

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

UNITED STATES.

DR. PINKNEY, Bishop of Maryland, died suddenly on July 4th. He had previously been Coadjutor to Bishop Whittingham.

Last week we should have spoken of the Seabury commemoration in Connecticut, as a centenary of the proto-bishop's election, not consecration. The latter event occurred in October, 1784. The present Primus of the Scottish Church has thus adverted to it:—'That consecration by the Scottish Bishops took place at a time when not more than four persons might meet together in public worship—except members of a family—without being liable for a first offence to imprisonment for six months, and for a second offence to be transported for life. Our Scottish Bishops had been reduced in a century from 14 Bishops and 1000 clergy to 4 Bishops and 42 clergy. When we remember that in that period God so far honoured our small Church as to make her the instrument of conferring the episcopate upon the great and powerful Republic of America, I really think it is our bounden duty as a Church next year to commemorate in some way in Aberdeen the consecration of Bishop Seabury.'

CHINA.

FROM the island of Formosa Dr. Mackay writes to the *Canada Presbyterian*: 'A thousand aborigines have thrown away their idols. They are Malays and not Chinese, and are generally found on the mountainous parts. Their religion has a mixture of Mohammedanism; they are for the most part savages.'

JAPAN.

THE Report of the tenth meeting of the Evangelic Alliance of Japan shows that 'the Protestant Church' has in that empire 89 male missionaries, 56 female missionaries, 93 organized churches, 4987 members, 68 secular schools with 2546 pupils, 7 theological schools with 71 students, 109 Sunday schools with 4132 pupils, 49 ordained native preachers and pastors, 100 assistant preachers, catechists, &c., 37 Bible women, and 13 hospitals and dispensaries. Over 75,000 Testaments and Scripture portions were distributed during 1882; the Religious Tract Society circulated 48,690 volumes; the American Congregationalists have 13 'churches,' paying the salary of their pastors and all other expenses. The American Presbyterians report the largest membership, having 1211 members. The American missionary, Mr. G. W. Knox, writes 'that a prominent Korean who had come to Japan has studied Christianity and asked for baptism. This convert is very desirous that a mission be started in Corea, promising to protect and aid it; and as his friends are once more in the control of the Government, his influence will be considerable. A few days since he came to my house with a second Korean who is also interested in Christianity, and desires to stay in Tokiyo for a year or two for the express object of studying theology, with the purpose of returning as a missionary to his countrymen. Our Japanese Christians are themselves very desirous that a Korean mission be started; some of them would willingly go as missionaries.'

BORNEO.

ON Trinity Sunday the Bishop of Singapore, Labuan, and Sarawak, held an ordination at Sarawak, when the Revs. M. J. Bywater, C. W. Fowler, and L. W. Howell, were ordained priests. Archdeacon Mesney presented the candidates, the Rev. J. Perham preached the sermon. The choir was composed of Chinese and Dyak boys; to these nationalities also a large part of the congregation belonged. Missionary work in the island will, it is hoped, be shortly extended into the territory acquired by the new North-East Borneo Company. The appointment of a distinct Missionary Bishop for this fresh region is already proposed by some influential members of the S. P. G.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE ninth Provincial Synod met on April 3rd at Napier, the Primate of New Zealand (Bishop Harper of Christchurch, now in his eightieth year) presiding. The five other Bishops of New Zealand were present, as also the Bishop of Melanesia. The Primate, in his opening address, remarked on the recent sanction by the Colonial Legislature of marriage with a deceased wife's sister: 'The Maori members of the New Zealand Parliament described such a sanction as a return to their old heathen practice, which also allowed, as they stated, the marriage of a brother's wife: no severer condemnation can well be imagined.' One peculiar feature of the subsequent proceedings of the Synod was the report made by the Bishop of Dunedin as the Synod's appointed correspondent with the Church of Sweden. He produced correspondence with Dr. Grafstrom, dean of the Swedish chapels royal and rector of St. Clara, Stockholm, in which that dignitary expressed his strong wish for a fuller realising of Anglican intercommunion. With regard to the proposal of the Synod, that the Swedish Church should send to New Zealand a missionary for the Scandinavian emigrants, Dr. Grafstrom regretted that the Foreign Missionary Board was unable at present to incur the expense, inasmuch as the Norwegian mission to South Africa and Madagascar absorbed the whole of its funds, especially after the ruin caused by the Zulu war. The Bishop of Nelson stated, that on leaving England just after the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury he received from his Grace the following reply to a congratulation: 'My dear Brother and Bishop of Nelson,—Let me thank you very sincerely and earnestly for what you say in your own person and in the name of others. The great Church had need be one; and I pray God that the vast and deep feeling between England and the daughter and kindred Churches may (as God seems to mean it to do) be the most mighty agent—like the Eagle flying with the Gospel in the Apocalypse—in making men know Him and the Word. Other Churches have tried, and have been tried, and found wanting. May we serve like a new bride the Lord Himself. Your mention of laity is delightful. How much to be done before laity means all it ought! You must take our prayers in exchange for yours left here. Yours sincerely and brotherly in Him, E. W. TRURO.' The Synod also resolved on an address to the Archbishop.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Surrey Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Croydon on July 31st, the Rev. J. M. Braithwaite, vicar, in the chair. About twenty-five members sat down to tea, after which the business meeting was held. The business included election of officers and new members, and it was determined that the next district meeting (for ringing only) should be held at Ashstead early in September, and the next quarterly meeting at Reigate early in October. After a short service in the parish church, and an appropriate address by the vicar, the members proceeded to the tower, when several touches were brought round in the following methods: Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Union Triples, and Plain Bob Major. Ringing ceased shortly before ten o'clock.

R. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Bell-ringing Jubilee of Mr. John Cox.

Already announced		£9 12 0
Waterloo Society, London		1 1 0
The Rev. E. C. Hawkins, vicar, St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London		1 1 0
The Society of St. Mary-le-Tower (Norwich Association), Suffolk		0 11 0
Mr. Langdon, London		0 1 0
York Minster Society (Yorkshire Association)		0 10 0
J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (additional)		0 5 6
Mr. M. A. Wood, College Youth		0 5 0
Mr. E. J. Comb, College Youth		0 5 0
St. Andrew's Society of Ringers (Worcester Association)		0 2 6
Mr. Penymecure		0 2 6
Mr. R. Flaxman		0 1 0
Mr. W. Leader		0 1 0
The Rev. H. Whitehead, Brampton Vicarage, Carlisle		0 5 0
Mr. John Lewis, London		0 2 0
Mr. J. R. Haworth		0 2 6
The Rev. J. Francis, vicar, Waltham Abbey		0 2 6
A. H. Gardom, Esq.		0 5 0
R. Sewell, Esq., Barking		0 5 0

HENRY DAINES.

Worcester Diocesan and adjoining District Change-ringing Association.

THE first Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held on Monday, August 27th, in All Saints' Schoolroom, Worcester. Full particulars in next week's issue.

JNO. SMITH.

St. James's Day, St. James's Church (Clerkenwell, London), St. James's Society, and Eight Ringers whose names commence with James.

ON Wednesday, St. James's Day, the 25th ult., the following members of St. James's Society attempted to ring a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3000 changes James No. 7 was taken ill. James Nixon, 1; James R. Haworth, 2; James Pettit (conductor), 3; James Page, 4; James Leach, 5; James Hannington, 6; James Barrett, 7; James Monday, 8. Thanks are due to the Churchwardens of St. James's Church for their kindness in permitting the peal to be attempted, which it is hoped will be accomplished next year.

Muffled Peal at St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk.

ON Sunday evening, the 22nd ult., a muffled peal was rung, as a mark of respect for the late Rev. G. H. Harris, vicar of Tunstead, who was Secretary and Treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

Change-ringing at Rettendon, Essex.

