

where a sentence to the effect that to-day's newspaper is a continuation of the New Testament. Hence we agree with the author of the work before us in regretting that the study of history is only permissible, not compulsory, in our schools. 'There are many in which it is entirely untaught, and multitudes of English boys and girls are growing up ignorant of their ancestors' "brave deeds of old." No wonder if rash hands prove ready to pull to pieces old institutions when the cost at which they have been founded is entirely unknown.'

This new *Old England* (issued at the marvellously low price of half-a-crown) is an excellent bit of work. It does not profess to be a *history*, but is, as its name imports, a series of sketches. It is designed for those who have not leisure to peruse large volumes, but it may also well serve to refresh the memories of those who have had better opportunities of study. These *sketches*, fifty in number, are terse, interesting, and graphic. Notwithstanding their skilful condensation, they are no mere bald records of facts, but are enriched with thoughts concerning the facts. For example: commenting upon the well-known saying of Queen Mary, 'If my body were opened when I am dead, the name "Calais" would be found written on my heart!' the author quotes the remark of Charles Dickens: 'I should have thought, if anything were written on it, they should have found the words, "Jane Grey, Hooper, Rogers, Latimer, Crammer, and three hundred people burnt alive within four years of my wicked reign, including sixty women and forty little children." But it is enough that their names are written in Heaven.' With regard to the Civil War, the writer's sympathies are with the Parliament. Charles the First's career is 'a sad example of conscientious devotion to bad objects. He laboured to promote royal tyranny in the State, and priestly tyranny in the Church. We may admire his firmness in refusing to plant Presbyterianism in England, but we cannot forget that to him and Laud must be laid the guilt of causing the Church to be identified in the eyes of the people with oppression and injustice. By a strange partial paralysis of conscience, he never reproached himself for his many untruths; while, on the other hand, he blamed himself for the least concession made to the demands of his people.'

Very different was the character of Oliver Cromwell. 'Some have called him a hypocrite. Whatever were his faults, this he was not. What a man is at all times, in all companies, in public and in private, living and dying, that is his true character; and, so judged, he was a deeply religious man. If mistaken in some of his religious impressions, he was always most vehemently sincere. His career was an exceptional one. He seized upon government as a brave man may place himself at the helm in a storm. He may have no right there, but the crew will not quarrel with him, if he steers the vessel well and skilfully amidst howling winds and raging billows!'

The story ends with the accession of Queen Victoria, the concluding chapter being devoted to an interesting review of the *social history* of England. The numerous illustrations are of unequal merit. The author is certainly to be congratulated upon having produced a book calculated to increase our knowledge of and enthusiasm for

'This land of such dear souls, this dear, dear land'—

Shakespeare's England and ours.

NOTES OF INSTRUCTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION: In the Form of Leaflets for Distribution to Candidates. By Rev. G. H. Tremeneere. (London: Mowbray & Co. 1891.)—Mr. Tremeneere's idea is a very good one, and he has worked it out very well. It ought to render the teaching given much more systematic and likely to remain fixed in the minds of candidates.

THE PERFECT HEART: A Story of the First French Revolution. By Frances M. Wilbraham. (London: S. P. C. K. 1891. 6d.)—A short, well-told story, illustrating the moving times of the Revolution.

MAGAZINES.

THE STRAND MAGAZINE well maintains the reputation which it made with the very first number. Harry How's illustrated interviews are continued, and through his agency we are this month permitted to have a glimpse of the home life of the celebrated author, H. Rider Haggard. 'The Cornet-player,' from the Spanish of Pedro A. de Alarcon, is a tragic short story; and 'Catissou,' from the French of Jules Claretie, is a graphic tale of the tracking of a murderer by the daughter of his victim. 'The Herald of the Dawn,' by the late J. R. Werner, tells how a disaster, worse even than the fate which befell it, nearly happened to Stanley's rearward on the Aruwimi. 'Dinner at the Zoo' is a clever and amusing sketch. 'Jack Middleton's Mother' is the sad tale of a good woman mated with a rogue, with a happy termination; and A. Conan Doyle's 'Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle' is a capital sensational narrative. 'Portraits of Celebrities at Different Times of their Lives,' a song, a story for the little ones, and the 'Queer Side of Things'—which is decidedly entertaining—complete the number, which is well illustrated.

THE January part of the BIOGRAPHICAL MAGAZINE (London: 27 Camomile Street—price 2s. 6d.) contains amongst its dozen portraits and sketches one of Mr. Percy M. Thornton, of Battersea Rise, author of

Harrow School and its Surroundings; The Brunswick Accession: A History of Her Majesty's Family; and The Stuart Dynasty: Its Rise, Fall, and Early Exile. The literary sketch is complete and interesting. The number contains also a sketch and portrait of Mr. White, chaplain of Bromley College; of Sir W. T. Charley, common serjeant of London; and of several civic notables in the provinces.

