

terian brethren who form the majority of the people, and who are, by early training and ignorance, prejudiced against the Church, cannot be estimated. Such 'liberality,' as that above described, may surely well be characterised as 'dishonesty,' for to thus 'advocate the schisms and the heresies which the Church of his baptism and of his orders earnestly repudiates, and has bound him in his ordination vows, to resist,' cannot be too severely condemned, and many Churchmen will feel grateful to 'I. R. V.' for the candid manner in which he has treated the matter in the article referred to, as also in your issue of Sept. 24. The latter, and the letter in your correspondence columns of same issue, surely explodes the 'protest' of the 'Rector of Barnes,' who, if he be not already an 'old dog,' from his position in the Church, can hardly be considered one of those 'puppies that snap at all times,' and there is, therefore, surely the less excuse for his 'protest.' Yes, more decided and dogmatic teaching, in other words, more faithful Church teaching, otherwise 'save us from our friends.'

NORTH BRITAIN.

P.S.—It was painful to read in a Presbyterian paper, a short time ago, the remarks made on the expression said to be made use of by one of our Bishops, on the occasion of his being presented with a Pastoral Staff. It was said that the Bishop, in accepting it, expressed a wish that the good people had rather presented him with an umbrella! Can this be so? and if so, it would be interesting to know which of their lordships it was. N. B.

Prayers for the Dead.

SIR,—If your 'Constant Reader,' who is so exercised by his new discovery that prayer for the dead is not unknown in the Church of England, assumes to be conversant with 'the whole tenour of Holy Writ,' it would be well for him when using two texts not to misquote one and use the other to prove what no one denies. The Bible nowhere says that 'As the tree falleth so shall it lie.' It speaks of a place, but not of a final or unimprovable condition, saying, 'Where the tree falleth,' &c. A tree falls towards the north or south, and thus and there lies; but may it not, must it not, either gradually season or gradually rot? And may not either of these processes be promoted by the effort of man as well as by the forces of Nature, or Nature's God? And, of course, we admit there is no repentance in the grave; but when my friends here thoroughly repent, may there not be in store for them, even of necessity, a bearing of the effects of past sin, and a progress from strength to strength in the grace to which they have at last corresponded? No one wants him to pray for the dead while he does not desire to do so. It is not absolutely of revelation or commandment. Why cannot he leave those alone to whom it is a comfort, to whom it would seem unnatural, unreasonable, and even cruel, to omit it? One must have low ideas of the sanctity of God if one thinks that at death, without any training, we can bear the consuming fire of His unveiled presence. One must have quaintly misread the history of the Jewish and Catholic Churches if one thinks there ever was a time in either when such prayer was unknown or forbidden. Nor is your correspondent more happy in his knowledge of the Roman doctrine he controverts. Will he quote any passage from an accredited book which speaks of 'saving souls after death by purgatory.' That souls may after what is called death be helped by prayer, and purified, educated, and trained into higher sanctity by the true and nearer presence of God in the absence of the distractions and temptations of this world, is, at any rate, a pious belief of the Catholic Church, and not merely of Romanism; but that a salvation refused in this world can be obtained in the next is not, as far as I can find, a doctrine of purgatory existent save in the remarkable intelligences of certain controversialists. If he in honesty desires to know what people do hold, may hold, and always have held, let him obtain Canon Luckock's book on the *Intermediate State*. Anyhow, let him quote honestly and accuse fairly.

J. W. HORSLEY.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SIR,—Permit me to supplement Mr. Clark's letter on the Churches of this town. Of the seventeen Churches four are unfinished, through lack of money, monuments of the apathy and indifference of the wealthy Churchmen of this district. In one church only there is daily service. At the grand old Parish Church there are three services on the Sunday, and Litany is said on Wednesday and Friday in one of the side chapels, the rest of the week silent, and closed. I should say that the congregations of the seventeen churches could be easily seated in nine of them. This cannot be wondered at when one considers the little real church-work being carried on. The clergy, in some cases, unite with the dissenters to hold noon-day prayer-meetings after the Moody and Sankey fashion, there you may find clergy whose churches are closed from Sunday to Sunday, and then they are more than half empty. If you want to find a town over-run with Puritan innovations, come to Newcastle-on-Tyne. I sincerely hope that the Congress will put some life into these dry bones.

SENEC.

Church Congress.

SIR,—I shall esteem it a favour if you will allow me to intimate through your columns that the Master of University College, Durham, has kindly placed at the disposal of the Reception Committee about twenty rooms in the Castle for visitors to the Congress. There will be a small charge for attendance and the use of linen, and meals can be supplied by arrangement with the butler. Applications should be addressed to the Hon. Secs., Church Congress Reception Committee, Durham.