ON Saturday afternoon, the 21st ult., the All Saints' Company of Ringers from Maldon visited Rettendon, and by kind permission of the Rev. H. A. Cockey rang peals in the following methods:—720 Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Double Court Bob. Rev. H. A. Cockey, Hon. Sec. of the Essex Association, 1; S. Coble,* 2; F. Fitch,* 3; R. Hutson,* 4; T. Mansfield,* 5; G. Mansfield,* 6; W. Chalk* (conductor), 7; W. Mansfield,* 8. Tenor, 8 cwt. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles with three of the Rettendon Company. Through the kindness of the Rev. H. A. Cockey the ringers were invited to the Hall, where a substantial repast was provided for them. After some tunes on the handbells about nine o'clock the party started for home, well pleased with their afternoon outing. [Marked thus * are members of the E. A. C. R.]

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. A. Sole—will reply.

PROGRESS IN CHANGE-RINGING.

By a Looker-on in India.

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MIDDLESEX AND THE METROPOLITAN COMPANIES.

COLLEGE YOUTHS.—1878, 2 peals of K. Royal; 4 peals of K. M.; 2 of St. Caters; 1 of G. Caters; 11 of G. T.: and 1 of St. T.
 „ „ 1879, 2 peals of St. Cinques and 1300 changes of ditto at St. Paul's; 3 peals of K. Royal; 2 of St. Caters; 2 of K. M.; 1 of St. T.; and 6 of G. T.
 „ „ 1880, 1 peal of St. Cinques; 1 of K. Max.; 1 of K. Royal; 1 of St. Caters; 3 of K. M.; 2 of St. T.; and 8 of G. T.
 „ „ 1881, a peal of 5014 St. Cinques in 4 hrs. 17 mins. at St. Paul's; 1 peal of St. Cinques; 1 of St. Caters; 1 of G. Caters; 1 of K. M.; 1 of St. T.; and 6 of G. T.

COLLEGE YOUTHS.—1882, 4 peals of St. Cinques; 1 peal of St. Caters; 4 peals of St. T.; 1 peal of K. Royal; 1 of K. M.; and 2 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major; 1 peal of G. Caters and 12 peals of G. T. in the tower, and 1 in hand.

CUMBERLANDS.—1878, 4 peals of K. M. and 5 of G. T.

1879, 1 peal of K. Royal; 2 of K. M.; and 1 of G. T.

1880, 1 peal of St. Caters; 2 of K. M.; and 2 of G. T.

1881, 2 peals of St. Cinques; 1 of K. Royal; 1 of G. Caters; 4 of K. M.; and 2 of G. T.

1882, 1 peal of K. Royal and 9 peals of K. M.; 3 peals of St. Caters and 3 of St. T.; 4 peals of G. Caters and 7 peals of G. T.

St. JAMES' SOCIETY.—1878, 8099 of G. Caters and 1 peal of G. T.

1879, 1 peal of St. Cinques; 1 of G. Caters; 1 of K. M.; and 1 of G. T.

1880, Nothing reported.

1881, 1 peal of K. Royal; 2 of G. Caters; 2 of St. T.; and 1 of G. T.

1882, 1 peal of K. Royal; 1 of K. M.; 1 of G. Caters; and 2 of G. T.

WATERLOO SOCIETY.—1878, 1 peal of G. T.

1879, 1 peal of St. Caters; 1 peal of G. ditto; and 4 of G. T.

1880, Nothing reported.

1881, 3 peals of G. T.

1882, 3 peals of G. T.

FULHAM rang a peal of G. Caters in 1879. Their charming ring has been rehanged.

ISLEWORTH rang a long touch of G. T.

TOTTENHAM rang Doubles in 1879, Minor in 1880; their ring was made

eight in 1881, and in 1882 they rang a peal of G. T.

THE WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION rang a peal of G. T. in 1882.

THE HACKNEY SOCIETY rang a Touch of G. T., 714 changes.

Minor was reported from Willesden, Chiswick, and Haverstock Hill.

In 1878 the light ring of ten in the tower of St. Dionis was removed to All Hallows, Lombard Street; a new ring of eight was given to Ruislip; and another to the Church of St. John, Wilton Road. In 1879 the ring at St. Mary Abbott's was made ten; and that at Southgate was made eight; a new ring of eight was given to the Chapel-of-ease, Islington. In 1880 a new ring of eight (tenor, 21 cwt., by Lewis of Brixton) was given to St. Andrew, Wells Street.

