

the scholars; indeed, the profession of our faith was, until lately, if it is not even now, a penal offence. . . . Some two years ago Archdeacon Wolfe, head of the C.M.S. missions at Foo-Chow in China, sent over two Chinese catechists to settle in the port of Fu-san, on the south-east coast of the Korean peninsula. These men, who have since been joined by their wives and families, are supported by the native and foreign Christians in Foo-Chow, and are said by the archdeacon to be likely to succeed better than Japanese evangelists would.' An English official in China, who knows Corea well, declares himself 'convinced that in twenty years the whole of Corea will have become Christian; that the people are longing for a religion, as they have none of their own.' The Bishops say that Corea has an excellent climate. 'The people are not behind their neighbours in intellectual power, though they are indolent and seem inferior in business capacity. . . . They certainly appear to be even more open to conversion than the Japanese, who again are much more ready to embrace the faith than are the Chinese.'

JAPAN.

A LADY whom the Japanese Government sent to America for education, and who, after becoming a Christian, returned to Tokyo, writes from thence:—'I hear that 500 converts have been made during the last month in Tokyo alone. I do not know whether this movement will be a permanent one or not, but, though I do not like excitements they may do good to some people. Students in the theological schools have been going out preaching in the streets, and holding meetings in all sorts of places. The Methodists especially seem to be stirred. You would be surprised to see the progress Christianity has made in Japan, not in the number of converts only during the past year, but in its influence—how prejudice has died away. All agree that both Buddhism and Sintoism have lost power for ever, and that Japan needs a religious creed of some kind.'

AUSTRALIA.

THE diocese of Sydney had by the end of February raised 28,000*l.* towards the New South Wales Centennial Fund.

INDIA.

THE Bishop of Rangoon has sent interesting particulars of the last days of the late Rev. J. A. Colbeck at Mandalay. 'It is most mysterious that he should have been removed just at the present time, when the effect of his labours was appearing, not only on the Burmese at large, but upon many of the Phooingyees. These had expressed a willingness to become Christians, and he had asked my advice on the matter; my last letter bade him form an order of Christian Phooingyees, who should live together in community in a Kyoung, and be employed as schoolmasters, and ultimately as catechists.' In March Mr. Colbeck's surviving brother, who takes his place, baptized seventeen adults, and reported that the movement towards the Gospel was still advancing.

In the Malay peninsula, now attached to the Diocese of Labuan and Sarawak, the Bishop during last year consecrated two new churches—in the native States of Perak and Selangor. In connexion with the former a mission to the immigrants from Southern India has been started by the Rev. W. Markham. At Penang the Rev. R. Balavandrum has added a Chinese department to his work; here also a church has just been consecrated. At Singapore, the veteran Rev. W. H. Gomes is translating the Prayer-book into the Hankien colloquial dialect of Chinese. The Bishop's clergy in Malaya, Borneo, &c., have increased altogether to sixteen; there are twenty-two lay workers. The territory recently acquired in Borneo by the North Borneo Company has opened up a new and vast field to evangelistic enterprise.

THE strictures of Mr. Caine, M.P., on missionary work in Malaya, which in consideration of his respectability we noticed after their appearance in the *Times*, have been satisfactorily answered, both in that journal and in the *Mission Field*. One reply remarks:—'The statement that Mr. Caine stayed here some time may be met by the truth that a little over twenty-four hours was all the time he spent in Singapore.' His strictures on the Eurasians and their parentage are erroneous. His assertion that the merchants think little of the activity of the missionaries is also denied. As for the complaint that no natives attend service in the Cathedral, the answer is that this is in English; but in the mission chapel for them, the communicants alone are over sixty. Before that chapel was built, the natives did attend the Cathedral, where they communicated with the English, though the words of administration were said to them in their own tongue. The M.P.'s attack on the Presbyterians is equally unfair; the Romanists, whom he compliments, have large local endowments, and can therefore employ more agents.

WEST AFRICA.

AN exchange observes: 'There are many heathen serving under the British flag who are not likely to embrace Christianity where there is no religious worship on board, as in the great majority of British merchant ships. But in the Royal Navy, where daily prayers are held, the service of heathen seamen often results in conversion to Christianity. There are 600 men belonging to the Buddhist and other non-Christian religions in the Queen's Naval Service, and these are in some cases brought directly under the chaplains' teaching, as on the Coast of Africa and Ascension Island. At the latter naval station many of them become Christians: last year eleven heathen men were thus baptized by the naval chaplain.'

