

MAGAZINES.

PEARSON'S MAGAZINE maintains its high reputation. There are further instalments of 'The Secrets of the Courts of Europe' and of 'The Bravest Deed I Ever Saw.' Glasgow follows Liverpool as one of the 'Gates and Pillars of the Empire.' 'The Gorgeous Palaces of the Tzar' comes appropriately, in view of the approaching coronation. 'How our Army is Clothed' and 'The Money we Spend on Sport' will delight the statistical mind, while 'A Peep into Penal Servitude' will satisfy the curiosity which is felt by so many as to the details of a life they have no desire to experience. There are several short stories, and the illustrations are good.

THE LUNATE appears in a new cover, which is a great improvement on the last. The serial, 'Captain Jacobus,' is continued, and we have further recollections of the family lawyer, and another of the series, 'The Romance of Poisons.' 'King in Borneo' is an account of the career of Mr. W. C. Cowie, who was the forerunner of the British North Borneo Company. Mr. Stanhope Sprigg discusses the fact that nearly all great musicians have been educated in foreign schools. There are several other good articles.

MAGILLAN'S MAGAZINE commences a new serial story, 'The Secret of Saint Florel,' which begins well. There is a very interesting article on 'The New Mosaics at St. Paul's,' which will be eagerly read. Lovers of history will enjoy 'Mary Stuart at St. Germain's,' while 'Thomas Hughes' and 'The Centenary of Ossian' will attract many. There is a good notice of a recently published history of Newfoundland.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE has an interesting article on the painter Diaz. 'The Crowning of a Czar' is well written and beautifully illustrated. Mrs. Humphry Ward continues her serial, 'Sir George Tressady,' while Professor Bryce, M.P., gives the first of a series of articles entitled 'Impressions of South Africa.' 'In Bohemia with Du Maurier' is illustrated with seventeen sketches by the well-known *Punch* artist. The life of Napoleon Buonaparte is continued, and there are many other excellent contributions.

ST. NICHOLAS contains a great variety of matter, and is full of artistic sketches. 'The Green Satin Gown' is a pretty story. Two serials are continued and one is concluded. 'Some War Courtesies,' written and illustrated by H. A. Ogden, is clever and amusing. 'Shooting Stars that Reach the Earth' are clearly not welcome visitors, to judge from the account. This magazine should become increasingly popular with young people.

THE CHURCHMAN has a sixth article on 'The Authorship of the Pentateuch,' by Chancellor Lias. The Rev. N. Dimock discusses the history of the Prayer-book from the 'Low-Church' point of view. The burning subject of Patronage is temperately dealt with by the Rev. Dr. Hiley.

THE EXPOSITOR has a further contribution from the pen of the late Dr. R. W. Dale. Professor A. B. Bruce writes on 'Christ's Mission to the Publicans.' Professor Ramsay discusses 'A Fixed Date in the Life of St. Paul,' while Prebendary Whiteford describes the 'Ideal Preacher.'

THE CLERGYMAN'S MAGAZINE gives the fifth of the Rev. H. C. G. Moule's papers on the Epistle to the Philippians. There are fourteen short sermonettes by different writers on various subjects; and the Rev. A. Irving contributes 'A Short Excursus in the Higher Biology.'

THE MAGAZINE OF ART has an interesting article on W. Dendy Sadler, with reproductions of several of his pictures, and a beautiful frontispiece, entitled 'The Top of the Hill.' The first of a series of articles on 'The Western Islands,' by W. M. Gilbert, includes four illustrations by John McWhirter. J. G. Millais' 'Sport in Art' has two reproductions of Landseer's works. 'The Coin of the Realm' gives fifty-seven designs for coins by some of the leading artists of the day. A full-page photograph of a cat, by Madame Ronner, is given with this number, which is really good value.

THE INDIAN CHURCH QUARTERLY for January, which has only just been issued, contains a sermon by Canon Scott Holland. The Rev. J. H. Lord discusses the best method of developing greater sympathy between Indian and European Christians; while the Rev. H. U. Weitbrecht reviews Miss Giberne's life of Charlotte Maria Tucker ('A. L. O. E.').

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES includes a number of able articles. Dr. Gordon Balfour writes on 'Christ Preaching to the Spirits in Prison,' and Professor Sayce continues his archaeological commentary on the Book of Genesis.

GOODWILL includes this month an article on Gordon, in the 'Standard-bearers of Christ' series, by the Rev. H. H. Henson.

