where intelligent-looking men and women shake their heads at a word of English.

And now for the explanation of these little edifices, which are far older than the majority of English parish churches. So long ago as A.D. 182 there was founded in Flintshire, at Bangor-is-coed, a monastery or school for clergy, which grew to large dimensions. But in the year 603 our King Ethelred advanced upon this monastery and killed many of the monks. The massacre put an end to the establishment, but not to all the monks. The survivors separated and wandered about Wales in quest of places where they might believe themselves secure from fresh pagan marauders. Some of them wandered into Anglesey, and there built little cells wherein to live and worship. What more natural than that the natives of Ynys Fon should wish to share in these religious privileges. The cells grew into churches in this way; and in this way also may the etymology of these villages or churches be understood. The monk Flewyn was the sponsor of Llanflewyn ('Llan' meaning a church or yard), Beulan of Llanbeulan, &c. Other holy men and women sought out a like retirement, and were the founders of quaint little churches. As Rowlands, the antiquary of Anglesey, says: They 'consulted more their own retiredness and solitariness of living than the conveniences of their congregations in their choosing the sites of their cells and churches.' One may go further, and say that they thought nothing about congregations until the people came and asked to be allowed to join in their prayers. The two churches already noted, Llanbadrig and Llanrhwydrys, have a more venerable origin than the rest. Rhwydrys, the son of a king of Connaught, in the course of his travels, alighted by this bleak spot, and there built him a cloister in the year A.D. 570: hence Llanrhwdrys. As for Llanbadrig, it may claim the reverence of all good Irishmen, inasmuch as St. Patrick himself was the author of it. He touched at Anglesey on his way from Rome to Ireland, and instituted Llanbadrig (Badrig=Patrick) before he had made a single convert to Christianity in the country he was commissioned to Christianise. So it is said.

It was this same longing for seclusion that drove certain of these hermits to establish themselves upon the extreme ends of rock promontories, which have in course of time been cut away from the mainland. Llangwyfan, in the south-west, is a very singular example of this. The coast-line of the island is here rugged without being colossal. Its rocks are, however, terribly lashed and broken by the force of the south-west gales. Originally, no doubt, the church of Llangwyfan was fairly accessible. Now it is a melancholy ruin, standing on an artificial embankment of bones and gravel, surrounded by prodigious masses of malodorous seaweed, and at high tide by the sea itself. Up to a time well within the memory of the parishioners, service was held in this gusty little church, which is not more than forty feet long by twelve or thirteen feet in width. But there was always a certain measure of anxiety upon the congregation during the service. The causeway connecting the church with the mainland is rough in the extreme, and available only at low tide or half tide. With a strong wind upon the shore the sea is wont to come up very quickly. The tide was therefore always a matter of the gravest consideration. In the heat of his eloquence the clergyman might forget the conditions under which he held his cure, and preach until the water came up over the track; and then there would be a joyous baring of legs among the youngsters, and a brisk arrangement between the elders as to who should carry whom. It got so bad at length that the church had to be abandoned. Nowadays the church and the churchyard seem devoted to the elements. The winds and rains have pared the circuit of the embankment to a nicety. It is as if a Titanic knife had been carried round it. And, as you stumble over the litter of stones and gravel at the base of the pile, you soon discover that by slow degrees the old dead of Llangwyfan are being washed from their resting-places. Skulls, thighs, and other parts of the human framework stick through the soil, awaiting the first hearty shower that shall give them a chance of detaching. Thus, within a term of years almost mathematically computable, the church and churchyard will go down before the sea, and be covered by the sands which are subtly invading the country here and elsewhere.

One more of these churches may be noticed—that of Llandyssilio. It is built on an islet in the Menai Strait, between the two bridges which bind Anglesey to Carnarvonshire. Pennant considered Llandyssilio 'a most dreary cure.' It may be so in winter, but in summer it is pleasant enough, sheltered as it is by a small copse of dark pines where its causeway links it to the shore, with the sparkling current of the Menai washing its rocks, and the vivid green of the banks of the two shires vanishing towards the west. Llandissilio is used as a district cemetery. It also feeds the cow of a cottager who lives on the islet; and to invigorate one's thoughts there is now to be seen peering over the woods on the right hand the bronze figure of the Marquis of Anglesey upon his column, the man whom Fortune is said to have relieved of a limb, because—

'She saw two legs were lost on him,
Who never meant to run.'

