

to give wings to the imagination of the painter,' &c. This may be the opinion of some *alumni* (not all) of Dublin. It certainly was not the opinion of the great teachers and saints of Alexandria, and a study of Clement and Origen might dispel this narrow view of our Lord's mission. Who 'ascended up far above all heavens that He might fill *all things*.' So, again, in the appendix on 'Inspired Anticipations of Modern Science,' the words of Isa. xl. 22—'He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth'—are quoted as a prophecy of the discovery that the earth is a globe. But is it not clear that they would apply equally to a circular plane, as they probably did? It is such statements as these that bring discredit upon Christian philosophy, and they should be sternly avoided by all who have any regard for the progress of the Christian faith among scientific men.

In conclusion, it cannot be said that these lectures have contributed much to the solution of this vexed question. They contain, indeed, many valuable pastoral hints and many incidental passages of great merit, and some even of beauty. But it is not from this standpoint that they have been regarded, nor do we believe that Dr. Lefroy would wish them so to be thought of. We have dealt with them in relation to their central idea—that of refuting the theories of the two earlier thinkers. Indeed, the thinker has yet to arise who shall harmonise the historical method of the Bampton lecturer with the ecclesiastical temper of the distinguished head of Pusey House. Each of these men had one side of the truth. Dr. Hatch wrote of the 'Organization of the Churches'; Mr. Gore of 'the Church' and 'the Ministry.' The one regarded the variety, the other the unity to be discovered in the early Christian ages. A middle way is possible, but it is not the crooked and misleading, because goalless, path sketched out by the Dean of Norwich. The new synthesis must be historical in its method, and must explain all the facts. It must also be prepared to accept the result as Divine equally with the germ and the process. Dr. Lefroy recognises neither the validity of the historical method, nor the consequences of the position attained by the Episcopate from the time of Irenæus onwards, and thereby has not the firm basis of scientific, historical, and philosophical criticism on the one hand, nor the proved success of ecclesiastical order on the other. On both of these lines the episcopal system has won its way and conquered. To remove its background of historical development, and of inherent virtue and power, is practically to destroy it, and this—though unwittingly on his part—is what the Donnellan lecturer has really striven to do.

ALAN KING.

MAGAZINES.

THE CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE contains a good portrait of the Bishop of Truro. Dr. Hayman discusses with insight a sample 'Difficulty' in the Old Testament, and the 'Expositions' and 'Sermons' are continued by their respective authors as usual. The number is rather above the average.

THE EXPOSITOR opens with a sympathetic sketch of the late Professor Elmslie, by Mr. Andrew Harper. Prof. Cheyne expounds the Sixty-eighth Psalm. Prof. Beet continues his discussion of the 'New Testament Teaching on the Future Punishment of Sin,' dealing with the Synoptic Gospels. The chief article is that by Mr. A. W. Hutton, on 'Personal Reminiscences of Cardinal Newman.' Mr. Hutton was for some years a priest at the Oratory, Edgbaston, and writes with full knowledge of his subject.

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES completes its first volume, and gives a capital index to the contents. The 'Notes of Recent Exposition,' always an interesting feature, contain an account of the recent discoveries in Palestine bearing on the history of Lachish. Mr. P. T. Forsyth writes interestingly on 'Preaching and Poetry.' Dr. Grosart discusses the use of the terms 'Christ' and 'the Christ' in relation to the Septuagint usage, and Professor Sanday reviews Dr. Martineau's *Seat of Authority in Religion*. Altogether an excellent threepennyworth.

IN THE THEOLOGICAL MONTHLY the best articles are those by Professor J. J. Lias on 'Wellhausen on the Pentateuch,' which is very thorough, and Dr. Weymouth's continuation of the 'Rendering of the Greek Aorist and Perfect into English.' The Revised Version is not spared in his treatment of this very important point.

IN addition to expository papers and sermon outlines of varying merit, the HOMILETIC MAGAZINE has a sermon by the late Canon Aubrey Moore on 'The Faith of Abraham,' well worth reading.

GOOD WORDS (Isbister & Co.) contains Mr. Gladstone's fifth article on the Old Testament, entitled 'The Mosaic Legislation,' to be followed next month, we are glad to see, by a paper upon 'Recent Corroborations of Scripture.' The whole series forms a masterly vindication of the sacred writings, which ought in all fairness to be read by those who follow the great leader in secular matters. Mr. W. Scott Dalgleish gives a detailed history and description of 'Trondjem Cathedral,' with special reference to its restoration now in progress, enriched by numerous illustrations showing portions of the edifice. Mr. Sharp contributes 'A

Reminiscence of the Marble Quarries of Carrara,' and Professor Flint dilates on 'The Teaching of Socialism as to Capital.'