The fact that the Birmingham men have cut the long length of Stedman's Cinques rung by the College Youths in 1861 should lead to some healthy competition; the London ringers have practised Stedman's Cinques much of late years, and should be very hard to beat in that their favourite method.

NORFOLK.

In most counties Kent Treble Bob has taken the place of the older Oxford Variation: in Norfolk, however, Oxford Treble Bob is still much practised.

REDENHALL.—1878, 2 peals of G. T. and 1 peal of O. M.

1879, 3 peals of O. M. (1 of 8000 changes); 1 each of Bob M. and St. T.

1880, 3 peals of O. M.

1881, 5 peals of O. M. and 1 of Double Oxford Bob Major.

1882, 5 peals of Treble Bob Major.

Superlative Surprise Major is also rung by this Company, and on the whole we may say, 'Well done, Redenhall!'

DISS.—1878, 1 peal of Bob Major and 1 Date Touch of K. M.

1879, 1 peal and 2 Touches of Bob M.; 1 peal and 1 Date Touch of K. M.

1880, 2 peals and 1 Date Touch of K. M.; also 2 peals with Kenninghall and 4 peals with Eye.

1881, 2 peals of K. M. and 720 Double Court Minor.

1882, 1 peal of K. M.

KENNINGHALL.—1878, 3 peals of O. M.

1879, 2 peals and 1 Date Touch of K. M.; 1 peal and 1 Date Touch of G. T.

1880, 8 peals of Treble Bob Major.

1881, 8 peals of Treble Bob Major.

1882, 3 peals of Treble Bob Major.

YARMOUTH.—1880, 1008 of Bob Major; 1880 of ditto; 1 half-peal of G. T.

1881, 1 peal of G. T. This revival of ringing is most gratifying.

1882, a Long Touch of G. T.

ALBURN rang 3 or 4 peals of Treble Bob Major.

In 1879 **NORWICH** rang a peal of Bob Major, the first 5000 for upwards of

20 years—'How are the mighty fallen!' in 1882 1 peal of O. M.

AYSHAM rang Bob Major, and Bob Minor, and Bob Royal with help.

PULHAM and **BANHAM** each rang Minor of sorts, including Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Minor was rung at **GARBOLDISHAM**, **WHITWELL**, **SALL**, **HINGHAM**, **WOODTON**, and **EAST HARBING**. Also at many places which sent no reports.

ACLE ringers rang G. Doubles and St. ditto.

A mixed band rang a peal of O. M. at **TUNSTEAD**, in 1882. In 1881 six gentlemen in Holy Orders rang Bob Doubles, G. Doubles, St. Doubles, Bob Minor, and Treble Bob Minor.

A new company was formed in 1882 at **TERRINGTON**, who rang B. Minor.

During the period under report there has been no addition to the bells of the county which requires notice; on the contrary, Norfolk has lost one of its rings of eight, which was destroyed by fire at Wells-next-the-Sea in 1879.

In 1878 death removed that fine old ringer and conductor, Truman of Norwich: one of the formerly celebrated band of ringers of St. Peter, Man-croft; it was he who conducted the long peal of St. Cinques, 7126 changes. He died at a good old age, and was much respected.

(To be continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

St. Albans.

SIR,—I have read with interest the article signed 'G. V.', p. 653, in your issue of 21st July. One matter I wish to call 'G. V.'s' attention to, viz., he states the population of St. Albans to be between 8000 and 10,000; he will see by the following table that he is not correct. I give the figures, 1801 to present time.

POPULATION OF ST. ALBANS.									
1801.	1811.	1821.	1831.	1841.	1851.	1861.	1871.	1881.	
Municipal City and Borough	3038	3653	4472	4772	6497	7000	7675	8298	10,930
The present 5 Civil Parishes, formerly 13 Parishes and Precincts									
	6526	7245	9053	10,148	11,181	12,031	12,759	14,121	15,731

I have given the total of the parishes, because several portions of the suburbs are not within the municipal boundary. The figures 1801 to 1871 are from the corrected census returns, those for 1881 from the preliminary report.