THE NET improves in its new series. This month we have a letter from Miss Davies, of Ealing, giving an account of a visit to her brother at Isandhlwana.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. A short service specially arranged for the Association will be held at 11.30, to which we earnestly invite all ringers. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Essex. Business meeting at 12.30 in the Charity School. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, price 1s. each to members who signify beforehand their intention to be present. The towers of St. Mary's, Chelmsford (10 bells), Gallywood (8, doubtful), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Boreham (6), Springfield (6), will be open. Return tickets for the day to Chelmsford at reduced fares will be

issued by the G. E. R. The receipt for the current year's subscription must be shown at the booking-office, and notice must be sent to me on or before May 20th, from what station members propose to start. Tickets issued from Liverpool Street will be available from Saturday to Monday. H. T. W. EYRE.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

IN response to a request from the Diocesan Secretary (the Rev. M. Kelly) the members of the Plymouth and Devonport branch recently rang the bells of Charles Church, deeply muffled, as a mark of respect for the memory of their late President, Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court. Deceased was a clever change-ringer, and the members thought no more fitting tribute could be paid to his memory than by attempting to ring a peal of 5152 BOB MAJOR. This was accomplished in 3 hrs. 47 mins. They thus succeeded in establishing a record peal for the Guild, as this is the first peal of BOB MAJOR by any local band of the Guild since its formation. The ringers were E. Taylor (conductor), 1; A. J. Richards, 2; G. V. Richards, 3; E. Hendy, 4; Rev. J. M. Clarkson, M.A., 5; H. Myers, 6; W. Ford, 7; W. H. Marsh, 8.

At the annual meeting of the branch on the following day—Mr. J. J. Marshall in the chair—the Secretary was instructed to convey to the friends and relatives of the deceased gentleman the deep sympathy of the branch in their sad bereavement. This has been done, and the Society has received a very kind reply from Mr. Hugh Troyte, thanking the branch, and offering to place a shield in the belfry of Charles Church, as a record of the above performance, and to give to each member who rang, a photograph of the shield. At the same meeting, Mr. E. Taylor, leader of the branch, was presented by the members with a handsome gold albert, watch, and bell pendant, as a slight recognition of his efforts for twenty years to establish change-ringing in Plymouth.

North Lincolnshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the members of the Association was held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Lincoln, on Saturday, the 25th ult., the Rev. Canon Andrews presiding in the absence of the President, the Dean of Lincoln. The Bishop of Lincoln gave an address, commenting upon the work of the ringers. The annual report was presented and passed. It stated that the balance in hand at the end of December was 227. 19s. 16d., and that there were 325 members. It also contained a list of peals rung during the year. The Dean was re-elected President, and the Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditors were re-appointed. Mr. Chester, of Lincoln, was elected as a Central Council representative in the place of Mr. Linley, of Gainsborough. The Rev. Precentor Bramley was appointed an honorary member, and several other members were elected. During the afternoon touches were rung on the bells of the Cathedral and several of the parish churches.

Barnstaple Parish Church Bells, Devonshire.

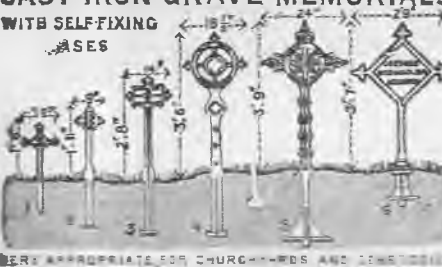
THE effort to raise a sufficient sum of money to rehang the peal of six bells in the Barnstaple parish church belfry, and to add two new ones, has been so far successful that the Vicar and Churchwardens have accepted estimates for the work from a Birmingham firm, and the bells, it is hoped, will be opened in the middle of June. Over 250l. have been promised or received, only about 30l. being required to complete the cost. The scheme of making the peal an octave, which it was thought could not be accomplished, is now assured.

AT ST. EDWARD'S, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Saturday, the 2nd ult., a half-muffled peal of TREBLE BOB was attempted to the memory of the late George Newson, but failed. Afterwards a quarter-peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR (1280 changes) was rang, which is perhaps the more appropriate, as this was where the deceased rang the tenor and conducted the famous long peal with the extent of tenors together. J. Watson, 1; W. Pye, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; W. Doran, 5; E. Pye, 6; E. Clayton, 7; J. Dale, 8. The above quarter-peal is the composition of the late G. Newson.

AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.—Handbell-ringing.—On Wednesday, the 29th ult., four members of the Essex Association rang, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch of 1896 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 50 mins., being the first date touch rung in this method during the current year. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. Composed by Mr. Jno. Bradley, West Ham.

AT HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Tuesday, the 28th ult., 360 changes (120 each in three methods, viz., GRANDSIRE, MANCHESTER, and PLAIN BOB) were rung by four Ripley (All Saints') ringers and a local man. T. Whilton, 1; W. Oatby, 2; B. Fletcher, 3; F. Kay, 4; H. George (conductor), 5. Tenor, 19 cwt.

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