

GREAT THOUGHTS presents its readers with a plate of the Duke of York and Princess May. It contains, as usual, a large variety of papers and articles, and its new serial story, 'Dr. Quixote,' is rapidly becoming strongly interesting.

OLD AND NEW LONDON, Part 69, completes this excellent, well-known work of Messrs. Cassell & Co.

We have received the first number of the ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER. This new mid-monthly journal is under the editorship of Dr. E. J. Hopkins, Dr. C. W. Pearce, and Dr. C. Vincent, and will be entirely devoted to the interests of Church music. We wish it success. The publishing office is at 139 Oxford Street, W., and the price is twopence.

THE INDIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY (Masters & Co.) is a strong number this time. The Rev. F. A. P. Shirreff writes with acumen on 'Old Testament Criticism,' and Mr. E. S. Foulkes on 'Recent Works on the Same Subject.' Prof. Swete contributes 'A Critical Text of the Gospel of Peter,' and promises some articles thereon, to which we shall look forward with interest. There is an able discussion by Rev. M. Goreh, on 'God's Foreknowledge and Man's Freewill.' Rev. J. J. Lias gives a vivid account of the recent Old Catholic Congress at Lucerne. There are several minor articles and many well-written reviews.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS has for its character sketch Sir F. Leighton, and an excellent summary of news and magazine articles.

THE RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS contains an excellent portrait of Bishop Pelham, late of Norwich, and many interesting extracts from current literature, along with some not very bright original matter.

THE YOUNG GENTLEWOMAN is an excellent number. This magazine contains a great variety of interesting and useful papers, stories, &c., for young people.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The seventeenth meeting of the above Guild was held at Gawsworth on Saturday, the 13th ult., when representatives were present from three out of the four towers which comprise the branch—Macclesfield, Gawsworth, and Bollington. The journey to this beautiful spot was much enjoyed, as fine weather prevailed. Tea was provided at five o'clock in the Church Room, the Rector (the Rev. J. T. Penrose) presiding. Afterwards the business meeting was held, when the Rector, on taking the chair, gave a hearty welcome to all, and addressed the members as to their duty to God and man, the Church, and their noble art, urging them to be closely united, to go forward and persevere, and success was sure to follow. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Macclesfield was selected for the next place of meeting. It was also arranged to have a ringing meeting at Prestbury on Saturday, September 2nd. A pleasant meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Rector. During the afternoon and evening touches of Bob and GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung on the fine ring of six bells. Tenor, about 11 cwt., in G.

The Society of Framland Ringers at Waltham, Leicestershire.

THE annual meeting of the Society took place on Thursday, the 18th ult., when a visit was paid to Waltham. The proceedings were on much the same lines as in previous years, comprising a service in the church, a dinner and tea, and the annual business meeting. In addition to these, continuous peals were rung upon the bells from 8.45 a.m. until eight o'clock in the evening, with intervals, which the above-mentioned gatherings necessitated. The number of members present was not quite so large as usual, the Buckminster and Stathern ringers being absent. The total was fifty-four.

At three o'clock evensong was said in the parish church, when, in addition to the members of the Society, a number of the parishioners formed the congregation.

The business meeting took place after tea. The Rev. C. H. Lacon said they would see, from the statement of accounts, that they had got a balance in hand of 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* It was not so large as last year, because one or two subscriptions had fallen off, as they would see by comparison with last year's balance-sheet. That day he believed he had paid something over 3*l.* for conveyances, so that they would see that was a serious item. However, he thought the Society might be congratulated upon having something in hand, and not being in debt.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting terminated, after a few more peals by two or three of the teams.

Dedication of Bells at Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire.

On Saturday evening, May 27th, an interesting service was held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge, the occasion being the dedication of a new peal of six bells, given by Mr. and Mrs. Harker, of Harefield, and their family. By 6.30 p.m. a large congregation had assembled, and the clergy and choir entered by the principal door and took up their places in the porch

beneath the tower, where the first part of the service was conducted. Prayers were read by the Rev. Alex. Scott, and an address given by Canon Bardsley, vicar of Bradford, from Ps. lxxxix. 15, 16. The form of service used was that supplied from Church Bells office. A brass plate placed in the church porch bears the following inscription with reference to the new peal: 'The bells in this church were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harker and family, of Harefield, and dedicated A.D. 1893 to the glory of God and in loving memory of their eldest son, George Hodgson Harker, who died January 8th, 1892, aged 25 years.'