JOHN SHIELDS, Hon. Sec. to the Congress.

'Mr.' as the style of a Clergyman instead of 'Rev.'

SIR,—In the interesting account of 'Broad Hinton Church' of 17th ult., it is stated that 'a singular slab in the chancel may be mentioned as the only instance in Wilts of a clergyman being called "Mr." on a tombstone without "Rev."' I remember seeing such an inscription in the chancel of Inglesham Church in North Wilts some years since. Alvescot Church in Oxfordshire is, I believe, dedicated to St. Peter ad Vincula.

JAMES ARCHER.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

BELL LITERATURE.

(Continued from p. 686.)

- 147 Hendrie's Translation of the Three Books of Theophilus, Syo. Lond. 1847
Amongst his Treatises, in the 85th cap. he minutely describes the fourling of Bells. He is supposed to have written circa 1200.
- 148 Hone's Every Day and Year Book has much about Bells. Lond. 1827-35
- 149 Hubbard's Elements of Campanology. Ipswich, 1854
- 150 — Elements of Campanology. 1815
- 151 Huddleston's Method of Tuning Bells, described in Bowles' History of Brem-hill, Syo. Lond. 1828
- 152 Husbandman's Magazine, includes 'The Noble Recreation of Ringing, by T. S.' Lond. 1684
- 153 Lambert's Country-Man's Treasure; to which is added the Art of Hawking, Hunting, Angling, and the Noble Recreation of Ringing, front. 12mo.
Printed on London Bridge, n. d.
- 154 Ludham (Rev. M. S.) on Bell-founding published in *Edinburgh Encyc.* article 'Horology.' Edinb. 1830
- 155 Lukis's Account of Church Bells. Lond. 1850
- 156 — Words to Churchwardens. Marlborough, 1858
- 157 — Words to Rural Deans. Ditto, 1858

(To be continued.)

Progress of Scientific Ringing in Cornwall.

SIR,—It may interest and encourage aspiring ringers to learn that a band of some twelve ringers are working assiduously at this delightful though difficult art of change-ringing. Their perseverance has been rewarded at length by their having, on the 8th of September last, obtained a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, of which particulars are given below.

Penzance is the only town in Cornwall which has advanced thus far; but my object in asking you to insert our humble performance of a quarter-peal is to try and induce other towns and parishes to start similar bands, instead of being content with the very meagre prowess at present obtaining. If those well-meaning persons who offer prizes for round-ringing would assist in starting bands, and getting the bells of the county put in ringing order, they would earn the thanks of the real admirers of the art, and get a better and more intelligent class in some of the belfries, which prize-ringing will never do. Although Cornwall has several fair rings of eight in more or less bad order for scientific ringing, there is no ring of ten on which those more advanced can practise. St. Andrew's, of Plymouth, has a grand ring of ten, which should have two trebles added to make twelve, and then it would indeed be the ring *par excellence* of the three Western Counties, and the bells would be much more easily rung. In this respect in the West of England we are, as it were, only possessed of piano-forte of five octaves and a half, which is humiliating to ambitious ringers. It might be mentioned that the steeple of Calstock is the only one in Cornwall adorned with a board recording a peal of Grandsire Minor, rung some fifteen years ago. The art seems to have made a strange leap from east to west. Our quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples will be at once recognised as coming from Mr. William Banister's excellent and instructive book on Change-ringing, and contains the twelve 74's, 67's, Queen's, and Vittams, occupying 50 mins. in bringing round. Rev. A. Berry, 1; J. Symons, 2; T. Hicks, 3; C. Boase, 4; J. Hodder, 5; J. Richards, 6; H. R. Trelawny, Esq., 7; M. Bassett, 8. Conductor, H. R. Trelawny. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E. I hope before Christmas to be enabled to send you a complete peal of 5040 changes.

Yours truly,

From 'Western Morning News.'

A COLLEGE YOUTH.

A Reply to Mr. Fakenham and R. N. C.

SIR,—The Severnocks peal of Grandsire Triples, published in *Church Bells* Sept. 10, was printed correctly, and if written out properly will be found to be a true peal; but Mr. Fakenham has failed in his attempt to write the peal out, which is given so very plain and easy as to need no further explanation. The singles, or what *should* have been called doubles, are the same as those to be found in *Claris*, page 60, so they have been in use in Grandsire peals nearly one hundred years, and are not a *get-up* by me.