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE (Isbister & Co.) is an excellent number. Mr. Preston's sketch of 'The Emigrants' Home at Blackwall' should be read by all intending emigrants and their friends, giving as it does a very just and true idea of a most useful but too little known institution. Archdeacon Farrar's life of 'St. Thomas of Aquinas,' and Dr. Symington's brief biography of 'Harriet Beecher Stowe,' will interest most readers, and should do us all good, setting forth as they do the beauty of 'a blameless life' alike in man and woman, in an age long past and in the nineteenth century. The Bishop of Rochester's sermon 'To Sunday-school Teachers' is thoughtful and practical.

THE LEISURE HOUR (R.T.S.) has a very unreal frontispiece by Jules Breton. 'Gleaners' do not usually go over the ground on all fours, neither do they, as a rule, glean by moonlight. The field, too, is decidedly queer-looking. The hero of the Montyon Prize, chosen as the subject for Miss Seguin's life-story this month, is 'Jean Laffray,' and a splendid, open-hearted hero he seems to have been, nobly carrying out in daily life St. Peter's usually distorted injunction, 'Use hospitality one to another without grudging.' Miss Lamb concludes her account of 'Edwin Waugh,' begun in the August series; 'Leicester' is the 'English shire' honoured with an appreciative notice; whilst in the series of papers on 'The Sovereigns of Europe' we find a capital portrait (with accompanying letterpress) of 'The King of Italy.'

IN the SUNDAY AT HOME (R.T.S.) Dr. Aubrey published parts i., ii., and iii. of an able review of 'Church Life and Work in America,' which will, we are sure, be instructive and useful reading for the bulk of Churchmen in England. Under the heading, 'A Fine Sunset of Life,' we find the touching record of the closing days of Professor Sedgwick; and other interesting papers are the account of 'A Visit to the "Asiles John Bost" at Laforce,' and the notice, with portrait, of the new Bishop of Durham. Mr. Green's articles on 'Isaiah' are brought to their conclusion.

THE GIRLS' OWN PAPER (R.T.S.), OUR OWN GAZETTE (Y.W.C.A.), 'A 1' (Partridge), THE MOTHER'S COMPANION (Partridge), and PARENTS (Allen & Co.), are all good average numbers.

ALSO RECEIVED:—THE LONDON DIOCESAN MAGAZINE: THE FOREIGN CHURCH CHRONICLE; THE INDIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW; THE GOSPEL MAGAZINE, &c.

MESSRS. DIGBY & LONG announce the AUTHOR'S MANUAL, by Mr. Percy Russell, price 5s., dealing with the publication of newspapers and books.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. Divine service at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.45. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Wigram. Dinner in Blackfriars Hall at 1.30: tickets (1s. 6d. performing and 2s. 6d. honorary members) to be obtained of the Hon. Sec. before 12.30. Special business after dinner:—Consideration of revised rules, election of four representatives on the Central Council. The number of those requiring railway cards, with station of departure, should be sent to the Hon. Sec. before Thursday, September 18th. Names of new members to be elected should be given to the District Secretaries before the day of meeting.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

Stanhos Rectory, Kings Lynn.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, the 20th inst., unavoidably postponed from the 6th. Members and friends cordially invited. Tower open 2.30 till 9.0. Meeting at 6.30. Leiston.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Hon. District Sec.

The St. James's Society, London.

At the General Meeting of this Society, held on Monday, the 18th ult., at the 'Essex Head,' Essex Street, Strand, W.C., the following members were elected as officers for the year:—Master—Mr. Henry R. Newton. Secretary—Mr. George Wild. Treasurer—Mr. A. Albone. Stewards—Mr. E. E. Richards, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin. A vote of thanks having been passed to the retiring officers, Mr. H. H. Newton and Mr. G. T. McLaughlin were elected to represent this Society at the next meeting of the National Central Council.

