

BELLS AND BELL RINGING.

Copy of a Circular issued by the late Mr. John Holt, 1753.

TO ALL ARTISTS IN RINGING.

MR. JOHN HOLT of London, having at length discovered a method of ringing 5040 Grandsire Triples without changes over again, or y^e use of any other means than plain leads, bobs, and only two singles, which hath hitherto been looked upon as impossible; he has also made improvement in Plain Bob and Union Triples; all which he is willing to communicate to y^e world: but as his circumstances are low, and as he can expect no reward for his labour, nor assistance towards y^e expenses of publishing them, but from his brethren in y^e art, he proposes to have neatly printed two whole peals of Grandsire Triples, divided into halves, one containing 3 regular courses, the other 5, with 2 singles—one at y^e half peal, y^e other at y^e end: the bobs being so regularly disposed as to be easily called. One complete peal of Plain Bob Triples in 3 regular courses, without any single or alteration, but only leads and bobs as are usually rung. Also a complete peal of UNION TRIPLES, each half in 3 regular courses, y^e singles made at y^e middle and end of peal—and to deliver copies of these four peals by — next, to any single person, or any set of 8 bell-ringers who shall subscribe not less than 5s. 3d., notify their subscription not paid to Mr. John Cundell, in Salisbury Court, Fleet St: who engages to deliver y^e same with a list of subscribers, or return y^e subscriptions if there should not be enough to defray y^e expenses of printing.

Those who have not an opportunity to subscribe in London, and are willing to encourage y^e design, to send their subscriptions to y^e printer of this paper. To the Ipswich Journal.

1 September, 1753.

THE SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES TO MR. JOHN HOLT'S FOUR PEALS.

The following are of y^e Company of College Youths, London.

Samuel Killican, Esq.	7	Mr. James Watson	2
Mr. Robert Randall, Bell founder,		Christophe Pinchbeck	1
Fleet Ditch	4	Robert Romley	1
John Cundell	4	William Underwood	1
Thomas Lester, Bell founder,		Thomas Bennett	1
White Chapel	4	Joseph Griffiths	1
Wm. Oram	4	William Rickard	1
Thos. Lowe	4	Samuel Tomson	1
William Skelton, jun.	4	Richard Wynn	1
John Hardham	2		

The following are of y^e same Company residing in different parts of England:—

The Rev. Dr. Mason of Trinity		Mr. Joseph West, Cambridge.....	1
College, Cambridge	2	The Nottingham Company.....	1
Mr. Samuel Anderson of Stour-		The Stroud Company, Gloucester-	
ham, Suffolk	2	shire	1
Henry Cowley of Twittenham,		Mr. Thomas Hancock of Biserlay,	
Middlesex	1	Do.	1
John Swaine of Standwell ...	1	James Archer of St. Phillips,	
Chris. Chitty, Farnham, Surry	1	Bristol	1
Samuel Lee, Dover, Kent ...	1	The Oxford Company	1
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Leicestershire	4	Surry	1
The St. Noats Company, Hunting-		John Short, Do. Do.	1
donshire	4	Rayley of Kingston, Do.	1
The Cambridge Company	4	Hunt	1
The Rev. Mr. Windle	1	Tow	1

These peals to be had of Mr. Cundell, at y^e Golden Eagle, in Duke's Court, Bow Street, Covent Garden.

[The above interesting copies are from a voluminous private collection of papers on ringing, of the same date, which we have been allowed to see, and from which we hope to be able to gratify our readers in some future numbers; the four peals alluded to above, as printed, are in the same collection.—Ed.]

Gold Medal to a College Youth.

