

are in the Archdeaconry (not reckoning the City of London) 187 parishes, with an average population of between 6000 and 7000 each. But these parishes are of most unequal size. There is one with over 21,000 inhabitants, one over 20,000, one over 19,000, three over 18,000, one over 17,000, two over 15,000, six over 14,000, three over 13,000, five over 12,000, eight over 11,000, ten over 10,000, sixteen over 9000, and thirteen over 8000. It would, adds the Archdeacon, 'be idle to pretend that these parishes are not deplorably deficient in church accommodation and in ministerial supply.' This article should be carefully read and studied.

CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER.—The Bishop of Worcester's anniversary sermon on 'The Paramount Claims of Foreign Missions'—preached at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on the 100th anniversary of the C.M.S.—is a very powerful piece of advocacy. 'D. H. D. W.' draws attention, in a thoughtful paper, to the 'Urgent Needs for Clergymen in the Missions,' and some interesting information is given in regard to the Uganda Mission.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW.—W. S. Lilly, of London, writes a striking article on 'The Use and Abuse of Anger,' and points out that 'one of the most deplorable signs of the times is an increasing repugnance to the idea of moral responsibility.' It seems to Mr. Lilly—as, indeed, it must seem to all right-minded people—that, 'without the idea of moral responsibility, society and moral education cannot exist.' The remaining contents of the *Homiletic* are quite up to the usual standard of this excellent magazine.

THE ECONOMIC REVIEW.—The Rev. A. J. Carlyle contributes a scholarly and important article on 'The Political Theory of the Ante-Nicene Fathers' to this magazine. The writer refers to the 'great conception of Irenæus that all order and rule in society is derived from God,' and says, very truly, 'The conception remains one of the most important in the region of political thought, for it invests ordered human society with a sacred character.' Other capital papers in the *Review* are those entitled respectively 'Democracy in New Zealand,' 'Old-age Pensions,' and 'Christian Social Work in Denmark.'

THE PHOTO-MINIATURE.—This, the fourth number, is quite as good in every way as any of its predecessors. It contains much useful information, is beautifully got up, and should assuredly find its way into the hands of all photographers, whether professional or amateur.

G. F. S. PUBLICATIONS.—We have received the *G. F. S. Associates' Journal* and *Friendly Leaves*, both being very good numbers. In the latter we have an excellent account of the Rostrevor G. F. S. Home of Rest, and the former contains a full report of the anniversary service and meetings, together with a report of the fine sermon preached by the Bishop of Newcastle.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

- The Royal Cumberland Youths:* at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (August 11th).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 16th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on August 15th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on August 16th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 18th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 7th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on August 16th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 17th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 18th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

St. Dunstan's Church Bells, Stepney.

A most interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday, August 2nd, at old Stepney Church, when the fine ring of ten were reopened after restoration, which has been effected through the munificence of Mr. Spencer Charrington, M.P. Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry, have practically placed these bells in the condition of a new peal. They have all been quarter-turned, which with new fittings, restored frame, &c., cost 260l.

The service, conducted by the Rev. A. E. Dalton (the Rector), was well attended, a goodly number of ringers being present. After service

the district ringers, assisted by several old members, rang various touches of *GRANDSIRE CATERS*, conducted by H. Springall. Mr. Charrington was persuaded to ascend to the ringing-chamber—a rather difficult matter for a gentleman over eighty years of age—and his presence was the signal for a general outbreak of enthusiasm, and he quite enjoyed what he saw and heard. He then formally declared the bells open for ringing. At 5.30 the ringers, by invitation of the Rector, repaired to the Rectory, where dinner was provided for some twenty-five guests. During the progress of the repast Mr. Charrington had to take his departure, but before doing so, Mr. Ernest Richards (Secretary) rose, and in a few well-chosen words thanked him on behalf of the Stepney Society, also on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for the great kindness he had conferred upon them that day; he assured him that, by his munificent gift to the church, he had most nobly assisted the cause of change-ringing; Mr. Charrington would carry away the heartfelt thanks of every ringer throughout the country for this good act. In response Mr. Charrington thanked all for their presence and their appreciation of what he had done in the matter of the bells' restoration. Dinner over, the party enjoyed a walk upon the lawn, and at 7.30 another visit was paid to the belfry to ring for service.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Drayton, Berks, on July 29th, a peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* (a Variation of *Thurstan's Four-part*), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt. 20 lbs.

Charles Giles	1	Arthur W. Higgs	5
Frank Hopgood	2	William Newell	6
Albert E. Reeves	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Alfred E. Reeves	4	Ernest Bruce	8

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Hagley, Worcestershire, on July 29th, a peal of *KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR*, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 9 cwt.

William H. Smith	1	Thomas J. Salter	5
John Barber	2	Joseph Waghorn, sen.	6
Henry Middleton	3	Afred Flowers	7
Noah Davis	4	William Short	8

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and conducted by William Short. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Noah Patrick, of Hagley. J. Waghorn came from London, and was proposed a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

The Lancashire Association.

At the Parish Church, Deane, Lancashire, on July 29th, a peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* (J. Carter's No. 10), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.

Thomas Peers	1	Titus Barlow	5
Joseph Lowe	2	Frederic Derbyshire	6
Edward Cash*	3	James H. Ridyard (condr.)	7
John Welsby	4	William Barlow	8

[* First peal in the method.]

THE Society of Change-ringers attached to St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, had their outing on July 29th, starting at 6.30 by train. The towers visited were Framlingham, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, and Ufford, where touches in various methods were rung, by the kind permission of the respective incumbents. Dinner was served at Grundisburgh, and tea at Ufford.

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