

will, for love of the homeless and destitute, be led cheerfully to respond to the advertisement which appears in another column, and offer their services, and, if able, their purses, in order to assist in this most necessary undertaking.

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The Lord's Prayer.

SIR,—I am pleased to see the practice, *i. e.* the priest saying the words 'Our Father,' and the congregation joining him in the words 'which art in heaven,' is growing very much in the Church of England, and rightly so. Why? Because the priest is the acknowledged mouthpiece of the people, and the people can say 'Our Father' silently. Thus a great deal of confusion is saved, and the prayer is said reverently, as it ought to be; but when it is said by priest and people it is the subject of the greatest disorder, and is often said very irreverently, for some are too quick and some are too slow. Thus it spoils the words which, 'Superintendent' says, so beautifully introduces the model prayer. Wishing that all priests would learn this lesson, not only for the Lord's Prayer but for Creeds, &c., I hope your impartiality will allow me a small corner of *Church Bells*.

FRED. NIXON.

RECEIVED ALSO.—G. W. Cole; J. F. Wilkinson; Wm. Crompton; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Request for 'J. B. K. T.'

SIR,—With regard to the 5038 Grandsire Triples which appeared in your two issues for April 2nd and 30th, permit me to explain that my communication was forwarded by me on March 29th, and acknowledged as received in yours of April 2nd at the foot of the same column which contained the epistle by 'J. B. K. T.', to whom I should be much obliged if he would publish the name of the composer he mentions.

WM. GORDON.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting for the transaction of business will be held (D.V.) at 160 St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday next, May 28th, at 2.45 p.m.

Agenda—Adoption of Reports of Committee and Treasurer; Appointment of Officers for the Year; Election of Members, &c. &c.

Lew Down, R.S.O., North Devon.

JAMES ARTHUR KEMPE, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE next meeting will be held on June 6th (Whit Monday), at Barnard Castle. Ring of 8; tenor, 17 cwt. Dinner 1s. per head to members, at the 'Golden Lion,' at two o'clock. Members intending to dine are requested to send in their names not later than Monday, May 30, to the Secretary, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, Post-Office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

The North Wilts Guild of Ringers.

THIS Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, June the 6th. They will meet at Corsham Church at ten, and Divine Service will commence at eleven. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. H. F. J. Coape-Arnold, Rector of Yatton-Keynell. Dinner at one. Ringing before and after service, and after dinner; and in the evening at St. Paul's, Chippenham.

C. W. HONY, *Sec.*

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., there was a strong muster at West Ham, and some good ringing of Caters and other methods took place on the ring of ten bells. The Vicar, the Rev. Thos. Scott, presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Hubbard, senior curate. Eighteen were elected members, among them Miss Warleigh, who is a practical ringing member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and a conductor. It was resolved that the Annual Meeting on Whit Monday should be held at Writtle. Any information will be gladly given by the Secretary, the Rev. J. B. Seaman, Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

St. Martin's Society, Birmingham.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., upwards of thirty members and friends of the above Society dined at the 'White Swan' Hotel, Edmund Street, to celebrate the ringing of the longest peal of Stedman's Cinques, which was accomplished on Monday, Feb. 28th, at St. Martin's Church in the Bull Ring. After the tables were cleared the chair was occupied by the President, Mr. Samuel Reeves, and Society's business being got through, the remainder of the evening was spent in recitations, singing, and speeches, the party breaking up at an early hour, being highly delighted at having spent so pleasant an evening.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Harborne, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. H. Bastable, 1; J. Perks, 2; G. W. Baldwin, 3; J. Buffery, 4; H. Johnson, sen., 5; J. Day, 6; F. H. James, 7; H. Johnson, jun., 8. Composed by the late Thos. Day, and conducted by H. Bastable, and the first peal in this method on those bells. Tenor, about 12 cwt.

At All Saints', Maidstone, Kent.