A BISHOP'S OPINION OF 'VINO SACRO.'—'I am glad to testify to the excellence of "Vino Sacro," as in every essential particular adapted to its sacred purpose. I now use no other.'—(Signed), J. N. Staley, B.D., Vicar of Oroxhall, formerly Bishop of Honolulu. To Messrs. Hicks and Co., Plymouth. [See ADVT. at end.]

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

JUBILEE PEALS RUNG IN 1887.

THE following Jubilee peals were rung in 1887, for which tablets have been erected in the towers, and of which the following are copies, inserted according to date:—

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY, GUILDHALL, CITY OF LONDON.

'JUBILEE PEAL.—On Saturday, the 30th April, 1887, eight members of the St. James' Society rang Holt's One-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, consisting of 5040 changes, in three hours and six minutes. Performers:—James Robert Haworth, treble; Robert Jameson, 2; William Weatherstone, 3; Joseph Waghorn, 4; Joseph Barry, 5; George Richard Banks, 6; Richard French, 7; Edwin Albone, tenor. Conducted by R. French. M. S. A. Walrond, M.A., Vicar and Rector. Churchwardens:—J. W. Beningfield, Geo. Gladman, H. L. Dixon. The above peal was rung to celebrate the fiftieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The above is the longest peal for one hundred and twenty-five years, the last one having been rung in 1762. J. R. HAWORTH, *Caretaker of the Bells and Head Ringer*.'

[The tablet, placed over the door in the porch leading to the ringing-chamber, was erected at the expense of Mr. ex-Churchwarden Chretien.]

ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, CITY OF LONDON.

'ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.—JUBILEE PEAL.—On Thursday, May 5th, 1887, eight members of the above Society rang upon the bells of this tower Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 4 mins. Performers:—James R. Haworth, treble; William Cecil, 2; Henry Langdon, 3; Joseph Barry, 4; Matthew A. Wood, 5; Charles Beech, 6; William H. George, 7; Walter J. Williamson, tenor. Conducted by Matthew A. Wood. The Rev. W. Rogers, M.A., Rector. Churchwardens:—Charles W. Webb, Esq.; Alfred Wagstaff, Esq., C.C.; John Barker, Sexton. Daniel Living, Steeple-keeper. The above peal was rung to celebrate the fiftieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.'

[The tablet placed in the belfry at the expense of Mr. Churchwarden Webb.]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

'ON Saturday, June 4th, 1887, eight members of the Waterloo Society rang, in honour of the completion of the fifty years' reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hours 45 minutes. Performers:—William Baron, treble; William Coppage, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; S. G. Davies, 4; A. E. Church, 5; H. L. Partington, 6; F. L. Davies, 7; George Wild, tenor. Conductor, F. L. Davies. Arthur W. Jephson, M.A., Vicar. J. Hutton, Esq., T. S. Conisbee, Esq., Churchwardens. "The Throne is Established by Righteousness." W. COPPAGE, *Steeple-keeper*.'

[Presented to the Society by the Vicar.]

ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, LONDON.

"Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals;
Praise Him upon the loud cymbals."

'ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.—On Monday, 6th June, 1887, ten members of the above Society rang, at the request of Mr. Churchwarden Twining, a Jubilee Peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, containing 5147 changes, in three hours twenty-five minutes, to celebrate the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's Reign. God save the Queen. Performers:—J. R. Haworth, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. C. Mitchell, 3; W. W. Thorne, 4; H. Langdon, 5; R. French, 6; G. R. Banks, 7; A. Hayward, 8; W. H. George, 9; E. Albone, 10. Rector, Rev. John Lindsay, D.D. Churchwardens:—Herbert Haynes Twining and John Robert Dobree. Overseers:—Samuel Twining, William Wright, Albert Smith, James Ferguson. E. Albone, *Steeple-keeper*.'

[A marble tablet, at the expense of Mr. Churchwarden H. H. Twining, is placed in the porch over the door leading to the belfry.]

