

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains a large variety of pictures of all sorts. There are fine-art pictures, comic pictures, portrait pictures of places, and many others of a miscellaneous character. The portrait series this month is particularly interesting.

GREAT THOUGHTS continues its usual excellent features. A coloured presentation plate, 'The Journey to Emmaus,' is given with the number, which contains, among other articles and papers, 'A Visit to Honolulu,' by the Countess of Meath, 'The Paths of London Life,' by Arnold White, 'The Daily Graphic,' Bishop Phillips Brooks, and accounts of interviews with Captain Lovett Cameron and Mr. I. Zangwill.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE has a portrait of John Morley for its frontispiece, and Henry W. Lucy contributes a brief but interesting sketch of that politician's career. There are two complete short stories and a variety of papers and articles, among which we note 'Finland Skating' (Charles Silcock): 'Oriental Types of Beauty' (Ernest M. Bowden), which is very interestingly illustrated: 'Scottish Castles' and Residences of Mary Queen of Scots (Cuthbert Hadden), and recent explorations in Western Australia (A. F. Calvert).

THE CHURCHMAN for this month opens with Part III. of 'Lessons from the Character of the Mother of our Lord,' by the Bishop of Ripon. Mr. Frederic Relton contributes an interesting paper on 'The Romance of Codex Bezae, with some Collateral Reflections.' The 'Short Notices of Books' at the end appear to us so much fuller than hitherto as to involve a new departure.

THE CONTEMPORARY has sermons by the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Ripon, and includes among its Outlines a sermon on 'The Sower,' recently preached by Canon H. S. Holland.

THE NEWBURY HOUSE MAGAZINE continues its notes on the queer forms of prayer formerly issued by the civil authorities, the Livery Companies, and the Church Movement of 1833. There is also a beautifully illustrated and appreciative account of Selby Abbey, and, among other readable papers, a nice little notice of Sam Fife, Bishop Selwyn's Bosun. 'Women: their Needs and Helpers,' is the title of a careful paper, in which a brief but interesting account is given of the multitudinous institutions for the benefit of women.

THE NET gives us six pages of news from Zululand, a most touching and encouraging letter from Mrs. Bompas on Holy Week and Easter at Lytton, mentioning, by the bye, a curious find there of flint arrow-heads, curious because flint is not to be found in all Canada. In another paper we read of Mrs. Sathianadhan and her work. Verily the *Net* justifies its title. It is 'cast in many waters.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE; THE SENTRY; THE SCOTTISH STANDARD BEARER.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Book on Change-ringing.

SIR,—Like 'E. H., Belfast,' I also am desirous of meeting with some simple book of elementary instruction, by which ringers of ordinary intelligence would be assisted to the mastery of the science of change-ringing.

Mr. Snowdon's *Rope-sight* (price 1s. 6d.) is doubtless an excellent manual for ringers who have obtained a certain knowledge of the art. Every member of our band, probationers as well as ringers, has a copy of it; but they stumble at its technicalities, and consequently make but little progress. No doubt if the men could have the advantage of oral teaching by a capable ringer, their difficulties would be greatly reduced; but such assistance is not available for us, nor is it to be had in many other out-of-the-way country places. What seems to be wanted is some inexpensive work which would make clear the mysteries of 'coursing,' 'dodging,' 'hunting,' 'making place,' 'lead-ends,' 'bobs,' 'singles,' 'doubles,' &c., followed by simple instruction in the principles which govern change-ringing, illustrated by examples of peals as set out, say, in Snowdon's books or *Church Bells*, so that the learner may be taught how to read these columns of figures for himself. Such a work possibly exists; if so, perhaps one or other of your numerous readers will kindly name its title, publisher, and price, thereby conferring a great favour upon many others besides 'E. H.' and

L. B. W.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Crossens on Saturday, January 28th, and was well attended by members from Aughton, Crosby, Halsall, Southport, and Upholland, besides the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., when several touches of GRANDSIRE, BOB, and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR were rung. At 5.30 p.m. an excellent tea was provided by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, to which between thirty and forty members sat down, the tea-table being presided over by Mrs. Bulpit. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which Mr. J. Martin took the chair, and said he was pleased to see so good a muster, and gave several excellent suggestions for future meetings. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit then addressed the meeting, and said he was glad to see the Guild was steadily progressing both in numbers and change-ringing. Mr. Alexander Smith said that this was the first time

he had been to a ringers' meeting, and it came to him as a glad surprise to see so excellent an organization and such good work being done, and he wished to become an honorary member of the Guild. Nine performing members were afterwards elected, the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant evening to a close. During the course of the evening several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and several tunes were rung on the handbells.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

