Opium Traffic. Besides the translation we are presented with the original Chinese. At pages 55 to 57 we have the programme of the London Peace Congress to be held in Westminster Town Hall from July 14th to 19th. We wish it all success.

Received also:—Homiletic Review and Contemporary Pulpit. East and West (Hunemann); London Diocesan Magazine, Evening School Chronicle (Griffith, Farran, & Co.); Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Gleaner, The Worker, Central Africa, Church Work Mission Life, Grains of Mustard Seed (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.); Good Company, Jewish Intelligence, India's Women Magazine (J. Nisbet, & Co.); Friendly Leaves, and Friendly Work (Rivingtons); Our Waifs and Strays, The Zoophilist, The Guildsman, The Herald of Peace, and The Magazine of Art.

Our Title Deeds. By the Rev. Morris Fuller, A.M.—Our reviewer of the above important and valuable work (April 3rd) states his annoyance and regret at having made the singular blunder of writing of the able author as 'Mr. Morris,' upon several occasions, instead of Mr. Morris Fuller. He regrets this the more because he regards the author as entitled to great praise for the book which he has produced.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

North Notts Association.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Worksop, on Whit Monday, May 26th, 1890. A short service will be held at the Priory Church at noon, and the meeting will be held at the girls' schoolroom at five p.m. Leaders of towers in the Association are requested to inform the Secretary by May 18th of the approximate number of their members who will attend.

Vicarage, Worksop. Henry T. Slodden, *Secretary.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

The usual Monthly Ringing Meeting of the above Society was held at the Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, the 26th ult. Representatives were present from Armley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Headingley, Holbeck, Leeds, Pudsey, and Rothwell. The adjourned General Meeting was held at five p.m. The President, Mr. Tom Lockwood, occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and duly passed, the Hon. Secretary read a report of the doings of the Society for the past year, which showed that ringing meetings had been held every month, and had been fairly well attended, and that three peals had been accomplished by the members, one of seven methods on six bells, and two of Kent Treble Bob Major. The balance-sheet, which showed a good balance on the right side, having been passed, the members proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. On the motion of Mr. R. Binns, seconded by Mr. J. Brown, Mr. J. Whitaker was elected President. Mr. J. Brown proposed, and Mr. D. Yorke seconded, the election of Mr. H. Moss as Vice-President, which was carried. Mr. T. Lockwood proposed, and Mr. F. Woodhead seconded, the re-election of Mr. W. Craven, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. H. W. Needham, Hon. Secretary, which was carried unanimously. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their services during the past year brought the meeting to a close.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

The Tenth Annual Meeting will be held at Denford, on Whit Monday, when teams from Denford, Raunds, Wellingborough, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, and Kettering will take part in the day's ringing. Ringing from 9 a.m. to 12; from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. Divine service at 1 p.m.—preacher, the Rev. James Dene, M.A., vicar of Higham Ferrers. Dinner after service; business meeting immediately after dinner. Hugh Bryan, *Secretary.*

Raunds Vicarage.

An Opening at Bramfield Church, Suffolk.

On Thursday, the 17th ult., the ring of five bells at this church was reopened after being rehung. The bells, which have been rehung in an excellent manner, are a musical ring—tenor, 12 cwt. The three largest are fifteenth-century bells; the first and second bear the date of 1621. The opening touch, consisting of six peals (120) Grandsire and Old Doubles, was rung by N. Danford, 1; F. Lambert, 2; R. Spalding, 3; G. Day, 4; J. Larter (conductor), 5. Ringers were present from Bramfield, Halesworth, Eye, Wenhaston, Westhall, Peasenhall, Stradbroke, and Heveningham. A dinner was provided for the ringers, and there was a choral service at the church in the evening, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Raven, President of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Thursday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang a peal of 5184 London Surprise Major in 3 hrs. 36 mins. G. Robinson, 1; J. Austin, 2; A. Wakley, 3; W. Wakley, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; H. Wakley, 6; J. Griffin, 7; T. Holmes, 8. Composed by Mr. Sottanstall, and conducted by Mr. Griffin. Tenor, 26 cwt.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the same societies and the same church rang a peal of 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 26 mins. H. Parks, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Austin, 4; G. Robinson, 5; T. Holmes, 6; H. Wakley, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by Mr. W. Wakley. Rung with the bells half muffled, it being the sixth anniversary of the date of the death of Mr. M. T. Bass, founder of St. Paul's and St. Margaret's Churches, Burton-on-Trent. This composition had not previously been performed.