The church accommodation is as follows:—

	No.	Seats.
ESTABLISHED CHURCH. The Cathedral (estimated as 1200 in the Ritual Choir) and 4 others	5	3050
NONCONFORMIST. 3 Baptist, 1 Congregational, 1 Wesleyan, 1 Primitive Methodist (Trinity Chapel, formerly Presbyterian), 1 Plymouth Brethren	7	2600
POPIST CHAPEL	1	100
Totals	13	5750

There are many cities smaller than St. Albans. I know of the following, with populations in 1881:—

Chichester	8072	Truro	10,633
Exeter	8172	Wells	4,633
Illy	8380	Bangor	8,240
Lichfield	7390	Llandaff	
Ripon		St. Asaph	
Southwell (shortly to be made a city)	2866	St. David's	Not given, but are mere villages.

I have confined myself to England and Wales, having no details for Scotland, Ireland, and the Isle of Man.

The bells of St. Albans are as follows:—

	No.	Key.	Weight of Tenor.	Date and Founder of oldest.
1. Cathedral	8	E flat	Cwt. 30, about	1699. P. Wightman.
2. St. Michael	6	G	9 1 25	1739. S. Knight.
3. St. Peter	10	D	24, about	1729. R. Phelps.
4. St. Stephen	6	A	9 3 24	1803. T. Mears.
5. Clock Tower	2	F	20, about	Medieval, about 1427.
6. Christ Church	1	F sharp	3 3 11	1858. G. Mears.

NOTE.—That the Cathedral has also an ancient Sanctus bell, and that St. Peter's had 2 more bells, making 12 from 1863 till this present year, when they were barbarously sold. See *Church Bells*, April 28 and May 5, 12, 19, and 26, last.

It would make an interesting series of articles if some of your readers would 'work up' a city as I have done above, and thus we should get details of all in time.

34 Nutfield Road, Dulwich.

Early Service before Harvest.

SIR,—As harvest time is drawing near, will you allow me to repeat an inquiry which you kindly inserted in *Church Bells* last year, asking for information as to any parishes in which an early service before harvest was held; for, probably, few are aware how fully it is appreciated? The only reply it then elicited was from the Rector of Rollesby, which referred to an evening service, to which a 'popular preacher' would naturally attract a 'large congregation.' An interesting account of a 5 a.m. service was given in the October, 1875, number of *Sunday at Home*, at which an address was given by the Bishop, who afterwards proceeded to his own field, on which the labourers began their work. A similar 6 a.m. service has been held by the vicar of a small parish of five hundred inhabitants for the last twenty years, when upwards of a hundred, consisting of employers and labourers, attend and go from the church to their work.

Perhaps, in asking for information, the success which has so long attended this service may lead others to seek a blessing before harvest, to which the thanksgiving for the ingathering is a sequel.

A CONSTANT READER.

Attendance at East-end Churches.

SIR,—I was for seven years a curate in the East-end of London, and, judging from my experience, I should regard Mr. Fillingham's statistics as in the main correct. I preached in some thirty different churches in the parishes of Stepney, Limehouse, Bow, Poplar, and Bethnal Green: and even on Sunday evenings the congregations were deplorably small. I generally estimated the number present and found it vary from from 60 to 200, and in a few instances it reached 300. As regards the morning service, in many churches it might have been easily, and far more comfortably held in a small mission-room. I was told that on a certain Sunday evening there were but 900 persons present in the four churches in Bow Parish, which includes Old Ford, and has a population of 25,000. I know the four churches referred to, and believe the numbers stated were substantially correct. I think myself, more good would be done if less money were spent in erecting costly churches and schools, and more upon mission-rooms, where the poor could come in their ordinary dress, and where the services could be adapted to suit their needs.

EX-EAST-ENDER.

SIR,—Mr. Fillingham's charges against me in his letter to you are almost identical with those published in the *Echo*, and as the Editor of that paper inserted my reply in his issue of yesterday, I ask the same courtesy of you, and enclose the letter for the purpose. But when he further asserts that it is 'absolutely untrue' that, as I stated, there were 617 persons present on the morning of June 24th, I can only, without following him in his use of slanderous expressions, leave it to your readers to decide whether my two churchwardens and six sidesmen, who undertake this duty every Sunday,