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

The General Quarterly Meeting of the above Association of Change-ringers was held at Market Rasen on Saturday week. As soon as the visitors arrived the bells at Market Rasen were raised in peal, and subsequently a company was despatched to the neighbouring village of Claxby, in response to the kind invitation of the Rev. S. W. Andrews. At Claxby several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung, the Rector kindly inviting the ringers to the Rectory to partake of refreshment. An adjournment was made to the Rectory, where the visitors rang on their handbells double-handed courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews for their kindness, and the company hastened back to Market Rasen. The Rev. S. W. Andrews at once took the presidential chair. Tea ended, the genial Chairman submitted the customary loyal toast, which was cordially received. Dr. E. W. Barton proposed 'The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese.' They were all Churchmen, and united in their Church. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of their worthy friend and Rural Dean, the Rev. W. W. Cooper. In responding, the Rev. W. W. Cooper said that he was very pleased to be present, and hoped this might not be the last time he might have the pleasure of meeting them. The Rev. W. F. W. Westbrooke was extremely pleased to be here; he had very often wished to be present at one of these Association meetings, because he had from the first had the welfare of the Association at heart. He believed the organization had already done a good deal of good, and he wished it every prosperity. He should be glad to welcome the Association to Caistor at any time. The Chairman said it was his honour to respond to this toast, and to thank them very much for the way in which they had wished the Association every success. In conclusion, he thanked them for the way the toast had been received, and promised Mr. Westbrooke that if they went to Caistor they would do the best they could with his bells. Mr. Nettleship proposed 'The Honorary Members,' and said he was pleased to give this toast, because he knew perfectly well that honorary members were a part of all associations to whom honour was due. He had been connected with many associations, and his experience led him to say that they had been greatly indebted to honorary members. He had pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of the Rev. W. W. Cooper. The Rev. W. W. Cooper responded, and remarked that he always thought an honorary member was one who thought some sort of gratitude should be expressed for what an association with which he was connected had done or was doing. Mr. Casterton said it afforded him very great pleasure to propose the toast of 'The Visitors.' The Rev. F. H. Dalby said he was much obliged to them for coupling his name with that of the toast, and for the kindness in inviting him to such a pleasant meeting.

The business portion of the meeting followed. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Gainsborough in January. The Rev. C. Moon, of Owersby, the Rev. F. H. Dalby, and Mr. J. Casterton, were elected honorary members; five new ringing members (two Louth, and two Market Rasen) and two non-resident life members, were enrolled. A very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and for the hospitality he had shown to the ringers was carried with acclamation, the Chairman acknowledging the vote. The company were enlivened with songs, contributed by Messrs. J. Hackney and W. Southwick, and handbell ringing by several ringing members.

After the meeting, the visiting and home ringers repaired to the Market Rasen belfry, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples (this being the first time that method has been rung here), the following taking part:—S. Marshall, 1; H. Burkitt, 2; H. Gadd, 3; W. Southwick,* 4; T. Bennett,* 5; W. Lunn, 6; C. Jackson* (conductor), 7; T. Gibbons, 8. *From Hull.

Rochdale and District Association.

The above Association held its Quarterly Meeting at Todmorden on Saturday, the 5th inst., ringers being present from Rochdale, Walsden, and Todmorden. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and was continued by mixed companies until 7.30, when the meeting was held. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close about 8.30.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.:—Master, Mr. S. E. Joyce; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. T. Woodley; Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit; Senior Steward, Mr. E. E. Clark; Junior Steward, Mr. H. Springall; Auditors, Messrs. F. E. Dawe and W. Tyack.

