The authorities of the Church Army request us to state that on no occasion, either when on duty or at rest, is any Evangelist or Mission Nurse of the Society permitted to take part in any public gatherings without the full sanction and sympathy of the Incumbent of the parish. This notice has been rendered necessary by a recent breach of this rule by one of the younger Evangelists.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

The members of the Bradfield Deanery Branch of this Guild held their Annual Festival on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at Theale. After practice in the church belfry, a good tea was, by permission of the Rector, the Rev. S. Angel Smith, partaken of in the schoolroom, and business of the Branch was transacted. The Rev. J. B. Burne (rural dean) wished to be relieved of the office of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, which he had held since the foundation of the Branch, a period of twelve years. The Rev. Arthur L. C. Heigham, rector of Englefield, an expert ringer and an ardent supporter of the Guild, was, at the instance of the Rev. T. H. Bushnell, vicar of Beenham, persuaded to fill the vacancy. Choral service was afterwards held in the parish church, the preacher being the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, curate of Boyne Hill.

The Norwich Diocesan Change-ringers' Association.

A District Meeting of the above Association was held at Laxfield, Suffolk, on Wednesday, November 7th. The parish received the members of the Association most hospitably at a dinner, at which the newly appointed Vicar, the Rev. E. Stafford Finch, presided, supported by the Rev. Canon Raven, D.D., the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (President and Secretary of the Association), the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, rector of Framlingham (District Secretary), and the leading parishioners. A large number of ringers were present from Halesworth, Framlingham, Eye, Fressingfield, and other places. Ringing went on during the afternoon and evening, and a well-attended meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which addresses were delivered explaining the work of the Association.

Death of Mr. John Askham.

John Askham, the Northamptonshire poet, died at Wellingborough, his native place, on Sunday, the 28th ult., at the age of sixty-nine. He was a Nonconformist by birth and training, but a Churchman from choice. A great part of his life he resided very close to the parish church, and had an intense love for the bells, the chimes, and the venerable old building. None were more pleased than he when, in the year 1884, the bells were increased from six to eight by the addition of two trebles (the result of a letter he wrote suggesting that improvement). In his younger days he 'handled a rope' in the belfry himself, and was fond of relating that he assisted to toll Wellingborough 'Great Bell' on the occasion of the death of King Willlam IV. His poems, entitled 'The Belfry,' 'The Bells,' 'The Old Church Clock,' 'The Ringers,' 'The Old and the New,' and 'The Sabbath,' are evidence of his love of bell music. On the evening of the funeral the parish church bells were rung full-muffled.

6384 Bob Major.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
4 5 2 3 6	–		–
2 4 5 3 6			–
5 2 4 3 6			–
4 3 5 2 6	–		–
5 4 3 2 6			–
3 5 4 2 6			–
4 2 3 5 6	–		–
6 3 2 5 4		–	–
2 6 3 5 4			–
3 2 6 5 4			–
4 6 2 5 3		–	–
2 4 6 5 3			–

3 6 2 4 5	–	–	–
5 2 6 4 3		–	–
6 4 5 2 3	–		–
3 5 6 4 2	–	–	–
6 3 5 4 2			–
5 6 3 4 2			–
2 3 5 6 4	–	–	–

Twice repeated. Contains 4, 5, 6, each their extent in 5-6. Also the extent of the method in three parts without singles.

J. A. Trollop.

8640 Bob Major.

2 3 4 5 6	W	5ths	4ths	M	H
3 6 4 5 2	–	–	–		–
4 3 6 5 2					–
6 4 3 5 2					–
2 3 6 4 5	–			–	–
6 2 3 4 5					–
2 6 3 4 5	–	–	–	s	–
3 4 2 6 5	–				–

Eleven times repeated; single half-way and end. Contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 without the loss of a course. The first peal published with these qualities.

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For remainder of Bell-ringing see p. 1002.

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Naturally she was alarmed at her condition, and sought medical advice. For over three years she remained under the doctor's care, until finally she was told that *her complaint had become chronic, and that she would never be any better.* After trying many so-called remedies without effect, she, on the recommendation of a friend in Sandbach, applied to Mr. Congreve in November, 1892. Almost from the first improvement was reported, and though at times the pain became troublesome, it ultimately yielded to special treatment which Mr. Congreve prescribed.

This much I knew of Miss Sherwin's case when I called upon her recently at Sandbach, and asked her whether this brief resumé fairly represented the facts of the case. She assented and added:

'I don't think I should ever have got better if I hadn't written to Mr. Congreve when I did. I was really very ill.'

'I see that in one of your letters, dated November, 1893, you say, "I believe that *if it had not been for your treatment I should have gone to an early grave.*" You still think so?'

'I feel certain of it.'

'By the way, you might tell me how long you remained under Mr. Congreve?'

'I took the medicine for nearly a year.'

After Miss Sherwin had given me her permission to publish her case I went back to Sandbach and called on Miss Jones—the friend to whom the patient had alluded. This lady spoke very highly of Mr. Congreve's remedies;—not only from what she had seen of it in Miss Sherwin's case, but from her personal experience. Her nephew—at Dudley—the son of a Consumptive mother, also took the medicine when very ill, with the result that he was completely restored to health.

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At Wellingborough, Northants.—The Parish Church ringers having lately taken up the learning of Grandsire, under tuition of Mr. J. B. Martin, of Higham Ferrers, on Monday evening, October 22nd, rang on handbells, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples (with twelve bobs). E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Conducted by J. B. Martin. Also at the belfry on Sunday, the 21st ult., for Divine service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 168 Grandsire Triples (with three bobs), conducted by F. Wood; and three 336 Grandsire Triples (with four bobs and two singles), conducted by W. H. Ette.

At the Parish Church, Hathern, Leicestershire.—On Friday, the 2nd inst., on the occasion of the erection of a tablet recording the first peal (5040 changes) ever accomplished on the bells, rung on April 5th of the present year, five members of the Midland Counties Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) in 49 mins. S. Smith, 1; T. Start, 2; W. Whitworth, 3; I. Lovett, 4; W. H. Inglesant (conductor), 5. This is the same band as rang the peal recorded on the tablet. At the conclusion of the ringing, at the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. J. G. Lawrance, they were entertained at the rectory.

At St. Mary's, Bramshott, Hants.—On Monday, the 5th inst., being the Anniversary of the reopening of the bells, 720 Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), in 27 mins. W. Stilwell, 1; Walter Whiting, 2; W. Wheeler, 3; Rev. H. C. Stokes, 4; G. Beagley, 5; William Whiting, 6. Conducted by G. Beagley and W. Wheeler.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.—On Sunday evening, the 11th inst., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) was rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Bishop of Colchester. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Bottrill, 5; G. Roughton, 6; E. Pye, 7; H. Vyse, 8.

At All Saints', Earl's Barton, Northants.—On a Saturday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with nine bobs, were rung in 28 mins. A. Chapman, 1; G. Johnson, 2; H. Line, 3; F. Jones, 4; A. White, 5; W. Willis (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. The first 720 on these bells by local ringers.

A Correction.—The two peals of Treble Bob Major which appear on page 962 were composed by Arthur Knights, and not by Robert Knights, as stated.

A. J. Perkins.—We hold ourselves at liberty to publish or retain any matter as we like. However, we will not object to publish the figures of the peal when convenient to ourselves.—Ed. *C. B.*

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