Arklow is still the subject of much unfavourable comment. It is generally felt that the authorities have committed a grave blunder, and it is not surprising in the circumstances to find almost all non-Romanists united in vigorously protesting against the threatened abridgment of their liberties. An amusing feature of the case is that the clergymen were imprisoned for causing an 'obstruction,' that is, the police and military surrounded them, kept them and their congregations at one spot, ostensibly to protect them from the unreasoning fury of the Roman Catholics; they, the police, created the obstruction, and then, by a process of reasoning which is peculiarly Irish, punished the unfortunate clergymen. The open-air services were continued on Sunday. The police kept moving on the congregation, and there was no disturbance of any consequence. The police were in great force.

It is anticipated that Waterford Cathedral will be again opened for worship by the first Sunday in June. The alterations and improvements in the building have been carried out very satisfactorily, and the building will be one of the most beautiful of the kind in Ireland.

SCOTLAND.

THE many friends of Bishop Dowden will hear with pleasure that his lordship is making good progress towards convalescence.

Great excitement has characterised the School Board election contest at Crieff, the religious question being the principal cause of strife. The rector, who was returned three years ago with a wonderful majority of votes, had to reckon at this election with numerous adverse forces, and was also prevented by domestic anxiety from canvassing like the other candidates. He put his case, however, before the electors in two striking papers, entitled 'Clearing the Decks' and 'Boarding the Ship,' and has been elected. A second seat on the board has also been secured by the Episcopalians.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Ancient Society of College Youths.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE members of this Society are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at St. Saviour's on Tuesday next, the 21st inst., at 8.30 p.m., when the decision of the Central Council will be brought before the meeting as to the ringing of peals on seven bells and upwards, and as to the definition of a true peal. RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Worcestershire and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday, in the Chapter House of Worcester Cathedral, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Melville, D.D., who was supported by the Rev. W. R. Carr, M.A. (St. John's, Worcester); W. C. Gibbs, M.A. (St. John's, Hagley); H. Kingsford, M.A. (vicar of Stoulton); the Hon. Secretary, Master, and Treasurer. The meeting was opened with appropriate prayers by the Chairman. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Annual Report, which was adopted by the committee meeting held at Kidderminster, was read and passed. On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, Pershore was fixed for the next meeting.

The following new members were elected:—The Ven. the Archdeacon, Vicar of Pershore, and Mr. W. Pearce (Pershore), honorary; with ten members of the Abbey, Pershore; two from Old Hill, two from Hagley; five from the Worcester branch; one from Bromsgrove; one from Brierley Hill, and several unattached, added as performing members.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—The Very Rev. J. Gott, D.D., Dean of Worcester, President; the Rev. Canon Cattley and S. Phillips, Vice-Presidents; Mr. J. Naylor (Dudley) and Mr. H. B. Kingsford (Birmingham), lay Vice-Presidents. The Master, Hon. Secretary, and Treasurer were re-elected. The following clergy, with the representatives of each company in union, form the Management Committees:—The Revs. Canon Claughton, W. C. Gibbs, H. Kingsford, S. J. Marriott, and A. B. Timbrell.

The Rev. W. R. Carr moved—'That it be an instruction to the Committee that some Saturday afternoon between Easter and the 1st of July (instead of Easter Monday) be selected for holding the annual meeting.' He gave as his reason, that it would be a better opportuuity for holding a service, and a better chance of getting an address from one of the clergy. The Chairman concurred with the resolution, and promised to see the Dean upon the subject. The Master (Mr. S. Spittle) moved a resolution, which was carried unanimously, congratulating Canon Creighton upon his elevation to the See of Peterborough, the Chairman kindly undertaking to convey to the Bishop-elect the wishes of the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Melville, D.D., for presiding, the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, was proposed by the Rev. H. Kingsford, M.A., and carried unanimously, brought the business to a close. An adjournment was made to the 'Packhorse' Hotel (Mr. J. Perk's, late Master of the Association), where several courses were rung upon the Association handbells.

