

He is also a thinker of the most original and careful attitude. The volume contains what was, without doubt, the substance of his courses of lectures on Church history to his students. They, no doubt, will value this book more than any others. But it deserves to have a very wide range; its scope is most ample, and its information is very copious. Facts, doctrines, and biographies are all treated ably and moderately, and its many pages never weary. Students will find it in every way a most helpful book.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. Vol. I. By the Rev. Professor G. T. Stokes, D.D. 'The Expositor's Bible Series.' (Hodder & Stoughton. Price 7s. 6d.)—Professor Stokes' book has lain for a long time on our table. It is a *splendid* book. Volume II. has, we believe, recently appeared, but we have not yet seen it. Vol. I. contains an exposition of the Acts down to, though not including, the conversion of St. Paul and the baptism of Cornelius, and it is not too much to say that if the next volume is worked out—as no doubt it is—with anything like the same skill, we shall possess one of the most masterly expositions of the Acts that has yet appeared. We have no desire whatever to criticise any minute points in this able work; we would only express our gratitude for the thoroughly edifying teaching and strong thought which it contains.

THE RELATION OF CONFIRMATION TO BAPTISM. By Canon A. J. Mason, D.D. (Longmans & Co.)—Praise of this book has been in all the Churches. It is, indeed, the only book of any depth or learning which has appeared upon the subject for a very long time. The Bishop of Lichfield recently pronounced a strong encomium upon it. It may suffice here to say that Canon Mason, with much learning and research, advances evidence that the teaching of primitive antiquity declares confirmation to be an integral part of holy baptism, in such a sense that what is usually called baptism is, without it, an unfinished fragment, although conveying priceless blessings; and, secondly, that the objective bounty extended by God for our acceptance, in the crowning part of baptism, is that which bears the title of the gift of the Holy Ghost. 'In so special and unique a sense does the gift belong to confirmation that, notwithstanding all previous operations of the Holy Ghost upon the soul, the baptized but unconfirmed believer may, unless the Divine action departs from its ordinary course, be truly said not to have received the Holy Ghost.' The author puts it in another way, thus: 'Baptism and confirmation can only be regarded . . . as forming together one sacrament; and yet each part of that sacrament has its own special gift to convey.' The book is one not for criticism, but for study. It is not controversial, but devout, earnest, and discreet.

ASPECTS OF FAITH AND RELIGION IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY. By the Rev. Arthur Williamson, D.D. (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.)—The seventeenth century is well worth the careful study of every person who would be well informed upon the religious phases of English thought. Dr. Williamson sketches with great clearness the rise and progress of the Jansenists in France, the Quietists in Spain, the Pietists in Germany, and the Quakers in England. To many readers probably the latter subject may be the most attractive. It is, indeed, by far the most important of all. The effect of Quakerism upon English life was by no means insignificant. Speaking of Fox and Calvinism, the author says: 'Fox assisted in rescuing his age from that most cruel of all creeds, which, without scruple or hesitation, would rob the majority of mankind of all future hope of happiness.' Again, Dr. Williamson describes Quakerism thus: 'It was a protest against unspiritual religion; it was a protest against social degradation; it was a protest in favour of universal liberty, and the possible salvation of all men; it was a protest on behalf of the Catholic doctrine of the Holy Ghost; it was also a protest against spiritual tyranny in the Church, and against the Roman tendencies and ecclesiastical intolerance of which the High Church party, as represented by Archbishop Laud, were either rightly or wrongly accused.' The book is both interesting and instructive.

We understand that the Bishop of Winchester is preparing a book of prayers for domestic use. The task will be undertaken in a spirit so broad that it is hoped the work may prove helpful not only to Church people, but to members of every religious body. It is uncertain when the volume will be completed, but when ready it will be issued by Messrs. Isbister & Co., Limited. The same firm will publish in a few days a volume of speeches and addresses by the late Archbishop Magee.

MAGAZINES.

GREAT THOUGHTS for this month contains the opening chapters of a new story, which should prove to be very interesting, entitled, 'Love and Truth,' and the usual features of this excellent and popular periodical are continued. The part is a very good one.

IN the **GENTLEMAN**, Mrs. Oliphant's new story, 'The Sorceress,' continues with ever-increasing interest. The journal well maintains its high reputation in all respects.