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Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

THE usual Monthly Ringing Meeting of the above Society was held at Christ Church, Armley, on Saturday, the 30th ult., upwards of forty members being present from Leeds, Pudsey, Headingley, Holbeck, Bramley, Burley, Rothwell, and Armley, and the bells were kept going up to 9.30 p.m. in the following methods:—OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, WOODBINE, DUKE OF YORK, VIOLET, and COLLEGE PLEASURE. The ringing throughout was well struck, and those present thoroughly enjoyed a very successful meeting. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells brought the proceedings to a close. Four new members were admitted at this meeting.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., the Monthly Meeting of the Guild was held at St. Luke's Church, Crosby, and was well attended by ringers from the following places:—Aughton, Bootle, Crosby, Crossens, Ormskirk, Sefton, and Southport. Ringing commenced at three p.m., and service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., and was well attended by the ringers and several members of the congregation. After service the ringers adjourned to the schoolroom, where an excellent knife-and-fork tea had been provided by the generosity of the Vicar and Churchwardens. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Rev. R. Love, vicar of St. Luke's, presided, being supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Captain Green, Messrs. J. Martin, W. F. Hayward, &c. The Vicar said he was pleased to hear of the good work that was being done by the Guild, and would be glad to become an honorary member and do all he could to assist them in every possible way. Captain Green then addressed the ringers at some length, and hoped to meet them again on some future occasion. Several matters of interest were then discussed, and three honorary and five performing members were elected. After a hearty vote of thanks to Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and for providing so excellent a tea, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close. The following methods were rung:—GRANDSIRE, BOB, and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR.

Stoke-upon-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

A VERY successful meeting of this Association was held at Wolstanton on Saturday, the 30th ult., about twenty members being present, the towers represented being Stoke, Wolstanton, Burslem, Norton, Bucknall, and Tunstall. Several 504's of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung, conducted by H. Page (Stoke), W. Miller (Wolstanton), and G. Woods (late of Tamworth). The bells were lowered in peal about nine o'clock.

THE BELLS OF THE PARISH CHURCHES OF BRADENHAM AND HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

By L. W. YOUNG, of High Wycombe.

(Concluded from page 729).

THE parish of Hughenden consists of 5751 acres; the northern part of the parish is included in the Hundred of Aylesbury, but the church, manor-house, and lower part of the parish are included in the Hundred of Desborough. There is really no village of Hughenden; the only houses are those inside the churchyard, for some distance.

The church (St. Michael) stands in the park. It has been mainly rebuilt, and is now more worthy of its sacred character; hence a credit to all concerned in its restoration.

On entering, the visitor will see that no pains have been spared to make it beautiful, and a few minutes spent inside will be well repaid. The font is above 600 years old, and was removed from the old church. There are several beautiful stained windows, which add a great deal to the effect of the interior. The altar-cloth, too, is worth examination. It was worked by Mrs. Blagden, and is considered to be the best of its kind in England. The next place worthy of special mention is the Montfort Chapel (now used as a vestry), in which are several memorials of the Montfort family, and a good brass of a priest in eucharistic vestments. The Tower is at the west end, and contains a peal of eight bells; two were placed to the memory of the late Lord Beaconsfield, two were added at the restoration, and the remaining four were taken from the old tower.

Their present inscriptions are—the first is of a rather pretty shape and is inscribed:—

'Cast by John Warner & Sons, 1881. In memory of Lord Beaconsfield.'

On waist is inscribed:—

'Presented by R. Warner, Esq., Bell-founder to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.'

On opposite side:—

'Year by year the steeple music
O'er the tended grass shall pour,
Where the dust of saints is garnered
Till the Master comes once more.'

The second is a similar bell, and bears the following inscription:—

'Cast by John Warner & Sons, 1881. In memory of Lord Beaconsfield.'

On waist:—

'Presented by R. Warner, Esq., Bell-founder to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.'

On the waist on opposite side:—

'Christian men shall hear at distance,
In their toil or in their rest,
Joining in that one Communion
Of one Church they too are blest.'

These two bells were dedicated by a special service in the Tower porch, conducted by the Rev. H. Blagden, vicar.

The third bears the following inscription:—

'Mears et Stainbank, Londoni, 1875.' 'Laudate dominum, omnes ejus angeli.'

Fourth:—

'Mears et Stainbank, Londoni, 1875.' 'Dominum campana, clangore laudate.'

Fifth and sixth:—

'Ananias Wright, William Russell, C. W.'

(The C. W., of course, stands for churchwarden.)

Seventh:—

'Santa Maria, ora pro nobis.'

Eighth:—

'Ouste Baptista Campana Caudeat Iste.'

A short space allowed on the last two bells will, I am sure, be in no part wasted, but in the first place let me give a word in praise of their tone.

For bells of their weight (the tenor being only 12 cwt.) the tone is unusually rich and clear, far better than most of our modern bells. And now, before saying anything about their history, let me try to describe the manner of the lettering, which is very handsome. Each word is begun with a very good capital letter, over which is a pattern similar to a *fleur-de-lis* stamp, and between almost every letter is a groat, probably the founder's stamp or mark. The groats include a curious stamp, probably a lion's head, a coin now very imperfect; also a shield with a bell in centre, and a man's hand grasping the clapper, with the letters 'R. L. W.'

