

testing her honesty—a mean and wicked act. ‘Famous Women-Artists of the World,’ ‘Beethoven,’ and ‘The Duchesses of York’ are instructive articles.

FRIENDLY WORK (G. F. S.) describes the ‘Happy Life’ of Marianne North, the flower-loving artist whose paintings are preserved in a house in Kew Gardens; FRIENDLY LEAVES narrates the history of ‘Margaret Blagge, Mrs. Godolphin;’ and the ASSOCIATES’ JOURNAL AND ADVERTISER reports a sermon preached by the Bishop of Southwark at the London Diocesan Anniversary Service of the G. F. S., held in St. Paul’s Cathedral.

THE CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE (C. E. S. S. I.) still rings with ‘Echoes of the Palestine Exhibition,’ several illustrations being given of the Oriental costumes, &c., displayed. Mrs. Malden contributes a sketch of the aims of the ‘Mothers’ Union of Great Britain and Ireland.’ In the CHURCH WORKER is an article by Archdeacon Farrar, urging reform in ‘Church Services.’

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER (C. M. S.) contains a very sensible and just review, by the Rev. T. A. Gurney, of Captain Lugard’s *Rise of our East African Empire*. The critic gives his author full (perhaps more full than deserved) credit for uprightness of intention, while pointing out clearly his errors and omissions; and, in the correspondence pages of the magazine, we are glad to see that the Rev. R. P. Ashe most satisfactorily vindicates himself and his fellow-missionaries from the aspersions which Captain Lugard casts upon them. All readers of the book ought in fairness to buy and study this month’s *Intelligencer*, which also contains a letter from Bishop Tucker (now, however, in England), giving an encouraging account of his ‘Visit to Jilore’ in September. The three smaller C. M. S. periodicals appear in new dresses. The GLEANER has replaced the simple figure of Ruth on its cover by a design representing a harvest-field where reaping, binding up the sheaves, and gleaners are all going on. In the programme for the year we note especially a set of devotional readings, or ‘Thoughts in Season,’ by the Rev. H. C. G. Moule, and a series of papers by veteran missionaries, giving in outline the ‘Past and Present’ of their respective fields of labour. *AWAKE* is enlarged, and is really a wonderful halfpenny-worth.

THE SCOTTISH STANDARD-BEARER contains an agreeable little biographical sketch of the Dean of Brechin, which is accompanied by his portrait.

THE QUIVER contains the first of a series of papers on the ‘Book of Ruth,’ by the Bishop of Ripon, and the Rev. W. Burnet describes ‘A Jewish Confirmation.’ The other miscellaneous papers are as varied as usual, and there are further contributions of the serial stories, ‘Poor Pride’ and ‘Garth Garrickson.’

CASSELL’S MAGAZINE opens with a timely paper on ‘Modern Manchester.’ Mr. Raymond Blathwayt contributes an interesting ‘talk’ with Captain James, R.E., under the title of ‘Professions for Our Boys: Training for the Army;’ and there is a good supply of fiction, and the useful ‘Chit-chat on Dress’ and ‘Gardening Notes.’

WITH the January number, the MUSICAL TIMES is enlarged to seventy-two pages. This excellent publication is improved in other ways, larger type and better paper being used. In addition to two four-part songs, there is a beautiful setting of ‘The Story of the Cross,’ by Sir John Stainer, which is sure to be in great request during the coming penitential season.

THE New-year’s number of the ANIMAL WORLD, the organ of the R.S.P.C.A., has three full-page and some smaller illustrations, all beautifully printed. A large sheet almanac is given with this issue.

In the GENTLEWOMAN, which continues its usual popular features, a new story, ‘Thou Art the Man,’ by Miss Braddon, was commenced last week.

A PAPER giving the opinions of the Bishops on the question whether the clergy ought to insure their lives appears in the current number of the RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

MESSRS. CASSELL have commenced new serial issues of the HOLY BIBLE, which will contain about 200 of Gustave Dore’s beautiful illustrations, and THE FAMILY PRAYER-BOOK, for which the Dean of Canterbury has written a new introduction.

