

SCOTLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Representative Church Council of Scotland will be held in Dundee next Wednesday and Thursday. The Council will be preceded on Tuesday by a conference, of which the varied and interesting programme is as follows:—Afternoon sitting, 2.30 to 5 p.m. Subject 1—'The Sacramental System;' reader, Archdeacon Richmond (Macclesfield). Selected speaker, the Rev. J. G. Simpson, vice-principal, Theological College, Edinburgh. Subject 2—'Aids to Devotional Life;' reader, Canon Lloyd, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Selected speaker, Canon Keating, principal of Theological College, Edinburgh. Evening sitting, 8 to 10 p.m. Subject 1—'Relations of the Church to the World;' reader, Canon Scott Holland. Selected speaker, the Rev. J. H. Skrine, warden, Trinity College, Glenalmond. Subject 2—'The Church's function to provide for the whole man;' reader, Canon Body (Durham).

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

CANADA.

THE Bishop of Ontario is now Metropolitan of Canada, Bishop Sullivan having complied with the requirements as to voting which rendered the election incomplete.

UNITED STATES.

It has been stated that the Rev. A. C. A. Hall would have been elected Bishop of Massachusetts if he had not been connected with the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

THE difficulty in connexion with the sinking of the foundations for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, has not yet been disposed of. Nothing, it appears, can be done until there has been a meeting of the Building Committee.

THE Rev. William Lawrence, D.D., dean of the Theological School, Cambridge, U.S.A., was to be yesterday consecrated Bishop of Massachusetts in Trinity Church, Boston.

AUSTRALIA.

THE Bishop of Sydney, in his address at the recent meeting of his diocesan Synod, referring to the settlement of the Kilburn Sisterhood in the diocese, said: 'Without either invitation or sanction from myself as Bishop, certain members of the Kilburn Sisterhood in London having been encouraged to take up work in this diocese, which has occasioned much discussion and division of opinion. I feel bound to say something on this matter, although, if I consulted my personal inclinations, I would rather be silent. I am anxious to maintain, as far as possible, administrative impartiality, and to welcome all philanthropic and religious work that is honestly done, even when I am unable entirely to sympathise with the methods adopted for doing it; nor am I desirous of any undue limitation of the comprehensiveness and tolerance of variety which obtain in our historic branch of the Church Catholic. But, as Bishop of the diocese, I have responsibilities of jurisdiction which I cannot evade; and I must say that the sudden introduction into the diocese of members of an Anglican Sisterhood, bound by vows and rules which have not been submitted to my inspection—rules which must be presumed to claim from members of the community an allegiance that is independent of our diocesan conditions here—looks like an ecclesiastical intrusion of a somewhat anachronical tendency. When this aspect of the "emigrant band," as they style themselves, is combined with the patent fact that the Sisterhood is associated with doctrine and ritual of an extremist section in the Church, I think that there is sufficient reason for my abstaining from directly and in my official capacity sanctioning or approving of their operations. What I have now said (and it is painful to me to have felt obliged to say this) does not involve a withdrawal of genuine sympathy on my part with any good and philanthropic work which the Sisters may be able to do; but I desire to give what appears to me to be a requisite caution against the view that these Sisters are an authorised diocesan agency. Having said this, I would add that I hope it will not be thought that any personal antagonism or want of courteous toleration need be anticipated from me in this matter. I have no intention of arbitrarily interfering with the right of any clergyman or Churchman to make use, if he deems it well to do so, of an agency which has approved itself to bishops and clergy in England and in other Australian colonies; and although I may disapprove of the manner of their introduction into the diocese, and be dissatisfied with their ecclesiastical standpoint, I shall rejoice if by their means the faith of Christ is in any ways advanced, or human misery in any way diminished.'

EASTERN EQUATORIAL AFRICA.

BISHOP TUCKER, of Eastern Equatorial Africa, has appointed the Rev. R. H. Walker to be Archdeacon of Uganda. The Archdeacon is one of the most heroic of the band of missionaries which is evangelising Central Africa. He went to Uganda shortly after the cruel murder of Bishop Hannington, and through many times of peril resolutely remained at his post.

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IRELAND.

The new Bishop of Killaloe is likely to be chosen from outside the See unless the Venerable H. V. Daly, archdeacon of Clonfert, who has been working for nearly thirty years in the diocese, should be chosen. The Archdeacon is the rector of St. Coleman's, Gort, and holds various official positions in the united diocese.