Old St. James' Society, Bristol.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., eight members of the above Society rang at the Temple church a date touch of 1887 Grandsire Triples. This is the longest length ever known to have been rung in this tower, and probably the first date touch ever rung in a leaning tower. For this massive piece of masonry, which is about 90 ft. high, is no less than 4 ft. 6 in. out of the perpendicular, and this at a point about 60 ft. from the ground, the upper portion having been built on after the sinking of the foundations. The bells are a fine ring of eight, tenor 22 cwt., and have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, and four of them recast. T. Salter, 1; J. Walters, 2; A. Anderson, Esq., 3; J. Davis, 4; R. Knill, 5; C. Boutflower, Esq., 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; H. Schusler, 8. The touch was composed by J. Carter of Birmingham, and was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins.

The Jubilee Memorial at Lenham, Kent.

The old chimes in the tower of the parish church were started on Friday last, after remaining silent for eight or ten years. The machinery, which is

a fine specimen of the ancient method of playing tunes on church bells, and which had fallen into bad repair, has been restored and repaired, and nine tunes added, as a Jubilee memorial, contributed by the inhabitants of Lenham. The following is a list of the tunes:—'Holy, Holy, Holy;' 'Home, Sweet Home;' 'Last Rose of Summer;' 'The Harmonious Blacksmith;' 'Blue Bells of Scotland;' 'Ring Out, Wild Bells;' 'My Lodging is on the Cold Ground;' 'The Minstrel Boy;' and 'Rousseau's Dream.' The whole of the work has been carried out by the well-known firm of Lund and Blockley, clock and carillon manufacturers, of Pall Mall, London. The same firm, we believe, has just erected a full quarter turret clock in the parish church of Birchington, Kent, as a Jubilee memorial.

The Bells at All Saints' Church, Loughborough.—Augmentation to a Ring of Ten.

The two additional bells at Loughborough have been presented as a Jubilee gift by Messrs. Taylor & Co., who have also been most liberal in recasting with additional metal some of the old bells. The task of augmenting the bells and rehanging them on new frames was commenced in the spring of this year, and have been brought to a successful issue. In addition to presenting these two bells, Messrs. Taylor have materially improved the tone of the old bells by recasting several of the larger ones and adding more metal. The two new bells weigh respectively 6 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., and 7 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lbs. Nos. 6, 8, 9 and 10, have been recast with the addition of 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lbs. of new metal, and the total weight of the ten bells is 117 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs. Only three of the old bells are rehung without recasting. We may add that the munificent gift of Messrs. Taylor & Co. to the parish (comprising the new bells and weight of metal used in recasting) is of the value of 270*l*. New ropes for the bells have been presented by Mr. Pritchard. The old bell-frame and beams, which were very much decayed and had no doubt carried three rings of bells in succession, have been removed, and the bells have been hung on the improved cast-iron A frames, which have been supplied by Messrs. Taylor at a cost of 350*l*. The frames stand on oak beams, which are supported by an iron girder. A new floor has been placed in the bell-chamber about four feet below the iron girder, this part of the work having been entrusted to Mr. Abraham Smith. The bells were dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, D.D., D.C.L. (Archdeacon of Leicester), at a special service. The Rev. T. Pitts (rector) officiated as Bishop's chaplain and conducted the introductory portion of the special form of service used on the occasion. The dedication ceremony was preceded by the formal licensing of Mr. A. B. Churchill as lay reader of the parish. Appropriate prayers were said by the Bishop, who, standing under the tower, formally declared the bells to be 'dedicated and consecrated to the service of Almighty God.' The bells were then rung, and the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' having been sung, the Bishop preached an interesting sermon from the text, 'Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.' The service concluded with recessional hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord.' The collection realised 24*l*. towards the cost of rehanging the bells.

Two New Bells at Kings Kerswell.

The number of bells in Kings Kerswell Church, Devonshire, has been augmented from four to six. The addition was made by Mr. Aggett, of Chagford.

New Bells at Ryton, Salop.

To commemorate Her Majesty's Jubilee, two small bells have been cast for the tower of Ryton Church by Messrs. Gillett & Co., of Croydon, making with the three old bells a ring of five. The new bells, being the trebles of a light ring, are necessarily very small, but Messrs. Gillett & Co. have succeeded in producing two maiden bells excellent in tone and tune. The bells bear the inscriptions given below. That on the treble is a chronograph, for, if the numbers represented by the numeral letters occurring in the inscription, viz., M D CC LLL X VVV III III III III, are added together, the date 1887 is obtained.

