

that he adheres to that policy.' There are plenty of laymen to do all this work well, and in the interests of the Church, as also of the ratepayers, the clergy are much better in their own sphere. R. M. C.

Holy Trinity, Dalston.

SIR,—I shall be greatly obliged if you will allow me, through your columns, to ask for assistance in a much-needed work which we purpose starting in this parish. We are anxious to open a room where girls and young women may meet in the evenings for recreation and instruction, instead of—as so many of them are obliged to do—finding their only amusement in the streets. A large room can be obtained at a moderate rental, but it is unfurnished, and in this poor parish we have no funds to fall back on for such a purpose. Will not some, who are able to do so, help us in this work among their poorer sisters, by sending books for a library, games, materials for fancy work, illustrated papers, magazines, or coloured pictures for the walls? We propose having various benefits attached, such as clothing, boot, umbrella, and watch clubs, and to make these efficient premiums must be given on deposits. Any donations of money, games, papers, &c., will be gratefully received by Mrs. Hassard, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Dalston. EDITH HASSARD.

The Abandonment of Christianity in our Schools.

SIR,—The proposed shortening of the hours during which pupil teachers are to work in our schools is unnecessary, and is very unfair towards all other teachers. But that is not all: it means, in practice, the still further abandonment of Christianity, for it involves, in practice, the omission of the religious instruction hitherto given by pupil teachers. We are nearing the time when we shall ask, 'Is it worth our while to bestow so much labour, time, and trouble, and to give so much money in order to secure religious teaching, which is now reduced to the smallest modicum?' T. H. E.

An Urgent Appeal.

SIR,—Mr. William T. Mowbray, who started the Home Reunion Society on its present basis, and who is thoroughly deserving in every way, has been brought into rather precarious circumstances, partly by ill-health and partly by a difficulty in finding work in his old employment in a conveyancer's office. He has a wife and family in great part dependent upon him. Instead of helping him by small donations from time to time, which do no permanent good, I am desirous to raise from 100*l.* to 150*l.* to enable him to buy a small business in the outskirts of London, and should be very much obliged if our friends would make an effort speedily to collect this sum. 55*l.* has already been paid or promised, and the Rev. J. E. Vernon, 8 Arlington Villas, Clifton, Bristol, has kindly consented to receive donations. NELSON.

Queries.

AUTHOR WANTED.—'The Rev. George W. Jones' asks, 'Who is the author of a devotional book called *The Nourishment of the Christian Soul*?'

PLYMOUTH BRETHRENISM.—'J. W. C.' asks for the titles and publishers of works dealing with the errors of the 'Brethren' (Plymouth).

[Messrs. Hatchard have published a work on that subject by Miss Whately.]

LIFE OF WESLEY.—'The Vicar of a country parish' writes: 'Can any of your readers recommend a short Life of John Wesley, written in plain language, suitable for distribution in a country parish where there are many Wesleyans? Or any good tracts or sermons recording John Wesley's opinions? I have the *Church Tracts*, published by Messrs. Charles & Son, of Dublin; but these are not quite what I require for distribution.'

AUTHOR WANTED.—'H. G.' asks for the author of the following lines:—
'And all is well, tho' faith and form
Be Sundered in the night of fear,
'Well roars the storm to those that hear
A deeper voice across the storm.'

Answers to Queries.

SIMPLE FAMILY PRAYERS.—A Correspondent recommends 'A. B. C.' to get *Family Prayers in the Simplest Language*, by G. W. Mylne, published by Wm. Poole, 12A Paternoster Row, price 3*d.*, or 2*s.* 6*d.* per dozen.

PARISH CLERKS.—In answer to 'Rector's' inquiry, 'R. M.' says:—'Parish clerks are usually appointed by the vicar, but if appointed at a vestry meeting, and allowed to remain in office a reasonable time without objection having been made, such parish clerk cannot be removed except for immorality or incompetence, and then only by order of the archdeacon's court. The office is freehold, and it is not absolutely necessary to have the archdeacon's consent to hold the appointment. The parish clerk's duties are connected with the customary services and offices of the church in which he holds office. The churchwardens cannot assign to him other duties; they can only complain of neglect of duty, if any, by such parish clerk to the archdeacon at the annual Easter visitation.'

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—In answer to 'Lola,' 'Z. Z. Z.' begs to give her a few hints, as she has taught lads from 14 to 20 for some years. The first thing is to get to know them well, taking an interest in their daily life, their work, their play, their loved ones; no long prayers, but what you do have, very earnest. Teach much on prayer, illustrating your teaching from everyday events; things in the newspapers; also from nature. Tell your boys of your own daily life, some of your own experience of God's mercies; always be cheerful with boys, trust them thoroughly, and make them feel you do trust them, and care for them; and then teach them a chapter, say of the Bible, till they thoroughly understand every word, always trying to leave them with some thought to take home, such as 'loving,' 'true courage,' 'manliness,' and 'unselfishness.'

