallaby, from Masham, to whom the hanging of the ring has been entrusted by Miss Bright, being himself a ringer, superintended the whole series of performances. The village, as might be expected, was in a state of pleasurable and grateful excitement the whole evening up to ten o'clock—an interval of half-an-hour being taken for the refreshment of the ringers. The ringers from the Church of St. Mary, Barnsley, came twice on Sunday, which afforded much pleasure and satisfaction to Miss Bright and the villagers.

[Why was so much pleasure afforded in the Lenten season?—ED.]

St. Botolph, Aldgate, London.

A MUFFLED peal was rung here on Saturday evening, the 13th inst., as a tribute of respect to Henry Draper, who for many years previous to his illness was steeple-keeper. He died April 7th, at the age of 50 years, after a long, lingering illness of eight years. W. Mole, 1; J. Charters, 2; R. Lewis, 3; W. Scholes, 4; H. Brand, 5; J. Sinclair, 6; W. Clow, 7; J. H. Monday, 8. Conducted by Mr. W. Mole.

The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Monday, the 22nd inst., the Easter Meeting of this Society was held at Leeds, when a revised Code of Rules was passed, the next Meeting was appointed to be held at Wakefield in July, and the general business of the Association was transacted. The bells at Leeds, Holbeck, and Hunslet were at the service of the Association during the day, the Leeds bells having lately been put in order by Mr. T. Mallaby of Masham. During the morning twelve of the members rang 5040 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 3 hrs. 50 mins., being the first peal of Maximus rung on the bells. W. Pawson, 1; T. Lockwood, 2; J. Lockwood, 3; P. Snowden, 4; B. A. Dodson, 5; T. West, 6; G. Barraclough, 7; J. Whitaker, 8; W. Whitaker, 9; J. W. Snowden, 10; W. Walker, 11; G. Breed, 12. Tenor, 36 cwt. The peal was composed by H. Hubbard, sen., and conducted by T. Lockwood, and, it is supposed, is the first peal of Treble, twelve in, ever rung in the 'titmums.'

Change-ringing at West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

ON Easter Monday was rung upon the bells of Christ Church a muffled peal of New Grandshire Triples, as a lasting tribute of affection and respect to the memory of the late Dr. Selwyn, Bishop of Lichfield. The peal, containing 5040 changes, was brought round in 3 hrs. by the following Members of the Christ Church Society of Change-ringers:—H. Hipkip, 1; J. Russell, 2; W. Mallin, 3; T. Horton, 4; W. Beeson, 5; J. Carter, 6; S. Biddlestone, 7; H. Thyer, 8. Composed and conducted by Mr. Solomon Biddlestone. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

Change-ringing at Saffron Walden, Essex.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd instant, the following rang on the parish bells a one-part peal of Plain Bob Minor, containing 26 singles and 16 bobs. J. Freeman, 3; J. Penning, 4; N. Pitstow, 5; G. Martin, 6; C. Freeman, 7; F. Pitstow, 8. Composed and conducted by John Penning.

Change-ringing at St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Tuesday, 23rd inst., the following members of St. Mary's rang at All Saints, Carshalton, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandshire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins. R. Chapman, 1; E. Bennett, 2; J. Branch, 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Plowman, 5; J. Cawley, 6; C. Gordon, 7; J. Zealey, 8. Conducted by E. Bennett, being the greatest extent obtained by the above company. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Key, G sharp.

Carillons at the Parish Church of St. John, Peterborough.

MESSRS. GILLET & BLAND, of Croydon, have lately fixed their celebrated Carillon machine at the above church. They played for the first time on Wednesday, the 10th inst., to the great delight of the parishioners and all who heard them.

YOUNG BOB-CALLER.—No name.

B. KEEBLE.—You had better consult a surgeon.

H. GROVE.—We leave the archaeology of church bells to our friend the Editor of *Notes and Queries* and his numerous correspondents on the subject.

* * * We have again to request that the names and addresses of all correspondents accompany their communications, or they will not be inserted; it is for our safety, not for publication.

BELFRY RECORDS.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE. (Tablet in the Belfry.)

1004. FEB. 27th, 1775, was rung 10,080 changes, or 8½ Peals, by—
W. Jackson. Richard Harwood. Wm. Money.
Stephen Dairf. Richard Pottenger.
Rais'd and settled the bells in 7 hours and 26 minutes, Copel 2nd. 5 bells. Tenor, 13 cwt. All by Henry Penn of Peterborough, 1718.