

on 'The Gospels and Modern Criticism,' in which he deals with the propriety of the fourth Gospel having been written last and not first, as alleged by Mr. J. J. Halcombe. The only point in which we think Mr. Wright's criticism needs emendation is that he does not recognise (what Wendt has so accurately pointed out) the synchronism of the Synoptic and Johannine traditions, or Oral Gospels. St. John's Gospel was written last of all; but that its substance was then for the first time given to the Church we can no longer hold. There was at least a double (perhaps triple, or even quadruple) cycle of tradition, orally communicated to the catchments, as Mr. Wright so lucidly points out in his book on the *Composition of the Gospels*. And with the substance of the four Gospels thus preserved in the Apostolic Church clearly proven, we can afford to be comparatively indifferent to the relative times of their being specifically committed to writing. At least, we think the point worthy of more attention than has yet been paid to it.

ST. NICHOLAS has, on its first page, what looks like a living picture of Edison as a boy. Baltimore is the city described, and, as usual, beautifully illustrated this month. This number is up to the usual average, which is giving it the highest possible praise.

GOOD WORDS (Isbister & Co.) has an interesting description, by David Paton, of 'Tailoring by Steam,' in the Leeds factories, for the production of 'ready-made' clothes; 'Rambles in the Precincts' of the House of Commons, by 'A lazy Member'; and 'The Silver Gospels,' a history of the translator and narrative of the translation of the first Teutonic words ever written, being a considerable portion of the four Gospels, done into Gothic by Wulfila the Apostle of the Goths about A.D. 332, traced in silver letters (except the initials, which are gold), encased in a silver binding, and preserved in the library of the University of Upsala, in Sweden. 'A Noble Work' is the title of an article on the 'Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,' which is stated to have already befriended 70,000 ill-treated little ones since the year 1889, when the Children's Charter was passed, through Mr. Waugh's instrumentality.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE (Isbister & Co.) contains two biographical notices—'Dr. Stalker at Home,' the story of an interview and conversation with the present representative minister of the Free Church of Scotland in Glasgow; and 'A Pioneer in the Far West,' an appreciative life-sketch of Bishop Horden, of Moosonee. The concluding paper, on 'Russian Dissenters and the Russian Government,' includes a short but concise account of the Stundists, whose independent activity of thought and manly principles are considered by the writer to be the main causes of the unjust and cruel treatment to which they are being subjected by their country's rulers. Dr. Hugh MacMillan contributes a semi-scientific, semi-allegorical paper on 'Visible Music.'

THE LEISURE HOUR (R.T.S.) deals with 'Poitiers,' and its associations; 'The Bat Caves near San Antonio de Bexar'; 'The Way of the World at Sea: the Mails,' and other subjects of popular interest.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME (R.T.S.) gives two capital chapters of Mr. Treanor's narrative of labours 'In the Downs,' in connexion with the 'Missions to Seamen'; Mrs. Brewer treats of 'Asiatics and Africans' in London, and of the efforts made on their behalf; 'What to do with the Babies' is a plea for Crèches, by the late Benjamin Clarke; and there is a brief brightly written notice of 'A Chinese Christian Lady' (Mrs. A. Hôk) with portrait and autograph.

In the GIRL'S OWN PAPER (R.T.S.) 'A Sudden Shadow' and 'Mother's Deputy' are good short stories, and 'Blanchardyne and Eglantine: A Romance of the Middle Ages,' is commenced by Lily Watson, 'My Lady Marjorie' being concluded. 'Auriol's Coronet' is the work, we should imagine, of a young authoress; but, if the heroine is unusually successful in her literary career, she is none the worse as a model for her girl admirers. Of graver articles, 'Some Marriage Thorns and How to Avoid Them,' 'Sympathy and How to Show It,' and 'Caroline of Anspach,' may be cordially recommended.

CORRECTIONS.—In our last issue, in 'Reviews' of *A Message to Earth and The Love Letter of a Violinist*, the publisher's name should read Lamley & Co., and not Lawley & Co.