RECEIVED ALSO:—The **SCOTTISH STANDARD BEAKER** and the **ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE**.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Guild was held at Upholland on Saturday, the 30th ult., members being present from Aughton, Ormskirk, Hindley, Southport, and Wigan, besides the local Company. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and was kept up till 5.30, when, by the kindness of the Vicar, the ringers sat down to an excellent tea. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which Mr. R. Young presided (in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar), and gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Upholland. The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, followed by a general statement of accounts, &c., which spoke of the steady progress of the Guild. Mr. Huxton then made a presentation of a splendid peal-book to the Guild, and spoke words of encouragement to the members of the Guild to still further the art of change-ringing in the various methods. Other business of a practical nature was afterwards discussed, the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The Lancashire Association.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 30th ult., a meeting of this branch was held at Middleton Parish Church. Ringers were present from Rochdale, Heywood, Oldham, Ashton, and the local company. GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MINOR were rung. At the meeting Mr. J. Harrison presided, and Mr. John Millett was unanimously elected Secretary in place of Mr. F. Birtwhistle, who is resigning this year. The next meeting is to be held at All Saints' Church, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 3rd. It was mentioned that three rings of bells were about to be rehung—Munrow, St. Alban's, Rochdale, and Bury parish church—which ought to be an incentive for members to help on the work of the new Secretary. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Chairman, Rector, and Wardens.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chesterfield on Saturday, the 30th ult., when the tower of the Parish Church (ten bells) was open for ringing, and touches of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, and TREBLE BOB, were rung. Through the kindness of the Vicar (the Hon. and Rev. R. E. Adderley), the tea and subsequent general meeting took place in the Parish room, and representatives attended from Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Nottingham, and Sheffield. The President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) presided, and in his address informed the meeting that twenty-eight peals had been rung during the year by ten distinct bands, which was a fair average on previous years, and after proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chesterfield and the clergy present at the meeting, which was unanimously carried, was obliged to leave. The Rev. C. H. Fisher acknowledged the vote on behalf of the Vicar and clergy, and was afterwards elected to preside over the business meeting. The Hon. Secretary having read the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Shardlow proposed, and Mr. White seconded, that they be passed and signed. Five ringing members, including the Rev. H. E. Ferry (President of the Old East Derbyshire Association), were then unanimously elected. The next business was to select a place for the second quarterly meeting, and Mr. White proposed, and Mr. Wesley seconded, that it should be held at Derby; Mr. Holmes proposed, and Mr. Griffin seconded, Loughborough. Upon a vote being taken Derby was carried by a large majority. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. Shardlow, was carried unanimously. The Rev. C. H. Fisher briefly acknowledged the vote and closed the meeting.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

LATELY, the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers held their fifth annual festival at Chester. The sermon was preached in the Cathedral by the Rev. G. M. Custance, rector of Colwall. The annual meeting was held in the refectory. A telegram from the Bishop of Chester, expressing his regret at being absent from the meeting, was read. Crewe was chosen as the place of meeting in 1893. Archdeacon Barber was re-elected Master of the Guild; Mr. H. A. Heywood was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; and Messrs. Walmsley and H. A. Heywood were elected representatives of the Guild to the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers.

Reopening of the Bells at Ardleigh, Essex.

THE ring of six at the above church has been rehung by Messrs. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich, with the addition of two trebles from the foundry of Mears & Stainbank, and now forms a handy ring of eight, much needed in the eastern corner of Essex. The work has been executed as a memorial to the late Vicar, Canon Perry, a well-known authority on ecclesiastical and liturgical history, and its completion was made the occasion for a peal festival, to which the Vicar, the Rev. Greville Hales, made all arrangements and gave a most welcome. The bells were opened in due form on the morning of Tuesday, August 9th, with a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. The peal-ringers and others were hospitably entertained by the Vicar in the Parish Room attached to the Vicarage, and all expressed themselves well satisfied with the peal of the bells. At 3.15 Divine service was held in the church, the procession of choir and clergy being headed by the band of the Norfolk Regiment from Colchester. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Colchester (Dr. Blomfield), who is also Archdeacon for that portion of the diocese of St. Albans. The preacher spoke in feeling terms of the late Vicar, and gave an interesting account of the various uses to which church bells may be put. After service a public tea with sports of all kinds was held in a meadow near the railway station. The ringers present have especial reason to thank the Vicar for his kindly welcome and hospitality.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see 698.

Reopening of the Bells at Thornton-Curtis, Lincolnshire.

THE restoration of this church has recently been completed, a new organ added, and the bells rehung. They were originally four in number, but a new tenor bell has been added (making a ring of five) by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The bell weighs 18 cwt., and is of fine quality and tone. The whole peal has been entirely rehung on improved principle, with new wheels, stocks, brasses in cast-iron chairs, and new ropes and fittings. The new bell is the gift of Mr. John and Mrs. A. Feriby, the Rev. C. B. Goodacre and Mrs. Goodacre, of Wootton Hall, while the parishioners and neighbouring gentry have raised money enough to have the four other bells completed. The bells were opened on Monday, the 8th inst., by the following ringers from Barrow-in-Humber:—H. Edwards, 1; J. Percival, 2; E. Dannott, 3; A. Allison, 4; J. Bilton, 5. The bells have the following inscriptions:—

1. (—).
2. 'Venite Exultemus Domino 1686.
3. 'O Deus Absque Pare Fac Nos (Tibi, Dylcle Sonare), 1592.
4. 'The praise of God I sing, and triumph of the ring.

The marriage joys I tell, and sounds the dead man's knell.

J. Ludlum, Rotherham, founder, 1761.

5. 'Glory be to God. In memory of John and Abigail Feriby and Joseph and Elizabeth Goodacre.'

Mr. North, in his *Church Bells*, has made a note on the inscription of the third bell. 'The very excellent motto on the third bell,' he says, 'has, I believe, not been met with elsewhere.' The inscription is: 'O God, without an equal, make us to sound sweetly to Thee.'