Annual Meeting of the Hertford County Association.

THE annual meeting of the Hertford County Association of Change-Ringers was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The bells at St. Peter's Church were rung soon after ten o'clock, and before the morning had far advanced the belfry was literally besieged by members. This necessitated a division, and accordingly a party made for the Cathedral, where the bells soon rang some STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A special service was held at St. Peter's Church at 12.45, when the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance gave a most stirring address.

At half-past one nearly sixty members of the Association sat down to dinner in the Corn Exchange. The venerable President, Mr. Leonard Proctor, of Bennington, occupied the chair, and among those present were: The Revs. F. H. Hodgson (vicar of Abbots Langley), G. H. P. Glossop, and T. T. Blockley, Messrs. H. L. Waddington, W. H. L. Buckingham, R. Hammond, S. E. Mitchell, E. R. Mitchell, R. A. Fowler, E. P. Debenham (hon. sec.), G. W. Cartmel (assistant hon. sec.), H. Lewis, E. Hull, A. Hull, T. Colney, H. Brewer, J. Brewer, W. Battle, W. T. Waller, E. Randal, J. C. Mitchell, A. Godman, H. Biggs, R. Weatherley (St. Albans), the Bennington Band, W. Hewitt, H. Wright (Aldenham), and other ringers from Bushey, Baldock, London, Rugby, Knebworth, &c. Towards the close of the repast the Bishop of St. Albans, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance, entered the room and was accorded a hearty welcome. Dinner over the chair was temporarily taken by the Bishop.

The Bishop of St. Albans, who rose amidst applause, said that as he had to be off almost directly, he would ask their indulgence for a few moments whilst he wished the Association success. As bell-ringing was an English custom, and a good custom, he thought all should stir themselves to see it upheld and carried out in the best possible way, because everything connected with the Church, from the very highest of motives, should be done in the best possible way, and therefore he wished the Association every success. The fact of the Association bringing together the members was in itself most useful, in addition to which the experience that was gained, and the mixing with each other in society, was also productive of great pleasure. He would not further take up their time than by saying that he hoped the Association would continue in those good lines which he was sure their worthy President had desired to see established, and that it would help to accomplish that which was so very important—the maintenance of a high standard of character among those who took up any good work connected with the Church.

The Bishop and Archdeacon Lawrance then took their departure amidst renewed applause, and Mr. Proctor resumed the chair.

The annual report was then read by the Secretary.

Mr. Henry Lewis moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, and paid a compliment to the untiring energies of the Secretary, to whom he moved a vote of thanks. Mr. T. Waller seconded, and the motion was carried. The President, whose services to the cause of change-ringing, extending over half a century, were recognised by Mr. Debenham, was also re-elected. Mr. Buckingham moved, and Mr. H. Brewer seconded, the re-election of Mr. Debenham as Secretary, and Mr. R. A. Fowler supported, observing that the time, trouble, and careful thought that their Secretary gave to the work of the Association were most laudable. The re-election was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Debenham having humorously observed that he hoped the 'salary' would be increased, or at least continued, went on to acknowledge the assistance rendered him by Mr. Cartmel, without whose continued help he was afraid they would have to look out for another Secretary. Mr. Cartmel having volunteered to continue his services with so congenial a colleague as Mr. Debenham, the latter gentleman expressed his willingness to remain in office. Mr. Ralph Fowler was also re-elected auditor.

Mr. J. C. Mitchell proposed: 'That the Association recommend the adoption of the Office now in use in the Cathedral belfry for use in the belfries affiliated with the Association; that the same be printed and copies sent to each tower, together with a circular recommending its use.' He was sure that after what had fallen from the Archdeacon that morning the meeting would have little hesitation in adopting his motion. The prayers had been sanctioned by the Archdeacon, and had been in use in the Cathedral belfry for two or three months past. The office was conducive to greater reverence being shown in the belfries. Mr. Fowler seconded, and after some discussion fourteen voted for the resolution, which was carried with seven dissentients.

