

with the policy of opposition to Prayer-book revision which was adopted by the great meetings of the English Church Union on the 10th June. I am a moderate High-Churchman in the sense of not being what is called a Ritualist, but it seems to me, that historical churchmanship may be as much affected by a revision of some of the rubrics as by alterations of the text. There could not possibly be a more inopportune moment than the present for tampering with the Prayer-book, and nobody knows what mischief may be done when it is once brought into the dissecting-room. Of one thing I am quite certain, that were it attempted nobody will be satisfied with the alterations made, for we know very well what an endless variety of irreconcilable propositions will be made.

Fair play and patience will tide us, by God's help, over our present difficulties, which are only new forms of old trials which the Church has overcome. But add to our complications the imposition of an altered Prayer-book, and disruption must assuredly follow. No; let all Churchmen who believe in and love the Prayer-book as a whole, concur in warning off the hands of well-intentioned but really presumptuous reformers, and the time will ere long arrive when Convocation shall be in a position to speak with an authority which shall be respected both by Church and State, and historical churchmanship will have so laid hold upon the masses as to warrant the hope that any really needful adaptations of our public offices may be obtained without doing violence to the feelings and consciences of all sound Churchmen. So far from supposing that the appeal against revision now will be unheeded by the great body of what are known as moderate High-Churchmen, I have reason to believe that this bold policy has already won the sympathy and support of many leading men in Church and State. The Prayer-book as it is we know to be the great bond of union between Churchmen of all parties and ranks, because accepted by all. It is infinitely easier to work for more unanimity in the acceptance of this common heritage, than to devise a new scheme for union amongst Churchmen. Better a few eccentricities of ritual, if need be, than a mangled Prayer-book and a Church rent asunder by Uzzah-like friends of uniformity.

J. T.

Schools for the Sons of the Clergy.

SIR,—May I say a word as to the letters which mine has called forth? In the first place, it is plain from them that the want does exist of which I ventured to announce the supply. But later writers have missed my point. I did not mean that the want of those (and of course there are many) who can ill afford even 40l. per annum for a private school education, was supplied by St. Andrew's College, Chardstock. I meant to say that many of us would wish for a public school education for our boys, and yet could not afford Eton or Harrow, or even Radley or Rossall. I considered that St. Andrew's College, being altogether on the public-school plan, and offering the many advantages which I have already enumerated (April 12), does supply a want. I did not say that it supplied every want. Of course no one could expect for 40l. to get an education on a par with Eton and Winchester.

The Rectory, St. Audries, Bridgwater.

J. R. VERNON.

The Gloria in Excelsis.

SIR,—In answer to the Rev. G. H. R. Fletcher, I beg to say that there is no musical setting of the *Gloria in excelsis* so suitable for a country choir as Marbeck's, arranged by Helmore. We have long used that and the corresponding *Sanctus*, and find that we can use them when we have only two or three men present, and no boys, and they are readily taken up by the people. Of course they are arranged for unison singing.

Whittington Rectory, Oswestry.

W. WALSHAM HOW.

'G. W. C.' recommends an easy setting on a card, which is published by S. P. C. K. (No. 1766), and is used by the American Church.

RECEIVED ALSO.—E. Bullivan; G. W. Cole; C. A. H.; Rev. G. A. Robins; A. Midland Churchman; W. M. B.; E. A. B.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

On the 12th inst. the above Association held their first meeting. The members met at Long Sutton in the morning, and rang six 720's of Plain Bob Doubles, with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Prince Imperial. They then partook of luncheon at the Woolpack Inn, at which the Rev. S. R. Henderson presided. Afterwards they rang again until 2 p.m., when they proceeded by train to Holbeach. On their arrival they proceeded to raise the eight bells of the parish church, and after ringing a course of Plain Bob they dined at the schoolroom; the Rev. Canon Hemmans (Vicar) presided, the Rev. Canon Moore and the Rev. A. W. Moore of Spalding being also present. The proposed rules were then read and adopted. The members were then formally admitted; they consisted of three classes, viz. honorary members, skilled change-ringers, and probationers. The Rev. Canon Moore, Vicar of Spalding, was chosen as President, the Rev. Canon Hemmans as Vice-President, Mr. T. Sissons as Treasurer, and Mr. J. R. Jerram as Secretary. After dinner all the members (about thirty in number) proceeded again to the church. As both the bells and ropes were in bad order, nothing of any importance was accomplished. A touch of Bob Minor was, however, rung on the first six, with the seventh and tenor behind, by the following members:—J. R. Jerram, 1; R. Clarke, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Cressy (conductor), 6; J. Wilson, 7; J. Atkinson, 8. These bells have not been rung in changes for nearly forty years.

