

that some of the earliest records of Christianity in our land are connected with this county. The 'King and Queen'—two remarkable stones thus named—have been objects of reverence from an extremely remote period.

CHRIS WILLOUGHBY. By Florence E. Burch. *CYRIL'S PROMISE.* By W. J. Lacey. (Nelson & Sons.)—Good tales for boys. 'Chris' is a wise-headed, cultured lad, who enjoys the advantage of having to pull 'against the stream,' and whose earnest desire is to make the most of himself by living as worthily as he can. Uphill work develops most muscle; thus Chris develops a noble character, whilst his easy-going friend, Jack Avery, drifts down the stream of laziness into very rough waters indeed. With Christopher's help, however, he at length reforms. *Cyril's Promise* is a temperance story, well written from the total abstinence point of view. Chris and Cyril have at least one thing in common. Both go in for doctoring as a profession, although two such exemplary youths would not, we may hope, 'learn all that flippancy and irreverence that belong by nature to the medical student.'

JOY AND HEALTH. By Martellius. (Cassell & Co.)—Not hygienic, but poetical. The poetry, however, is of a very minor order.

THE SUCCESSFUL LIFE. A Book for Young Men commencing Business. Containing Counsel, Instruction, Comfort. By an Elder Brother. (London: Messrs. Cassell & Co., Limited. Price 3s. 6d.)—This is a capital book to place in the hands of young men. It is a series of plain talks, written in the first person, and arranged under a variety of headings. Thus we have 'The Business Man and the Man of Business,' 'The Choice of a Career,' 'The Ethics of Trade,' 'Thrift,' 'Modern Science and Modern Religion,' and others, all of which will interest, and may be read with profit by any intelligent young man. They will provide him with some excellent material for reflection in his leisure hours.

THE KING'S ARROW, and other Stories. By Eleanor B. Prosser. (London and Derby: Bemrose & Sons. 1s. 6d.)—Sketches, short and simple, suitable for reading to working women.

THE YOUNG STANDARD-BEARER for 1892. (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co. 1s. 6d.)—The bound halfpenny issues of this bright juvenile temperance periodical, with their pictures and letterpress, form an attractive little volume, of which the frontispiece is a portrait of the young Duke of Albany.

HOME WEAL AND HOME WOE. By Mrs. Bayley and Elisabeth Boyd Bayley. (London: J. Nisbet & Co. 1892. 5s.)—Dealing largely with Mothers'-meeting work, this new book, by one who has been for many long years identified with efforts to raise the tone of the family life of the working classes, contains numerous useful hints and goodly counsels.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE DONALD FRASER, D.D., AND A SELECTION FROM HIS SERMONS. With a Preface by J. Oswald Dykes, D.D. (London: James Nisbet & Co. 1892. 3s. 6d.)—Dr. Donald Fraser was a striking figure among London Presbyterians, and his sudden death left a gap that has only just been filled. The autobiography now before us is very slight, and contains but little of general interest. The sermons, too, do not strike us as being of the best; but perhaps they were all that could be gathered together in a finished form.

ULRIC ZWINGLE. By Robert Wilkes Gosse, B.A., rector of Bratton St. Maur, Somerset. (London: J. Nisbet & Co. 1892. 2s. 6d.)—This is one of the volumes of Nisbet's series, 'Lives that Speak.' Mr. Gosse has, in brief and terse language, told the life-history and indicated the main theological positions of the Swiss reformer.

The frontispiece of the *MAGAZINE OF ART* is a fine original etching by David Law, entitled 'After the Festa.' In a note, it is pointed out that the picture 'approaches almost as nearly to engraving as it does to true etching.' It is certainly a charming picture, and shows a mastery of the art, which it would be difficult to surpass. There is, among numerous other beautiful pictures, a capital engraving by A. Knoesing of E. J. Poynter's 'When the World was Young.' Among the varied contents, we have the second paper of Theodore Watts on the 'Portraits of Lord Tennyson,' which is illustrated by nine pictures of the poet. A. S. Swinburne commences a series of 'Carols of the Year,' and Walter Crane contributes a paper on 'Design.'