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

ON Thursday, December 15, 1887, eight members of the St. James' Society rang a Jubilee Peal (Brook's Variation of Tharstan's peal) of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 5 mins., to commemorate the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign and the tenth year of the Rev. Burman Cassin, M.A., as Rector of this church. H. Langdon, 1; F. Bate, 2; W. Cecil, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; W. W. Thorne, 5; R. French (conductor), 6; A. Hayward, 7; G. Woodage, 8. Rev. Burman Cassin, M.A., Rector. Rev. H. A. Geake, A.K.C., Curate. G. A. Gillett, Rector's Warden. R. D. Hilton, J. Landsdale, Churchwardens. G. Woodage, *Belfry-keeper*.

[This tablet was given by the Rector, Churchwardens, and other gentlemen (J. Rockley, G.B.A., J. Palmer, J. Stanford), and the above ringers.]

ST. MARY ABBOTT'S, KENSINGTON, LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—On Saturday, December 3rd, 1887, a Jubilee Peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. was rung to commemorate the fiftieth year of Her Majesty's reign. Performers:—R. A. Daniell, Esq., treble; Wm. Baron, 2; A. Jacob, 3; J. W. Mansfield, 4; J. Hannington, 5; H. Swain, 6; J. Rogers, 7; G. Newton, 8; H. Dains, 9; H. Hopkins and G. Wild, tenor. Composed and conducted by John Rogers.

[It was at the Palace in this parish that the Queen was born. On the completion of the performance the Captain of the Kensington Guild of Ringers instructed the conductor of the peal to execute a tablet to record the same. The tablet (fixed in the belfry) is emblazoned with the Royal Arms in full, in proper colours, by a noted artist, is highly gilt and varnished, and is worthy of inspection.]

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, TRAFALGAR SQUARE, LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—On Saturday, the 29th of October, 1887, in 3 hrs. 40 mins., the following members rang on the bells in this steeple a true peal of GRANDSIRE CINQUES, comprising 5015 changes. The performers were:—John Rogers, treble; George Newson, 2; John W. Mansfield, 3; William Baron, 4; Charles E. Malin, 5; James Hannington, 6; Arthur Jacob, 7; Edward Chapman, 8; Henry Swain, 9; Henry A. Hopkins, 10; Henry Dains, 11; George Wild, tenor. Composed and conducted by Mr. John Rogers. This peal was rung to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. Chairman, Mr. Henry S. Thomas. Vicar, The Rev. John F. Kitto. Hon. Sec., Mr. Arthur G. Thomas. Churchwardens, David S. Laing, Esq., and William Challice, Esq. *Steeple-keeper*, John W. Mansfield.

[The tablet recording the above is fixed in the belfry, the expense being defrayed from the surplus of a fund raised by H. S. Thomas, Esq., to commemorate the Jubilee Year; the board, in black and gold, has a carved oak bell at the summit.]

Tubular Bells.

SIR,—I cannot agree with your correspondent, 'A Lover of Bells,' and I feel sure that a very, very large majority of both ringers and other 'Lovers of Bells' are of the same opinion as myself. Even if the power of tone to be got out of a tube were in any way to be compared to that which can be got out of a bell—which it is not—I fancy ringers would find it rather tame work tapping tubes with a chiming apparatus instead of ringing in the usual way, whether they be change-ringers or only round-ringers. No doubt, one may have a set of very fine-toned tubes, but I cannot see that they bear any more relation to bells than a fine-toned set of organ pipes, or a fine-toned harp or violin.

J. R. JERRAM, *Salisbury*.

P.S.—Since writing the above, I see in to-day's issue an account of the opening of a new ring of twelve 'bells' at Blackburn. On reading this I was mentally congratulating that town on adding another ring of twelve to the list, and was looking for a record of some STEDMAN CINQUES or MAXIMUS rung thereon; but, lo and behold! I see at the foot of the paragraph that these are not bells at all, but some of the tubular arrangements! No doubt, as I said before, the tone may be very fine; but why call them a ring of twelve 'bells'?

Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

At a General Meeting of the above Society, held in the Church-room at Stoke, the Rev. W. T. Smith, vicar of St. John's, Longton, was elected Clerical Secretary and Treasurer. It was decided to hold another general meeting at the same place on June 9 at 4.30 p.m. The Secretary was asked to endeavour meanwhile to get in the subscriptions now due, the future of the Society to be determined by the result of his appeal.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

MEMBERS are informed that the Report for 1887 (which contains amongst other matters a full list of peals, with the compositions, rung by the Association since its formation in 1878) is now ready, and may be obtained of the local secretaries of the different deaneries as under. Free to those whose subscriptions are paid, and to others at a price of 3d.:—Gloucester, H. Hatherley, Esq., National Provincial Bank, Gloucester; Dursley, Hawkesbury, and Bitton, Mr. F. K. Howell, Morton, Thornbury; North and South Forest, Mr. J. Hern, Newnham; Bisley and Stonehouse, W. C. Long, Esq., Stonehouse; Winchcombe, Cirencester, and Tewkesbury, F. E. Ward, Esq., 438 High Street, Cheltenham; Fairford, Northleach, and Stow, T. W. Taylor, Esq., Northleach; Bristol and Stapleton, C. E. D. Boulflower, Esq., 30 Broad Street, Bristol.

REV. PITT EYKYN, *Hon. Secretary*.

Magor, Newport, Mon.

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held in St. John the Baptist Schoolroom, Bromsgrove, at five o'clock on Saturday, June 2nd. The vicar, Rev. A. E. Seymour, will preside. The annual report, balance-sheet, &c., will be ready for distribution, when the Hon. Secretary hopes to see a representative from each company to receive copies of same.

N.B.—Those members who have not yet paid their contributions should do so without delay.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37 Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Salisbury Diocesan Ringing Guild.

THE Supplemental Meeting, announced in our last to be held at Bridport, will take place on Thursday, June 7th. The bells of St. Mary's (eight), recently erected, and those of several churches in the neighbourhood, will be placed at the disposal of the members. Dinner will be served at 'The Greyhound' Hotel, at 1 p.m. at 2s. 6d. per head; which amount will probably be considerably reduced by local subscriptions. Further information to be obtained from the Rev. M. Hankey, The Rectory, Maiden Newton, Dorset.

Muffled Peals for the late Mr. F. A. P. Knipe.

AT ST. SEPULCHRE'S, HOLBORN VIADUCT, CITY OF LONDON.—On Thursday, the 10th inst., with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the above-named gentleman, the usual whole-peal and stand, followed by a touch of GRANDSIRE CATERS, was rung by D. Lovett, 1; H. Davies, 2; G. Gains, 3; W. Moore, 4; F. Bates, 5; J. Nelms (conductor), 6; J. Wheeler, 7; W. D. Matthews, 8; J. Rumsey, 9; A. E. Church, 10.

AT ST. BRIDE'S, FLEET STREET, CITY OF LONDON.—On Monday, the 14th inst., with the bells half muffled, also to the late W. Farley, a parishioner, and at one time a ringing member. J. Barry (conductor), 1; C. Clarkson, 2; D. Lovett, 3; G. Watkin, 4; F. Rumsey, 5; C. Holme, 6; G. Gains, 7; W. D. Matthews, 8; A. Vincent, 9; T. H. Chapman, 10; J. Wheeler, 11; A. E. Matthews, 12.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Jos. Windridge, 1; C. Chapman, 2; Jos. Wainwright, 3; Jos. Timms, 4; F. Chapman, 5; G. Woods (first peal as conductor), 6; H. Slaney, 7; R. P. Brindley, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At the Cathedral, Manchester.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., ten members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 16 mins. T. Taylor, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; W. Jakeman (first peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS), 3; J. Adams, 4; J. Moss, 5; Jos. Mellor, 6; B. Broadbent, 7; J. Thorp, 8; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 9; G. Longden, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. The above peal is taken from a composition containing upwards of 14,000 changes, which the above Society wished to attempt on Whit Friday, but through unforeseen circumstances it will have to be abandoned.

At the Parish Church, Upton St Leonard's, Gloucestershire.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Hubbard's Ten-part peal (No. 2) of 50·0 BOB TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. F. Hart (first peal), 1; Jos. Yeates, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; H. G. Gardener (first peal), 5; S. E. Romans, 6; A. A. White (conductor), 7; T. White, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ON Whit Monday, the 21st inst., ten members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, rang a peal of 13,054 STEDMAN CATERS in 8 hrs. 16 mins. F. Musty, 1; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 2; H. Karn, 3; H. Roberts, 4; F. F. Ward, Esq., 5; C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield), 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 7; W. T. Pates (conductor), 8; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Caversham, Reading), 9; A. W. Humphreys, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. in E flat. This is the greatest length ever rung in STEDMAN CATERS.

