

They were well worth taking care of. The workhouse could not by any means always get hold of them, and if they were allowed to grow up untrained and uncared for they would become a great source of evil and of danger to Church and State.

The Dean of Rochester presided, last week, at the Church House, at the annual meeting of the Church Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed on the motion of the Rev. H. Glover, vicar of Addiscombe, seconded by the Rev. J. Ker, rector of St. Catherine's, Ontario. A new mode of preparing animals for slaughter was described. Mr. C. F. Darn exhibited diagrams of improved cattle trucks. Prizes were presented to the writers of the best essays from various London schools. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman on the motion of Mr. Vaughan, supported by the Rev. S. Buss, and presented by Mr. Joseph Darton.

## REVIEWS.

**WHY WE ARE CHURCHMEN: SOME PLAIN REASONS.** By A. L. Oldham, M.A. With Preface by Principal Edgar C. S. Gibson. (London: Rivington, Percival, & Co. 1894. 2s. 6d. Second edition, revised.)—A simple, straightforward defence of the English Church position as against Rome, on the one hand, and Dissent, on the other. The chapter on the Reformation and the Roman mission is very well done.

**LET US DRAW NIGH.** By Rev. Andrew Murray. (London: Nisbet. 1895. 1s.)—Reprinted from the larger work, *The Holiest of All*, which we reviewed favourably some short time ago. It contains the section on Heb. x. 19-25, and aims at finding 'a way to a life abiding continually in the secret of God's presence.'

**RELIGIO CLERICI, AND OTHER POEMS.** By Alfred Starkey. (London: Elliot Stock. 1895.)—These three poems are distinctly good. The major one deals with the world-old problem of the conflict between good and evil, and deals with it in the light of modern knowledge, fighting its darker problems and issues until the answer of faith is reached, and we can see how

'Thou dost convert  
Ev'n Nature's self to Thy most beauteous sway;  
Her sighs are but the preludes of Thy songs,  
Her storms are but the heralds of Thy peace;  
Thy mercy follows and binds up her wounds.  
Thy resolution of her discords makes  
Her sweetest strains; Thy golden consequence  
Waits to transmute her leaden purposes!'

The resetting of the 'Prioress's Tale, and 'Ad Amicos,' are equally well worth reading.

**EVANGELIUM IN EVANGELIO; OR, THE MORAL HISTORY OF A SINFUL SOUL.** By W. H. Ford, vicar of Monyash. (London: S. P. C. K. 1895. 6d.)—A brief and telling exposition of the parable of the Prodigal Son.

We have received a second edition of **REASON AND RELIGION; OR, THE LEADING DOCTRINES OF CHRISTIANITY.** By the Rev. Dr. R. E. Hooppell. (London: Henry Froude, 1893. 2s. 6d.)

The twenty-second volume of **GREAT THOUGHTS** (London: A. W. Hall. 4s. 6d.) is a handsome volume, and contains a large variety of reading in addition to two complete stories, one of them from the pen of Grant Allen and the other by Madame Coulin. Among the remainder of the diversified contents, we notice the interesting twentieth-century symposium to which reference has been made in our columns; and the chatty notes which appear under the heading, 'By-way Philosophy.' The plates given with the monthly parts are bound up with the volume, which is well suited for a gift to any one fond of general reading.

**THE PEOPLE'S LIFE OF WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.** (London: Cassells.)—An illustrated popular sketch of the life of this famous statesman.

## MAGAZINES.

In the **THINKER** we have, in addition to very good summaries of current American, Canadian, German and Swiss thought, two thoughtful papers, one on 'Our Lord's Teaching on Prayer' by Prof. W. G. Blaikie, and the others by Principal E. Elmer Harding on 'The Inspiration and Preservation of the Holy Scriptures.'

The **CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE** contains the sixth of Archdeacon Sinclair's sketches of 'Leaders of Thought in the English Church,' dealing with 'John Wesley, the Evangelist of the Masses.'