That these two bells came from the same foundry is a fact which is established by the manner of the letters, groats, &c., but their history, unfortunately, is shrouded in some obscurity. In the *Records of Bucks* a capital account is given of them, of which the following is but a brief summary:—'The name and locality of the founder of these very handsome ancient bells have hitherto proved an insoluble riddle to campanologists; they exist in astonishing numbers considering their age, Mr. Tyssen (*Bells of Sussex*) having found more than fifty of these bells in the counties of Berks, Bucks, Northants, and Surrey, besides examples in Sussex, and others in Devon, Somerset, and Gloucestershire, recorded by Mr. Ellacombe in his history of the bells of these three counties; one in Norfolk recorded by Mr. Stahlshmidt, and there are doubtless others again in other counties. All these bells may be grouped together, as the same stamps have been used on each for the lettering (at least, for the capitals), and for the various founders' marks. So far as I have been able to make out (from the works of Mr. Tyssen, Mr. Stahlshmidt, &c.), the earliest existing bell from this foundry is the fifth, at Chertsey. The whole of the inscription on it is in crowned Lombardic or Gothic capitals, of the same pattern as on the present bells. It has the 'Lion's Head' stamp, a 'coin, and a stop consisting of a diamond pattern between two circular patterns,' and subsequently some of the same lettering was used by Joseph Carter of Reading, 1579-1610, and this strongly supports the theory that these bells were cast by his predecessors in the same locality.

Evidently Mr. Cocks (*Records of Bucks*) tried very hard to search out the history of these two bells, for he took considerable pains to obtain reproductions of the stamps, &c., which he submitted to the coin department of the British Museum, and received a reply to the effect that these bells were probably cast during the reign of Edward IV., which agreed with the conclusion he himself had arrived at. In the *History of Hughenden* Mr. Downs mentions these bells, and assigns them to the reign of Edward III., but gives no authority or reason for so assigning them.

Anyway, the bells are of a good old age, and have told the joys and sorrows of Hughenden a great many years. Campanologists and others wishing to see some of these bells, or, at least, bells of the same foundry, may be glad to know that examples still exist at the following places:—Hambledon, Fawley, Little Missenden, Chesham Bois, Aston Rowant, Lewknor, &c.

I must now finish this short article, and I hope it will be acceptable to a great many readers. Ancient bells are very often overlooked in many histories of churches, and no trouble is given to find out their history. In fact, the belfry itself is, in the majority of places, by no means treated like a part of the church; but thanks be to such excellent societies as the Oxford Guild of Church Bell-ringers, whose first step is always to promote belfry reform where it is needed, and also solemnly tells us that this poor neglected belfry is none other than the 'House of God,' and this is the 'Gate of Heaven.'

P.S.—The 5 and 6 of the Hughenden peal are, I think, the work of Knight, of Reading.

New Bells at Monewden Church, Wickham Market, Suffolk.

THE new ring of six bells (tenor, 6 cwt.) recently placed in the church will be rung on Wednesday, September 17th, at 9 a.m., and will be at the disposal of ringers throughout the day. This will be the first occasion

of ringing these bells. All ringers are invited to attend. A cold luncheon (1s. each person) will be provided. For further particulars apply to R. H. Hayward, Monewden, Wickham Market.

Muffled Peal at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

EIGHT members of the Clerkenwell Society assembled at St. James's Church on Thursday evening, the 4th inst., and rang the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to their late friend and fellow-ringer, Mr. Edward Bissmire, who died August 26th, and was interred at Old Leyton Cemetery, September 2nd. Mr. Bissmire was for many years ringer and chimber of the above church. He was brother to the late lamented J. S. Bissmire, sexton and steeple-keeper, who died on September 12th of last year. The band was placed thus:—J. T. Knight (conductor), 1; H. Mandeville, 2; E. March, 3; W. Jones, 4; J. F. Bissmire, 5; C. H. Ward, 6; J. Looker, 7; J. P. Rayner, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Saffron Walden, Essex.

On Friday, the 5th inst., the Benington Society of Change-Ringers (ten in number), visited the town of Saffron Walden. They rang upon the fine ring of eight bells (tenor, 24 cwt., key D), touches in the musical methods of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, to the extent of between two and three thousand changes. The excellence of the ringing was much admired by the numerous hearers. The ringers were met by their kind friends, Messrs. Pitstow, who ably rang several good touches with them. The fine day's ringing at Walden finished with the excellent performance of three lady ringers, who rang, with Mr. F. Pitstow conducting, a very musical selection of changes, with QUEEN'S, TITRUMS, and ROUNDS, manipulating their several ropes with the utmost freedom and dexterity of handling. Messrs. Rochester (Sawbridgeworth) and Haworth (London) had the pleasure of ringing, besides other touches, the one with the ladies.

