

Canon could draw to him such a congregation as eagerly follows the verger; an assembly gathered from all sides, compacted of all sects? Here are men of alien, of hostile creed, come for the stones not for the bread; yet let the crumbs you drop be wholesome food, and open their appetite for more. Speak, Oracle! 'When the Protestants took these Cathedrals away from the Catholics.' Minster Shades! Schools of the Prophets! Is it for this that sleeves flutter in the air of aisle and transept, and words flash back the light of the clerestory? Are ye, yourselves sworn to the Flag, to set up the enemy Error within the very fortresses and strongholds of the Truth? Chapters of Cathedrals! Restorers of Abbeys! listen to the feeble, distant voice of the stranger, and give not all your zeal to Conferences and Congresses; but open a school for Cathedral Guides, and teach them therein Church history, lest they go on beguiling (as some do) the willing listener, hardening (as some do) the willing adversary, and disheartening, astounding, and provoking to a righteous wrath, as one, at least, did the writer.

ANTIQUAM EXQUIRIT MATREM.

Burial of the Dead.

SIR,—The Rubrics of the Burial Office forbid a priest to use this office in cases mentioned therein. That is all. They do not forbid him to bury with some other office. The dead must be buried, and, as has been truly observed before in your columns, Jesus Christ has redeemed all mankind. Why, therefore, should His Church refuse to bury any one for whom Jesus died? What is there, then, to hinder the parish priest from burying any deceased person with some sort of religious service, remembering, especially, that any religious ceremony at a burial concerns the living rather than the dead? And what is there to hinder him even from using a portion of the present office, omitting, as was suggested many years ago, two or three parts from it? Cannot the Bishops solve this very important question, and give the clergy an opportunity, without defiance of law, to bury all deceased persons, whose friends desire it, with a suitable service?

H. G. O.

Halifax Parish Church.

SIR,—In reply to 'Ut Prosim' in your paper of August 9th, I would inform him that the information he requires, respecting the coats-of-arms on the roof of the parish church, can be obtained from Watson's *History of Halifax* (published 1775), at page 361; also the arms of twenty-five vicars, concluding at that time with Thomas Burton, inducted 1712. Bishop Farrer was the last Prior of Nostel, near Wakefield. He was appointed to the Bishopric of St. David's in 1548, giving up the convent in 1540, and in lieu received a pension of 100*l.* a-year. He was brought before the Popish Bishop of St. David's, and was condemned and burned at Caermarthen, March 30th, 1555.

S. R.

The Athanasian Creed.

SIR,—Might the difficulty respecting the Athanasian Creed possibly be settled by retaining it as a valued early Christian Church Creed in the Prayer-book, to be read as a rule in collegiate churches, but not imperative (though allowable) in other churches?

H.

A Reply and a Query.

SIR,—'J. F. C.' will find the account of the saintly woman to whom Père Hyacinthe referred in a little book called *Amalie von Lasaulx, eine Bekennerin, von J. H. Reinkens*. (Bonn, 1878.)—The life is interesting to all who are following the Old Catholics with sympathy; and it is suggestive of the unexpected way in which light may be penetrating the cloister.

Can any of your readers kindly tell me where to find the hymn containing these lines,—

'My bark is wafted to the strand
By grace divine,'

E.

and who is the author?

CORRECTION.—In p. 450, second column, tenth line from end, for *interlaced*—read *interleaved*.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. F.; H. B.; A. F. S. H., M.A.; G. J. Woodward; A. Chaplain; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Leyland on Saturday, September 6th, at 4 o'clock, when the usual business of the Association will be gone into.

JOHN HIGSON, *Secretary*.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

IN consequence of the lateness of the harvest the Annual Meeting will not be held until October. The exact date has not yet been decided upon.

G. H. HARRIS, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.

ON Wednesday evening, the 13th inst. the ringers of the above church rang, with the bells half muffled, 720 Bob Minor, as a mark of respect to the late J. Jackson, for many years parish clerk of St. Botolph's, Lincoln. J. Harris, 1; G. Doughty, 2; P. Herrick, 3; E. Curtis (conductor), 4; O. Lange, 5; W. Knowles, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

St. Mary's Church, Prescott, Lancashire.

ON Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst., ten members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies, Liverpool, paid a visit to this town with the intention of ringing a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major. After ringing 512, 'Stand!' was called, owing to the bad state of the sixth and eighth bells. R. Williams, sen., 1; G. Helsby, 2; T. Jones, 3; H. Meadows, 4; E. Booth, 5; T. Hammond, 6; R. Williams, jun., 7; J. Egerton, 8.