We always look to the **EXPOSITORY TIMES** to keep us up to date in theological matters, and it never fails us. The 'Notes of Recent

Exposition' deal with Prof. Flinders Petrie's new *History of Egypt*—a wonderful book—with the parable of the Good Samaritan, with the new *Codex Ludovici* (so gently handled as to the editing, but necessary all the same), and with the 'Three Rains of Palestine.' Then Prof. J. T. Marshall deals admirably with Resch's recent treatment of the 'Trinitarian Baptismal Formula,' and the whole number is worth reading from cover to cover.

PROF. INCE in the **EXPOSITOR**, in common with many others just now, writes on the 'Miraculous Conception and Virgin Birth of Christ.' The treatment is sound but not quite adequate to all the difficulties of the problem. Prof. Swete enlightens us considerably as to St. Jerome on the Psalms, and Canon Cheyne for once is acceptable on the development of the meanings of 'Belial.' For the rest, the Rev. T. G. Selby on 'Our Lord's Ideal of Prayer,' Mr. J. Rendel Harris on 'A New Patristic Fragment,' and the Rev. H. Burton on 'The Breakfast on the Shore' fill up a good number.

**CHAPMAN'S MAGAZINE** has, we are glad to say, the edges cut. The promise of the first number is maintained. There are further instalments of Bret Harte and Violet Hunt's serial stories; George Ira Brett's detective tale is concluded, and there are among the complete stories contributions from George Gissing, S. R. Crockett, and Frank Stockton.

**THE CHURCHMAN** includes a very interesting paper by the editor on 'Dean Boyle's Reminiscences,' and Canon Jenkins contemplates and criticises the Pope's letter. The drift, indeed, is all against Leo XIII., until the reader is almost disposed to take the part of his Holiness.

**THE NET**, though 'cast in many waters,' is the special magazine of the Mission to Zululand, founded in 1870 by Miss Anne Mackenzie as a memorial of her brother, the first Bishop of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. This mission occupies fifteen stations, eleven in Zululand, one in Swaziland, and three in the Transvaal. In the list of missionaries on the cover, we are glad to see that one name, which was very prominent in the early days of the mission, that of the Rev. R. Robertson, is on the list still. The contents of the magazine are varied and interesting as usual.

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Herts Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Bushey (where the bells have been rehung) on Saturday, June 22nd. Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on Monday, May 13th, at Warminster. The proceedings commenced with Divine service in the Minster, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. J. F. Welsh. The business meeting was subsequently held in the schoolroom, the Rev. A. D. Hill presiding. The following were the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Master, the Rev. A. D. Hill; treasurer, Mr. W. Pinckney; secretary for Wilts, the Rev. C. W. Hony; secretary for Dorset, the Rev. F. H. Fisher; assistant secretary (Dorset), Mr. A. Grist; hon. auditor, Mr. W. W. Gifford. The Chairman explained that Mr. Jerram, their general secretary, wished to resign, and Mr. Jerram having stated that he had already explained his reasons for resigning at the committee meeting on February 6th last, asked to be allowed to nominate Mr. Thomas Blackburn as his successor. This was seconded by Mr. J. Short and carried unanimously. The following were elected to represent the Guild on the National Central Council:—Mr. Thomas Blackburn, Rev. A. D. Hill, and Mr. A. Smith (Longbridge Deverill). The election of the committee was then proceeded with. Eight names were proposed for seven seats, and upon a show of hands the following were declared elected:—Mr. J. R. Jerram, the Rev. C. Myers, Mr. F. C. Myers, Mr. F. Riden, Mr. S. Macey, Mr. J. Judd, Mr. A. Smith, and the Rev. J. E. G. Bond. The annual dinner took place in the Town Hall at two p.m., when the chair was occupied by the Rev. Canon Sir J. E. Phillips, vicar of Warminster. About 120 members sat down. After dinner the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the preacher (the Rev. J. F. Welsh) and also to Mr. J. R. Jerram for the valuable services rendered the Guild during the past eight years. Ringing took place during the afternoon at Warminster, Longbridge Deverill, and Horningsham. The following were the companies represented:—Salisbury St. Thomas, Salisbury St. Edmund, Salisbury St. Martin, Ebbesborne Wake, Longbridge Deverill, Maiden Bradley, South Newton, Great Bedwyn, Warminster, Barford St. Martin, Mildenhall, Calne, Westbury, Dinton, Overton, and Seend.

