so I venture to observe that I am just completing a fifth edition of *Our Church and our Country*—(W. Wells Gardner. 6*d.*)—in which edition I am introducing all the references as given in the first edition, and not one of which has been copied secondhand. It will be ready probably in October, and may perhaps prove of some use to the working men of England, to whom I originally dedicated it. GEORGE VENABLES.

Great Yarmouth Vicarage.

How is Church Building in France paid for?

SIR,—Can your readers give me reliable information touching the building of churches in France? Occasionally one sees, and reads of, very large and costly temples being built there, chiefly for Roman Catholics; and yet one rarely hears of efforts for church building such as we have recourse to in England. I am almost certain that under defined conditions the State builds most of the churches. Can any of your readers tell me if this is so? If so, is it out of funds taken from the Church? Are the funds also applicable to other places of worship than those of the Roman Catholic? Or in what way are funds usually obtained? T. H. E.

Anglican, Greek and Eastern, and Romish Creeds and Dogmas.

SIR,—Would one of your writers do the Church a great favour? If it were well done, and then translated into many languages, it would do very great good. I want the three Creeds of the Anglican Church printed in consecutive order. Then the Creeds of the Eastern Churches. Then the Romish, in which the first line of the three Creeds might be given, adding, *in italic*, 'The same as the Anglican,' 'The same as the Eastern.' [Does the Eastern Church adopt the Creed of Athanasius?] Then ought to come the Creed of Pius IX. and the modern dogmas of Immaculate Conception and Infallibility, *with their dates*. The people *do not know the truth*, that the Roman Church abounds with novelties such as the Primitive Church knew not of. X.

MARA S. would be glad if any one would tell her of some tracts giving the reasons for Baptism in a simple way. Also for one on neglect of public worship.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

ON Monday, 12th inst., a very successful meeting of this Guild was held at Bideford. On the arrival of the members a special service was held at the parish church, when a sermon was preached by the rector, the Rev. R. Granville, from Col. iii. 23. This was followed by a public luncheon at the Old Grammar School, when the President (A. W. Troyte, Esq.) occupied the chair, and between seventy and eighty members were present. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried by acclamation to the President for his kindness in presenting the plate from which certificates of membership could be printed. During the afternoon a party, consisting of the President, the Treasurer (W. B. Fulford, Esq.), the Instructor (Mr. J. Field); Revs. R. H. D. Acland-Troyte and A. du B. Hill; W. Banister, J. Baxter, R. Ford, and J. Easterbrook (of Plymouth); J. Norrish, H. Tucker, and H. Payne (of Huntsham); W. H. Marsh and F. Shepherd (of Exeter); D. P. Davies, Esq. (of Oxford); and R. French (of London), rang various touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples on the bells of the parish church. In the meanwhile the members present belonging to the Broad Clyst, Budleigh, Exeter, Ilfracombe, Merton, Monkleigh, and Woodbury bands, were conveyed in carriages to Wear Gifford and Northam, where various peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung. The members of the various bands left by the last train, well pleased with the first general meeting of the Guild in North Devon.

A List of Rings of Eight Bells in the County of Suffolk.

SIR,—As Mr. Snowdon has kindly favoured the readers of *Church Bells* with a list of ten and twelve bells, I desire to send you a list of rings of eight bells in this county, hoping that ringers in other counties may do the same, and then we should know all the rings in England. SAMUEL SLATER.

Glemsford.

Town.	Church.	Cwt.
Boxford	St. Mary	about 24
Bungay	Holy Trinity	16
Bury St. Edmunds	St. Mary	about 26
Clare	SS. Peter and Paul	28
Coddenham	St. Mary	15
Debenham	St. Mary	20
Eye	SS. Peter and Paul	about 24
Framsden	St. Mary	16
Framlingham	St. Michael	18
Fressingfield	SS. Peter and Paul	18
Hadleigh	St. Mary	28
Halesworth	St. Mary	19
Helmingham	St. Mary	19
Horham	St. Mary	about 8
Kelsale	St. Peter	16½
Lavenham	SS. Peter and Paul	24
Long Melford	Holy Trinity	16
Southwold	St. Edmund	12
Stowmarket	SS. Peter and Paul	about 20
Stradbrook	All Saints	24
Sudbury	St. Peter	22
,,	St. Gregory	16
,,	All Saints	27
Woodbridge	The Virgin Mary	28
	Total 24	

Reopening of Bells at the Parish Church of Hinton, near Tewkesbury.

THE ring of five bells at this picturesque spot, after being silent for fifteen years, have recently been reopened. They have been rehung, at a cost of 100*l.*, by Mr. White of Besselsleigh, Abingdon. W. Laslett, Esq., formerly M.P. for the city of Worcester, generously gave 50*l.* towards this object, the remainder being supplied by local and other subscribers. A contemporary remarks, that 'it is a matter of rejoicing among the parishioners that the tones of the bells will again be heard in the district; and that in celebration of the reopening a luncheon was given by the Rector (Rev. R. J. Baker), on the Rectory lawn, to the subscribers and friends who interested themselves in the movement.' The news of bell and belfry restoration is to us always intelligence of a pleasing nature, but we should like to hear more frequently of an increase of power to those rings which are weak, from a numerical point of view. A ring of five seems a kind of hybrid—neither one thing nor the other; and it is to be deplored that the authorities at Hinton did not entertain the idea, in conjunction with the rehanging of their bells, of augmenting them to a ring of six at least.