DUNDEE SOCIETY OF BELL-RINGERS.—At a meeting recently held in Dundee, the ringers of the two peals of bells in the Old Steeple and St. Paul's Church resolved to form a Society 'for the advancement of good ringing and good fellowship.' Last evening the members met in Caw's Restaurant—Mr. J. Scott, jun., in the chair—when Mr. William Hill, the Secretary, expressed the obligation the Society felt to Mr. Haworth for his efficiency as their instructor in the art of Peal-ringing, ascribing the progress they had made to the close attention he had paid to his duties, and the interest he had manifested in their improvement, in token of which they requested his acceptance of a gold medal bearing the inscription:—'Presented to J. R. Haworth by the Dundee Society of Bell-ringers, 22nd Sept. 1873.' Mr. Haworth thanked the members of the Society for their handsome present and for their invariable courtesy towards him. When he returned to London, and wherever he might be, the medal they had given him would remind him of the pleasant time he had spent in Dundee. He congratulated the ringers on the rapid progress they had made, and believed they would find what they were learning useful to them in whatever position of life they might be, since they could not ring well without the steady, prompt, and united action of eyes, ears, hands, and brains. He expressed his acknowledgments of the assistance and courtesy he had received from the public authorities, and particularly Bailie Maxwell, and concluded by proposing the health of Mr. Leng; who in reply mentioned that he had had pleasure, along with Bailie Maxwell and the Bishop of Brechin, in revising the proposed constitution and rules of the Society. He read a humorous extract from Ellacombe's work on Bells and Bell-ringing, giving the rules of an old Society in rhyme, and handed

the book to the chairman as the first contribution to the Society's library, promising also to add Denison's work on Clocks and Bells. Before Mr. Haworth left Dundee, he thought it would be well that an opportunity should be given to the public authorities connected with the Old Steeple to see the local ringers ring a peal, and also that the leading members of St. Paul's should have a similar opportunity of knowing what their youths could do. He also suggested that the Society—which contains some capital singers—might, when they got into funds, add to the harmony of their meetings by musical performances on hand-bells, which, when well done, were exceedingly pleasing. The meeting was altogether a very happy one.—*Dundee Advertiser.*

Muffled Peal at Glemsford, Suffolk.

ON Friday, Sept. 12, a Muffled Peal was rung at St. Mary's parish church, in respectful remembrance of William Scott, who died Sept. 5th, 1873. He was born Dec. 21th, 1797, and joined the Society of Ringers in 1816.—*Per Letter.*

BELFRY RECORDS.

WOODBIDGE. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

(Continued.)

512. JANUARY 12th, 1842, A peal of 5120 Changes of Kent Treble Bob Was rung in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes by the Woodbridge Society of Ringers, viz.:—

Jno. Fosdike, Treble.	Ana Fosdike, Fourth.	Dd. Baldwin, Sixth.
Wm. Clarke, Second.	Wm. Meadows, Fifth.	Robt. Hayward, Seventh.
Wm. Woods, Third.		Isaac Sawyer, Eighth.

Conducted by Isaac Sawyer.

513. MARCH 26th, 1851, Was rung A Complete peal of 6144 Changes of Kent Treble Bob, in the space of 3 Hours & 56 Minutes, by the Woodbridge Society of Ringers, viz.:—

Wm. Meadows, Treble.	Jams. Upson, Fourth.	Dad. Baldwin, Sixth.
Chas. Adams, Second.	Jams. Clemonas, Fifth.	Benn. Newson, Seventh.
Wm. Clarke, Third.		Isaac Sawyer, Eighth.

Conducted by —

Ardua Molimur; sed Nulla Nisi Ardua Virtus.

514. JANUARY 21, 1862, Was rang in this Steeple A peal of 5040 Changes of Grandsire triples, Consisting of 194 Bob and 46 Singles, in 3 Hours and twenty Minutes, By the following persons:—

John Fosdike, Treble.	Wm. Burch, Fourth.	D. Baldwin, Sixth.
Wm. Clarke, Second.	R. Borrell, Fifth.	H. Burch, Seventh.
G. Woods, Third.		W. M. Meadows, Tenor.

Conducted by John Fosdike.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

515. ON Monday, the 25th October, 1740, was rung here a complete Peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major, in 2 hours and 56 minutes. Not a Bell out of course, and never was rung here before. Performed by

J. Clarke, Treble.	J. Lake, Fourth.	R. Brook, Seventh.
F. Field, Second.	S. Bearaway, Fifth.	W. Patrick, Eighth, who
J. Field, Third.	S. Field, Sixth.	called the Bobs.