At St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Hatfield College Youths and Hertfordshire Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Shepherd, 1; J. Kentish, 2; W. J. Richardson, 3; J. Hollingworth, 4; W. E. Powers, 5; A. Shepherd (conductor), 6; H. J. Rowe, 7; G. Smith, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, London.

On Monday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 8 mins. H. Dains (composer), 1; W. W. Thorne, 2; J. Staples (Havant, Hampshire, first peal of Major), 3; E. F. Cole, 4; A. Pittam, 5; J. Barber (first peal in the method), 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 17¾ cwt., in F. The composition has the 6th the extent home at the last six course-ends, and the 2nd never dodging with the tenor at the wrong.

At Trinity College, Cambridge.

On Monday, the 28th ult., four members of the Cambridge University Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 Bob Triples in 2 hrs. 33 mins. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (first peal), 1–2; E. B. James, 3–4; H. L. James (conductor), 5–6; C. F. Wedemeyer (first peal), 7–8. This is the first peal by the Guild, the first handbell peal by either University, and the first peal on handbells ever rung in the town of Cambridge. The Messrs. James belong to Caius College, and Boughey and Wedemeyer to Trinity College.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., the following members of the Sussex County Association rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 Stedman Triples in 2 hrs. 53 mins. C. Smart,* 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Matthews (first peal on a bob-bell in any method), 3; W. N. Holt,* 4; G. Gatland, 5; C. Tyler, 6; G. Smart, 7; J. Smart, 8. Tenor, about 12 cwt. Conducted by C. Tyler, who, in bringing it to a successful issue, scored his fiftieth peal for the Association. This is the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight, and dedication on January 8th, 1890, and was rung on the seventh occasion of meeting for the purpose. It is also the first peal in the method by all except the conductor, and his first peal in the method as conductor. [* First peal in any method.]

REVIEWS.

(1) The Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers' Eighth Annual Report (Bemrose, Derby). (2) The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers' Ninth Annual Report (*Bell News* Office). (3) The Surrey Association of Change-ringers' Seventh Report (*Bell News* Office).

(1) This Report is as full and careful as in former years. We cannot too warmly recommend the adoption in other reports of the example set by the Association in giving a list of all their members *with addresses.* It is this last point which is often of the greatest possible convenience. So useful is the book, if for this reason only, that we carefully keep it always near at hand as a ringers' address-book. While, perhaps, a book containing addresses of all change-ringers in England is out of the question, we see no reason why such should not be found for all practical purposes in the reports of the various Diocesan and County Associations. We earnestly hope that this suggestion may be widely taken up. It surely could add but little (if anything) to the cost of each separate report, and would be of untold usefulness. The Association fully maintains its high reputation.

(2) The Guild is in the proud position of having on its books members requiring four figures for the expression of its number. The Secretary (or the printer) has been guilty of an unconscious *hyperbole* in saying '*five* figures!' But we scarcely think that they have reached 10,000. Of course it is not to be understood that these are all proficient ringers; but we rejoice to know that those of them who are not such, have given practical expression to their desire to become so by joining a guild which takes such pains in the training of good ringers. The performances of the Guild are many and various, and maintain a high standard of excellence.