The following peals were rung on the Saturday evening and during Trinity Sunday:—Two 720's KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 360 each KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR and GRANDSIRE MINOR. The ringers were Jno. Buffery, Birmingham; Thos. Hudson, Bishopwearmouth; R. Broadley, Masham; T. Langley, Boroughbridge; W. Pick, A. Ingleby, A. Gibson, and T. Metcalfe, Ripon. Conductor, T. Clarke, Ripon.

The bells, which are a maiden peal and in excellent tune, were supplied by Chas. Carr, bell-founder, Smethwick, Birmingham. They are rich and musical in tone, and gave the greatest satisfaction. The tenor bell weighs 12½ cwt., and is tuned in G flat. The frame is of oak and iron, and the work of hanging has been skilfully carried out by J. Buffery.

Church Bell-ringers at Higham Ferrers.

THE annual meeting of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers was held at Higham Ferrers on Monday, when there was a large attendance of ringers. During the day the different sets rang short lengths of changes upon the peal of eight bells in the Parish Church, under the oversight of the foreman, Mr. William Parker. Ringers were present from Wellingborough, Kettering, Rushden, Raunds, Irchester, Bozeat, Wollaston, Doddington, Desborough, Warkton, Yardley, Hastings, Higham Ferrers, Finedon, and Irthlingborough. At 1 p.m. the ringers attended Divine service at the Parish Church. The proper Psalm (cvi.) was sung, and the lessons were read by the Rev. W. H. Richards and the Rev. C. J. Gordon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Dun, from the words, 'For the body is not one member, but many' (1 Cor. xii. 14). The collection was in aid of the funds of the Association. Afterwards the ringers and friends, to the number of about eighty, partook of dinner, provided by Mr. Sargent, at the Bede House. The annual business meeting was held in the afternoon, the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, president of the Association, occupying the chair. The President read a letter from the Rev. E. Biscoe, rector of Irthlingborough, in which he invited the Society to hold their Association meeting at Irthlingborough next year. Mr. E. J. Dennes, the secretary of the Society, read his report, stating that since the last annual meeting well-attended quarterly meetings had been held at Wollaston, Rothwell, and Finedon. They had now sixteen honorary members and sixty-six ringers, but at that meeting they would make the honorary members number up to over twenty and the ringers to 100. During the year they had lost three ringers—Mr. Chapman, of the Rushden belfry; Mr. R. Neville, of Irthlingborough; and Mr. F. Kirk, of Raunds. Mr. Dennes also presented the balance-sheet, showing the receipts to be 8*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, and the expenditure 7*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, leaving a balance of 5*s.* The balance at the bank, he said, had been increased by 15*s.* 6*d.*, and 1*l.* had been given to Irthlingborough. The Rev. J. Dun, treasurer, stated that they had the sum of 6*l.* 17*s.* in the bank. The following gentlemen were then elected honorary members in addition to those already elected:—The Rev. E. C. Channer, Desborough; the Rev. E. W. J. Symons, Doddington; the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, Wilby; the Rev. H. C. Beasley, Wellingborough; the Rev. B. R. Wilson and Rev. W. H. Abbot, Kettering; the Rev. E. Biscoe, Irthlingborough; Dr. Crew, Higham Ferrers; Mr. T. Jones, Warkton; and Mr. J. T. Smith, Wellingborough. The invitation of the Rev. E. Biscoe to hold the next annual meeting at Irthlingborough was accepted. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough. The meeting then concluded.

The Bells of Dumfries, Scotland.