'✠ VICTorIa · regIna · et · IMperatrIX · anno · IVbILaeI · perfeCto GRATES · agIt · sIt · gLorIa · Deo · regInae · saLVs.

'✠ GILLETT · DE · CROYDON · NOS · DVAS · MINIMAS · FECIT · IACOBO · CLARKE · ROBERTS · RECTORE · ROBERTO · BRADLEY · GARDIANO · MDCCCLXXXVII.'

The new ones have been hung and the old bells, at the same time, rehung most successfully by Mr. Harry Stokes of Woodbury, near Exeter, his work being, as usual, not only substantial and good but thoroughly well finished. The bells were rung for the first time on October the 6th, and gave great satisfaction.

Where to get a good Bell?

Mr. Brook (Harewood Lodge, Meltham, near Huddersfield) writes:—'Can any one recommend me where to get a good bell? The church only requires one. Which is the most pleasant and musical note for it to be attuned to?'

[We advise our correspondent *not* to go in for a *very light* bell—fifteen or sixteen cwt. is a good weight. The President of the Yorks Association, W. Snowdon, Esq., Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, would gladly give advice as to founder, &c.—Ed. *C.B.*]

Subscriptions to Mr. Giles Mansfield.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in acknowledging a further remittance of 5*s*. from two lovers of bell-ringing at Ilfracombe. These I have handed to Mr. Giles Mansfield, who tenders his heartiest thanks to the donors; and also to you, for your kindness to him.

William Hall.

'E. P. Broughton.'—For a description of tubular bells we can but refer our correspondent to Messrs. Harrington & Co.'s advertisements and circulars. For our own part, we distinctly prefer the old English type of bell, which we feel sure will easily hold its own.—[Ed. *C. B.*]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the St. Martin's Company, Birmingham, rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 Stedman Triples in 2 hrs. 54 mins. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; W. Kent, 2; J. Joynes, 3; B. Witchell, 4; C. Stanbridge, 5; J. Sanders, 6; A. Thomas, 7; J. H. James, 8. The first peal on the bells.

At the College Youths' Meeting-house, St. Paul's Churchyard.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., four members of the St. James' Society rang on handbells retained in hand Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 28 mins. W. Baron, sen. (first peal on handbells), 1–2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3–4; C. F. Winny, 5–6; G. Wild (first peal on handbells), 7–8. Umpire, Mr. J. M. Hayes.

At Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Didsbury, Lancashire.

On Friday, the 4th inst., Shipway's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins. T. G. Downs, 1; W. Holbrook, 2; J. Darbyshire, 3; A. E. Wreaks, 4; J. Wilde, 5; T. Brickell, 6; P. Brickell (conductor), 7; S. Brickell, 8. Tenor, 18¾ cwt., in E. First peal by all except Messrs. Downs, Wreaks, and P. Brickell. Messrs. Downs and Wreaks came from Manchester; Peter and Samuel Brickell, Northenden; the rest are of the local company.

At the Parish Church, Arundel, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a muffled peal (Holt's Six-part) of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 7 mins. E. Brackley (first peal of Triples), 1; F. Luxford, 2; H. Haggett, 3; G. Smart (first peal of Triples), 4; G. Balchin, 5; C. Blackman, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Knight (first peal), 8. Messrs. Brackley, Smart, and Tyler, came from Steyning, the remainder belong to the Arundel branch. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Ven. Archdeacon Walker, a vice-president of the Association.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

On Monday, the 7th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. A. J. Plowman (first peal), 1; I. Plowman, 2; C. E. Malin, Esq., 3; G. Welling, 4; A. B. Carpenter, Esq., 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6; Jos. Fayers, 7; H. Brooks, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

On St. Martin's Day, Friday, the 11th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins. A. W. Barkuss, 1; H. D. Adams, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; T. Blackbourn (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Judd, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Bride's, Fleet Street, City of London.