The *ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE* has, for its frontispiece, an engraving by O. Lacour of Archbishop Vaughan, and Wilfrid Ward contributes a brief sketch of the Archbishop's career. Bret Harte concludes his story, 'Sally Dows.' Captain E. C. H. Price gives short accounts of the lives of 'Four Famous Generals,' the four being Sir George White, Sir Evelyn Wood, Sir George Greaves, and Lieut-General Henry Brackenbury; and Honor Brooke writes on 'Burne Jones and his Art.' Among the remainder of the contents there is a complete short story by Henry Herman, 'The Lost Letter.'

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—Ild. Guide, 'How to Commence,' 3d. Tobacconists' Outfitting Co., 136 Euston Rd., N.W.—'Pick-Me-Up Cigarettes Everywhere.'—[Adv't.]

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

MEMBERS residing within the Postal District of London are hereby reminded that the sum of 1s. 8d., to cover peal-booking expenses for 1893, is now due and payable to January 31st. The next ringing meeting will be at Cripplegate on Tuesday, January 3rd, at 8 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.

TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this branch will be held at the 'Fountain' Coffee Tavern, Westerhan, Sevenoaks, on Monday, January 9th, at 3.15 p.m. The usual allowances will be paid to members attending. N.B.—Change at Dutton Green Station.

Sevenoaks Rectory.

T. S. CURTEIS, *District Secretary.*

The Bells of Nailsea, Somersetshire.

AFTER a silence of nearly two years the bells of Nailsea Parish Church were rung for the first time on Saturday, the 10th inst. The wheels, wood-work, and bearings had become so worn that it was considered dangerous to ring them. Accordingly an appeal was made for the 70l. or 80l. necessary for the thorough repair of the bells, and proved so successful that the Rector and Churchwardens felt justified in giving the contract to Mr. Hooper, of Woodbury, near Exeter, and he has performed his work in a most satisfactory manner. The bells have been entirely rehung and also quartered. Owing to the absence of the Rev. J. Johnson, the rector, there was only an informal opening of the bells. The opening peal was taken by Messrs. E. Summers, 1; — Evans, 2; E. Day, 3; S. Butchers, 4; C. Cavill, 5; and F. Brown, 6; after which several peals were rung at intervals by local men.

Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.

THROUGH the kind hospitality of the Rev. J. E. Player, twelve members of the Wells Association of Ringers were entertained at supper at the Rectory on Wednesday, the 14th inst. After supper the party adjourned to the Church Institute, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. It is only recently that the Wells ringers have adopted the more scientific method of change-ringing, but already they have made great progress.

Dedication of Bells at Eaconsthorpe, Norfolk.

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., a peal of eight tubular bells, costing 180l., most of which has been subscribed, was dedicated to the service of the Church, taking the place of the single bell which has hitherto done duty. After the dedication prayers had been read by the Rector, the Rev. A. H. Upcher, the bells pleaded forth a joyous chime, their tones being heard as far as Wolterton, a village four miles distant.

Anniversary at Oldbury, Worcestershire.

ON Wednesday, the 14th inst., being the fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells, the usual dinner was held at the Union Club, to which about forty sat down, among those present being the Revs. W. Hughes and H. McKean, together with representatives from Christ Church, West Bromwich, and St. Martin's, Tipton. After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman (Mr. Hollins), in very feeling terms, referred to the loss the Church had sustained since the last meeting in the deaths of the Vicar (Mr. Taylor) and of Mr. P. Spencer, who had acted as joint secretary to the fund for placing the bells in the tower. Mr. T. Jones, in proposing the health of the Vicar (Rev. J. E. Brown), to whom he gave a hearty welcome, also referred to the loss, that not only the Church, but the town also would suffer by the death of Mr. Spencer. On behalf of the meeting, he could assure the widow and family of the heartfelt sympathy of those present at the sad loss they had sustained. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Sayer and the bell-ringers, to which the former replied, and took the opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who by their generosity and presence that night enabled him to give the ringers some little recognition for their services. Mr. Snalls (Tipton) also returned thanks. It was decided to send Mrs. Spencer and family a letter of condolence in their sad trouble.