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday evening, the 16th ult., the half-yearly meeting of the members of the Lancashire Association was held in St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Boys' School, Lytham. The Association now consists of seven branches:—Manchester, Liverpool Diocesan, Fylde District, Rochdale, Blackburn, Preston, and Rossendale; and there were representatives from each

present. During the day touches were rung on the bells at St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and St. Peter's, Lytham, and at St. Anne's-on-the-Sea Parish Church. The Rev. F. G. Harris, of Lytham, occupied the chair at the meeting, and there were also present the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President), Mr. W. P. Fullagar, Mr. Needham, Dr. Slater, Mr. J. Fell (Hon. Sec. to the Fylde Branch), &c. The Rev. H. J. Elsee said there was not any very special business to bring before the meeting. He was glad to see so good an attendance, and explained how it had been decided to hold one half-yearly meeting, instead of three quarterly ones as before. The 'notes' which he had prepared on the different methods would, he hoped, be included in the next report. It had been decided that in future half the expenses incurred by the branch secretaries should be defrayed by the Association. Mr. Needham, on behalf of the Vicar and wardens of St. John's, welcomed all the party to Lytham, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing them on that occasion. Several new members of the Association were elected (including Dr. Slater). Other business connected with the Association was transacted, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the vicars and the church officers of the various churches for the use of the bells.

#### St. Saviour's Church Bells, Oxtou, Cheshire.

On the evening of Ascension Day (the 23rd ult.), a special service was held at St. Saviour's, Oxtou, to dedicate the new ring of bells recently placed in the tower by the generosity of Mr. Edmund Taylor, J.P., of Oxtou.

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	Dimeter. ft. ins.	Note.	cwt. qr. lbs.
Treble.....	2 6	E.....	6 0 7
2nd.....	2 7	D sharp.....	7 1 18
3rd.....	2 9	C sharp.....	7 1 6
4th.....	2 11	B.....	8 1 10
5th.....	3 1½	A.....	9 2 17
6th.....	3 3½	G sharp.....	11 0 0
7th.....	3 7½	F sharp.....	14 1 22
Tenor.....	4 1	E.....	20 1 16
Total.....			83 2 12

The framework is of cast iron of the latest design, and is bolted to heavy steel girders, which are well braced together to prevent lateral motion. The total weight of the bells, fittings, and framework, is about 17 to 18 tons. A speciality of the fittings are the iron headstocks, which are bored and fitted with steel gudgeons.

The Bishop of Chester preached the sermon. The other clergymen present were the Rev. P. C. Robin (vicar), G. W. Fidler (curate), H. E. Nixon (chaplain, All Saints'), and A. Slowman (Birkenhead School). The Rev. H. E. Nixon officiated as the Bishop's staff-bearer. After evensong to the third collect, a special service of praise followed, including the chanting of Psalm cl., and a number of prayers by the Bishop with special reference to the bells, the church, the ringers, and those who came within the sound of the bells. Immediately after these prayers had been offered the ringers (members of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, from Bromborough, Bebington, and West Kirby towers) rang a short touch. The Bishop preached from the text, Numb. x., 1 and 2. After the service a quarter-peal was rung on the bells, the harmonious sounds, from the elevated position of the church, travelling far and wide over the surrounding district.

#### The Eastern Counties' Guild.

THE above-named Guild held its annual meeting at Spalding on Bank Holiday, the Ely District Association amalgamating with it on this occasion. The day's proceedings were opened with a date touch of 1895 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, by the Spalding company, at the Parish Church, followed by some touches of KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB at St. Paul's, Fulney. A shortened service was held at SS. Mary and Nicholas', with address by the Rev. W. Disney, who took for his text the words, 'Our duty.' The singing of the well-known Whitsuntide hymns was grand.

After service, the members adjourned to Host Barker's for dinner, which was served in excellent style. The usual loyal toasts having been given, the Hon. Lay Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. The following officers were then elected:—Patron, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln; President, Rev. F. F. Wayet (vicar of Pinchbeck); Vice-Presidents, Canon Hemans (rector of Holbeach) and the Rev. J. R. Jackson (vicar of Moulton); Clerical Secretary, Rev. W. Disney; Lay Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross. Several honorary and ringing members were elected. The Rev. W. Disney gave an outline of the expenditure of the Guild during the past year, also a list of all contributions paid, the books being open to the members for inspection.