(3) This Association has not the numerical strength of either of the preceding ones. This in part answers for the fact that the work accomplished is not so great. Their range of methods is small, there being only about one peal of Stedman. We hope, however, that they will continue to go forward. Though progress may be slow, perhaps it is all the more sure.

At St. Swithin's, Hempsted, Gloucestershire.—On Sunday, the 27th ult., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. E. Bewick, 1; S. E. Romans, 2; F. C. Hart, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; W. Brunsdon, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor). 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 424.

At St. Michael's, Gloucester.—On Friday, the 27th ult., the Juniors rang a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples. R. J. Wilkins, 1; W. J. Lever (conductor), 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; H. Mitchell, 6; S. E. Romans, 7; G. Watts, 8. Composed by Mr. J. W. Washbrook. On Sunday, the 27th ult., for morning service, a touch of 560 Bob Major. R. J. Wilkins, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; E. E. Bewick, 3; S. E. Romans, 4; W. C. Jones, 5; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 6; G. Brunsdon, 7; W. Brunsdon, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk.—On Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association met for the purpose of ringing 5376 Bob Major, but when within one course of the half-way single it came to an untimely end. F. Argent, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Drew, 3; G. Hardy, 4; F. Page, 5; G. Thompson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Messrs. Drew, Hardy, Page, and Thompson came from Kelsale, the others belong to the local company.

The Anniversary at Braughing, Ware, Herts.

The Anniversary will take place, as usual, on Saturday, May 10th, to commemorate the famous peal of 10,080 Bob Major, rung on the 10th of May, 1779, by the local band. A dinner will be provided at the 'Bell Inn.'

Death of a Ringer.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., the remains of the late Mr. Thomas Davis, of Prestbury, near Cheltenham, were interred in the churchyard of Prestbury. The deceased was well known, and beloved and respected by all who knew him, and a gap has been made which can never be filled up. Muffled peals were rung on the way to the grave, and after the funeral service at Prestbury and Cheltenham, and a very beautiful wreath was placed on the coffin by his brother-ringers in the neighbourhood. Mr. Davis was only forty-eight years of age, and his death was quite unexpected. A neglected cold turned to inflammation and carried him off within a week.

Lately, the following peals and touches have been rung :—

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.—On a Sunday, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Thurstans' Stedman Triples was rung in 41½ mins. by the following members of the Sussex County Association :—P. Allfrey, 1; J. Reilly, 2; H. Weston, 3; G. Williams (conductor), 4; J. Jay, 5; G. A. King, 6; A. A. Fuller, 7; H. Tugwell, 8. Also on a Sunday, 504 Stedman Triples for morning service; 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major for afternoon service; and 657 Grandsire Triples for evening service.

At St. Mary's, Finchley, Middlesex.—On a Saturday, two peals (120) of Grandsire Doubles. Also touches of Bob Minor, in which the following took part:—T. Card, F. Sparkes, W. Russell, W. Webb, J. Cornell, W. Tubb, F. Carroway, and C. Tucker. The bells were rung half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Heal, of Grass Farm, Finchley. And on a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 22¼ mins. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparkes, 2; C. Tucker, 3; W. F. Webb, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Mully, 1; F. Sparkes, 2; F. Carroway, 3; W. F. Webb, 4; C. Tucker, 5; F. Rickets, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Hayfield, Derbyshire.—On a Saturday, Mr. Hardman, of Pendleton, and Mr. Warburton, of Whitefield, visited Hayfield, and rung several touches of Oxford. Also on a Sunday, three peals were rung for service, being 720 of each of the following :—Violet, Oxford, and New London Pleasure. W. Booth, 1; J. Brocklehurst, 2; T. Whitehead (conductor), 3; J. Wheatcroft, 4; A. Hadfield, 5; A. Rangeley, 6. Mr. Hardman rang the treble in 720 in the afternoon, and in the evening rung the 5th, the other ringers standing as before.