A Visit to Spondon, Derbyshire.

AT the kind invitation of the Vicar of Spondon, the Duffield Society paid a visit to Spondon on Saturday, the 17th inst. The bells were raised in peal by the local band, and on reaching the belfry the visitors commenced by ringing some STEDMAN DOUBLES, followed by 720 BOB MINOR, being the first 720 on the bells. G. Dawson, 1; W. Clarke, 2; H. W. Wilde, 3; W. Hickling, 4; J. Flower, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. A touch of DOUBLE OXFORD MINOR was next rung, followed by several peals (120) of GRAND-SIRE DOUBLES, in which several of the local men took part. These bells have recently been rehung in an iron frame, and a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor & Sons, of Loughborough, the 'go' of which leaves nothing to be desired. Refreshments had been provided for the visitors, and after a pleasant hour spent in company with the Spondon ringers, who are learning change-ringing under the tuition of Mr. John Howe, a start was made for the station, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

WE are sorry to hear that Peter Snowdon, who has been a bell-ringer at Leeds Parish Church for fifty years, fell dead in the belfry on Sunday last, shortly before morning service.

MESSRS. LEWELLINS & JAMES, bell-founders, of Bristol, have been awarded a silver medal for their exhibits at the Kimberley Exhibition.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 104.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Day's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. Windridge, 1; G. Wright, 2; R. Brindley, 3; J. Pratt, 4; H. Meacham, 5; J. Timms (conductor), 6; C. Chapman, 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. Messrs. Gallimore, Meacham, and Wright came from Lichfield.

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

On Thursday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang A. Percival Heywood's peal of 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 20 mins. W. J. Smith, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; J. Jaggar, 3; Jos. Griffith, 4; H. Wakley, 5; T. Holmes, 6; G. Robinson, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. The first peal in the method by the St. Paul's Society.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., twelve members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a peal of 5031 STEDMAN CINQUES in 3 hrs. 48 mins. W. L. Catchpole (composer and conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. P. Garratt,* 4; A. E. Durrant,* 5; J. Motts, 6; R. Hawes, 7; H. Bowell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; W. Motts, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; A. Bowell,* 12. Tenor, 32 cwt. [*First peal in the method.]

At St. Mary's, Mortlake, London.

On Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the All Saints' (Fulham) Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 47 mins. W. Smith (first peal away from the tenor), 1; J. G. Green, 2; S. Luscombe, 3; J. Basden, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; J. W. Driver, 6; G. Woodiss (conductor), 7; H. Kenten, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Speldhurst, Kent.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang H. Johnson's peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. Baker, 1; W. H. Card (first peal of MAJOR with a bob-bell), 2; R. Pelling (birthday), 3; J. Maynard, 4; G. Turley, 5; F. Still, jun., 6; G. A. Card, 7; T. Card (conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The composition contains the sixth its extent in 5-6.

Midnight Peal.—On December 24th-25th, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a midnight peal of 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Baker, 1; W. H. Card, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Turley, 4; F. Still, jun., 5; J. Maynard, 6; G. A. Card, 7; T. Card, 8. Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by Thomas Card. This composition, which contains the fifth and sixth their extent in 5-6, was started for at 10.24 p.m. on the 24th, the bells coming round at 1.20 a.m. on Christmas morning.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 4 mins. H. Rann, 1; K. Hart, 2; A. J. Turner (first peal of STEDMAN), 3; A. A. Fuller, 4; R. Hoather, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. Messrs. Turner, Dawe, and Hoather, are local men; the others came from Brighton.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks.

On Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 38 mins. Frank Biggs, 1; Fred. Biggs, 2; E. Gadsden (High Wycombe), 3; S. Goodchild, 4; W. E. Taylor (first peal in the method, Beyne Hill), 5; W. E. Yates, 6; J. Evans (conductor), 7; R. Biggs, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

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NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in the compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

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in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

FIRST INTERVIEW.

At TORQUAY, with Mr. FRED. HEATH, of St. Leonard's Terrace, Newton Abbot, Plumber, whose case appeared in the weekly papers, December, 1891.