The Rev. Canon Richard Babington, rector of Clooney, Waterside, Londonderry, died suddenly last Friday afternoon from heart disease. He had only just returned home, when he experienced severe pain and died within a few minutes.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above Association will be held at Stanfords-Hope on Saturday, October 21st. Further particulars will be sent next week. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assoc. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.—The fourteenth quarterly meeting of this district was held at Peasenhall on Saturday, September 23rd, when twenty-one members assembled from Aldeburgh, Leiston, Sibton, Peasenhall, Wenham, Bramfield, and Halesworth. The bells of the Parish Church, as also those of the adjoining towers of Sibton and Yoxford, were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, and were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening in the PLAIN BOB, TREBLE BOB, and GRANDSIRE methods. After a substantial meat tea had been done full justice to, the cloth was removed and the business meeting followed forthwith. Mr. F. Cooper, of Aldeburgh, was voted to the chair, and called upon the Hon. District Secretary, Mr. William Taylor, to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed. Letters from several members regretting their inability to attend were laid before the meeting. The Rev. Ernest A. Cooke, vicar of Peasenhall, was enrolled as an honorary member, and one probationer was admitted. It was reported that one 5040 had been rung in the district since the last meeting, viz., at Peasenhall on September 9th. On the proposition of Mr. A. Lincoln, seconded by Mr. C. Lincoln, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Benhall on Saturday, November 25th. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of Yoxford, Sibton, and Peasenhall for the use of the bells of the respective towers, and to the Chairman for presiding, which concluded the business of the meeting. During the evening a set of hand-bells, belonging to Mr. A. Lincoln, was kindly placed at the disposal of the members, upon which several touches were rung.

The Lancashire Association.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The members of the above branch held their monthly meeting at Moorside on Saturday, the 9th ult., members being present from Rochdale, Heywood, Oldham, and the local company. Touches of ROCHDALE MAJOR, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and COLLEGE SINGLES were rung. At the meeting there were two nominations for a committee-man—Mr. F. Barwise and Mr. J. Shaw, the former being elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Crompton. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars, wardens, and the local ringers for the use of the bells.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

On Friday, the 15th ult., the annual election of officers took place at the Society's new headquarters, the 'Bedford Head' Hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, when the following persons were unanimously returned:—Master, Mr. B. Foskett; Treasurer, Mr. W. Baron (retaining office); Stewards, Mr. J. Davis, Mr. W. Meads; Secretary, A. Jacob (retaining office).

Death of an Old Ringer.

LATELY there died, after a very short illness, an old and respected bell-ringer, Mr. J. Carter, of St. Mary's parish church, Henley-on-Thames. At the funeral, the bell-ringers of St. Mary's showed their respect for their old comrade by ringing a muffled peal during the funeral, and in the evening they also rang a long peal with the bells half-muffled. The deceased had been a ringer at the parish church about fifty years, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Bishop's Sutton Parish Church, Alresford, Hants.

A NEW peal of bells has just been placed in the belfry of this church, the gift of Mr. C. G. Duff, in memory of the late Mrs. Duff. The dedication service was held on Friday, September 15th, at four o'clock, when the Vicar, the Rev. G. Ohlson, officiated. The bells are a peal of five, of a full, mellow tone, ranging from E flat to A flat, and were recast, the three old bells being included, by J. Warner & Sons, of London. The first peals were rung by the New Alresford ringers, who kindly gave their services.

The Bells at Sowerby, Yorkshire.

FOR the last seven months the bells at St. Peter's Church have been silent, the reason being that at the time mentioned the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. W. Bean, M.A., proposed to reduce the allowance granted to the ringers from 20l. to 10l. a year. To this alteration the ringers refused to submit. An understanding has now been come to, the remuneration to remain as before, at 20l. per annum. The bells were rung for the first time when the church was lately reopened, after having been closed for a number of years for painting and cleaning.

For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 844.

Dedication of Bells at Hartlip, Sittingbourne, Kent.

The sweet ring of six bells at St. Michael's Church has been thoroughly put in order recently. The treble, founded by Messrs. Mears a century ago, has been recast by them. The framework was repaired by Messrs. Whiting of Ospringe, under the supervision of Mr. R. P. Day, diocesan architect. The bells were re-dedicated on St. Matthew's Day by the Vicar, who used the service published at *Church Bells* office. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Basil Rust, vicar of All Saints', Buxton Street, London, E. He took six points of duty for ringers and all Christians, connecting one with each bell, showing how they had to be refined from the ore, speak out clearly, and do their work in the appointed order.

St. Mary's Church, Bletchley, Bucks.

This fine peal of eight bells, having been out of repair for some years and almost unringable, have now been rehung, the first seven being quarter-turned and the tenor recast; all the fittings being new throughout, with the exception of the framework, which was in good order.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett & Johnson, of Croydon, and the bells were reopened on Friday, September 8th, at 1.30 p.m., a dedication service being held at 2.30 p.m., after which the bells were rung several times.

The following ringers took part:—James George, Rugby (College Youths' Society, London); Newland Alderman, London (Royal Cumberlands); R. Sear, Bletchley; H. Tompkins, Newton Longville; V. and J. Sear, Bletchley; J. Young, Newton Longville; Thomas Hartup, Fenny Stratford.

A Ringer's Annual Holiday.