It should be noted that among the members of the Ely Association present were:—Revs. E. J. Teesdale, of Rougham, Hon. Secretary; W. W. Crump and J. E. Curtois, of Hemingford Grey; Messrs. A. Markwell, Wilburton; A. Pilgrim, Ely; G. Taylor, Cambridge; &c. The Eastern Counties' Guild members present were:—J. S. Wright and R. Mackman, Spalding; W. Wright and H. Hill, Walpole St. Peter; F. Easton, Terrington; G. Ladd, Pinchbeck; and others. Just before the members left for the respective towers, the Rev. E. J. Teesdale thanked the E.C.G. members for the invitation to the Ely Association, and said that he hoped before long the two Associations would meet again. Several good touches of BOB MAJOR, and KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB were brought round during the day, also several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES at Pinchbeck.

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### The Society of St. Patrick's Bell-ringers, Coleraine, Ireland.

THE second annual meeting of the above Society was held on Tuesday evening, the 14th ult., when a good attendance of members testified to their interest in the Society's welfare. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. J. Moore (President), who in a short address urged upon the members the importance of practising. The secretary's and treasurer's reports having been submitted, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Conductors, Messrs. J. Irwin, R. Barr, and T. McLaughlin; Secretary, Mr. J. Bishop; and Treasurer, Mr. T. P. Gorman. At the conclusion of business the Rector (Rev. A. J. Moore) hospitably entertained those present to supper, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology.

### St. Mary's, Stafford, Bell-ringers' Supper.

THE third annual supper to the members of the St. Mary's Guild of Bell-ringers took place on a recent Tuesday evening, at the Swan Hotel. The funds were, as usual, provided by subscriptions collected by Mr. P. H. Harston, who has always taken a warm and practical interest in this annual gathering, the origin of which is mainly due to his exertions. The Mayor (Mr. C. H. Wright) presided, and Mr. Harston occupied the vice-chair. The toast of 'Church and Queen' was proposed from the chair and loyally received, and replied to by the Rector (the Rev. D. R. Norman). The Mayor also submitted the health of the Rector and churchwardens, which was heartily welcomed and duly acknowledged. The toast of 'Success to St. Mary's Bell-ringers' Guild' was next proposed by the Mayor, and Messrs. T. Guest (captain) and T. A. Lea replied. Mr. Churchwarden Averill, in submitting 'The Visitors,' referred to the fact that Dr. C. Reid had presented a guinea to be devoted to the purchase of books of instruction for the ringers, this being one of several requirements indispensable in the belfry. During the evening various short touches, comprising several methods, were successfully given with the handbells by the band of ten ringers.

### The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY meeting of this Association was held at Yeovil on Saturday, the 18th inst., when, in addition to the local ringers, members were present from Bath, Bristol, Wells, Frome, Taunton, Minehead, Dunster, and Old Cleeve. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Beebe). The Rev. H. C. Courtney, of Minehead, read the special lesson, and the Master (the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith) founded an earnest address on Rom. xii. 5. After service, an adjournment was made to the belfry, where the business meeting was held, the Master presiding.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve) produced the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed. It was announced that the annual meeting would take place at Wells in July or August next. The fixing of the exact date was left in the hands of the Master and Secretary after communicating with the Bishop, who has kindly promised to address the members on that occasion if his engagements permit him. Several new members were elected. It was decided, on the proposition of Mr. W. W. Thorne, to erect a peal-board in the belfries at Milverton and Drayton (subject to the approval of the Vicars), to commemorate the first peals rung by members of the Association on the bells. The preparation of the peal-boards was entrusted to Mr. T. Doble, of Taunton. The Hon. Secretary reported that he was in communication with the Great Western Railway Company relative to the issue of cheap tickets to members attending meetings of the Association in the diocese.

Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, of Bristol, referred to the Bill now before Parliament for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales, and said he believed that if such a measure became law it would be but a matter of time before a similar attack would be made upon the Church in England. He pointed out the consequences that would follow upon ringers and change-ringing throughout the country, and said it behoved them to do their utmost to prevent such a measure from becoming law.