THE COUNCIL of the Hospital Sunday Fund met at the Mansion House on Tuesday, to settle the method of the distribution of this year's collection. Sir Sydney H. Waterlow (vice-president) occupied the chair. The report showed that the committee recommended the payment of awards to 181 institutions, being eight more than last year, and an increase of seventy-six since the first awards were made in 1873. The total amount available for distribution, after allowing for the usual current expenses, was 35,400*l.*, or about 3000*l.* less than in 1892. Of that total 35,066*l.* was now recommended to be given to 127 hospitals and fifty-four dispensaries. Five per cent. of the total collected—viz., about 1900*l.*—was set apart to purchase surgical appliances.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

NOTICE.

We have been compelled to postpone the Supplement until our next issue, in consequence of several valuable communications arriving too late.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Hatfield on Bank Holiday, August 7th, when, by kind permission, the tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the 'Bakers' Arms' at 5.30, business meeting to follow.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

St. Albans, July 25th.

The Lancashire Association.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—A monthly meeting of this branch was held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, July 15th, forty-three ringers representing the following towers:—St. Michael and St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, St. John's and unattached, Manchester, Hyde, Swinton, Worsley, and Walkden. Notable amongst the number were Messrs. Wood and Longden, the Cash brothers, with full company, the Wilde brothers, with full company, from Swinton and Hyde respectively, also Messrs. Ridyard and Derbyshire, Ringing commenced about five p.m., and was kept up until nine p.m., with the exception of a short interval for the business meeting, which was held in the open air, Mr. Samuel Wood kindly presiding. Flixton was decided upon as the place of next meeting, on Saturday, August 12th. The proceedings were brought to a close with votes of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of bells, also to Mr. Peter Brickell for having all in readiness. Some touches were brought round during the evening in the following methods:—GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

The Surrey Association.

THE annual meeting of the above Association was held at Reigate, on Saturday, July 22nd. Ringers were in attendance from Beddington, Betchworth, Bletchingley, Buckland, Carshalton, Croydon, Mitcham, Reigate, London, and Warnham. About thirty sat down to a meat tea, after which Mr. W. Burkin was voted to the chair, and Mr. Erington acted as Secretary. A letter of apology was read from Dr. Carpenter, regretting his inability to be present, and stating that the pressure of business necessitated his retirement as Hon. Secretary, which the meeting much regretted. The Rev. E. G. Burr (curate of Croydon), assistant secretary of the Association, was also unavoidably absent. This being the meeting to elect officers, the Treasurer and Committee were re-elected, and Dr. Carpenter and Mr. Strange were re-elected representatives on the Central Council. The election of Secretary was postponed till the next quarterly meeting, which will be held at Bletchingley on the third Saturday in October. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding terminated the business meeting. The church tower was then visited, the bells kept going till nine o'clock, and then lowered in peal. The methods rung were GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and TREBLE BOB MAJOR. It was the anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

Death of a Church Bell-ringer.

ALFRED BEEBY, a ringer of Finedon, Northants, for over twenty years past, died, after only a few days' illness, on Saturday last, at the age of fifty-five. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the Rev. W. E. Fletcher conducting the service, the ringers acting as bearers and placing a beautiful wreath on the grave. Deceased, who generally rang the tenor bell, was much respected by the members of the belfry as a punctual, reliable man, and (what many greater change-ringers might well copy) a steady ringer and good striker, trying at all times to sound his bell carefully and well. In the evening, from eight to nine o'clock, full-muffled peals of GRANDSIRE, GOG MAGOG, RINGERS' DELIGHT, and PLAIN BOB were rung by the Finedon Company, assisted by the ringers from Wellingborough, those two old veterans of the Finedon belfry, Messrs. Moon and Manning, taking part therein. The aged Sexton, Mr. Wallis, although not able to handle a rope, was also present in the ringing-room. Alfred Beeby was a member of the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Association, having joined at the annual meeting at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday last.