At St. Thomas's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Monday, the 21st inst., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Hollis's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 24 mins. W. E. Tydeman, 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; H. D. Adams, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; T. Blackburn (conductor), 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in C sharp. The first peal on the bells, which were hung by R. Wells of Aldbourne in 1771.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday evening, the 6th inst., after Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR in 27 mins. J. Hardman, 1; R. Fitton, 2; J. Gratrix, 3; J. Brooks, 4; W. Warburton, 5; W. Hilton, 6. Tenor, 15½ cwt. Gratrix came from Manchester; Hilton and Warburton, Whitefield; Hardman, Pendleton; Brooks and Fitton, Prestwich.

AT ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Monday evening, the 7th inst., 350 and 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Randall, 1; J. Hare, 2; F. Furr, 3; A. Squires, 4; W. Allen (conductor), 5; S. Hare, 6; R. Jackson, 7; G. Halsey, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

AT SS. PETER AND PAUL, MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday evening the 8th inst., 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 27 mins. B. Spinner, 1; F. Osmotherly, first 720 (Cliffe), 2; F. Hayes, 3; C. Waterman (Shorne), 4; H. D. Davies, 5; M. Warwick (R.E., Chatham, conductor), 6.

AT ST. PETER'S, RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, the 13th inst., on the occasion of the annual Sunday School sermons, 720 PLAIN BOB (14 bobs and 2 singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; W. J. Gilbert, 3; E. Mayes, 4; F. Gilbert (conductor), 5; W. A. Hall, 6. For evening service at 6 p.m., 720 COURT SINGLE (18 bobs and 2 singles). A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. J. Gilbert, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Also 120 OXFORD BOB. A. Coles, 1; R. Pendered, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; F. Gilbert, 4; G. Kirk, 5; W. J. Gilbert, 6.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, ROCHEDALE, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday afternoon, the 13th inst., for Sunday School Anniversary, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, taken from the *Clavis* (9 bobs and 6 singles), in 32 mins. W. Lord, 1; J. W. Howarth, 2; J. T. Bartle, 3; J. Lord, 4; A. A. Stott, 5; J. Stott (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 qrs., in E. In the evening, a start was made for 720 in the same method (18 bobs and 2 singles), 5th the observation; but owing to the conductor missing the first single the bells came round at 360. The preacher in the afternoon was the Rev. K. Anketell, M.A., vicar of Wootton Bassett, Wilts; and in the evening, the Rev. B. Winfield, M.A., vicar of St. James', Burnley.

AT ST. PAUL'S, WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Saturday, the 19th inst., being the annual field-day for the Sunday scholars of the above church, 720 BOB MINOR (16 bobs and 2 singles) in 24 mins. W. Denner, 1; Jos. Potter, 2; J. Williamson, 3; J. Worthington (conductor), 4; Jas. Potter, 5; A. Potter, 6. Also 360 BOB MINOR. A. Potter, 1; Jos. Potter, 2; Jas. Williamson, 3; J. Worthington, 4; W. Denner, 5; Jas. Ridyard (Worsley), 6. On Whitsun Day the bells were rung at 6 a.m., as well as midday services. 720 BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles) were rung before evening service in 24 mins. W. Denner, 1; Jos. Potter, 2; J. Williamson, 3; J. Worthington, 4; Jas. Potter (conductor), 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Whit-Sunday, the 20th inst., for Divine service in the morning, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 45 mins. W. S. Wise, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; A. P. Goddard, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; A. W. Barkus, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; T. Blackburn (conductor), 7; S. Lawrence, 8. And for evening service, 1260 STEDMAN'S TRIPLES in 41 mins. W. S. Wise, 1; S. Lawrence, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; A. P. Goddard, 4; A. W. Barkus, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; T. Blackburn (conductor), 7; C. A. Clements, 8. These are supposed to be the first quarter peals of Stedman ever rung in Wiltshire.

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