On the proposition of the Rev. H. C. Courtney, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and ringers for the use of the church and bells and for the cordial welcome extended to the members of the Association. The members, twenty-two in number, subsequently sat down to a capital knife-and-fork tea at the Albany Hotel. During the afternoon touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES and CATERS were rung on the bells.

THE Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, senior curate of St. Mary's, Bathwick, and Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers, has been presented by the Rev. Edward Handley, to the Rectory of Winthorpe,

Notts, in the diocese of Southwell. Mr. Griffith, who is a graduate of Corpus College, Oxford, was ordained in 1886 by the Bishop of Worcester, when he was licensed to the curacy of St. Michael's, Coventry, which he held for two years. He has been curate of Bathwick since 1888. He has occupied the position of Master of the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers since its formation in 1890. His genial bearing and never-failing good humour have made him many friends amongst ringers, and whilst they will be glad to hear of his well-deserved preferment, they will at the same time be sorry to lose one who has done so much for ringers and change-ringing throughout the diocese.

### The Late Squire Proctor and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

ON Friday evening, March 29th, at the usual practice, a half-muffled peal was rung by members of this Society at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as a token of respect to the memory of the above-mentioned celebrated ringer, who had been a member of the above Society for just upon sixty-nine years. The performance took place amid the solemnity befitting the occasion, which consisted of the usual whole-pull-and-stand, and was followed by touches of STEDMAN CINQUES.

As has been truly stated more than once, the Squire was at the head of the pioneer band of SURPRISE method ringers, and this band for many years would ring SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE, and LONDON SURPRISE, &c., for Divine service on Sundays at Bennington, Herts, just as regularly as other bands would ring plain methods.

Thirty, forty, and fifty years ago the Squire was not an infrequent visitor to his London friends. The late J. Miller was, perhaps, one of the most prominent of these, and this gentleman would often be commissioned to take a band of Londoners to meet the Squire for a day's ringing in the country. Afterwards, J. R. Haworth took J. Miller's place. He had known the Squire many years, having been at Bennington in 1839, and rang GRANDSIRE CATERS with him at St. Martin-in-the-Fields about 1840.

His name, it is thought, should be perpetuated in some befitting way, and the Central Council is going the right way in such a direction by taking this matter in hand.

As almost everything is interesting concerning the early doings of such an old veteran ringer as the late Squire, the following has been extracted from the records of the Society above-mentioned to show the date of membership, &c. :—

The Autograph and Name Book: 'Leonard Proctor, 1836.' Peal Book, No. 2: 'On January 30th, 1838, at Bennington, Hertfordshire, the following members of this Society rang a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 2 hours 50 minutes, containing 5040 changes, on the bells of this church. Edward Giles, Treble; Charles Wilson, 2; William Lobb, 3; John Whiting, 4; William Ludpid, 5; William Killick, 6; A. G. Frost, 7; Leonard Proctor, Tenor. Conducted by Edmond Giles.'

### The Bells of All Souls', Halifax, Yorks.

BETWEEN 40L and 50L have been received towards the amount required for the renovation of this splendid peal, and instructions have been given to Messrs. Mears, of London, the founders of the bells, to put them into proper repair. The bells are hung in solid frames of English oak, and the following are the weights and musical notes:—Tenor bell, 25 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb., D; 7th, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs., E; 6th, 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs., F sharp; 5th, 12 cwt. 6 lbs., G; 4th, 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb., A; 3rd, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs., B; 2nd, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs., C sharp; treble, 7 cwt., D. Total weight of peal, 100 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs. The arms of the church are cast on the tenor bell, and the inscription is as follows:—'All Souls' Church, Halifax, founded by Edward Akroyd, A.D. 1859. "Let all souls praise the Lord."'

AT ST. GREGORY'S, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, the 25th ult., the following members of the Sudbury Company rang a touch of 720 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Howell, 2; J. Campin, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Howell, sen., 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch ever rung in Sudbury in this intricate method, and also the longest rung by all the above except the conductor.

MR. GLADSTONE has given a bell to the new chapel of Selwyn College, Cambridge. Mr. Gladstone was a schoolfellow at Eton and a great friend of the late Bishop Selwyn, in whose memory the College was founded.

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