Shocking Death in a Belfry.

A MAN named Bird died last week at Latton, Hants, from injuries received in the belfry of the parish church. He was in the bell-chamber when the ringers commenced to ring in ignorance of his presence, the bells inflicting fatal injuries.

A Query.

SIR,—May I ask, through your valuable paper, for information as to what can be done with five bells? We have a simple set of changes painted on a board which we work through. Perhaps you can tell me of a book which I could procure.

(REV.) F. B. LIPSCOMBE.

Brightstone, I.W., July 24th.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. James-the-Great, Dursley, Gloucestershire.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang H. Johnson's peal of 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. W. C. Jones, 1; T. Brunson (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 2; A. F. E. Hart, 3; J. Austin, 4; W. T. Bennett, 5; A. Roberts, 6; H. Roberts, 7; Rev. H. Law-James (conductor), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. The first peal of Major on the bells.

At the Parish Church, Cranborne, Dorset.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. C. Dawe, 1; A. Pearce, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; C. A. Clement's, 4; A. W. Barkus, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. S. Wise (conductor), 7; C. H. Watts, 8.

At the Cathedral, Gloucester.

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang J. Carter's peal of 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 18 mins. W. C. Jones, 1; G. L. Brunsdon, 2; F. E. Hart, 3; J. Austin, 4; W. T. Bennett, 5; W. H. Brunsdon, 6; A. Roberts, 7; Rev. H. Law-James (conductor), 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D.

The Royal Cumberlands at the Imperial Institute.

On the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York to Princess Victoria of Teck on July 6th, the above society had the honour of being engaged to ring the Alexandra ring of bells. The band selected for this occasion were Messrs. W. Baron, B. Fuskett, H. A. Hopkins, T. Titchener, A. Pittam, G. Smith, E. Chapman, A. Church, A. Jacob, and G. Newson.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:

At HAYES, KENT.—On a Tuesday, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, rung for the first time. H. Reader, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; J. Hack, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; E. Boxall, 6. On a Tuesday, for practice, 360 BOB MINOR. W. Bedwell, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack, 3; H. Reader, 4; E. Stone, 5; G. Harwood (conductor), 6. And 360 GRANDSIRE MINOR. H. Reader, 1; H. Brown, 2; J. Hack, 3; G. Harwood, 4; E. Stone, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6.

At BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On a Sunday, after evening service, a quarter-peal was rung, consisting of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, 360 OXFORD BOB, and 180 BOB MINOR. F. Arnold, 1; R. Botting, 2; G. Huggett, 3; C. Webber, 4; W. H. Judd, 5; R. Arnold (conductor), 6.

At THE PARISH CHURCH, GILLINGHAM, KENT.—On a Sunday, for Divine service, 1008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 34 mins. W. Evans, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. N. Davis (Camberwell, London), 3; W. Easter, 4; W. Baker, 5; W. Kings, 6; C. Waterman, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8.

At THE CATHEDRAL, ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 588 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. Jenkinson (longest length), 1; C. Burrell (longest length), 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; R. Hammond, 4; R. H. Weatherley (conductor), 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; L. Dryden, 8.

At BROMLEY, KENT.—On a Sunday, for morning service, 720 BOB MINOR (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins., tenor covering. G. Simpson, 1; E. Dunn, 2; G. Darling (conductor), 3; T. Groombridge, 4; F. Sanders, 5; T. Harford, 6; W. James, 7.

* * We beg to remind our correspondents that for the future we must adhere to the usual rules of the press in not accepting (a) writing in pencil; (b) writing on both sides of the paper.—Ed. C. B.

INSCRIPTIONS ON LANCASHIRE CHURCH BELLS.

(Concluded from page 650.)