Weight of Tenor about 12 cwt.

J. Clark, } Churchwardens.
J. Burgess, }

516. ON Wednesday, January 13, 1819, was rung here a complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 2 Minutes, and was never rung here before. Conducted by William Pallant, and rung by the following numbers:—

Wm. Pallant, Treble.	Sml. Read, Fourth.	Jas. Hurry, Sixth.
Chr. Stead, Second.	Davd. Keth, Fifth.	Wm. Ward, Seventh.
Josh. Weaver, Third.		Ran. Playford, Tenor.

Jno. Youngs, } Churchwardens.
R. C. Harvey, }

517. ON 28th of October, 1827, eight persons of St. Peter's Society, Norwich, met at All Saints' Church, Alburgh, near Rodehall, and rang the late Mr. John Reeves's peal of 6880 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, containing the 120 course ends, in three hours & forty-seven minutes. Called by Saml. Thurston, and rung by the following band:—

T. Hurry, Treble.	H. Hubbard, Fourth.	C. Payne, Seventh.
F. Wateryng, Second.	Jas. Hurry, Fifth.	S. Thurston, Tenor, Weight,
J. Hurry, Third.	J. Coleman, Sixth.	11 cwt.; key, G sharp.

Many excellent ringers in the neighbourhood of Redenhall heard this performance, and expressed their approbation of the superior style of striking, embracing quickness and regularity: the speed exceeding thirty changes per minute.

518. ON Wednesday, the new year's eve of 1852, Was rung in this Tower by Eight Inhabitants of this Parish, a true and complete Peal of 8448 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, in 5 hours and 3 minutes. For bold and regular striking it must ever reflect great credit upon the Company. It was conducted by Benjn. Smith, and rung by the following persons:—

Benjamin Smith, Treble.	Thomas Grimmer, Fourth.	James Grimmer, Sixth.
William Sheldrake, Second.	Isank Mobbs, Fifth.	George Mobbs, Seventh.
Charles Read, Third.		Samuel Smith, Tenor.

B. Bond, } Churchwardens.
J. C. Miles, }

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

519. THE splendid Church of St. Andrew's, Norwich, prior to the year 1825, had only a peal of 8 bells, at which time Mr. Thos. Hurry, one of St. Peter's Ringers, presented to it two new trebles, cast by Mears and Sons of Whitechapel; and the ten were rung the first time on 19th July in the above year. On which occasion Mr. Sam. Thurston (by trade a stone-mason) made a tablet and placed it in the north wall of the belfry, to commemorate the event. On May 5th, 1842, Here was rung Mr. John Reeves's one-course peal, consisting of 5040 changes of Treble Bob Royal, in three hours & twenty-seven minutes. Called by Henry Hubbard. It was rung in the Kent variation, and has the 64 ths times each way: it was rung by the following persons:—

T. Hurry, Treble.	G. Wateryng, Fourth.	T. Burrell, Eighth.
R. Burrell, Second.	W. Gaul, Fifth.	G. Smith, Ninth.
J. Greenwood, Third.	J. Truman, Sixth.	H. Hubbard, Tenor, 18½ cwt.

The above is the first peal on the ten bells.

520. ON 15th of Sep., 1842, was rung in this steeple a peal of Caters on Stedman's principle, consisting of 5295 changes, in three hours & twenty-nine minutes. This also was called by Henry Hubbard, and rung in capital style by the following band, stationed thus:—

J. Hurry, Treble.	G. Middleton, Fourth.	R. Cole, Eighth.
R. Burrell, Second.	W. Gaul, Fifth.	H. Hubbard, Ninth.
J. Greenwood, Third.	J. Truman, Sixth.	W. Freeman, Tenor.

A CORRECTION.—Belfry Tablet 496 should be *Saffron Walden, Essex.* and 407 *Glemsford, Suffolk.*

RECEIVED.—W. Bowman; T. Snare; Bob Miles.