

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Ringing Association.

ACCORDING to previous notice (given by a circular, a copy of which appeared a few weeks back in *Church Bells*), a meeting, by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, was held in the Cathedral Chapter-room, Gloucester, on Tuesday, January 8, 1878, at 12 noon. The chair was taken by the Venerable Sir George Prevost, Bart., Archdeacon of Gloucester.

After prayers the Archdeacon stated the object of the meeting, and the following resolutions were carried *nem. con.* :—

(1.) 'That it is desirable to form in this diocese a Society for the promotion of change-ringing on church bells, and its introduction in those places where it has hitherto been unknown.'—Moved by Rev. Canon Madan, Dursley. Seconded by Rev. A. Kent, Coln St. Aldwyn's. Supported by Rev. T. Waters, Thornbury; Rev. H. Robeson, Tewkesbury.

(2.) 'That a Committee be appointed to settle the constitution and rules of the Society.'—Moved by Mr. Phillott, Cheltenham. Seconded by Mr. Davies, Cheltenham. Supported by Rev. H. Warleigh, Ashchurch; Rev. W. T. Allen, St. Briavel's; Mr. Drinkwater, Sandhurst.

(3.) 'That the following gentlemen be appointed members of the Committee.'—Moved by Rev. J. Emeris, Upton St. Leonard's. Seconded by Rev. T. Kettle, Bisley.

A Committee of fifteen was then appointed, with power to add to their number.

The Archdeacon then brought the meeting to a close with a short prayer and the blessing. A large number of those present gave in their names, together with their subscriptions, as honorary members. Mr. Emeris kindly accepted the office of Treasurer, and begged, before separating, to offer the thanks of the meeting to the Archdeacon for taking the chair.

The Cathedral bells were rung for a short space in the interval between the close of morning service and the commencement of the meeting. We may remark, in passing, that the arrangements in the tower are not satisfactory for ringing purposes; added to which, the bells—a remarkably fine ring—are sadly in want of rehanging. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and some Grandsire Doubles, were rung at the church of St. Mary de Crypt.

Change-ringing at Colwich, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, 29th ult., six members of the Lichfield Cathedral Society of Change-ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Minor, 720 changes, in 30 mins. T. Smith, 1; J. Key, 2; F. Cope, 3; A. Whitley, 4; E. Gallimore, 5; A. Greenwood, 6. Conducted by F. Cope. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Change-ringing at St. Alban's, Rochdale.

ON New-year's Eve the ringers of St. Alban's, Rochdale, rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part peal), containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 secs. G. Adshead, 1; J. Adshead, 2; W. Adshead, 3; J. Horrox, 4; W. Brierly, 5; J. Greenwood (conductor), 6; J. Harrison, 7; W. Mellett, tenor.

Date Touch at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

ON the eve of the New Year was rung at the above church a touch of Plain Bob Major, containing 1878 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. Composed and conducted by Mr. Charles Thorp. T. Taylor, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; J. Mellor, 3; W. Frith, 4; J. Stones, 5; E. Hall, 6; J. Andrew, 7; C. Thorp, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

ON Saturday, 12th inst., eight of the Ashton ringers rang at St. Peter's Church Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal, reversed, of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. T. Taylor, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; J. Wood, jun., 3; J. Stones, 4; G. Longden, 5; E. Hall, 6; S. Wood, 7; J. Andrew, 8.

Muffled Peal at St. Peter's, Liverpool.

ON Sunday morning, 6th inst., the late John Burkinshaw was buried at Smithdown Road Cemetery. He died on the 3rd inst., aged sixty-five years, and had been a member of this Society for thirty years and Superintendent for half that period. In the evening, before and after service, the members rang two deeply muffled peals of Grandsire Caters, containing upwards of 2000 changes, as a tribute of respect to their deceased brother. F. Powell, Esq., 1; R. Williams, sen., 2; R. Williams, jun., 3; H. Meadows, 4; G. Crute (conductor), 5; E. Booth, 6; W. Litter, 7; H. Beck, 8; W. Brook, 9; G. Helsby, 10; J. Egerton, 11; H. Brooks, 12.

St. James's Society, London.

ON Monday, 7th inst. a Muffled Peal was rung at St. Clement Danes, Strand, as a last mark of respect to the late J. Osborne, aged 73, a much-esteemed member of this Society. G. Stockham, 1; J. Tingey, 2; R. French, 3; J. Rumsey, 4; W. Chew, 5; R. Williams, 6; H. Hopkins, 7; S. Hayhurst, 8; A. Kirk, 9; W. Wetherstone, 10. Conducted by Mr. G. Stockham.

Mr. John Cox's address in future will be No. 110 Fetter Lane, Holborn, E.C.

Diss, Norfolk.

THE 45th anniversary of St. Mary's Church bells was held on Monday, 7th inst., when ringers from Eye, Redenhall, and other parts, attended, and rang touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Oxford, and Bob Major. A dinner was provided at the 'Dolphin' Inn, at which the Rev. G. H. Harris presided. During the year 1877 the Diss Company have rung 38,086 Oxford; 25,342 Kent; 12,080 Bob Major; 10,630 Grandsire:—total, 86,744 changes, at their parish church; and at Palgrave, 29,620 changes, in five different methods, from March 18th to the end of the year.

Change-ringing by the Yorkshire Association.

ON Saturday, 12th inst., at All Saints, Otley, 5056 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. C. Ralph, 1; J. Barraclough, 2; T. Lockwood, 3; W. Snowden, Esq., 4; F. Maston, 5; H. Hubbard, jun., 6; L. Cawood, 7; J. W. Snowden, Esq., 8. The peal, in one part, with the sixth the extent in 5-6 and six courses' ends each way, was composed by Tom Lockwood and conducted by Lister Cawood. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Waterloo Society, London.