The 'plain unvarnished tale' told by Mr. Heath, of Newton Abbot, Devon, is worthy the attention of all those who are suffering from any form of chest disease. It would be very easy to describe the statements therein made as 'wonderful,' 'remarkable,' or even as almost passing belief, but I prefer to tell the story 'just as 'twas told to me.'

Mr. Heath had a severe attack of bronchitis, following on Russian influenza, and this was accompanied by terrible cough and night sweats.

'I cannot tell you what I suffered,' said Mr. Heath, as we sat chatting in a Torquay hotel recently. 'My health entirely gave way. The attacks of hæmorrhage were dreadful, and they left me very weak. The expectoration was offensive and purulent. I became very thin, with the exception of my legs and feet, and they commenced to swell. I had the best available medical advice, both in Torquay and Newton Abbot. No less than eight doctors had me in hand at different times, and they all said I was in a decided consumption, with ulceration proceeding at the back of the lungs.'

'Of course you were not able to work?' I asked.

'No; I was laid up for eight and a half months, unable to earn anything.'

'Some portion of that time you spent in the hospital?'

'I was in Teignmouth Hospital for three weeks, and in the Consumption Hospital at Torquay for four months. I was discharged from the latter, my case being given up as hopeless. I was so thin that you could see through my hands, and every one who knew me said I was a dying man. One of the doctors who attended me told my wife that I should never do another day's work—in fact, that I couldn't live very long.'

Mr. Heath to-day is a man in the best of health, possessing an amount of strength which he rightly describes as wonderful, so I naturally asked him how the change, miraculous almost, was brought about.

'Well,' he answered, 'when I was so bad that they watched by my bed for a fortnight, expecting me to die, I heard of Mr. Congreve's treatment, and as a last resource, I commenced to take it. After about the first four days I mended rapidly. For a time I brought up a little blood, but that soon ceased after taking special medicine prescribed for me by Mr. Congreve. In about two months I was well enough to go to work.'

'Then do I understand that after being so ill for between eight and nine months, in so short a time you were enabled to go to work?'

'Yes, and more than that, I have never ailed anything since. My occupation is a trying one. Perhaps for a time I am standing before a fierce fire, and immediately after I am exposed to the cold air.'

'I suppose plenty of persons have witnessed your recovery?'

'Hundreds of people who know me well. After I got to work again one of the doctors who had treated me asked me to come up and be examined. After the examination was over, he told me he was never more surprised in his life—there was absolutely nothing the matter with me, except a little weakness. He said he thought I should have been dead and in my grave. People who saw me when I was so ill regard me as a living wonder.'

'You certainly appear in good health now?'

'My health is perfect. From the time Mr. Congreve cured me I have not had an hour's illness. Many strangers who have heard about me come to my house to enquire, and I tell them exactly the same as I have told you.'

'Then you won't mind my publishing your case in the Torquay papers, Mr. Heath?'

'I shall be only too pleased for you to do so, and I will gladly answer any inquiries which may be addressed to me. I ought to add, to show how strong my chest is now, that I belong to a band connected with a religious organization, and play a wind instrument four nights a-week, and nearly all day on Sunday.'

This is Mr. Heath's testimony. Any one who doubts it can communicate with him at the address above given, and he will be happy to answer any questions.

NOTE.—While in Newton Abbot I met several persons who corroborated Mr. Heath's statement. One gentleman—Mr. Churton, Rock Villa, Woborough Hill—who knows all the facts, vouches for their correctness. He has also seen the good effects of Mr. Congreve's treatment in other cases, and speaks of it as the most wonderful medicine he ever knew.

The case of Mr. Heath is one of a number in the neighbourhood of Torquay, visited by the special commissioner referred to. Amongst those who have recovered under Mr. Congreve's treatment, and who may be named as specially worthy of note, are

MR. WILLIAM HUNT, The Grove, Newton Abbot.

MR. CHARLES YELLAND, Manor Cottages, Newton Abbot.

CAPTAIN ALFORD, of Salvation Army Barracks, Exeter.