The Benington Society on their route home, passing through the town of Ware, stopped there. They were met by several old friends, and with them rang, upon the musical ring of eight bells at St. Mary's, excellent touches of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. They left for home with the congratulations of a large gathering of hearers, who expressed their kind wishes and best thanks for the fine ringing that had been heard. L. Proctor, Esq., J. Kitchener, L. Chapman, Jos. Kitchener, S. Page (conductor), W. Hobbs, J. Warner, N. Warner, C. Shambrook.

Also on Friday, the 29th ult., Mr. Leonard Proctor, of Benington, Herts, and his famous band of change-ringers, accompanied by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks, and Mr. W. Washbrook, teacher to the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers, visited Saffron Walden, and rang several fine touches on the bells of the parish church. The visitors were warmly welcomed by the local ringers, and the party dined together at the 'King's Arms.'

At Holy Trinity, Privett, Alton, Hants.

On Monday, the 1st inst., the eldest son of Mr. Nicholson, of Basing Park, Hants, who was married on the 19th July, brought his bride to the paternal home after the honeymoon. To welcome them, the ringers of Privett, assisted by two others (all being members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), rang on the bells of the above church Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 46½ mins. J. Paice, 1; F. G. Ayling, 2; H. Sutton, 3; A. Baker, 4; W. Hasted, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; J. Whiting, 7; J. Baker, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. H. White came from Basingstoke; J. Whiting, Fareham; the rest belong to the local band.

At St. Michael's, Aylsham, Norfolk.

On Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the St. Peter Mancroft Society and the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. F. Knights, 1; C. Clements, 2; A. J. Neale, 3; F. H. Knights, jun., 4; G. Moy, 5; J. Smith, 6; J. Skinner, 7; R. Stackwood, 8. Composed by H. Dains, of London, and conducted by F. Knights. Tenor, 20 cwt. Messrs. Knights, Smith, and Skinner, belong to Norwich; the rest are local men. This is the first peal on the bells since 1838, in which C. Clements took part at the age of seventeen, that being his first peal; and his first 720 was rung on his twelfth birthday.

At St. Mary's, Radwinter, Essex.

On Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Saffron Walden Society and the Essex Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 14 mins. J. Freeman, 1; C. Freeman, 2; A. James, 3; F. Pitstow, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; N. J. Pitstow (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. This composition contains the 6th its extent in 5-6 at six course-ends each way, was never previously performed, and is the first peal upon the bells.

At St. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Wednesday, the 27th ult., 1040 BOB MAJOR. W. M. Lush, 1; S. Macey, 2; W. S. Wise, 3; H. D. Adams, 4; R. Gollop, 5; W. Greenleaf, 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 8.

At St. PETER'S, BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Benington (Herts) Society of Change-ringers met for their weekly practice, and upon their musical ring of eight bells (tenor, 14 cwt. in F sharp), rang a fine quarter-peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR (1344 changes). Nathan Warner, 1; Jos. Kitchener, 2; Leonard Proctor, Esq., 3; J. Kitchener, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; S. Page (conductor), 6; C. Shambrook, 7; Jabez Warner, 8.

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DISEASED LUNGS.—CASE OF MR. CHAMBERS,
OF STAMFORD, LINC.

I received the first statement of this case on the 9th of October last.

The patient's name is George Chambers, living at 23 Austin Street, Stamford. His age is 23. Consumption had been fatal to his father, mother, and sister.

The commencement of his ailment was the so frequent forerunner of lung disease—a 'cold'—contracted fifteen months before this, followed by much wheezing and shortness of breath. Then cough came on—now violent, with occasionally very severe pains. Then weakness and loss of flesh. The doctor had pronounced him to be suffering from active pulmonary disease.

I corresponded with the patient until May. In December, when much better, he left off the medicine too soon, which he had reason to regret, but resuming it he regained what he had thus lost, and was able to write me, on the 14th of May last, as follows:—

'With much pleasure I write to testify to the wonderful benefit derived from your treatment. My symptoms have entirely disappeared. I feel stronger than for a long time past. I tender you my sincerest thanks, and trust you may be long spared to benefit suffering humanity.'

NOTE.—Days of Consultation.—TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY MORNINGS ONLY, at Coombe Lodge, Peckham. Patients from any long distance should choose either of the two former days. Every one expected to have seen the book first.