Having had twenty-five years' constant study in composing peals in different methods, I am prepared to give proof of what are singles or doubles, and also that the peal cannot be composed with all bobs or all doubles; and that it can be with all singles. The following is a single:—
Where one pair of bells change their course from what they 1325476
would have done at a bob, and when two pairs change their 1324567
course, it must be a double change. It must be well known that one bell cannot change its course alone, and as two bells are then to be considered as the unit, being the smallest change the method will allow, must be a single change in the order of the bells from what it would be at a bob. A single is also known by the effect that it produces in bringing certain changes at back-stroke, and unless the following are brought at back-stroke the peal cannot be composed with all that kind of call. 1324567 and 1243567 and 1432567, bobs and doubles, are alike in their effect: as it matters not which four bells lie still in the treble lead they all answer one end. This I have made a long study. I will reserve the rest for another time.

C. PAYNE.

Maidstone, Kent.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting, which was to have taken place at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 1, is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

A. S. W. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

The Royal Cumberland Society, London.

THE annual election of officers took place on Friday, the 16th ult., when the following gentlemen were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year: Mr. Geo. Newson, Master; Mr. Wm. Baron, Treasurer; Mr. Jas. Hannington, Secretary. Mr. Barry was elected as Junior Steward in the place of Mr. Strange, who takes office as Senior Steward for the ensuing year.

JAMES HANNINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

South Lincolnshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE next ordinary meeting of the above will take place at Heckington, on Saturday, October 8th. All members who intend to be present should send their names to the Secretary on or before October 1st, and to all members present who take part in the ringing an allowance of 2s. will be made, by order of the Committee.

J. R. JERRAM, *Sec., Albert Street, Spalding.*

Memorial to the late Mr. Day of Birmingham, in St. Peter's Church, Harborne, Staffordshire.

THIS Tablet was erected by John Day in memory of his uncle, Thomas Day, who died April 10th, 1879, aged 75 years, and who composed the peals hereon recorded. They were rung on these bells by members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers, Birmingham (with which Society he was many years associated), as a tribute of esteem and respect.

October 9th, 1880.

5040 Grandsire Triples,
in 2 hrs. 58 mins., by

J. Perks	...	...	...	Treble
H. Johnson	...	...	...	2nd
H. Johnson, jun.	...	...	...	3rd
T. Miller	...	...	...	4th
J. Day	...	...	...	5th
F. H. James	...	...	...	6th
J. Buffery	...	...	...	7th
Josh. Johnson	...	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. Perks.

May 7th, 1881.

H. Bastable	...	...	...	Treble
J. Perks	...	...	...	2nd
G. W. Baldwin	...	...	...	3rd
J. Buffery	...	...	...	4th

Conducted by H. Bastable.

Rev. E. Roberts, M.A., *Vicar.*

G. J. Pedley, } *Churchwardens.*
Wm. Aston, }

G. Farmer, *Tower-keeper.*

MUFFLED PEALS IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

LONDON.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., a muffled peal was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral by the Ancient Society of College Youths. The open space in front of St. Paul's, and the approaches thereto, were thronged with a sympathetic crowd, who listened with mournful interest to the sound of the heavy, muffled ring of twelve bells (tenor, 62 cwt.), which reverberated through the air, and produced a feeling of deep sadness upon the vast assemblage. After the ringers had finished the muffled peal they rang three courses of Stedman's Cinques, 396 changes, which were finely struck. The ringers were:—Pettit, Haley, Cooter, Haworth, Jameson, Mash, Dorrington, Tanner, Horrex, Wood, Hayes, Muskett, and Jones.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., by order of the churchwardens, the parochial ringers (College Youths) rang a muffled peal at St. Saviour's, Southwark (tenor, 52 cwt.). Afterwards, four courses of Stedman's Cinques.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., by the request of the Rev. J. Lindsay, Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, the tenor bell (24 cwt.) was tolled during the time of the funeral. In the evening, some members of St. James's Society rang good touches of Grandsire Triples, the bells being half-muffled.

COUNTRY.

At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., a date touch of 1881 Stedman's Triples was rung, with the bells muffled, in 1 hr. 20 mins. G. Appleby, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; J. Griffin (conductor), 3; J. Jaggard, 4; A. Wakley, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; W. Wakley, 7; R. M. Joyce, 8. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, in which the Vicar and other friends took part, were also rung during the day. Conductors, Messrs. W. & A. Wakley. Tenor, 26 cwt., in F.

At Wymeswold, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., a funeral peal of 720 changes was rung, with half-muffled bells. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; R. S. Walker, Esq., 2; J. Knifton, 3; J. Guttridge, 4; The Vicar, 5; M. Brown, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is the first half-muffled 720 ever rung in Wymeswold.