GREAT THOUGHTS (London: A. W. Hall, Racquet Court, Fleet Street) begins a series of papers entitled, 'Why I am What I am.' Professor Shuttleworth, rector of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, opens with a characteristic statement of the reasons why he is an English Churchman. If representatives of various phases of belief and non-belief can be persuaded to define why they are what they are, it may be good for themselves, as well as interesting and useful for those who read their testimonies concerning themselves.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.

THE RESTORATION FUND AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

As is well known, this grand old fabric is now undergoing a most complete restoration, and to such an extent that it will be amply fitted for a cathedral for the proposed new diocese of South London. Most of our readers are aware that this church, with its famed peal of twelve bells, has for many years been the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and therefore it will not appear remarkable that the members of that Society take a more than deep interest in this work of restoration. The funds required to carry out what is intended are not yet complete, and the members of the above-named body have therefore thought that this scheme of restoration is one towards which they, as a Society, could most appropriately contribute; and a well-timed suggestion has been made that College Youths of every degree, and resident in all parts of the globe, should be invited to help in such a laudable object. The trustees of the Society will therefore be glad to receive from any College Youth donations, however small, for this purpose, which will be acknowledged by them in this paper. The amount raised in this manner will be the 'Society of College Youths' Subscription' to the undertaking, and it is confidently hoped that every member of the Society, wherever he may be situated, will respond to this very commendable suggestion, and thus show to the authorities of St. Saviour's, and Churchmen generally, that they are not altogether supine in matters which affect the well-being of the grand old Church of England.

The Trustees of the Society are Mr. George Mash, 30 Newcomen Street, Southwark, S.E., and Mr. George Dorrington, 18 Church Row, Bethnal Green, E. These gentlemen will be happy to receive all sums sent to them for the above purpose.

The following are the subscribers up to the present date, and it is hoped more subscriptions will be forthcoming:—

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Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above was held on Saturday, the 16th inst., at Romford. Owing to the sad death of the Duke of Clarence, the bells were rung half-muffled. The ringers were slow in coming together, and not much was done before 3 p.m. Some short touches of Bob Major, Bob Major, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, were then indulged in. Tea was provided in the National Schools at 5.30 p.m., when the Vicar (the Rev. F. Allen) presided, supported by the Assistant Secretary, the Rev. H. T. W. Erre. Many regrets were expressed at the absence of the Rev. F. L. Papillon. The usual business meeting was held after tea, when several new members were elected. The members present directed the Secretary to enter upon the minutes their great sympathy with the Royal Family in their bereavement, and the melancholy pleasure with which they had been enabled, as an Association, to show their respect by ringing a muffled peal. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and to the Assistant Secretary for his attendance. The belfry of Hornchurch had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Association, but time did not permit of its being visited.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 154.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

NOTICE.—Members are reminded that the subscription due under Rules 7 and 12 is now payable, and should be paid forthwith. The Secretary has also to draw attention to Rule 7, and requests conductors of peals to comply with same, as the peals for 1891 will be shortly booked, and any peal not paid for will be rejected.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

96 Akerman Road, North Brixton, S.W.

Death of a Veteran Ringer.

THE death took place on Saturday, January 2nd, at No. 12 High Street, Melton Mowbray, of Mr. Stephen Smith, watchmaker and jeweller, after an illness of a few weeks' duration. The deceased was born at Kirby Bellars on July 27th, 1808, and was therefore in his eighty-fourth year. Deceased first started business at Great Dalby in 1830, at which time, it is said, he used to walk from there to Coventry and Birmingham to purchase goods. He came to Melton some years later. He had been a ringer at the parish church for a great many years, ringing for the first time in 1822, and the last occasion was six weeks before his death, when he rang the tenor bell. He had rung at the coronation of three sovereigns, viz., George IV., William IV., and Queen Victoria. He added the tune, 'Home, sweet Home,' to the old chimes, pricking the barrel himself; while for a number of years he was bandmaster of the Melton Volunteer band. The funeral took place at Kirby Bellars on the 6th inst., and in the evening a muffled peal (by kind permission of the Vicar) was rung on the Melton bells out of respect for Mr. Smith.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Gillingham, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 13 mins. W. Easter, 1; W. Cooke, 2; J. Baxter, 3; W. Evans, 4; W. Kings, 5; G. Lindoff (composer), 6; C. Waterman, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The composition (a three-part one, which is now rung for the first time) contains the extent of the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6th's place at a course-end, and nine times each in 5th's place, the 2nd never in 6th's place.