On the motion of the Secretary, cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Archdeacon, to the clergy of St. Peter's, and to Mr. Cawston, the organist, and the choir of St. Peter's, it being stated that this was the first occasion on which a choir and organist had given up their time to take part in the service held by the Association. A vote of thanks to the President was also passed. It having been decided to hold the next district meeting in June at Bennington, Mr. Proctor promised the members a hearty welcome, and none who have ever enjoyed the President's hospitality will have reason to expect otherwise.

Ringing was continued at the Cathedral until five o'clock, and at St. Peter's until about seven, thus bringing to a close a memorable meeting, enjoyed by all.

Death of an Old Ringer.

JOHN YOULE, one of the parish church ringers of Wellingborough, died on Good Friday, aged seventy-two. As a relative of the family who held the sextonship of the parish church for a very long period, he learned to manage a bell when quite a boy. John Youle was nominally a regular chimer up to his death, but for the last few years he had been too infirm to attend the belfry. The ringers were present at the graveside wheu he was buried; and on the following Monday evening the old 'back six' bells were rung fully muffled in memory of the last but one of our old ringers.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 378.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild

The Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells open at two p.m.; service at four; tea at five; business meeting at six. Rev. W. T. Bulpit, W. Bentham, } *Hon. Secs.*

Treat to Ringers at Walter Belchamp, Suffolk.

On Saturday, April 4th, the members of the Belchamp Walter Company of Change-ringers were invited by the Rev. J. M. St. Clere Raymond to supper at the Hall in the good old English style, with an ample supply of roast beef and plum pudding. The party sat down at seven o'clock, with the Rev. J. M. St. Clere Raymond in the chair, supported by S. St. Clere Raymond, Esq., and the Rev. L. A. Bellhouse. After doing justice to the good things provided, a very pleasant evening was spent, with songs and various touches on the handbells. A discussion was raised about having the second bell recast, and it was decided to raise a subscription for that purpose. The bells of the parish church are a ring of eight (tenor, 10½ cwt.); if the second bell is recast they will be as nice a peal as can be found for many miles. At ten o'clock the party broke up, after thanking Mr. Raymond for his great kindness. The present Company was formed in October last, and is making satisfactory progress under the instruction of Nelson and Frederick Hawkins.

A Visit to Clifton, Beds.

Lately, on a Monday, the Biggleswade ringers, under the leadership of Mr. John Goss, visited Clifton belfry. They went through a course of changes on five bells, afterwards ringing the well-known 'Whittington,' or six-bell peal, with the leader of the Clifton ringers and a visitor from Henlow. The ringing concluded with a six-bell peal and changes, with handbell-ringing at intervals. The Biggleswade ringers think that Clifton possesses an excellent ring of bells in good working order, and regret that the whole ring of eight bells cannot be used, owing to two of them being without ropes. They also inspected the interior of the church, and were delighted with its beautiful fittings and decorations. Now that visitors have appreciated the bells, it is hoped that many other bands of ringers will follow the example of their Biggleswade brethren.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Leonard's, Bridgenorth, Salop.

On Easter Monday, the 30th ult. (by kind permission of the Rev. A. L. Oldham, rector), eight members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers (Shropshire Division) rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. H. Warren (Bridgenorth), 1; J. Overton (Bridgenorth), 2; A. Wale (Coalbrookdale), 3; W. Morgan (Coalbrookdale), 4; T. J. Bratton (Welshpool), 5; A. D. Bradburn (Coalbrookdale), 6; W. H. Fussell (Bridgenorth, conductor), 7; E. J. Hall (Bridgenorth), 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat.

At the Cathedral, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

On Easter Monday, the 30th ult., the following members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 13 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; T. Horton, 2; S. Reeves, 3; J. R. Frisby, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. Hall, 6; F. J. Cope, 7; C. Price, 8; R. Hall, 9; H. J. Gallimore, 10. The peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, was composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and conducted by Samuel Reeves, of West Bromwich.

At St. Lawrence's, Reading, Berks.