ON Saturday, 12th instant, eight members of the above Society rang at St. Mary Magdalene, Richmond, the late Mr. John Holt's original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples (with two doubles in the last four leads), comprising 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. S. Hayhurst (first peal), 1; J. W. Cattle, 2; J. Perks, 3; C. T. Hopkins, 4; F. W. Appleby (Burton-on-Trent), 5; A. Kirk, 6; F. A. P. Knipe, Esq., 7; R. J. Williams, 8. Conducted by J. W. Cattle.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, 12th inst., eight members of the above rang on the bells of St. Peter's, Hindley, the late John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Curtis, 3; T. Turner, 4; J. H. Jackson, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; S. Gaskell, 7; T. Morris, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

St. Paul's Parish Church, Shipley.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Society of Change-ringers connected with this church rang, in 70 mins. 1878 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Lilley, 1; W. Wilks, 2; W. Kendall, 3; J. Wilks, 4; J. Crabtree, 5; T. Ives, 6; J. Wilkinson, 7; T. Palliser, 8. Composed and conducted by J. Crabtree.

Royal Cumberland Youths (late London Scholars).

ON Monday, 14th inst., at St. Peter's, Walworth, Surrey, a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. G. Newson, 1; H. A. Hopkins, 2; H. Swain, 3; H. Dains, 4; G. Harvey, 5; D. Stackwood, 6; F. A. P. Knipe, Esq., 7; J. Burrett, 8. Conducted by Mr. George Newson. Tenor, 15 cwt. This peal has the same qualities as that reported in *Church Bells*, July 7, 1877, which is the first ever obtained with such properties, and was composed by H. Dains.

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

Repeated.

Ringing at Eye.

IT would be satisfactory to know in what respect the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Eye on the 5th inst., was an *excellent* peal.

A COLLEGE YOUTH.

NOTICE.—Shipway's *Campanologia*, not *Notes on Ringing*, is the rare book offered by the Editor. Several have written for it.

RECEIVED.—H. Laffin; O. Laffin; R. Pearse; J. Barker; Jos. Scott; A. L. Oldham; J. Vickers; J. McK.; and others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

ST. HELEN'S, WORCESTER. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

986. PEALS rang in this Tower by the following persons of the Worcester Society :—
On the 14th August, 1823, a true peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in the space of 3 hours & 10 minutes.

Willm. Hemming, <i>Treble</i> .	Fredk. Bradley, <i>Fourth</i> .	James Penn, <i>Seventh</i> .
Alexr. Stephens, <i>Second</i> .	Thos. Price, <i>Fifth</i> .	J. Allen & T. Hall, <i>Tenor</i> .
John Brush, <i>Third</i> .	John Dovey, <i>Sixth</i> .	Conducted by John Dovey.

987. ON the 27th December, 1836, a true Peal of Treble Bob Major in the Kent Variation, containing 5400 changes, in 3 hours and 16 minutes.

Willm. Hemming, <i>Treble</i> .	Fredk. Bradley, <i>Fourth</i> .	Thos. Turner, <i>Seventh</i> .
Alexr. Stephens, <i>Second</i> .	John Allen, <i>Fifth</i> .	John Dovey, <i>Tenor</i> .
John Brush, <i>Third</i> .	James Penn, <i>Sixth</i> .	Conducted by John Dovey.

988. ALSO on 26th of December, 1833, a complete Peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 8448 changes, being the full extent, with the Tenors together, in 5 hours & 10 minutes.

John Brush, <i>Treble</i> .	John Hinton, <i>Fourth</i> .	Fredk. Bradley, <i>Seventh</i> .
John Hunt, <i>Second</i> .	Willm. Taylor, <i>Fifth</i> .	John Dovey, <i>Tenor</i> .
Thos. Price, <i>Third</i> .	Alexr. Stephens, <i>Sixth</i> .	Conducted by F. Bradley.

989. ALSO, on October 6th, 1836, a true Peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 9244 changes, in the space of 3 hours & 16 minutes in One Main Course.

John Hinton, <i>Treble</i> .	James Green, <i>Fourth</i> .	Fredk. Bradley, <i>Seventh</i> .
John Roberts, <i>Second</i> .	John Bush, <i>Fifth</i> .	John Dovey, <i>Tenor</i> .
Chas. Vaughan, <i>Third</i> .	Willm. Vaughan, <i>Sixth</i> .	Conducted by F. Bradley.

990. WORCESTER CATHEDRAL CHANGE-RINGING SOCIETY. Rev. R. Cattley, M.A., President.
On Thursday, May 21st, 1874, the following members rang Mr. J. Holt's Ten Part Peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hours & 5 minutes.

Nathaniel Wale, <i>Treble</i> .	Willm. Blandford, <i>Fourth</i> .	Elijah Crump, <i>Seventh</i> .
John Morris, <i>Second</i> .	John Barnett, <i>Fifth</i> .	Edward Jones, <i>Tenor</i> .
Thomas Lewis, <i>Third</i> .	George Hobbs, <i>Sixth</i> .	Conducted by John Barnett.

Palman—Qui—Meruit—Ferat. Rev. J. B. Wilson, M.A., Rector.

ST. MARY'S, LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

991. ON December 26, 1837, The following Members of the St. Martin's Company of Ringers Rang on these Bells a Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hours 5 minutes.

John Lates, <i>Treble</i> .	John James, <i>Fourth</i> .	Hy. Johnson, <i>Sixth</i> .
Wm. Andrews, <i>Second</i> .	Willm. Chattell, <i>Fifth</i> .	John Walker, <i>Seventh</i> .
Wm. Deer, <i>Third</i> .		John Beddow, <i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by H. Johnson, and the first Peal on These Bells.