On Monday, the 7th inst., ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a muffled peal—whole-pull and stand—as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Marriott, who had been a member of this Society for nearly fifty years. W. J. Moore, 1; J. Nelms, 2; C. Clarkson, 3; C. Holmes, 4; G. Gains, 5; W. Matthews, 6; J. Wheeler, 7; H. J. Davies, 8; D. Lovett, 9; A. E. Church, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At the Parish Church, Walthamstow, Essex.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association rang Mr. H. Johnson's peal of Union Triples in 2 hrs. 54 mins. W. Coakham, 1; T. Maynard (conductor), 2; G. Grimwade, 3; A. Keit, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; J. H. Wilkins, 6; A. S. Barrell, 7; W. Crockford, 8. Tenor, 19¾ cwt., in E flat. Previous to starting A. S. Barrell was elected a member of the College Youths. This is the first peal in the method by all the ringers, the first by members of the Essex Association, and the first upon the bells, which were hung in the year 1778.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, London.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, Holt's Ten-part, was rung in 2 hrs. 47 mins. C. Chaplin,* 1; S. G. Davies, 2; W. Partington, 3; Rev. A. W. Jephson,* 4; L. Partington, 5; W. Broadbent,* 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F. * First peal. First peal in the Society. First peal by a local band on the bells. Great credit is due to the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Jephson, who taught all the band the art of change-ringing.

At St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, Herts.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 15 mins. E. J. Mitchell, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; W. Battle, 6; T. Waller, 7; T. Gathard, 8. This is first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. Gray of Hertford, who has put them in good order. Mr. Gathard, who was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal, belongs to Hatfield; the rest came from St. Albans.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., by the Midland Counties' Association (Duffield Branch), a peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters was rung in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Composed by the late Mr. John Cox. J. Dicken, 1; J. Howe, 2; S. Johnson, 3; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 4; W. Hickling, 5; W. Billinghurst, 6; G. Hingley, 7; B. Sugden, 8; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (conductor), 9; J. Seal, 10. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

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

On Monday, the 14th inst., by the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, a peal of 5088 Superlative Sur-

PRISE MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Composed by Mr. H. Dains. J. Austen, 1; E. I. Stone, 1; A. Wakley, 3; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 4; H. Wakley, 5; A. P. Heywood, Esq., 6; T. Holms, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt., in F.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—720 BOB MINOR before service in 23½ mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Ridyard (Worsley), 2; J. Williamson, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR in 24 mins. J. Brookes (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor, 13¾ cwt.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 1st and 2nd ult., being the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the above church, peals were rung as follows:—Saturday evening, service at 7 p.m., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins. W. Denner, 1; E. Cash (Eccles: conductor), 2; J. Potter, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Welsby (Worsley), 5; J. Brookes, 6. Before Sunday evening service 720 BOB MINOR (22 singles) in 24 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; A. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor, 13¾ cwt. The above peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR is the first rung on the bells, and the first peal in the method for Messrs. Brookes, Denner, Williamson, and Potter.

On Saturday, the 1st ult., at the Quarterly Meeting of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society of Change-ringers, 504 of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung. T. Reeves (conductor), 1; C. W. Bassano, Esq., 2; A. H. Bassano, Esq., 3; W. R. Small, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; W. Smith, 6; G. Hughes, 7; H. Mills, 8. Also after tea 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. R. Small, 1; T. Horton, 2; T. Tinsley, 3; M. Murphy, 4; T. Plant, 5; W. Smith, 6; T. Reeves (conductor), 7; R. Cartwright, 8.

AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sunday, the 2nd ult., for service in the evening, 672 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. T. Webb, 1; J. Philips (conductor), 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; Richard Jackson, 6; J. Hare, 7; Robert Jackson, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. J. Hare and A. Squires came from Hitchin.

On Thursday, the 20th ult., for practice, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 50 mins. T. Webb, 1; G. Spicer, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; J. Smith, 4; A. Squires, 5; R. Jackson, 6; J. Hare (composer and conductor), 7; G. Gentle, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. J. Hare and A. Squires came from Hitchin.