On Monday, the 30th ult., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5040 Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 34 mins. W. Holloway,* 1; J. Potter,* 2; W. J. Williams,* 3; C. Foxell,* 4; E. Bishop, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge,* 6; C. Chapman,* 7; J. Martin Routh, Esq., 8; W. Newell,* 9; R. T. Hibbert,* 10. Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and conducted by J. Potter. Tenor, 24 cwt. The first peal of Bob Royal by the Oxford Guild, and it is believed to be the first in Berkshire. [* First peal of Bob Royal.]

At St. John's, Deptford, Kent.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Society of Trinity Youths rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. J. Rose, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; T. Taylor, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), 5; F. J. French, 6; E. E. Richards, 7; F. G. Newman, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Composed by H. Dains and conducted by F. G. Newman. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. J. Hone (vicar) for the use of the bells.

At St. Edmund's, Northampton.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (Nuneaton Branch) rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins. T. Ealey, 1; J. S. White (first peal as conductor), 2; S. Hall,* 3; J. George (Rugby), 4; J. Mackay, 5; E. H. Haxley,* 6; W. Thompson,* 7; H. D. Smith,* 8. This is supposed to be the first peal rung in Northampton by a local band. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells. [* First Peal.]

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., the following members of the Sussex County Association (Steyning branch) rang a peal of 5040 Stedman Triples (Brook's variation) in 2 hrs. 50 mins. C. Tyler (first peal), 1; W. B. Hills, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. N. Holt, 4; T. Searle, 5; J. Woolgar, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8.

At All Hallows, Barking, London.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 Stedman Triples in 3 hrs. 13 mins. S. E. Joyce, 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; E. Wallage, 3; E. Hall, 4; S. Binfield, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; W. Prime, 7; C. Kennedy (first peal), 8.

The frontispiece of the Strand Magazine is a rather curious punning picture-letter by Sir Edwin Landseer. The stories of 'Pictures with Histories' are continued. 'Two Fishers,' from the French of Guy de Maupassant, is a pathetic little sketch of the war-time of '70–'71. 'Babies,' by John Gülich, is a comparison of the treatment of infants by different nations, with the result that the lot of the Japanese babies is declared to be the best. 'Portraits of Celebrities' are continued, as are also the 'Stories of the Victoria Cross.' 'A New Industry for Ladies,' by Miss Grace Harriman, describes the advantages of market-gardening as an employment for ladies, and 'On the Stump for the Pump,' by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, is a paper of which the character is sufficiently indicated by the title and the name of the author. Among the remainder of the contents there is a story by Frank R. Stockton, 'A Thing that Glistened;' a tale by Stanley J. Weyman, of the days of Henry of Navarre, entitled 'The King's Stratagem;' and a paper by J. L. Wimbush, which ought not to be left unread. The illustrations in the magazine are well executed, and it is an excellent sixpennyworth.

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☛ Mr. Congreve has thought it well in future to occasionally refer to a few *old cases* and *recent letters* from the same patients in order to show the

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CASE AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

On Jan. 1st of this year I received a letter from Mr. Garratt, of 19 Trafalgar Square, Ashton-under-Lyne, in which he says:—'Having experienced benefit from your medicine and treatment, I have many times advocated it to friends, and recently to Mr. William Bradley, of this town, who *looks another man to what he was six months ago.*'

I received a statement of this case in August last:—Commencement of illness, 'Influenza in January, followed by cold upon cold. Cough and expectoration had gradually increased; phlegm copious and purulent in appearance; dark coloured blood mixed with the phlegm; dull pains over right lung; lost weight, and strength declining three months.'

In the course of a month the patient reports:—'I am glad to say I am much better. The quantity of phlegm is not half it was before, the dull heavy pains are gone, there is only a slight shifting pain now. *I will continue your instructions to the very letter,*' (would that every patient would do this when far away, and altogether beyond my personal supervision, as this patient was).

By the end of two months he reports the cough entirely gone, and no blood had been spit up since commencing my treatment.

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