WIGAN (ALL SAINTS).—There are eight bells:—

- (1) 'Fear God, honour the King, A. R., 1732.'
- (2) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, A. R., 1732.'
- (3) 'Prosperity to the Church of England, A. R., 1732.'
- (4) 'Prosperity to this town and parish, A. R., 1732.'
- (5) 'We were all cast at Gloucester by Abr. Rudhall, 1732.'
- (6) 'James Laland and Thomas Lowe, churchwardens, A. R., 1732.'
- (7) 'Samuel Aldersey, rector, A. R., 1732.'
- (8) On one side 'J. H. S.,' and the other 'I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all.' On the 'ting-tang' bell, 'Come away, and make no delay, A. R., 1732.'

HORNBY (ST. MARGARET).—There are six bells:—

- (1) 'Armigero optima spei adolescenti Francisco Charteris, Junri: a Castro Hornby, An. Dom. 1761.'
- (2) 'Mo. Christophoro Skirrow & Mo. Richardo Howson sacrorum curatibus spectata Fidei & probitatis Laude insignibus, An. Dom. 1761.'
- (3) 'Honour and honesty, love and loyalty, peace and good neighbourhood.'
- (4) 'Laudo Deum verum: Plebem voco: congreco Clerum: Defunctos Ploro: Pestem fugo, festa Decoro.'
- (5) 'Honorabili Viro Francisco Charteris a Castro de Hornby, Patrono, moribus dandidis, artibus Pue [sic] Ingenuis vere Nobili An. Dom. 1760.'
- (6) 'Honoratissime Femina Domine Catharinæ Charteris Pietate Benignitate ac Morum suavi tate ornatissimæ. An. Dom. 1761.'

ECCELESTON (ST. MARY).—There are six bells:—

- (1) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, 1734.'
- (2) 'Prosperity to this parish, 1727.'
- (3) 'Prosperity to the Church of England, 1727.'
- (4) 'A. B. Rudhall cast us all 1727; recast 1737.'
- (5) 'Wm. Breers, warden, 1803.'
- (6) 'I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all. 1727.'

PENWORTHAM (ST. MARY).—There are six bells:—

- (1) 'Recast at Mary Rawstone's cost, 1891.'
- (2) 'God save Queen Ann, A. R., 1712.'
- (3) 'Prosperity to the Church of England, 1712.'
- (4) 'Abr Rudhall cast us, Anno. Dom. 1712.'
- (5) 'Ralph Loxam, minister, A. R., 1712.'
- (6) Churchwardens' names, 1712.

MIDDLETON (ST. LEONARD).—There are eight bells:—

- (1) 'Peace and good neighbourhood, A. R., 1714.'
- (2) 'Prosperity to all our benefactors, A. R., 1714.'
- (3) 'Abr Rudhall cast us all, 1714.'

4, 5, 6, and 7 have various names.

- (8) 'There shall be upon the bells Holiness to the Lord, 1891.'

MANCHESTER (COLLEGIATE CHURCH).—There are ten bells. On the seventh is inscribed 'Abraham Rudhall, bell founder—God save the Queen and the Church, 1706.' On the eighth, 'To all our benefactors [to] the Church let all say amen—prosper it. We were all cast in Gloucester, 1706.'

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THIRTY-SECOND INTERVIEW.

INTERVIEW with Rev. W. A. HAMMOND, Primitive Methodist Minister, 3 Park Road, Dereham, Norfolk.

[Relative to cases known to him.]

Among other things for which I have to thank the Rev. W. M. Batterbee, of Ely, is his kindness in introducing me to the Rev. W. A. Hammond, a minister belonging to the same denomination as himself, but stationed at Dereham, in Norfolk. Mr. Hammond is a type of that large body of men who throw themselves heart and soul into the work of preaching and visiting. Notwithstanding an unusually large number of services each week—as a glance at the board outside the chapel testified—Mr. Hammond finds time—utilising both the rail and the road—for a large amount of visiting. Indeed, as he told me, he was well acquainted with all the villages within fifteen miles of his house.

This being the case, I consider myself fortunate in catching him at home, for Mr. Hammond, like the rest of the persons with whom these informal chats have been held, had no notice of my coming.

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