

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Ringling at Chesterton, Cambridgeshire.

On the 8th of December, 1874, was rung 5040 changes, Stedman's principle, containing 42 peals, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. The following were the Youths engaged:—W. Kempton, treble; Y. Green, 2nd; C. Stanbridge, 3rd; G. Taylor, 4th; H. Mansfield, tenor. Weight of tenor, 1 ton. Conducted by G. Taylor, one of the younger members of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.—*Reported.*

Opening of the Church Bells, Clapton, near Woodbridge, S.

THE ring of six bells in this parish, which have for some time been in an unfit state for ringing, have, through steps taken by the Rector (the Rev. R. F. Palmer), been all taken up, and entirely rehung, with all new stacks, wheels, and fittings, with improved cast-iron chairs and brasses, by Mr. Day, of Eye. Thursday, the 28th, being the day fixed for the opening, ringers and others were invited. Ringing was kept up throughout the day; the date of the year, 1875, was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins., with 720 Oxford, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and the extra 435 changes in Bob Minor method, rung by the following persons:—J. Fosdike, Woodbridge, tenor; J. Jackson, Ipswich, 2nd; F. Day, Eye, 3rd; H. Howell, Ipswich, 4th; H. Birch, Woodbridge, 5th; H. Baldry, Brandeston, tenor. The peals were arranged and conducted by Mr. J. Fosdike. The ringers (about thirty in number) were refreshed by a luncheon at the Rectory, given by the Rector, Rev. R. F. Palmer, and at five o'clock sat down to dinner at the Crown Inn. Amongst the ringers present was Mr. Leech, aged eighty-one years, who rang his first peal of 720 on these bells in the year 1813.—*Reported.*

Change-ringing at Bradford, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, Jan. 30th, the young society of Change-ringers belonging to the parish church, Birstal, rang at St. John's, Little Storton, Bradford, a peal of Kent Treble Bob, containing 5120 changes, which was brought round in 3 hrs. 10 mins. It may be some encouragement to young ringers to know that this company has only been formed about fifteen months, and that not one of them had previously rung a peal of 5000. The following is the order in which the ringers were placed, with their respective ages:—W. H. Crossley, nineteen, treble; F. Crowther, eighteen, 2nd; G. Thornton, seventeen, 3rd; E. T. Jowitt, twenty-seven, 4th; W. Stainthorpe, nineteen, 5th; W. Elliott, twenty-five, 6th; H. Dodson, eighteen, 7th; J. Dixon, twenty-four, tenor. Weight of tenor, 13½ cwt. The peal, which had the sixth, its extent right and wrong, was composed by T. Day of Birmingham, and conducted by John Dixon. The ringers were taught for the first twelve months by J. W. Yates, one of the old ringers.—*Communicated.*

Change-ringing at Liversedge, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, Jan. 30th, 1875, the society of Change-ringers of the above place met in the belfry and rang a complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., all extremes, or six-place bobs. (See the peal in Sottanstill's work on Bell-ringing, p. 429.) Performed by the following ringers:—J. Whitworth, treble; J. Knot, 2nd; Wm. Firth, 3rd; J. North, 4th; M. Ramsden, 5th; J. Illingworth, 6th; Wm. Collins, 7th; J. Wilson, tenor. Peal composed by Mr. Sottanstill of Sowerby, and conducted by Mr. J. Wilson of Liversedge, Yorkshire.—*Per Letter.*

FIRST PART OF THE PEAL.

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3	4	5	6	2	1	-	1	-	1
4	5	3	6	2	1	1	-	-	2
2	3	6	4	5	-	1	1	1	-
5	6	4	2	3	-	1	1	1	-
3	4	2	5	6	-	1	1	1	-

Tenor to be twice repeated.

Wath, Yorkshire.

THE church of St. Mary in this parish was opened on the 2nd inst., after a thorough renovation. At the same time a new ring of bells, augmented from three to five, was opened by Mr. Mallaby of Masham (who had ably executed this part of the work) and his band, who rang a variety of peals and touches of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Stedman's Doubles. But the most interesting part to us was the service of dedication of the new bells, in which the Bishop of Ripon took part: and in a sermon on the following Sunday the Rev. Canon Birch alluded to the prayers used on that occasion, and told the congregation that they ought to be bound up in their Bibles, so that they might be ever hereafter reminded of that solemn service. Though it differs very slightly from what we have before given in our columns, for the sake of new subscribers and others we gladly reproduce it:—

DEDICATION SERVICE.