Also 500 of Stedman's Triples. J. Egerton, 6; W. Brooks, 8; and a 1000 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. Williams, jun.

Change-ringing at Waltham Abbey, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 16th inst., the Benington Society of Change-ringers visited the church of Waltham Abbey, where they rang, with their friends of the Waltham Abbey company, and others from London and Sawbridgeworth, 2777 changes, in the several musical methods of London Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Stedman's Triples. The bells were raised in order. Some touches of Cinques and Stedman were rung upon the hand-bells.

Muffled Change-ringing at Ashover, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 17th inst., several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. E. Revell, formerly a ringer. J. H. Beardon, 2; T. Beardon, jun., 2; W. Buxton, 3; G. Beardon, 4; W. Hopkinson, 5. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Date Touch at Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., the ringers of the Ormskirk Parish Church rang 1879 changes in 1 hr. 12 mins. H. Cave, 1; J. Winrow, 2; J. Eastham, 3; R. Clayton, 4; J. Leatherbarrow, 5; N. Spencer, 6; P. Fairhurst (conductor), 7; W. Winrow, 8.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

THE following members of the Guild met at Hantsam on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and rang Thurstan's peal of Stedman's Triples. H. Tucker, * 1; H. Payne, * 2; W. S. Willett, Esq., * 3; C. Davies, Esq., * 4; J. Chave, * 5; J. Field, 6; C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., 7; G. F. Coleridge, Esq., * 8. The peal was conducted by Mr. J. Field, the Instructor to the Guild, and occupied 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt. Those marked * had never previously rung a peal in this method.

Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars).

ON Friday, the 22nd inst., the following members of this Society rang at St. Martin-in-the-Fields two deeply muffled peals, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. John Howe and Mr. John Potter, much-esteemed members of the Society:—J. Cox (conductor), 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; W. Baron, 3; R. Smith, 4; A. Macey, 5; G. Flavell, 6; J. Perks, 7; E. Gibbs, 8; H. Swain, 9; D. Stackwood, 10; W. Hovard, 11; H. Hopkins, 12. Tenor, 34 cwt.

Change-ringing at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 23rd inst., a new church dedicated to St. Bartholomew, and a branch of the above church, was consecrated by the Bishop of Manchester. To commemorate the event, five ringers of the above church, with three of their juniors, rang Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. Unsworth, 5; T. E. Turner, 6; J. H. Jackson, 7; W. Stamer, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Change-ringing at St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 23rd inst., the ringers of the above church, with Mr. John Whittingham from Westhoughton, rang the first half of the late Mr. J. Reeves's ten-part peal and the last half of the late Mr. J. Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, each containing 2520 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins., the occasion being the laying of the foundation-stone of a new school at Hindley Common. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnall, 4; E. Bentham, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Whittingham, 7; J. Eccleston (first peal), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

South Lincolnshire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Sunday, the 24th inst., six members met at Spalding Parish Church, after evening service, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in three parts, with 36 Singles, in 26 mins. J. B. Jerram, 1; R. Clark, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; R. Mackman, 4; W. Tyler, 5; R. Creasy (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor, 21 cwt. Key of F. Rules of the above Association can be had by applying to the Rev. Canon Moore, the Vicarage, Spalding.

Norwich Diocesan Association.

ON the 24th inst., seven members of the Kenninghall Branch of the above Association, assisted by Mr. J. Youngs of Norwich, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, containing 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. This is another of Mr. Hubbard's compositions, and the first time of its being rung with the 4th and 5th their extent in 5-6. R. Hutton, 1; J. Youngs, 2; G. Edwards, 3; C. Everett, 4; H. Eagling, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Muffled Ringing at St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk.

ON Monday evening, the 25th inst., the Diss Company of Change-ringers rang 1808 changes of Plain Bob Major and 288 changes of Kent Treble Bob, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. Terah Nicholson, who was buried that day. He had been clerk for the last fifty-four years, and was much respected by all. J. Rudd, W. Scales, W. Brown, W. Ireland, E. Francis, E. Murton, T. Preston, H. Mowle, A. Knights, and R. Barnes. Tenor, 24 cwt. Key of D.

Change-ringing by the Yorkshire Association.

ON Monday, the 25th inst., at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 5184 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. T. West, 1; W. Whitaker, 2; J. Lockwood, 3; J. Whitaker, 4; N. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), 5; T. Lockwood, 6; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 7; W. Walker, 8. The peal with the sixth four course-ends wrong and eight right (Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part II, p. 76), was composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by T. Lockwood. Tenor, 16 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—P. J. Nelson.—We advise him to consult Gillett & Bland of Croydon: Bob Maximus, with thanks.