DURING the past month the writer has had an enjoyable holiday, and took part in the following peals:—On Saturday, September 9th, at Horsham, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was brought round in 3 hrs. 1 min. On Tuesday, September 12th, at Henfield, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54½ mins. On Wednesday, September 13th, at Southover, Lewes, a peal of BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. On Thursday, September 14th, at St. Nicholas', Brighton, an attempt was made for a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, but it failed after 30 mins. On Friday, September 15th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. On Saturday, September 16th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 8 mins. On Tuesday, September 19th, at Ashton-under-Lyne, an attempt was made for a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, but it failed after 45 mins. On Thursday, September 21st, at St. Peter's, Oxford, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 43 mins.

It will be seen that eight peals have been attempted, six of which came to a successful issue.

The writer desires, through the medium of *Church Bells*, to thank Messrs. Williams (Brighton), Chandler (Warnham), Gatland (Steyning), Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne), Washbrook (Oxford), and others, for the arrangements so kindly made.

JAMES GEORGE.

Rugby, September 23rd, 1893.

CHANGE-RINGING.**At St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex.**

On Saturday, the 9th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. K. Hart, 1; F. R. Rice, 2; I. G. Shade, 3; E. Jordan, 4; T. J. Bratton (first peal of STEDMAN and first attempt), 5; J. George, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. H. Chandler, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex.

On Thursday, the 12th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a Variation of Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54½ mins. T. J. Bratton, 1; J. George, 2; G. Williams (conductor), 3; K. Hart, 4; I. G. Shade, 4; G. Gatland, 6; G. A. King, 7; C. Tyler, 8. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

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

On Wednesday, the 13th ult., eight members of the St. Mary's Society (Kidderminster) and the Worcestershire and District Association rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. Pagett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; W. H. Barber, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; T. Griffiths (first peal of TRIPLES), 5; R. E. Grove (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

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

On Wednesday, the 13th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. J. Goldsmith, 1; K. Hart, 2; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 3; T. J. Bratton, 4; T. H. Beams, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; H. Weston, 7; J. George, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. Rung with the bells half-muffled, for Dr. Nigden, of Lewes.

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

On Thursday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society (Burton-on-Trent) rang a peal of 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 32 mins. G. Pitt,* 1; W. J. Smith (first peal in the method with a bob-bell), 2; A. Wakley, 3; G. Robinson, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; H. Wakley, 6; L. Bullock,* 7; W. Wakley, 8. Arranged from Thurstans' Thirty-course peal of TREBLE BOB by A. P. Heywood, Esq., and conducted by W. Wakley. Tenor, 26 cwt. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

On Thursday, the 21st ult., eight members of the above rang a peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 21 mins. G. Pitt, 1;

W. J. Smith, 2; A. Wakley, 3; G. Robinson, 4; E. I. Stone, 5; H. Wakley, 6; L. Bullock, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and conducted by W. Wakley.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

On Friday, the 15th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 54 mins. G. Williams, 1; C. Stuart, 2; K. Hart, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; W. Collison, 5; J. George, 6; T. J. Bratton (Welshpool, conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. Tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qrs.

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.

FORTY-FIRST INTERVIEW.

Interview with MRS. WEBBER (formerly MISS DOLBY), Sydney Cottages, Reedhaven Road, Plumstead.

[This case was published in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Treatise on Consumption, page 37.]

Some months ago, when at Peterborough, I visited a small hamlet a few miles out, called Orton Longueville, in order to make some enquiries about the lady whose name appears above, and found that with her husband she had removed to her present address at Plumstead; and thither, recently, I made my way.

By way of prelude, I asked if Mrs. Webber had seen the account of her case already published in the Appendix, page 37. As I found she had not, I read it to her.

It briefly relates how the patient—at that time Miss Dolby—having lost her mother and one sister in decline, had herself shown symptoms of Phthisis, losing flesh and strength, and in addition suffering from dropsical swellings. She came to Coombe Lodge, where medical examination showed that both lungs were diseased. In spite of the inherited predisposition to the disease—in spite of her undoubtedly serious condition at the time she applied to Mr. Congreve, Mrs. Webber recovered, and I found her evidently in good health and engaged in the performance of her domestic duties.

Having assured me the account I read to her was perfectly correct, Mrs. Webber said:—

'At the time I was first ill I was in a situation near Oundle; somehow I managed to keep at work. Then my cousin recommended me to get medical advice. The doctor who attended the family with whom I lived, examined me and said both lungs were affected. I went home and remained there eleven months, ill.'

'I believe you came for advice to Coombe Lodge—I suppose you followed the instructions given you?'

'Yes. I took the medicine for some time, commencing with one of the large-sized bottles. That really cured me. The doctor in Peterborough examined me and pronounced my lungs free from disease, and added that great credit was due to whoever had been treating me.'

'And some time afterwards you married?'

'Yes, at the end of 1886.'

'Have you had good health since (as you say), Mr. Congreve cured you?'

'The best; I have not had a day's illness since my marriage. I have often thought how much I should like to see Mr. Congreve and tell him how grateful I am for what he did for me. If it had not been for his treatment I don't believe I should have lived.'

After I had noticed and admired a fine chubby child in the room—a sample of four fine children who call Mrs. Webber mother—I thanked that lady for her kindness and returned to London.

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