A Muffled Peal at Barrow-on-Humber.

WE regret to record the death of John Westoby, 'well-sinker,' in the 83rd year of his age. The circumstance is of peculiar interest inasmuch as he was probably the oldest inhabitant of the village. He was much respected by his neighbours, and regarded almost as the parish historian, his knowledge of the history in connexion with the parish being very extensive. He was a native of Barrow, and having lived there all his life had seen numerous changes. For some time past he has been in declining health, but till within a few weeks of his death, which occurred on Thursday, June 2nd, was able to fulfil his duties. On Monday, June 6th, his remains were laid in their last resting-place in the parish cemetery. He had been a ringer in the parish church for a great many years, and always swung the treble bell in the peal. After the funeral a muffled peal was rung by the following:—J. Percival, 1; W. Crowder, 2; H. E. Dannatt, 3; A. Allison, 4; J. Bilton, 5; J. Pratt, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt.

The St. James's Society, London.

The general business meeting of this Society will be held after the usual practice at St. Clement Danes on Monday, August 29th, 1892, when the balance-sheet for the year will be submitted by the auditors, and business of importance brought forward. The election of officers for the ensuing year will also take place that evening. A good attendance is hoped for.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary and All Saints', Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Worcestershire and Districts' Association and the St. Mary's Society rang Dains' peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SCRIPSE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 30 mins. G. Salter, 1; J. Pagett (first peal of MAJOR),* 2; W. H. Smith, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. Short,* 5; W. Wakeman, 6; H. Williams,* 7; R. E. Grove (conductor), 8. Messrs. Wakeman and Pagett are both under twenty, and the average age of the whole band is twenty-four. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Edmund's, Northampton.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang Vicars' Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. George (Rugby), 1; E. H. Haxley, 2; J. Mackay, 3; A. O. Stewart, 4; H. Chapman (Manchester), 5; J. S. White, 6; W. H. Wood, 7. E. R. Maude, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Foxearth, Essex.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., a band of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. S. Slater (Glemsford), 1; C. Honeybell (Glemsford), 2; J. Bonney (London), 3; F. Willis (Glemsford), 4; C. Adams (Glemsford), 5; W. Gordley (Foxearth), 6; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor, Sudbury), 8. This is a one-part composition by Mr. S. Wood of Ashton-under-Lyne. It was rung to oblige Mr. J. Bonney of London, who was formerly a member of the Sudbury company. This is the sixtieth peal that the conductor has taken part in.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society rang J. Reeves' peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. A. J. Callaway, 1; S. Macey, 2; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; S. Lawrence, 7; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Peter's, St. Albans, Herts.

On Monday, the 8th inst., ten members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Cox's peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 8 mins. E. Hull, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 3; E. R. Mitchell, 4; J. E. Randall (birthday), 5; A. Sheppard,* 6; H. Brewer, 7; E. E. Huntley,* 8; T. Waller, 9; W. Waller, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt., in D. Mr. Huntley came from Bushey, and Mr. Sheppard from Hatfield. [* First peal of CATERS.]

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. E. Barnett, 1; W. I. Reeve (birthday), and first peal in the method with a bob-bell, 2; F. J. Cullum, 3; G. Conyard, 4; J. H. Cheesman, 5; C. Wilkins, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Bishopstone, Wilts.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Rev. H. A. Cockey, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; T. Hibbert, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; E. Bishop, 6; W. J. Hinton, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. It was rung on the occasion of the reopening of the church, after restoration, by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and was the first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells.

At DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 720 BOB MINOR (twenty-six singles) in 25 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

A CORRECTION.—'The Method of Ringing Funeral Peals in London, 1374,' in the last number, should be 1734.

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CASE FOR THE WEEK.

PHTHISIS—CASE OF MR. A. ASHE.

N.B.—This is one of those cases not published before, to which I occasionally make reference as an example of 'PERMANENCE OF CURE.'

This patient, then living at Reading, applied to me six years ago.

There was disease in the family. The first symptoms in his case were hæmorrhage from the lungs, followed by painful and severe dyspnœa, very bad cough, and difficult expectoration, pains in the side, loss of appetite, &c. Flesh and strength had been wasting gradually for twelve months. Had attended Reading Hospital with 'no benefit.' Case pronounced 'Phthisis' by the physicians there.

A regular course of my treatment was directed, and to continue cod liver oil and the hypophosphites prescribed at Reading.

In the course of a few months he became well.

A sister of the patient (also a patient of mine in part, but suffering from a complication of diseases which requires surgical treatment also), writing me a few months ago, speaks of her brother thus:—'He is stronger and better than ever, and has not the least sign or symptom of his old complaint.'

I had forgotten the case till then. I wrote to Mr. Ashe himself recently to inquire, and he reports himself in good health. 'If ever I have a little cough come on (he says) I resort at once to your medicine. I have been recommending it to others, who have benefited. I have left Reading, and am now with Messrs. Latter, Parsons, & Co., timber merchants, Eastbourne.'

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