AN announcement on the question of Religious Teaching in Board Schools, by Archdeacon Sinclair, will appear in the RELIGIOUS REVIEW OF REVIEWS for January 15th.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Handbells.

SIR,—Has any one of your readers a disused set (four or five) of Instruction-books, and easy tunes on handbells for beginners, that he could let me have cheap? I have just formed a Guild of Junior Bell-ringers, and find the handbells a very interesting source of amusement to the members; but they have no instructor.

ANDREW WELCH.

Woodchurch Rectory, Ashford, January 8th, 1894.

Bell-ringers’ ‘Orders.’

MR. JOHN BOVILL, Gateshead, sends the following list of ‘orders,’ the original of which hangs up in the bell-chamber of the historical old church of Howden, East Yorkshire, once the famous church of Roger de Hovenden, bishop of Durham. These ‘orders’ have been in force for a great number of years; and, as they are hung up immediately facing the entrance door, many an unwitting visitor has been mulcted in the fine of 3d. imposed by ‘order’ 10, to the no small amusement of those ‘in the know.’

	s.	d.
1. If any man pull off a bell without leave of the Ringers	pay,	0 3
2. If any man pull off a bell and cannot set her		0 6
3. If any man pull off a bell with hat, cap, or spurs on		0 6
4. If any man break stay or staff		1 0
5. If any man begin or cause a quarrel in the bell-chamber		0 6
6. If any man intrudes into the lower bell-chamber or upon the leads (this means on to the top of the steeple)		0 6
7. If any man leave his bell-rope untied		0 3
8. If any man swear an oath in the bell-chamber		0 3
9. If any man come in the bell-chamber on a Sunday unshaved		0 3
10. If any man reads these orders with hat, cap, or spurs on		0 3
11. If any man come into the bell-chamber drunk		1 0
12. If any man smoke in the bell-chamber		1 0

Dedication of a New Bell at Wilby, Northants.

IN the year 1878 (the Rev. H. Dale being rector) the peal of three bells in the beautiful spire of the Church of St. Mary, Wilby, were completely rebung in a new oak frame, the tenor (an old pre-Reformation bell which had been cracked for some years) was recast, and another treble added in memory of the late Mr. Richard Hall. A spare ‘pit’ was left in the new frame for another bell at some future time. A few months ago the present Rector, the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, took the matter up very heartily, and succeeded in raising the necessary amount (about 50*l.*) to procure the additional treble to make a ring of five, and also to carry out certain necessary repairs. The money has been obtained mainly by subscriptions from parishioners of Wilby, several kind friends at Wellingborough, proceeds of entertainment, and donations from and sums collected by the Wilby and Wellingborough ringers. On Saturday, November 25th, the Bishop of Leicester dedicated the new bell, and this most appropriate and impressive ceremony was followed by a Confirmation service, at which some fifteen parishioners received the ‘laying on of hands.’ By invitation of the Rector, a party of the Wellingborough ringers were present, and chimed the old peal of four bells for the service, sounded the new treble at the time of dedication, chimed the complete ring of five for a few minutes at a suitable period in the ceremony, and afterwards raised the bells and rang GRANDSIRE and BOB DOUBLES. They were very kindly provided with tea in the schoolroom by the Rector, and the Wilby ringers afterwards took a turn at the ropes, as also did representatives from Doddington and Earls Barton belfries. All present were unanimous in proclaiming the new bell a great success, being of good quality of tone and well in tune with the others. Wilby now possesses a ring of five bells, of which the inhabitants have every reason to be proud, and which reflects much credit on Messrs. Taylor & Co., the bell-founders. The dates and weights of the bells as now arranged are as follows:—Treble, date 1893, weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; second, 1878, 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; third, 1705, 5 cwt.; fourth, 1682, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.; tenor, 1878, 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs. Diameter of tenor, 36 inches; note, B flat.