At the Parish Church, Killamarsh, Derbyshire.—On a Saturday, for practice, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Violet Treble Bob. H. Greaves, 1; G. Burnham, 2; J. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Bettison, 4; J. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Also 120 each of Kent Treble Bob and Duke of York. H. Taylor, 1; the rest as before. And 120 New London Pleasure, with H. Greaves, 1; the rest standing as before. On a Sunday morning, for Divine service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Greaves (first 720), 1; G. Burnham, 2; J. Turton, 3; T. Bettison, 4; J. Severn, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. Messrs. Turton and Watson belong to the old company, and this is the first time Mr. Turton has taken part in change-ringing for upwards of fifteen years.

At St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Essex.—On a Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Cavella (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Milner, 2; A. Higdon (Penzance), 3; T. Wood, 4; H. Nunn, 5; R. Elliott, 6; T. A. Estall (conductor), 7; T. Watson, 8.

At the Parish Church, Norton, Staffordshire.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 Court Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. W. Brough, 1; W. Tabbernor, 2; J. Morton, 3; J. Baddeley, 4; J. Wood, 5; W. Baddeley (conductor), 6.

At St. Michael's, Bunwell, Norfolk.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor. Also, for Divine service in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; A Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinckley, 6. After Divine service in the afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Hilling, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; R. Hutton (conductor), 3; A Dunnett, 4; J. Coleman (Tivetshall), 5; J. Hinckley, 6.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Upton Bishop, Ross, Herefordshire.—On a Sunday, several peals (120) of Grandsire Doubles were rung before morning service by the following members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild :—T. Morgan, 1; H. Booth, 2; W. Redding, 3; W. Oakley, 4; G. Wilkes, 5; G. Phillipps, 6. Before evensong the following members took part in the same changes :—W. H. Oakley, 1; H. Booth, 2; A. Tatum, 3; W. Redding, 4; G. Wilkes, 5; G. Phillipps, 6.

At the Parish Church, Debenham, Suffolk.—On a Monday, Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to an end after ringing upwards of 2000 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins., the fifth rope breaking. J. Durrant, 1; D. Wightman (conductor), 2; S. Wightman, jun., 3; G. Thurlow, 4; A. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6; G. Wightman, 7; G. Perry, 8. Messrs. Perry and Thurlow came from Framsden, the rest from Cretingham.

At St. Peter's, Sudbury, Suffolk. — On a Monday, the following members of the Sudbury Company rang a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 20 mins. N. W. Taylor, 1; J. Campin, 2; S. Brown, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. Howell, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. This touch was composed by Mr. J. Aspinall, of Liverpool, and conducted by Mr. Sillitoe, and is the longest touch in this method yet rung on these bells.

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ADVANCED CONSUMPTION—PRONOUNCED INCURABLE.

Mrs. A. C., a lady residing in Cornwall, applied to me for advice, early in October, last year. Her husband, writing for her, says:—'She has been suffering for some time from lung mischief.'

Her illness had commenced eighteen months before this, first of all through grief at a sad bereavement. Her cough had recently become very troublesome, expectoration thick and green, blood had been spat up, constant pains in the left side. The strength was gradually failing with loss of flesh. Friends who had benefited by my treatment had urged her to apply to me.

At the expiration of one month Mr. C. writes me:—'My wife is greatly benefited by your valuable medicine.'

Jan. 11 the patient writes:—'Since I have been under your excellent advice I have been able to take a long journey to ——, hoping that the change here, with your splendid treatment, will fully restore me to health and strength. Your prescription and liniment is invaluable.'

Feb. 27 she says:—'My friends are astonished at my recovery, seeing that *I was given up by two skilful doctors as incurable*, and suffering from *advanced Consumption*.'

'My husband also,' she says, 'who often was laid up with cold, finds it a great comfort to his chest.

'You are at liberty to make what use you like of this,' she adds, 'omitting, for certain reasons, my name and address. If you wish, you can refer any-one privately to me, and I shall be delighted to speak of the great benefit I have received.'

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