At Waltham Abbey, Essex.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., at the request of the churchwardens, the flag was raised half-mast high, and a muffled peal was rung, commencing at 1 p.m., which was conducted by Mr. Thomas Powell. Also, in the afternoon and evening, the bells being still muffled, was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1260 changes, in 46 mins. T. Mitchell, 1; J. Barker, 2; J. Pallett, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; D. Tarling, 5; P. Cleverley, 6; W. A. Alps (conductor), 7; J. Colverd, 8.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Woodford, Essex.

ON Sunday, the 18th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, was rung for service by members of the Essex Association in 26 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; G. Grice (of London), 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 19th ult., a touch of 714 Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the Old Hackney Society. J. Sumpter, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 3; W. Doran, 4; R. Turner (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6; C. Turner, 7; C. Marriot, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

ON Tuesday, the 20th ult., eight members of the North Shields Branch of the Durham Diocesan Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 31 mins., with 98 bobs and 2 Shipway singles. H. Ross (his first peal after only three weeks' practice), 1; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 2; J. Rossiter, 3; W. Waugh, 4; R. Willans, 5; R. Smith, 6; J. Hern, 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5120 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. J. Wade, 1; C. Everett, 2; G. Edwards, 3; R. Nudds, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Cunningham, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. The peal, as given, has the 6th the extent in 5-6 home at three last course-ends of each part, and was composed by Henry Dains. It was originally composed as a 5376 peal, which may be curtailed as follows: Call the fourth course of either part, 1st B 1st, and the fifth course-end is obtained, and the peal reduced to 5024 changes.

5120						5376					
2	3	4	5	6	M. B. W. H.	2	3	4	5	6	M. B. W. H.
4	6	5	3	2	2 - 2 2	4	6	5	3	2	2 - 2 2
5	2	3	6	4	2 - 2 2	5	2	3	6	4	2 - 2 2
2	5	4	6	3	2 - 2	2	5	4	6	3	2 - 2
6	4	3	5	2	1 - 1	2	4	6	5	3	1 - 2 2
4	5	6	2	3	-	4	5	6	2	3	1 -
4	3	5	2	6	- 1 1	4	3	5	2	6	- 1 1
3	2	5	4	6	1 -	3	2	5	4	6	1 -
4	5	2	3	6	1 - 2	4	5	2	3	6	1 - 2

Each repeated.

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ON the 21st ult., a date-touch of 1881 Stedman's Triples was rung in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Lawrence, 1; H. Karn, 2; H. Hodges, 3; G. Phillott, Esq., 4; W. Morris, 5; J. Belcher (conductor), 6; G. Acocks, 7; F. Musty, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. All members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild. The touch was rung to commemorate the anniversary of two old members, who rang treble and No. 5 in the touch, their united ages amounting to 143 years. Composed by J. Field of Oxford.

At All Saints, Derby.

ON Friday evening, the 23rd ult., six members of the Derby Society rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 31 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; A. Taberer, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; J. Newbold, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 30 cwt., in D.

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang Mr. E. Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes (bob and single variations), in 2 hrs. 57 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Curtis, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. Barratt, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley (first peal), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., two 360's of Bob Minor were rung in 13 mins. each. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; W. Fussell, 3; A. Batten, 4; G. Buckland, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Second 360—F. Fells, 1, and W. Wilson, 4. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Slough, Bucks.

ON Sunday, the 25th ult., it being the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, ten peals of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, making 1200 changes, were rung in 88 mins. W. Leader, 1; W. Fussell, 2; R. Flaxman (conductor), 3; J. Parker, 4; J. Piersey, 5; F. Sinkins, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in A.

At St. Giles's, Sandiacre, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 25th ult., six members of the Sandiacre Society rang for service three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 17 mins. W. Lovell, 1; A. Follows, 2; J. C. Dicken, 3; W. Gough, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; W. Hampson, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. This band has only been learning eight months, with the exception of J. C. Dicken, who has rung in several touches of Triples and Major.

At St. Mary's, Shorne, Kent.

ON Sunday morning, the 25th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, containing 8 bobs and 6 singles, composed by Mr. H. Hubbard of Norwich, was rung by members of the Gravesend Change-ringers' Society for Divine Service in 24 mins. J. N. Chapman,* 1; M. Lambert, 2; H. Weeks,* 3; W. King,* 4; B. Spinner,* 5; S. Hayes* (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. [Marked thus * are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—C. T. Salusbury—answered direct; W. Ellsmere; T. A. Duncan—any Encyclopaedia under 'BELL' will answer your question; R. Valentine; J. Drinkwater.