The tenor is inscribed—‘Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum,’ a reproduction of the inscription it bore before it was recast in 1878. The third bell was cast by Penn, of Peterborough, and the fourth by Bagley, of Ecton.

The Bells of Bardwell, Suffolk.

FOR some time past the bells of Bardwell Church have been in a bad state. The Churchwardens found that it was necessary to have some repairs done, and the result has been that the treble, second, and fifth bells have each been rebung with new oak bell-stocks, gudgeons, brasses, and new bell-wheels and fittings. The work was carried out by Mr. George Bullock, of Ixworth. On the occasion of the first using the renovated bells a company of ringers from Ixworth rang several peals of BOB MINOR. The first was rung by the following company:—A. Hammond, 1; W. Gilbert, 2; G. Bullock, jun., 3; H. Hammond, 4; S. Landymore (conductor), 5; W. Soaves (Bardwell), 6.

Restoration of the Bells at Whitchurch Canonicorum, Bridport, Dorset.

THE bells of the above church, dedicated to St. Candida and the Holy Cross, are once more to be heard in one of Dorset’s lovely valleys. Steps were taken immediately after the restoration of the church, which included partial rebuilding of the tower, to raise a fund for restoring the fine ring of five bells (tenor E flat). Estimates were procured by the then Vicar, the Rev. J. R. W. Stafford (to whom the Church owes so much for the

manner in which the work was carried out) for the necessary work. His successor, the Rev. C. Druitt, has happily been able to complete the work, which includes an entire new frame for eight (to which number it is hoped to augment the ring), new fittings, and recasting the treble. The work was entrusted to the well-known London firm of Messrs. Warner & Sons, and has been most satisfactorily carried out.

Sudden Death of a Northants Bell-ringer.

WE have received a copy of a memorial card of the late Mr. William Moon, who died suddenly in the belfry of Finedon Church at midnight on New-year's Eve. He had been a ringer there for no less than forty-nine years, and thus in a touching manner ended his life most truly in harness. —ED. C. B.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

ON Thursday, the 21st ult. (St. Thomas's Day), Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. F. Nunn, 1; T. Maynard, 2; A. Keit, 3; J. Nunn, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; W. H. Freeman, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; W. Crookford, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. This peal was rung by members of the St. Mary's Society, who also belong to the Essex Association, as a birthday peal to Messrs. Keit and Freeman, the ringers wishing them many happy returns of the day.

[We are pleased to know that Mr. Thomas Maynard (sexton of St. Mary's), who sent the above report, has been twenty-one years a subscriber to *Church Bells*, as he states in his letter.—ED.]

At St. Michael's, Framlingham, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 23rd ult., a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. by the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association:—C. F. Ling,* 1; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, 2; H. Bedingfield, 3; S. Collins,* 4; F. Clayton, 5; W. Flory, 6; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 7; D. Collins, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. Composed by F. Bennett. [* First peal in the method.]

At Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey.

ON Tuesday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 5 mins. P. Tyler, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Dench, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; F. W. Rice, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for the reception given them.

At the Parish Church, Dartford, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 17 mins. W. I. Reeve, 1; B. Foskett, 2; G. Conyard, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. S. Bayley (first peal in the method), 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. W. W. Gifford, 1; A. Pearce, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; S. Macey, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; S. F. Ames, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury.

ON Tuesday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. M. J. Pierce, 1; H. G. Fairbrass, 2; W. Andrews (first peal with a bob-bell), 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; C. Luery, 6; P. H. Pierce, 7; J. Balaam, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On a Friday evening, some members of the Grundisburgh Company of Change-ringers and members of the Norwich Association rang, upon the church bells, a date touch of 1893 changes in the following different TREBLE BOB methods:—COLLEGE EXERCISE, SANDEL EXERCISE, LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE, WOODBINE, OXFORD DELIGHT, and OXFORD TREBLE BOB, in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Groom, 1; W. Last, 2; J. Last (conductor), 3; F. Clark, 4; C. W. Parker, 5; J. Ward, 6.

AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.—*Handbell-ringing*.—On a Saturday, on hand-bells (retained in hand) a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (taken from Holt's Original) was rung by four members of the Essex Association. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. Longest touch, double-handed, by three of the band.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On a Tuesday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 50 mins. by the following members of the North Lincolnshire Association:—H. Kirtou,* 1; Rev. R. Bond,* 2; W. D. Tinker* (conductor), 3; S. C. Tinker, 4; W. W. Bust, 5; J. T. Ladd (first-quarter peal inside), 6; F. Butler,* 7; R. S. Lakin,* 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* First quarter-peal.]

AT BUSHEY, HERTS.—On a Tuesday, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which, unfortunately, came to an end after ringing 2980 changes in 1 hr. 21 mins. W. E. Oakley, 1; G. N. Price, 2; G. Hunt, 3; A. J. Porter, 4; F. Edwards, 5; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7; T. Waller, 8. This peal was attempted as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ernest Huntley.

AT HOLY TRINITY, WEST HAM, ESSEX.—On a Saturday, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. E. Deards, 1; G. Pearl, 2; E. Lucas, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; H. Randall (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HEADCORN, KENT.—The Willesborough ringers lately visited the above town and rang a peal of 720 BOB MINOR (21 bobs and 12 single) in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; P. Hodgkin, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; S. Price, 6; W. Clapson, 7; G. Brown, 8. Six and eight covering. Tenor, 24 cwt.

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FIFTY-FIFTH INTERVIEW.

With MR. JOHN BAMFORD, 13 Sale Street, Littleborough, Lancashire, relative to the case of his son.

[See page 68 in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's work on Consumption.]

Perhaps it is hardly correct to describe this as an interview with Mr. Bamford, for during my short stay in Littleborough I had a few words of conversation, not only with that gentleman, but also with his wife and son.

On calling at 13 Sale Street, I found Mrs. Bamford deep in the mysteries of household duties, and as she referred me to her husband as the best person to supply me with the information I needed, I made my way to Mr. Bamford's place of business.

Having explained my errand, I asked Mr. Bamford if he had seen the account of his son's case as published in the Appendix; and, if he had, whether that fairly represented the circumstances? The answer was in the affirmative.

'Then Mr. Bamford,' I said, 'at the time you applied to Mr. Congreve on behalf of your son, the condition of the latter was really very critical, for it is thus described; "The cough was of the most aggravated kind, the spitting very offensive, the pains in the back, chest, and sides were most severe, strength and flesh decreasing daily."'

'That is quite true; he was very ill indeed.'

'Mrs. Bamford told me just now that she believes that if your son had not adopted Mr. Congreve's treatment when he did that he would have died. Does that express your belief?'

'Yes, we have often said so when we have been talking about it.'

'I don't propose to take you through all the details, Mr. Bamford, but I suppose it will be correct to say that your son's recovery was gradual, but that he ultimately became quite restored to health?'

'Yes, and has kept well since. We are talking of what happened seven or eight years ago, and during that time—since Mr. Congreve cured him—my son has only lost a week's work through illness. Of course he sometimes gets a cold, but that is not to be wondered at considering how fond he is of attending football matches in all sorts of weather.'

'By the way, Mr. Bamford do you happen to know of any other cases in which Mr. Congreve's treatment has been equally efficacious?'

'Several; one lady living in Liverpool who had read of my son's case came over to my house and asked me about it. The last I heard of her she was improving. I know also of one or two cases in Rochdale where the treatment has done good.'

'My last request, Mr. Bamford, is that you will allow me to publish what you have told me.'

'I have no objection to that, and I shall be happy to answer any inquiries, as I have always done. I have had many letters of inquiry from different parts of the country.'

As I bade Mr. Bamford good day he was good enough to offer to send his son to me. The latter certainly shows no signs of having been at one time so perilously near death. He told me that before he commenced Mr. Congreve's treatment he was so weak that he was unable to walk even a short distance; now he feels well and strong. He admitted the soft impeachment as to the football matches, and also accorded me his permission to reproduce in this place the facts I had gleaned.

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