At the Parish Church, Warnham, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5376 CANTERBURY MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. W. Pelling (first peal of MAJOR), 1; J. Garman,* 2; W. Wade, 3; W. Groves (Guildford),* 4; T. Andrews, 5; W. Short, 6; H. Burstow, 7; H. H. Chandler, 8. Composed by A. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, and conducted by H. H. Chandler. Tenor, 14 cwt. [* First in the method.]

At St. James's, Bushey, Hertfordshire.

ON Monday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. Atkins (first peal away from the tenor), 1; H. J. Wright, 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; E. E. Huntley, 6; H. G. Rowe, 7; W. Oakley, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Michael's, Minehead, Somerset.

ON Monday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association rang the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. J. Hunt, 1; T. Elliott, 2; A. Chilcott, 3; J. Pugsley, 4; R. Hole, 5; J. Grabham (conductor), 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; J. Payne, 8.

At St. Margaret's, Tipton, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 16th inst., a muffled peal, consisting of 5040 DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, was rung in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Jennings, 1; E. Goodreds, 2; A. H. Hill, 3; W. R. Small, 4; W. Mickelwright, 5; J. Jones, 6; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. 25 lbs. It is the first peal in the method rung upon the bells, also the first peal of the same by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and tenor. The whole of the band belong to the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The above is a six-part peal, and now rung for the first time.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE. D. Dingweed, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. M. Digby, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Harris (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. Also on a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed (first 720 in the method), 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby (first 720 in the method), 4; W. Harper, 5; W. Martin (first in the method as conductor). And on a Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 720 BOB MINOR. W. Clifford, 1; A. Fuller, 2; G. Hayes, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; M. Digby (conductor, first 720), 6. On Thursday, the 10th inst., for practice, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR by the following members of the Kent County Association—W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper, (conductor), 6.

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S, READING, BERKS.—On a Sunday, Ellis Nuttall's date touch of 1892 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 13 mins. F. Hopgood, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; A. Watmore, 5; W. J. Williams, 6; W. Newell, 7; W. Robins, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Tuesday, John Carter's date touch of 1892 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 6 mins. R. G. Humphrey (longest touch), 1; F. Sanders, 2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3; E. Dunn,

4; G. Durling, 5; W. Fright, 6; W. J. Smith, 7; W. James, 8. Rung on the occasion of a tablet being erected in the belfry to record two peals rung during the last year.

AT ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.—On a Saturday, a date touch of 1892 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 5 mins. B. Dalton, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. Marsh, 3; W. Dawkes, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; J. Pardoe, 8. Composed by J. Carter.

AT FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. G. Millen, 1; F. Finn, 2; J. Fisher, 3; A. Moorcraft, 4; J. R. Vincent, 5; S. Barber (conductor), 6; F. Slingsby, 7; W. Newman, 8.

AT STEYNING, SUSSEX.—On a Sunday, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. Gatland, 1; G. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Tyler, 4; J. Smart, 5; T. Searle, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; W. B. Hills, 8. Also 704 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. J. Matthews, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Smart, 5; C. Smart, 6; G. Gatland, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. And 1008 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Tyler, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Matthews, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On a Sunday, for Divine service in the evening, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. Souter, 1; G. Ponder, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; W. Souter, 4; J. Souter, 5; J. Wade, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor, Lewisham), 7; W. Welham, 8.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH SERIES OF CASES.

CASE FOR THE WEEK.

DISEASED LUNGS AND THROAT—CASE AT DUBLIN.

Mr. Congreve has received a communication from an old patient connected with the

GOSPEL BOOK MISSION,

Salisbury. (If the reader will refer to Mr. G. T. Congreve's book on 'Consumption, &c.,' on page 55, case No. 96, he will find the remarkable recovery of Mrs. BRIDER. In the year 1879 Mr. Congreve's attention was called to this case. Rev. C. BRIDER then wrote on behalf of his wife, who was suffering from chronic phthisis—a slow, progressing form of Consumption. She recovered under Mr. Congreve's treatment; and in recording this result Mr. B. wrote:—'Her case is very marvellous, and appears a miracle to friends who have known her for years. We can only trace the arresting the disease to the timely use of your means.')

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Brider has carried on the 'Gospel Book Mission' with good results at the Mission House, Wilton Place, Salisbury.

In a letter to Mr. Congreve, dated May 23th, she says: 'I enclose you a letter relative to your medicine, of which you can make any use you like. I cannot thank you enough for the good I experienced through your treatment (under God) some years ago. I am now carrying on the work that my dear husband loved so well.'

The letter Mrs. Brider refers to is from Miss M. M. R., of Dublin. She says:—'Seeing an account of your case, and of the benefit Mr. Congreve's medicine had been to you, I obtained it for a young friend who suffered greatly from her lungs and throat. It had a marvellous effect, with God's blessing. She had taken sixteen bottles of other medicines this winter and was worse, but the first few doses of this relieved her. I have recommended it since to several.'