AT ST. PETER'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday evening, the 4th ult., the following members of the St. Peter's and St. Gregory's company of change-ringers met and rang before the evening service a touch of 720 BOB MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; J. Campin, 3; W. Cress, 4; W. Griggs, 5; A. Scott 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; H. Harper, 8. Also after service a touch of 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES by W. Howell, 1; M. Silvester, 2; A. Scott, 3; W. Cross, 4; W. Griggs, 5; H. Harper, 6; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 7; J. Campin, 8. This is the longest touch in this method since the bells were rehung. Tenor, 23 cwt.

AT ST. MARY'S, PETERBOROUGH.—On Thursday, the 13th ult., after Divine service, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving service, four six-scores of BOB DOUBLES, with the tenor behind, were rung. A. Willerton, 1; C. Matthews, 2; S. English, 3; W. T. Johnson (conductor), 4; C. Brice, 5; — Chattle, 6. Tenor, 8½ cwt. Also, on Sunday, the 16th inst., six six-scores of BOB DOUBLES, with F. Weekes at the tenor.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 13th ult., the change-ringers of the Archdeaconry, with the assistance of Mr. T. Jesson of Tipton, rang 1321 GRANDSIRE CATERS. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; W. Cooper, 3; J. Frisby, 4; T. Jesson, 5; J. Hall, 6; W. R. Small, 7; C. Price, 8; S. Reeves (conductor), 9; R. Hall, 10. Tenor, 23¾ cwt., in E.

On Saturday, the 15th ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins., by members of the above Association. H. Mills (first peal), 1; W. R. Small, 2; E. Goodreds (first peal), 3; T. Reeves, 4: T. Jesson, 5; A. Hill (first peal), 6; G. Hughes, 7; B. Starkey (first peal), 8. Conducted by T. Reeves of West Bromwich; the others belong to the local band. Tenor, 12¾ cwt., in G.

AT ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.—On Sunday evening, the 16th ult., being the Harvest Festival, a quarter peal (1260) of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by eight members of the Midland Counties' Association in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; W. B. Midgley, 4; A. E. Thompson, 5; G. Mottashaw, 6; C. E. Hart (conductor), 7; T. Abbott, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LONDON.—ON Sunday evening, the 16th ult., before Divine service, 1330 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins., by the St. John's Society. W. Partington, 1; C. Chaplin (first quarter-peal inside), 2; E. H. Tripp (first quarter-peal inside), 3; S. G. Davies, 4: H. L. Partington, 5; Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; F. L. Davies (conductor), 7; H. Pinnegar, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

HANDBELL RINGING.—After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 40 mins. W. Baron, sen., 1–2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3–4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5–6; G. Wild, 7–8. This is the first quarter peal on handbells by this Society. Mr. R. T. Woodley was present.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On the 18th ult. a peal of Holt's Original GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins. G. Nash, 1; J. Strutt (conductor), 2; G. Welling (Mitcham), 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Fayers (Mitcham), 6; J. Smith, 7; C. Slade, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt.

AT NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 20th ult., a plain course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. G. Winter, 1; J. Clarke, 2; W. Adler, 3; T. Lingard, 4; D. W. Chapman, 5; T. Bates, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. George (Coventry), 8. A start was then made for six 6-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (called differently) with 7-6-8 behind, but after ringing over 360 changes the treble rope broke, when 'Stand' was called. J. Ballard, 1; J. Clarke, 2; T. Lingard, 3; H. Horwood, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5; T. Bates, 6; J. George (Coventry), 7; G. Winter, 8.

AT ST. JAMES', TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Saturday, the 22nd ult., 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, composed by the late Mr. Woodman of Trowbridge, was rung in 45 mins. W. M'Caffrey, 1; T. Blackbourn (conductor), 2; A. Anderson, 3; J. Hayward, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Stroud and Painswick Society of Ringers rang the last half of Holt's peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and two bob leads, and the middle HOLT'S SINGLE, comprising 2562 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins. A. Trigg, 1; C. King, 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (conductor) 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith (first half peal as conductor), 8.