ON Monday, the 9th inst., eight members of the All Saints' Company rang Holt's One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, with two singles in the last four leads, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. S. Kemp, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; E. Baldoock, 3; F. Newman, 4; A. Woolley, 5; G. Pawley, 6; C. Payne (conductor), 7; G. Moorcraft, 8. Rung on the first eight bells: 8th bell about 18 cwt., in E.

At Minsterworth, Gloucestershire.

ON Monday, the 9th inst., a mixed band of the Churcham and Minsterworth ringers rang 32 six-scores with extremes and 10 without, the whole containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 36 mins. J. Gough, 1; J. Daniels, 2; J. Ashmead, 3; R. Gardner, 4; W. Pugh (conductor), 5; T. Pugh, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. 2 qrs.

At Helmingham, Suffolk.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Helmingham Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang Holt's original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Perry, 1; J. Knight, 2; W. Dye (conductor), 3; G. Thurlow, 4; R. King, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; W. Whiting, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. This is the first time this peal has been rung by the above Association, and the first record of its ever being called by a Suffolk man. The present performance is the second time of its having been rung in the county. On the occasion of its first performance, which took place on the same bells in 1878, it was conducted by Mr. G. Newson of London.

At Blackrod, Lancashire.

ON Friday, the 13th inst., a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob was rung in memory of the late Mr. Samuel Speak, who died at Blackrod on the 9th inst., aged 62 years. He had been a ringer at the above place for more than 40 years, and was highly respected by the ringing fraternity. G. Bullough (aged 82, conductor), 1; W. Croston, 2; R. Watnough, 3; J. Rawlinson, 4; G. Higson, 5; J. Higson, 6. Also, on Sunday, a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob was rung for evening service, containing 34 bobs and 2 singles. R. Watnough (conductor), 1; W. Croston, 2; W. Heald, 3; J. Rawlinson, 4; G. Higson, 5; J. Higson, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Time not taken.

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Devonshire.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the St. Sidwell's Society rang Taylor's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins. S. Herbert, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; H. Swift, 3; W. H. Marsh, 4; W. G. Goss, 5; W. C. Marsh (conductor), 6; W. B. Fulford, 7; J. Alford, sen., 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt. This is the first peal ever rung by a band composed entirely of Exeter men, and Mr. W. C. Marsh's first attempt at conducting one.

At Reigate, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., the Reigate Society of Change-ringers rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. J. Howard,* 1; F. T. Hoad* (conductor), 2; W. Tidey, 3; W. Argent,* 4; T. Fuller, 5; E. Kenward,* 6; W. Webb, 7; H. B. Gooch,* 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. [* Their first peal.] It is fifty-seven years since a peal has been rung by a company of Reigate ringers; and Mr. Tidey, who rang the 3rd bell on this occasion, rang the treble on the last.

At the Parish Church, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday, the 15th inst., before evening service, a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Caters was rung in 1 hr. 24 mins. W. Milnes, 1; R. Wrigley, 2; J. P. Healey, 3; T. Prince, 4; W. Scott, 5; G. Firth, 6; W. Firth, 7; T. H. Ormond, 8; T. A. Moorhouse, 9; J. Styles, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt., in D. Composed by J. Hollis, Wrenthorpe, and conducted by Walter Scott. An attempt was made to ring this touch muffled on the day the late Earl of Beaconsfield was interred, but was lost owing to the 7th bell casting her rope.

THE TOUCH.																			
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At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

ON Sunday evening, the 15th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, consisting of 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 26 mins. G. Akers (first peal in this method), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6. All members of the Essex Association excepting the conductor. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, London.

ON Monday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. E. Horrex, 1; R. French, 2; H. Cutler, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; S. Hayes, 5; G. Mash, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. H. George, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. This is the first peal rung on these bells since the marriage of the founder of the church (the Baroness Burdett-Coutts), and also the first since the accession of the present Vicar, the Rev. W. Macdonald Sinclair, M.A.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Inman, of Burnsall, writes to say, that the date touch rung at Burnsall on the 3rd inst. was composed by W. Whitaker of Leeds, Secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

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