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

As the result of a meeting held at Basingstoke on June 20th, a Guild of Change-ringers has been formed in the diocese of Winchester. The Lord Bishop of the diocese is patron, and the Very Rev. the Dean and the Venerable Archdeacons Vice-Presidents of the Guild, which consists of honorary and performing members. A temporary committee has been appointed to bring the Guild into working order. It is hoped that the new Society will meet with support from already existing change-ringing bands, whose help will be of great value; and also generally from the clergy and laity, who, as honorary members of the Guild, will enable it to do efficiently its work of improving belfries and ringing in their diocese. Copies of the rules will be supplied, and answers to any inquiries will be given, on application to the Secretary of the Guild, the Rev. A. Du B. Hill, the College, Winchester.

East Berks and South Bucks Change-ringers' Society.

The first Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m.; evensong and short sermon by the President, at 5 p.m.; tea at 6; meeting for business and election of officers at 6.30. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks, will give an address on bell-ringing.

Death of Mr. Patrick, the celebrated Bell-ringer, 1796.

The following has been kindly sent by a respected correspondent, from a cutting from an old magazine in his Bell-collections; it will interest many of our ringing friends:—'On Sunday afternoon, June the 26th, was interred in the churchyard of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the remains of Mr. Patrick, the celebrated composer of church-bell music, and senior of the Society of Cumberland Youths. His productions of Real Double and Treble Bob Royal are standing monuments of his unparalleled abilities. The procession was singular and solemn, the corpse being followed by all the ringing societies in the metropolis and its environs, each sounding hand-bells with muffled clappers, accompanied by those of the church, ringing a dead peal, which produced a most solemn effect on the eyes and ears of an innumerable concourse of spectators. Mr. Patrick was the person who composed the whole peal of Stedman's Triples, 5040 changes (*till then deemed impracticable*), for the discovery of which the citizens of Norwich advertised a premium of 50l., which was paid to Mr. Patrick about three years since by the Society of St. Peter's Mancroft, with the highest encomiums on his superlative merit.'

Change-ringing at Cradley, Worcestershire.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., five members of the Dudley Parish Church Ringers, and three members from St. Andrew's, Netherton, visited Cradley, and rang on the new bells at the church a peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. The peal, consisting of 182 bobs and 58 singles, was conducted by Mr. Wm. Micklewright, sen. *J. Bayliss, 1; W. Micklewright, jun., 2; *J. Townsend, 3; E. Fellows, 4; S. Spittle, 5; W. Micklewright, sen., 6; *W. Smith, 7; *J. Prestige, 8. Tenor, about 12 cwt. The first peal of those marked thus *.

Change-ringing by the St. James's Society.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the above Society rang on the bells of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. M. A. Wood, 1; H. Swan, 2; W. Howard, 3; I. M. Hayes, 4; D. Stackwood, 5; R. French, 6; F. Bate, 7; F. A. P. Knipe, Esq., 8. The peal contained the twenty-four 867's and 678's. Composed by J. Lockwood of Leeds, and conducted by F. Bate.

Change-ringing by the St. George's Society of Change-ringers, Hyde, Cheshire.

On the 7th inst. the following members of the above Society rang on the bells of their church Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins. J. Wilde, sen., 1; J. Wood, jun., 2; T. Wilde, 3; R. Woolley, 4; P. Beard, 5; J. Wilde, jun. (conductor), 6; S. Wood, 7; S. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Key of F.

On the 12th inst. the following members of the above Society rang at St. Mary's parish church, Stockport, Cheshire, a peal of Grandsire Major, containing 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 3½ mins. J. Wilde, sen., 1; H. Roston (composer and conductor), 2; J. Shaw, 3; R. Woolley, 4; P. Beard, 5; J. Wilde, jun., 6; T. Wilde, 7; S. Bennett, 8. This is the first peal of Major on these bells, although they were hung in 1817. Tenor, 25 cwt. Key of E flat.

Change-ringing at Liversedge, Yorkshire.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., the Society of Change-ringers of Christ Church, Liversedge, rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 1879 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., with the 6th twenty-four times wrong and six times right in 5-6. J. Whitworth, 1; J. Illingworth, 2; W. Firth, 3; T. North, 4; J. W. Lang, 5; S. Goodall, 6; L. Illingworth, 7; M. Rams, 8. Composed by Wm. Sottanstell and conducted by J. Illingworth.

Change-ringing at St. John the Baptist, Egham, Surrey.

On the 12th inst. a company of the Slough Branch of the West Middlesex Association of Ringers visited the above place and rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Leader, 1; W. Fussell, 2; R. Flaxman (conductor), 3; A. Fussell, 4; J. Steel, 5; J. Perryman, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Change-ringing at Hanbury, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., the Horninglow Ringers visited Hanbury Church, and, assisted by three of the Burton Parish Church Society, rang six distinct six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, the first known to have been rung on these bells. W. Carvell, 1; G. Robinson, 2; T. Leach, 3; H. Whitehead, 4; J. Hicklin, 5; J. Carvell, 6.

RECEIVED ALSO.—U. Woodman; C. D. P. Davies—the information you ask might be obtained at the church.