An Offer.

'W. H. Graves (B.A. Camb.), 4 Ludgate Circus Buildings, London, E.C.4,' writes: 'I should be pleased to send to any poor parish or mission about 100 copies of *Hymns A. & M.*, old edition, words only, and a few copies arranged for treble voices, all in good condition. If any priest, &c., can make use of them, and willing to defray the cost of carriage, and will communicate with me, I will send them to him.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

'GREAT PAUL' IN LONDON.

'GREAT PAUL' made its final journey from Highgate on Monday morning. Steam was got up in both engines after midnight, for the route which had been well selected by the contractor to come by Liverpool Road was forbidden by the Islington surveyor, who gave imperative orders for the bell to proceed by Upper Street. Troubles were in consequence expected over the stone-paved ascents therein, especially at the corner of Highbury Railway Station, where so many tramways intersect, and there is a very sharp curve almost impracticable for a traction-engine to surmount. However, the pilot-engine did good service by hauling the bell-engine up the several long inclines, with its steel rope and drum, and St. Paul's was reached in triumphant style at eight o'clock. The bell-trolley was admirably put alongside the launchways prepared by Mr. Penrose, and by ten o'clock the chains and securing tackle of the bell had been cleared away, and the hauling of it by ropes and blocks upon the launchways commenced; 'Great Paul' being entirely free of its travelling carriage at half-past eleven. Other blocks and tackle were then attached, and the hauling of the bell down the first incline was begun, and was safely terminated at half-past four, the noble bell being then in front of the tower doorway, ready to be taken up the second incline into the tower. The bell will be in its place to-day or Monday. There was to have been a dedication service in connexion with the new bell to-day, but it is, we understand, postponed.

The Hubbard Testimonial Fund.

THE headstone over the grave of the late Mr. Henry Hubbard, in the Woodhouse Hill Cemetery, Hunslet, near Leeds, which has been erected out of the funds of the Hubbard Testimonial, has now been completed. A bell is shown in relief on the stone, which also bears the following inscription:—

'AS A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO
HENRY HUBBARD, CHANGE-RINGER,
BORN AT NORWICH, AUGUST 25TH, 1807.
DIED AT HUNSLET, OCTOBER 9TH, 1881.
AGED 74 YEARS.

Author of *Elements of Campanologia*. Twenty years a member of the Society of Norwich Scholars, and afterwards, for twenty-two years, a ringer at the Leeds Parish Church. This stone was erected by the contributions of change-ringers from different parts of the country.'

A meeting of the Testimonial Committee was held on the 18th inst., when the Secretary reported that a total sum of 28*l.* 17*s.* had been received, and that after payment of the cost of stone a sum of 2*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* remained. A minute was passed that, in accordance with previous announcements, this balance should be paid to the widow, Mrs. Henry Hubbard. Several votes of thanks to the contributors and others then concluded the business of the meeting. JASPER W. SNOWDON, Hon. Sec.

'The Touch of Bob Minor at Leytonstone.

SIR,—Mr. Ellsmore would do a favour by giving the calling of the 50*4* reported to have been rung on the 25th ult. at St. John the Baptist's, Leytonstone. NOVICE.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

MEMBERS who intend to contribute to the 'Mason' Testimonial are requested to forward their donations to the Local Secretaries, or the undersigned, as early as possible, as it is intended to close the 'List' by June 24th, the date of the next quarterly meeting.

A ringing meeting will take place on Whit Saturday, June 3rd, at Leyland, conjointly with the Six-bells' Association, who will hold their annual meeting on the same day. Tea will be provided at the 'Roebuck Hotel,' tickets 1*s.* 6*d.* each. Any one desiring tickets may obtain them from the Secretaries.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Lancashire Association of Six Bell Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at Leyland on the 3rd of June, the bells will be open for ringing from one o'clock. A tea will be provided at the 'Roebuck Hotel,' at five o'clock. Tickets, 1*s.* 6*d.* each, may be had from John Higson, Secretary.

Notice.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Kent County Association of Change-ringers will be held on Whit Monday, at Maidstone. Service in All Saints' Church at 10.30.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the St. James's Company rang a muffled touch of 1564 Grandsire Triples (tenor half open) in 65 mins., as a last mark of respect for Mr. J. Farrants of Great Barton, who was for thirty years a much-respected member of this company. A. Osborn (conductor), 1; E. Buckle, 2; R. Wilding, 3; G. Cornell, 4; A. Bridges, 5; J. Adams, 6; R. Moore, 7. [8th bell not mentioned.] Tenor, 30 cwt.