In a paper read before the Dumfries and Galloway Antiquarian Society, Mr. Barbour, architect, states that there are six bells belonging to the town. These are: The Carliel bell (lodged in the Observatory Museum), weight 75 lbs., its note is G; St. Michael's Church bell, weight 8 cwt., note B flat; Greyfriars' Church bell, weight 9 cwt., note G sharp; Midsteeple bell (largest), weight 8 cwt., note E flat; do. (second), weight 5 cwt., note E flat (an octave higher than former); do. (smallest), weight 3 cwt., note E natural. The Carliel bell bears an inscription that it was caused to be made by William de Carliel, Lord of Torthorwald, in honour of St. Michael, the year of our Lord 1443. Mr. Barbour conjectures that it was used at the church of St. Michael, subsequently at the Tolbooth, and finally at the Midsteeple, where it was known as the fire-bell. From this position it one day disappeared, and was discovered some time afterwards in the yard of a tradesman who had picked it up as an unconsidered trifle while executing repairs on the building. It had a narrow escape of being sent to the smelting-pot. The bell at present in St. Michael's Church steeple was caused to be made by 'William, A.D. 1451; in 1818 it was recast, and in 1839 it was again recast. The cost of the operation in the former year was 125*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*, of which the Town Council paid half. The 'William' of the original inscription was probably William, sixth Lord Abbot of Kelso, the church having been granted to the monks of Kelso by William the Lion. Greyfriars' bell was made in 1744. It was twice recast in Dumfries and once at Bristol. The Midsteeple bells, made in 1708 and 1764, cost 1698*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 506.

Bell-ringing in Ireland.

It is to be hoped that as rings of bells multiply in Ireland the peculiarly graceful and pleasing art of bell-ringing will be acquired and practised. Change-ringing has been brought to almost the rank of a science in England, and has become a source of great pleasure to thousands of listeners, as well as a healthy and invigorating exercise for the performers. This fact has been recently brought into prominence by the ringing of Messrs. Taylor's beautiful peal of bells at the Imperial Institute on the occasion of the opening of that building by the Queen. On Monday week some very pleasing ringing was done at Coleraine by a team composed partly of the members of St. Thomas's Association of Ringers from Belfast, and partly of some beginners from St. Patrick's Association, belonging to that town. The performance did ample justice to the eight fine bells recently hung in the church tower, and also reflected great credit on the performers. The ringing was in four 'touches,' in which the familiar changes of 'Queen's,' 'Whittington's,' and 'Tittums,' were introduced. The striking throughout was sharp and regular. The following composed the team:—W. H. Sheppard (Belfast), 1; H. G. Simms (Belfast), 2; J. K. Ward (Belfast, conductor), 3; A. Steedman (Coleraine), 4; N. Jackson (Belfast), 5; T. Henry (Coleraine), 6; A. G. Ward (Belfast), 7; Jos. Irwin (Coleraine), 8. We hope that in future there may be an interchange of ringers among places that have suitable bells, and that thus, by a healthy rivalry, this ancient art may be revived and fostered.—*Belfast News Letter.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Midhurst, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 47 mins., in four MINOR TREBLE BOB methods, being one of DUKE OF YORK, two each of WOODBINE, OXFORD, and KENT TREBLE BOB. C. Tribe, 1; F. Ellis, 2; Dr. W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. The peal was rung in the evening, after the Confirmation service, to celebrate the visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

At the Parish Church, Banstead, Surrey.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. C. Bance, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; W. P. Routh, 3; J. Harding, 4; T. Miles, 5; C. Gordon, 6; Jos. Fayers, 7; J. W. Trappitt, 8. Tenor, 21½ cwt., in E.

At All Saints', Eastmeon, Hampshire.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. F. W. J. Rees, 1; J. Staples, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Heathorn, 4; C. W. Miller, 5; J. J. Jones, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; F. A. Hendy (first peal), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F. The first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung on the occasion of the erection of a board to record a peal of TREBLE BOB, being the first peal on the bells.

At the Parish Church, Hanbury, Worcestershire.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association rang a peal of 7392 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 4 hrs. 27 mins. J. Paget, 1; G. Salter, 2; T. H. Smith, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. Short, 5; W. H. Smith, 6; J. Barber, 7; R. E. Grove, 8. Composed by A. Knights and conducted by R. E. Grove. Tenor, 17 cwt. The above was an attempt for a longer peal, but the bells were brought round at the above number on account of the indisposition of one of the band.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 27th ult., 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR were rung in 31 min. by six members of the Essex Association. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; W. Pye, 5; J. Dale, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat. This is the first 720 on tower bells by five of the above band.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, EAST MOULSEY, SURREY.—On a Wednesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. J. Chandler, 1; E. H. Adams (conductor), 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. Strutt, 4; W. Smith, 5; G. Woodiss, 6; R. E. Pearson, 7; J. Apps, 8. It was intended to start for a peal, but owing to a case of illness, the above was all that could be rung.

At ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, LONDON.—On a Thursday, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 46 mins. W. Meaton, 1; A. H. Tabor, 2; W. J. Elson, 3; W. R. Smith, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; J. Nichols, 6; E. H. Adams (conductor), 7; S. How, 8. Rung with the bells muffled on the occasion of the funeral of H. Brazier, an old and respected ringer of the parish.

At ST. LAWRENCE'S, MEREWORTH, KENT.—On a Sunday morning, a peal of 720 BOB MINOR in 25 mins. L. Newman, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; G. Butler, 3; G. Hook, 4; E. H. Newman, 5; W. Eldridge (conductor), 6.

At BOUGHTON, KENT.—On a Sunday, after afternoon service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Taylor, 1; H. Burling, 2; H. Foreman, 3; E. Bridges, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; W. Lucas, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; H. Fox, 8. 6-8 covering. It is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Taylor, Burling, and Bridges.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On a Wednesday, an attempt was made to ring 680 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, but a change-course occurred within three leads of home. J. C. Truss, sen., 1; J. Truss, jun., 2; L. Hart, 3; J. Taplin, 4; E. Gadsden, 5; W. E. Yates, 6; A. W. Tubb

(composer and conductor), 7; R. Coles, 8. The ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th came from Great Marlow.

A CORRECTION.—In No. 1167 of *Church Bells* (May 5th) appeared an account of 'New Bells at Denbigh,' instead of 'New Bells at Llandudno.'

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE. Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

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

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

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

TWENTY-THIRD INTERVIEW.

With Mrs. WILLIAM KNIGHT, Overy Cottage, Eccles, near Attleborough, Norfolk.

[Whose case appeared in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption, page 20.]

Eccles is one of those places in the United Kingdom difficult of access. The approach to it being a mile or two of the dirtiest, boggiest roads it has been my lot to travel. It was winter, however, when I was there.

I found Eccles to be not a compact village, but a straggling parish with one or two houses planted here and there, and a little enquiry brought me to Overy Cottage, the residence of Mrs. Knight.

So soon as I explained my errand to that lady she expressed her readiness to afford me all the information in her power, and, in reply to my initial question as to an illness from which she suffered some years ago, said:

'When I applied to Mr. Congreve in the autumn of 1882 I had been ill for twelve years. I caught cold after a confinement. I suffered most from a bad cough and distressing breathing. I used to cough at night terribly, never ceasing for hours together. I raised a lot of very offensive phlegm. At last I got so weak that I couldn't walk across the room.'

'You must have been in a very critical condition then, Mrs. Knight?'

'Yes; my neighbour knew some one who had just the same symptoms as I had, and who died. She told me I was going just the same way. Our ministers and the clergyman of the parish came to see me, and they as well as everyone else said I shouldn't get better.'

'What induced you to apply to Mr. Congreve?'

'Seeing the announcements in one of the weekly religious journals. At first I didn't seem much better for the medicine, and my husband wrote to Mr. Congreve, who sent me some special directions. After that I began to mend rapidly. I ought to say that before applying to Mr. Congreve I had taken many advertised medicines without receiving the slightest benefit.'

'Do you remember how long you remained under treatment?'

'About six months, I think, and then I was quite recovered. Since that time I can truthfully say I have been better in health than ever I was before. I have been able to attend to all my own house-work, and in every have been strong and well.'

'That is a very fine child; is it yours, Mrs. Knight?'

'Yes; she isn't five years old yet. She looks strong and healthy enough, doesn't she?'

'She does indeed. By the way, didn't you know another case somewhere in this neighbourhood?'

'Yes, a young man who tried the treatment on the recommendation of my husband. He got well, and was able to resume his work, but unfortunately he was addicted to drink, and, morally speaking, committed suicide.'

'Mrs. Knight told me, in conclusion, that she had strongly recommended Mr. Congreve's remedies to other sufferers, and had answered many enquiries addressed to her, adding that she should always be pleased to continue to do so, for both she and her husband felt that she owed her life to that gentleman's treatment.'

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