After the Prayer for the Church Militant, the Bishop, with the Clergy, Choir, and Ringers, will proceed to the Tower, where he shall say,

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Our Father, &c.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

R. Who hath made Heaven and Earth.

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Then the Bishop, laying his hand on a bell-rope, shall say,

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD God, who art pleased to accept the offerings of Thy Servants, receive we pray Thee these Bells, which we dedicate to Thee for Thine honour and glory, and the use and benefit of Thy holy Church. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that all they who have given to Thee of that which Thou hast given them, may receive it back an hundredfold now in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that whenever these Bells shall call Thy people to this House of Prayer they may not call in vain. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall by reason of sickness, or any other necessity, be so let and hindered that he cannot come into the House of the Lord, may in heart and mind thither ascend, and have his share in the communion of Thy Saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that they who with their outward ears shall hear the sound of these Bells may be aroused inwardly in their spirits, and draw nigh unto Thee the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that whenever the passing-bell shall toll, we may call to mind how short our time is. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that the glad sound of the full peal may remind us that all good things come from Thee, and all true joy and happiness is in Thee alone. Amen.

SEND, O Lord, Thy grace into the hearts of all those who shall work for Thee in ringing these bells, and grant that they may never forget the sacredness of Thy House, nor profane it by thoughtlessness and irreverence; and make them ever to remember that, when they ring, they ring for Thee, and for Thine honour and glory only. All this we beg in the Name and through the mediation of Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Ringers will then sound one short Peal, after which will be sung,

HYMN.

When framed by Thine almighty hand Earth into being came, The morning stars for gladness sung, Angels returned acclaim.	Are by our peal's harmonious chime Called to assemble there. O may the joyful sound, our hearts To prayer and praise incline: While faith and life accordant move In harmony divine.
When to Thy Temple's awful shrine Thy Priest approached of old, His entrance to the Holy Place Was signed by bells of gold.	All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Holy Ghost, While endless ages run. Amen.
Thus we, as to Thy Courts we press, With voice of praise and prayer,	

Change-ringing at Huntsham, Devon.

On Tuesday evening, February 2nd, eight members of the Huntsham Society of Change-ringers, who are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, succeeded in ringing a true and perfect peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes. The performers were:—A Davey, treble; H. Payne, 2nd; J. Norrish, 3rd; C. A. W. Troyte, Esq. 4th; W. Chilcott, 5th; H. Tucker, 6th; J. E. Troyte, Esq. 7th; S. Davey, tenor. Weight of tenor, 13½ cwt. The peal was ably conducted by J. E. Troyte, Esq., and was completed in 2 hrs. 55 mins. The above is the second performance of this kind which has taken place at Huntsham since the beginning of last September. Immediately after the first, and after the conductor had left England with his regiment, a dispute arose as to the right of the Society to claim and record it as a peal, in consequence of certain errors which were owned to. It was decided, therefore, as soon as it was possible, to get the same party together again, to ring a peal with which no fault could be found. It is satisfactory to be able to state that this, their first attempt, met with complete success. There was hardly a hitch in the striking, and not the slightest error in the work throughout the whole peal; though to six of the performers it was only a second 5000, and the arrangement (which is a variation of Taylor's Six-part) was one which the Society had never before attempted.—*Contributed.*

Change-ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

On Saturday, Feb. 6th, the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, at the above church, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, containing 5200 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Performers—W. Coote, treble; G. Muskett, 2nd; W. Jones, 3rd; S. Reeves, 4th; W. Tanner, 5th; J. Dwight, 6th; W. Greenleaf, 7th; E. Horrex, 8th; G. Breed, 9th; J. M. Hayes, tenor. Composed by Mr. H. Hubbard, and conducted by Mr. Hayes. Weight of tenor, 31 cwt.—*Reported.*

Change-ringing at Holbeck, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, Feb. 6th, the following company of Change-ringers rang at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. The peal was composed and conducted by Tom Lockwood, the band being placed in the following order, viz.—W. Pawson, Leeds, treble; H. Moss, Holbeck, 2nd; H. Hubbard, jun. Leeds, 3rd; G. Firth, Holbeck, 4th; L. Senior, Earlsheaton, 5th; T. West, Holbeck, 6th; T. Lockwood, Leeds, 7th; R. Binns, Holbeck, tenor. Weight of tenor, 16 cwt.—*Reported.*

Muffled Peal at St. Clement Danes, Strand.

On Monday, Feb. 8th, ten members of the St. James's Society rang a muffled peal at the above church, in memory of the late Mr. Peter Coote. Performers—J. R. Haworth, treble; C. Hopkins, 2nd; H. Nunn, 3rd; G. Stockham, sen. 4th; J. M. Routh, 5th; G. Stockham, jun. 6th; W. Digby, 7th; D. French, 8th; J. Mansfield, 9th; G. Banks, tenor. Conducted by Mr. J. R. Haworth.—*Reported.*

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

A MEETING of the Committee will be held at Exeter on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. Agenda—To receive the statements of expenses incurred by bands in attending the Broad Clyst meeting, and the report of the local committee; to make further regulations respecting the record of performances; to receive report of a peal at Huntsham; to arrange for the annual meeting.

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RECEIVED ALSO:—J. W. H.; B. L.; J. R. J.; A Subscriber.