At Hurworth-on-Tees, Durham.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., a peal of Bob Minor was rung in 29 mins. by Rev. W. H. Deane (first peal), 1; J. Gaines, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; J. Temple, 4; G. Garbutt, 5; H. Thompson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Luke's, Bedminster, Bristol.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung. H. Senshler,* 1; C. Waters, 2; J. Brain, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; J. Norton, 5; T. Staddon,* 6. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, containing 194 bobs and 46 singles, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. Waghorn, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; W. Jones, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; H. Freeman, 5; T. Taylor, 6; G. Freeman (conductor), 7; E. Freeman, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E flat. The peal was rung to commemorate the opening of the new chancel by the Bishop of Rochester.

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

On Thursday, the 4th inst., Hubbard's Five-part peal of 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 29½ mins. F. W. Dawson,* 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger, 5; A. Wakley, 6; F. W. Appleby, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This is the first peal in the method by all of the above, and is thought to be the first ever completed in the county. [* First peal in any method.]

At St. Paul's, Denholme Gate, near Bradford, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association, also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 59 mins. A. Moulson, 1; H. Raistrich, 2; R. Tuke, Esq., 3; J. Broadley, 4; J. Cheetham, 5; J. Wilson, 6; J. Standeven, 7; J. W. Snowden, Esq. (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by J. Buckley. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Aston, Warwickshire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., ten members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang a peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 20 mins. T. Reynolds, 1; T. Miller, 2; H. Johnson, sen. (composer), 3; H. Bastable, 4; H. Johnson, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6; J. Perry, 7; J. Sanders, 8; C. Standbridge, 9; R. Jones, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. The peal contains the 24 courses with the 6th behind the 9th, and 24 courses with the 6th behind the 8th.

At All Saints', Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., six members of the Durham Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, consisting of 9 bobs, in 30 mins. G. Campbell,* 1; R. Willans, 2; W. G. Routledge,* 3; E. Wallis, 4; R. S. Story,* 5; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19 cwt. [* First peal in this method.]

At St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 27 mins., to commemorate the opening of Epping Forest by her Majesty. A. H. Gardom, Esq., 1; J. Priest, 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; G. Akers, 4; C. Holden (conductor), 5; E. Barnett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At SS. Philip and James, Clifton, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., for evening service, a peal of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. W. Challenger, 1; J. Cundall, 2; T. Haigh, 3; G. Breed (conductor), 4; T. Hodgson, 5; W. Morrell, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., eight members of the St. Stephen's Branch of the Durham Diocesan Association rang for morning service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. R. Ramage, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; E. W. Scott, 4; F. Ord, 5; G. W. Stobart, 6; E. Wallis, 7; E. Watson, 8. The 6th and 8th were rung behind.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Monday, the 8th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 40 singles, was rung in 25 mins. W. Smith, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; G. Akers, 3; S. Jarman, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6. This peal was taken from *Church Bells* of May 6th, and belongs to Mr. J. J. Parker of Farnham Royal. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

At St. Nicholas, Long Crendon, Bucks.

On Monday, the 8th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. R. W. Rose,* 1; L. Ing, 2; G. Cadle, 3; J. Warner (conductor), 4; M. Warner, 5; G. Warner, 6; W. Cadle, 7; F. Turner,* 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., ten members of the St. Margaret's Society rang a half-muffled peal in whole pulls as a mark of respect to the late Lord F. Cavendish, M.P. A. Smith, 1; J. E. Scott, 2; A. Rumbold, 3; W. Shapland, 4; W. Fogden, 5; J. Dod, 6; S. Smith, 7; J. N. Oxborough, 8; G. Scowen, 9; A. Andrews, 10.

At St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester.—Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Minor (720 changes) was rung in 26 mins. on the first six bells, by members of St. John's Bell-ringers' Society, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Frederick Cavendish. C. H. Gregory, 1; J. E. Pollitt, 2; F. W. Mould, 3; P. G. Lord, 4; S. H. H. Henn, 5; A. Wood (conductor), 6. The tenors were rung by Messrs. Wolstenholme and Hague. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Rickinghall, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., four of the Redgrave members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Driver, jun., 1; B. Broome, 2; J. Hawes, 3; W. Morley, 4; H. Morley, jun., 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G flat.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., for evening service, eight members of the Society of College Youths rang a quarter peal of Stedman's Triples, containing 1260 changes, in 40 minutes. H. Bright,* 1; H. Harvey,* 2; W. G. Shade, 3; C. Harvey,* 4; F. Bidgood,* 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; W. Aldridge,* 7; J. Meaden,* 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. [* Their first quarter-peal in this method.]

At Dunster, Somerset.—Muffled Peal.

On the occasion of the burial of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the front five of the ring of eight (six, seven, and tenor being kept at home). The changes were rung in whole pulls, one side only of the clapper being muffled. J. Evans, 1; W. Thorn, 2; R. Holl, 3; C. B. Craze, 4; Rev. J. Utten Todd, 5; W. Thrush, 6; E. Hole, 7; J. Pain, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in F.