Change-ringing at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., six members of the above Society, assisted by Mr. Wm. Ashworth and Mr. James Priestley, rang the late John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Garlick, 1; W. H. Gibson, 2; J. Priestley, 3; G. H. Beever, 4; W. Ashworth (conductor) 5; J. Gartside, 6; C. Rothwell, 7; B. Ainley, 8. (J. C. Garlick and W. H. Gibson's first peal.)

Change-ringing at Congleton, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday, 13th inst., a mixed band of Change-ringers rang at St. Peter's, Congleton, Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Wilde, sen., 1; J. Holt, 2; J. Wilde, jun., 3; R. Woolley (his first peal), 4; P. Beard, 5; H. Rostron (conductor), 6; T. Wilde, jun., 7; H. Williams, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Change-ringing at Ashchurch, Gloucestershire.

ON Wednesday evening, 14th inst., the following company of ringers rang at the above church a peal of 720 changes of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. G. H. Phillott, Esq., 1; J. Drinkwater (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Change-ringers), 2; J. Bayliss, 3; J. Warthen, 4; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 5; E. Wallace, 6. The peal, which was without a plain lead, was conducted by Elisha Wallace. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Mourning Peal at Hyde, Cheshire.

ON Thursday, 15th inst., the Society of Change-ringers of St. George's, Hyde, rang at the above church, as a token of esteem and respect to the late Mr. John Wilde, who for forty-six years was the parish clerk-and sexton, 832 changes of Grandsire Triples (as many changes as deceased had lived months). J. Wilde, sen., 1; M. Sale, 2; C. Ashworth, 3; J. Wilde, 4; S. Bennett, 5; H. Rostron (composer and conductor), 6; T. Wilde, jun., 7; P. Beard, 8.

Change-ringing at Rugeley, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, 17th inst., the ringers of the Cathedral, Lichfield, visited Rugeley, and by the kind permission of the Vicar rang on the parish church bells a true peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 720 changes, in 28½ mins. F. Statham, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; A. Whitby, 3; H. Measham, 4; E. Gallimore, 5; T. Meredith (conductor), 6.

Change-ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.

On Saturday, 17th inst., six members of the Market Rasen Society of Change-ringers rang at the above church several touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Minor; also 720 of College Singles in 29 mins. M. Ashton, 1; A. Taylor, 2; H. Gadd, 3; H. Burkitt, 4; T. Gibbons, 5; J. Bertram (conductor), 6; being the first peal of College Singles ever rung upon these bells. Tenor, 9 cwt.

Muffled Peal at Nutfield Church, Surrey.

ON Monday, 12th inst., a muffled peal of 720 changes of Oxford Single Bob was rung after the funeral of James Bourne, a member of the Nutfield Society of Change-ringers.

BELFRY RECORDS.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

1025. ON Thursday, the 28th of February, 1744, Was rung in Hadleigh Steeple, by the Hadleigh Society of Ringers, A compleat Peal of five thousand and forty changes of Bob Major, being the first yt ever was rung in the said Steeple, which was compleated in 3 hours and 35 minutes by ye men whose names are undermentioned:—

Edmd. Mills, *Treble.*	John Corder, *Fourth.*	Thos. Windle, *Sixth.*
Rid. Beardwell, *Second.*	Willm. Newton, *Fifth.*	Eustace Watts, *Seventh.*
John Bunn, *Third.*		Saml. Cullum, *Tenor.*

N.B.—Euse. Watts call'd ye Bobbs.

1026. ON Thursday, Nov. 14th, 1839, was rung in this steeple a complete Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, containing 5280 changes, in 3 hours and 8 minutes. It was the longest length of the above method ever accomplished in the county of Suffolk in that weight of metal, the tenor Bell weighing upwards of 28 cwt. It was finely struck and completely brought round by the following persons:—

T. Hurry, Norwich, *Treble.*	J. Warner, Goslingham, *Fourth.*	J. Naunton, Ipswich, *Sixth.*
J. Pettett, Hadleigh, *Second.*	J. Gurnham, Goslingham, *Fifth.*	J. Lewes, Bramford, *Seventh.*
J. Hurry, Norwich, *Third.*		J. Truman, Norwich, *Tenor.*

The peal was conducted by James Trunan.

Thos. Gray, Wm. Strutt, } *Churchwardens.*

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. T. Tilley; John Raven; John Jones; John Cox. W. Scott should appeal by advertisement.

NOTICES.—Belfry Records requested. 'Chascley' is a Perpetual Curacy near Tewkesbury; Belfry Tablets were sent by a clerical ringer in the county.