AT ST. NICOLAS, WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 29th ult., the Coggeshall ringers paid a visit to the above tower, and rang the following peals:—720 BOB MINOR. R. Potter, 1; W. Dyer, 2, D. E. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Nicholls, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6; 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR. J. Sadler, 1; W. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; W. Elliott, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. W. G. Richards,* 1; W. Dyer, 2; A. Fryatt,* 3; E. Garnett,* 4; W. Nicholls, 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. Those marked * belong to the Witham Company.

AT ALL SAINTS', BENHILTON, SURREY.—On the 1st inst., being the Dedication Festival of the above church, a 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR was rung for the evening service (32 bobs and 2 singles) in 27 mins. J. Lambert, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. King, 3; T. Guiager, 4; J. Trendell (conductor), 5; H. Bryant, 6. Tenor, 19¾ cwt., in E. This is the first 720 ever rung by Messrs. Lambert and E. Trendell; the latter being a young ringer, only fifteen years of age, and promises to become a good ringer. This is also Mr. King's first peal on a bob bell.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. A. Trigg, 1; A. Gwinnell (first peal), 2; W. Sloman, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; J. Nash, 5; C. King, 6; F. Stephens, 7; G. Smith, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. Messrs. Trigg, Gwinnell, Hale, and Smith, come from Painswick.

ASSIZE SUNDAY AT YORK MINSTER.—On the 6th inst., it being customary to ring the Judges to service, the ringers took the opportunity and rang for Morning Service a touch of 1349 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 55 mins. J. Underwood, 1; R. Long, 2; G. Worth, 3; J. C. Cundall, 4; A. C. Fearnley, 5; E. Dawson, 6; T. Haigh (conductor), 7; T. Hodgson, 8; J. Thompson, 9; W. H. Howard (composer), assisted by E. Morrod, 10. Tenor, 54 cwt.

Lately, the following Peals and Touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.—560 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also 504. W. Mundy, 1; W. Stocker, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Mundy, 8. Also in the evening, before service, 1050 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 37 mins. C. Carter, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. Mundy, 3; F. Davey, 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; E. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. And after service two plain courses of GRANDSIRE. C. Carter, 1; Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8. The Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote is the Secretary of the Devonshire Guild, and this is his first touch on eight bells. This day being also the Harvest Thanksgiving the Hon. and Rev. J. S. Northcote preached in the evening.

On Saturday, the 1st ult., an attempt was made by the following members of the St. Sidwell's Society to ring Hollis's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but came to an end after ringing 1 hr. 35 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey, 4; W. Mundy, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Shepherd (conductor), 7; B. Mundy, 8. On Sunday morning for Divine service, a quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 43 mins. C. Carter, 1; W. Stocker, 2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3; F. Davey, 4; A. Shepherd, 5; W. Mundy, 6; J. Moss, 7; B. Mundy, 8.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung. H. Mills, 1; G. Hughes, 2; H. Bastable, 3; W. R. Small, 4; E. Goodreds, 5; A. Hill, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; B. Starkey, 8. Also 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Mills, 1; H. Bastable (conductor), 2; W. R. Small, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; A. Hill, 6; G. Hughes, 7; B. Starkey, 8. And before service in the afternoon 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR in 25 mins, H. Mills, 1; H. Bastable, 2; W. R. Small, 3; A. Hill, 4; G. Hughes (conductor), 5; R. Cartwright, 6. Also before evening service 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. B. Starkey, 1; H. Bastable, 2; R. Cartwright, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. R. Small, 5; A. Hill, 6; G. Hughes (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. And two six-scores of STEDMAN DOUBLES with 7–6–8 behind. H. Bastable (conductor), 1; G. Hughes, 2; R. Cartwright, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; W. R. Small, 5. Another touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 350 changes. B. Starkey, 1; H. Bastable, 2; W. R. Small, 3; E. Goodreds, 4; A. Hill, 5; G. Hughes, 6; R. Cartwright (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. Mr. H. Bastable came from Birmingham, Mr. R. Cartwright from Wombourn, the others belong to the local band.

NOTICE.—Several communications, received while going to press, will appear in our next.