At Folkestone, Kent.

On the 11th inst., a muffled touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung on the day of the funeral of Lord F. Cavendish. E. L. Dale, 1; J. Harrison, 2; J. Fisher, 3; S. Barker (conductor), 4; H. Croucher, 5; F. Finn, 6; F. Slingsby, 7; W. Booth, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt. The last seven members belong to the Kent County Association.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.—Muffled Touch.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., the Abbey Society rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), as a tribute of respect to the late Lord F. Cavendish. R. H. Witherington, 1; G. Willis, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; C. Axford, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

At St. Nicholas, Newington, Hythe, Kent.

On Friday, the 12th inst., five members of the Kent County Association rang six scores of doubles, Steadman's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. E. Halliday, 1; J. Hogben, 2; A. Santon, 3; J. Nutley, 4; J. Marsh (conductor), 5.

At St. Mary's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

	2	3	4	5	6	M.	B.	W.	H.
At St. Mary's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.	2	3	4	5	6	2	-	2	2
On Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members	2	4	3	6	5	2	-	1	2
of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5184	4	5	3	6	2	1	-	2	2
Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 27 mins. T.	5	4	2	6	3	-	1	2	2
Dixon (conductor), 1; Jos. Mulligan, 2; H. Madin,	6	2	4	5	3	-	2	2	2
5, 2; 4; 3; 6; 1	2	6	3	5	4	-	1	2	2
3; J. Mulligan, 4; W. Coates, 5; C. H. Hattersley	6	4	3	5	2	1	-	2	2
(composer), 6; T. Hattersley, 7; A. Brierley, 8.	5	2	4	3	6	1	-	2	2
This peal has never been rung before, and has	3	6	5	2	4	2	-	1	2
the 5th and 6th their extent. Tenor, 25 cwt.	2	3	6	4	5	2	-	2	2
	2	5	3	4	6	1	-	2	2
	2	3	4	5	6	1	-	2	2

At St. Mary's, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., a party of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor (Hubbard's 8 bobs and 6 singles) in 27 mins. J. King, 1; W. Smith, 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; H. Nunn, 4; H. Scarlett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6. Although these bells have been hung for more than two hundred years, there is no record of any peal having been rung on them; this is, therefore, supposed to be the first peal on the bells. Several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Grandsire Minor were also rung; in which Mr. G. Akers of the above Association, and Mr. H. Barnett of the Tottenham Society, assisted. Tenor, 1 ton, in E. The bells are in very bad order. An attempt was made to ring a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor; but the tenor rope 'slipping wheel,' coiled round the ringer, who was elevated to a considerable height, and in coming down again was dashed with great force on the floor of the belfry. Though he was considerably shaken, the result was not so serious as might have been expected.

At Manchester Cathedral.

	2	3	4	5	6	M.	W.	H.
At Manchester Cathedral.	5	2	3	6	4	2	2	2
On Saturday, the 13th inst., a peal of 5160 Kent	2	4	3	6	5	1	-	2
Treble Bob Royal was rung in 3 hrs. 32 mins. T.	1	5	3	6	2	1	-	2
Moss, 1; H. Rostron, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Wood, 4;	5	4	2	6	3	2	-	2
6, 2; 4; 5; 3	6	2	4	5	3	2	-	2
B. Broadbent, 5; T. Wilde, 6; S. Andrew, 7; J. S.	2	6	3	5	4	2	-	2
8, 3; 5; 2	6	4	3	5	2	1	-	2
Wilde, 8; J. Thorpe, 9; S. Wood (composer and	5	2	4	3	6	1	-	2
conductor), 10. Tenor, 25 cwt.	5	4	3	2	6	1	-	2
	2	3	4	5	6	2	-	2

At Holy Trinity, Dartford, Kent.

On Sunday, the 14th inst., a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the morning service by a mixed party of the Dartford, Crayford, and Gravesend companies, in 45 mins. C. Hammant, 1; Harry Peirce (conductor), 2; Herbert Peirce, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Saxby, 5; J. Blackman, 6; M. Jacobs, 7; J. Chapman, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F. The bells have recently been rehung, and a new treble supplied, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

At St. Mary's, Frittenden, Kent.

On Monday, the 15th inst., a peal of 5376 Bob Major was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. C. Payne (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; E. Baldoock, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Taylor, 5; T. Potter, 6; W. Brattle, 7; F. G. Newman, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G flat.

At Hyde, Cheshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Monday, the 15th inst., eight members of the St. George's Society rang a touch of Plain Bob Major in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. Rostorn (conductor), 1; J. Shaw, 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. S. Wilde (composer), 7; T. Wilde, 8. The above piece contains 1832 changes, and was rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Thomas Burke.

REPORTS have also been received from other places, which will be inserted in due course.