A COMMITTEE and quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., by kind permission of the Rev. E. V. Hall, vicar, in St. John's Schoolroom, Bromsgrove. The tower (ten bells) was open during the afternoon, and touches in several methods were rung by mixed bands, including a well-struck touch of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. The Vicar, who presided at the meeting, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them that evening, and assured them the Association had his warmest sympathy. He should be willing at all times to render all the help and assistance he could to further the objects they had in view. He thought to reform our belfries and raise the status of ringers were aims which deserved the encouragement of the clergy and leading laity; and so long as the ringers themselves performed their duties conscientiously to their Church, he had no doubt they would receive much encouragement.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. On the business arising out of the minutes being discussed, the Hon. Secretary remarked that he had carried out the instruction given at the meeting held at King's Norton, 'that he write to the Vicar of Evesham reminding him of his promise to the Bengeworth ringers, and to ascertain whether any steps had been taken to bring about the suggested arrangement for the above and the Evesham companies to practice change-ringing on the bells in the bell-tower,' but he had received no reply. A proposition was carried that he respectfully write to the Rev. R. Straffen, vicar of Evesham, again, as no doubt the matter had been overlooked. On the proposition for new members, the Rev. E. V. Hall (Bromsgrove), and Minor Canon Clifford (Worcester), were elected honorary members, and about twenty performing members were also enrolled. A Committee meeting to receive balance-sheet and annual report was fixed for Saturday, March 11th, at Stourbridge. Mr. W. R. Small (Tipton), and Mr. R. Gough (Coseley), were re-elected auditors.

Among the miscellaneous business, J. S. Pritchett, Esq., proposed that in view of the possibility of the Cathedral bells being placed at the disposal of the Association to practise for a peal, a Committee be appointed to confer with the Dean and Chapter upon the subject. The following were appointed: Messrs. S. Spittle (Dudley), J. Smith (Netherton), G. Hayward (Bromsgrove), R. E. Grove (Kidderminster), and W. Page (Worcester). A proposition was carried that Mr. Pritchett be added to the Committee.

A vote of thanks to the reverend chairman for presiding, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells, brought the meeting to a close.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

LATELY a pleasant quarterly meeting of this Society was held at West Bromwich. As the ringers had access to a peal of twelve bells only one in the archdeaconry, those who are usually confined to Minor, Tenor, or Major ringing had an opportunity of which they were glad to avail themselves, of extending the limits within which they are usually confined. The members of the Society attended choral evensong at 5 p.m. when the vicar, the Rev. W. Solly, an honorary member of the Society, gave a short and suitable address—the Vicar, the Rev. M. Crofton, being unfortunately absent. At the Committee meeting letters were read from the Rev. J. K. Keble and the Rev. C. H. Joberns, acknowledging with pleasure the receipt of the photographs of members which had been sent them, and which would serve to remind them of many pleasant meetings. Both gentlemen are a great loss to the Society. Mr. Keble was practically the originator of the Society, and bore as Secretary a considerable burden of the management for nine years. Mr. Joberns not only undertook the post of Treasurer, but also took charge of the peal-book, and no less than fifty-seven peals were most artistically entered by him with that skill and patient labour which is seldom seen nowadays except in the old manuscripts of mediæval times. After the Committee meeting the members adjourned to tea, and thanks having been voted to the Rev. W. Solly, who suitably replied, a few more touches on the bells brought a satisfactory meeting to a close. The next meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 15th, at Coseley.

A Gift of Handbells.

THE Brackley (Northants) Parish Magazine for February announces that through the kindness of many subscribers, a set of handbells has lately been acquired for the use of members of the Brackley Bell-ringers' Guild. While the bells will be found helpful for instruction, it is hoped at a future time they may be used at musical entertainments in the parish.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Giles's-in-the-Fields, London.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. F. Davis (first peal), 1; J. Barry, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; H. Barrett, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; W. C. Hasted, 6; H. Stubbs, 7; J. C. Truss, jun., 8. Composed by C. H. Martin, of Hendon, and conducted by F. J. Pitts. Tenor. 18 cast. in F. Mr. Barrett came from Lewisham, and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. [* First peal in the method. † First peal of MAJOR.]

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 212.

At the Parish Church, Steyning, Sussex.

On Friday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. Woolgar,* 1; G. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Matthews, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; J. Smart, 6; W. Collinson, 7; H. Heath,* 8. Tenor, 11½ cwt. [* First peal.]

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Reading.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Association rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. Bridgeman,* 1; E. Menday,* 2; Jos. Hands, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; A. W. Pike, 5; G. Essex, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds,* 8. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Vicar's father, who died at Eastbourne. [* First peal in the method.]

At Immanuel Church, Streatham, Surrey.

On Monday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Immanuel Church Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. G. Barrington,* 1; R. Blanchard (first peal as conductor and first attempt), 2; S. Greenwood, 3; F. Pates,* 4; D. Springall, 5; G. Pell, 6; H. Pates, 7; W. Shepherd, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Tilehurst, Berks.

On Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. C. Smith, 1; J. Day, 2; M. J. Routh, Esq., 3; C. Chapman, 4; J. Swain, 5; F. Hoppood (conductor), 6; H. Goodyear, 7; R. Haines, 8.

At Christ Church, Southgate, London.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' Five-part peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 6 mins. F. L. Davies, 1; C. F. Winny, 2; J. Waghorn, sen. (birthday), 3; F. M. Butler, 4; E. E. Richards, 5; H. R. Newton, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; J. Waghorn, jun., 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

At St Michael's, Framlingham, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., a peal of 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 7 mins. by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers:—W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; F. Clayton, 4; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 5; E. Clayton, 6; W. Flory, 7; D. Collins, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. This is the first peal by the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, who is the Rector of Framlingham.

At St John's, Erith, Kent.

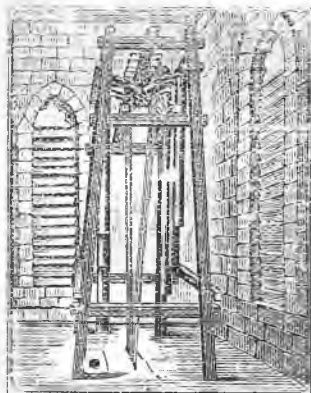
On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association and the Society of Trinity Youths rang a peal of 5280 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins. E. Barnett (composer), 1; F. Cullum, 2; W. J. Reeves, 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Bedwell, 5; H. Gibbs, 6; C. Wilkins, 7; W. J. Sevier (conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Muffled Peal at St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct, City.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., the following ringers met at the above church and rang the bells half-muffled (whole-pull-and-stand), as a last mark of respect to their late friend and fellow-ringer, Mr. Henry Mandeville. J. T. Knight (conductor), 1; R. J. Graveson, 2; W. Jones, 3; J. S. Knight, 4; J. P. Rayner, 5; G. J. Mehrtens, 6; C. Walker, 7; W. A. Humphreys, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. MARGARET'S, SOUTH ELMHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday evening, the 1st ult., five members of the St. Margaret's company rang a date touch in the following methods:—NEW DOUBLES, STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE, ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES, VIOLET, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB. H. Aldrich (conductor), 1; G. Bird, 2; F. Aldrich, 3; Rev. G. F. Smith-Rewse, 4; A. Aldrich, 5.

BLOFIELD, NORFOLK.—The members of the Blofield company of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers met recently in the church tower, and after ringing two peals on the bells, proceeded to the Rectory, where the Rector entertained them to supper, after which the evening was spent in singing and change and tune ringing on the handbells. It is worthy of mention that this company has during the past year rung twenty complete peals on the tower bells.

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

SEVENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. JOHN REID, of Port Erroll, Aberdeenshire, relative to the Case of GEORGE MARSON (Fisherman).

[This case was published (in the weekly papers) March, 1892.]

Port Erroll is a very small fishing village on the coast of Aberdeenshire, somewhere about midway between Peterhead and Ellon. It consists of a few houses—perhaps thirty—a Post Office, and an unlicensed hotel. It is a good old-world place, with an air of peace and repose seldom met with, but on that account to be valued the more.

My visit to Port Erroll was to see a young fisherman—by name George Marson—but I found that he was staying at Peterhead, and following his occupation there. It was the time for herrings, and I had noticed a large number of the fishing-boats with their nets down.

Mr. Marson being away, I had some conversation with his friend, Mr. John Reid, merchant, and this is what he told me.

The Marsons had long lived in Port Erroll. They were by no means a strong family, and about three years ago one of the sons—George—became ill. In the course of his employment, during which he was subjected to much exposure to the night air, he took a severe cold. This was soon followed by all the symptoms of lung affection—a troublesome cough, pains in the chest, palpitation, expectoration, and, most serious of all, the spitting of blood. Having sought advice, he was told that his lungs were affected, and ordered to paint with iodine.

This treatment seemed to be productive of no good results, and soon (said Mr. Reid) 'he became so ill that he was compelled to keep his bed. Then it was that he decided to apply to Mr. Congreve. With a view of helping him, I filled up the answers on the question-sheet. In a month after commencing with Mr. Congreve's remedies there was a decided improvement. Marson himself said that he felt a different person. He was better in every way, and gained flesh daily.'

'Then may I take it, Mr. Reid, that the improvement continued?'

'It did. He made good progress, and in a few months he was looking as healthy as ever I had seen him. He became quite well, and resumed his occupation.'

'That was over two years ago. Will you tell me, please, what is his condition now?'

'He is keeping real well,' replied Mr. Reid, with a heartiness which left no room for doubt. 'Since his case was published, I have had many letters of inquiry from all parts of the kingdom. I have replied to them all, and am always happy to tell any who apply to me of the wonderful cure effected by Mr. Congreve's treatment.'

I thanked Mr. Reid for his courtesy, and returned to Aberdeen.