

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Harrison's Memorial.

SIR,—Some time ago you favoured the Committee by inserting a letter upon the above matter, would you kindly extend your indulgence once more? We thought it would be advisable to inform the lovers of the art of change-ringing what had been done in the matter since the said letter appeared in your columns. We have held several meetings at different places; and, so far, after paying all expenses, the treasurer (Mr. S. Oldham, Mottram) has in hand the sum of 10l. 9s. 1d. Subscription-books have been issued, collectors appointed, and to all present appearances the movement is likely to be well supported. The Committee would like to raise a substantial memorial over the grave of one who was, in the truest sense of the words, so very worthy; and would take this opportunity of appealing to those disposed to assist to forward their subscriptions as soon as possible. JOHN HOLDEN, *Secretary*.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE first Anniversary Meeting of the Association will be held at Writtle on Whit Monday. The belfry will be open at 10 a.m.; service at 12.30. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Carey, Vicar of Boreham. Committee meeting, 1.30; dinner, 2.30; general meeting, 3.30. A conveyance will be at Chelmsford station at 10.46. JOHN B. SEAMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

A DISTRICT Meeting was held at Waltham Abbey on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when there was a strong muster of members. During the day touches in different methods were rung, and the hand-bells were brought into play. At three o'clock the business meeting was held, under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. James Francis, who, having said the usual office, gave a hearty welcome and invited all to meet for refreshment at a later hour. At five o'clock thirty-four sat down to a substantial repast, provided by the Vicar's generous hospitality, and by his kind and genial manner made it a very happy meeting. The belfry, and all appertaining to the bells, were in such perfect order as give proof of the care of this part of God's House.

Society of Framland Ringers.

THE fifth Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Waltham, near Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, May 27th. About seventy ringers are expected. The day's proceedings will commence at 9 a.m. There will be a special service at 3 p.m. D. W. BARRETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Peterborough.

It is proposed to found an Association of Ringers for Peterborough and the neighbourhood. A meeting of ringers will be held for this purpose at St. John's, Peterborough, on Monday, May 24th. D. W. BARRETT, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Manchester Cathedral.

ON Monday evening, the 19th ult., the Manchester Cathedral Society of Change-ringers rang 1880 changes Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Withers, 1; J. Grimshaw, 2; S. Knight, 3; W. Mellodew, 4; G. Moe, 5; J. Scholey, 6; A. E. Wreaks (composer), 7; J. Eacous (conductor), 8; J. Withers, 9; J. Parkinson, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt.; key E flat.

At Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Thursday evening, the 22nd ult., the following members of the Lancashire Association rang a date touch of 1880 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins.:—H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; T. E. Turner, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. Unsworth, 5; W. Hamer, 6; S. Gaskell, 7; T. Morris, 8. Composed by W. Albinson of Stockport. Tenor, 16 cwt.

New Ring of Six at Dartington, Devon.

THIS parish church has lately been rebuilt on another site, and consecrated on the 22nd ult. At the same time the new ring of six, by Messrs. Warner, of London, were opened by the following members of the Devonshire Guild, who rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman's Doubles:—W. S. Southwood, 1; W. C. Marsh, 2; W. H. Marsh, 3; W. G. Goss, 4; W. B. Fulford (conductor), 5; J. Alford, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in key F. The belfry has been constructed so close under the bells that the noise is so great that the conductor could scarcely be heard.

At St. Mary's, Newport, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., three members of the Stanstead and three of the Saffron Walden Societies rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Penning, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Martin, 4; C. Prior, 5; F. Pitstow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Nicholas, Liverpool.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult., a muffled touch of Grandsire Cinques was rang at the above church as a mark of respect to the late John Heron, sen., by the following members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas Societies. (G. Welsly (conductor), 1; J. Meadows, 2; H. Brooks, 3; R. Williams, sen., 4; W. Woodhead, 5; R. Williams, jun., 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Egerton, 8; J. Welch, 9; H. Beck, 10; S. Hammond, 11; E. Forster and R. Thistlewood, 12. Tenor, 42 cwt.

At Birmingham, Warwickshire.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult., the following members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers (assisted by Mr. S. Reeves, College Youths, London) rang at St. Martin's a peal of Stedman Cinques, comprising 5011 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins.:—W. Haywood, 1; H. Johnson, sen. (composer), 2; J. Joyces, 3; J. James, 4; H. Johnson, jun., 5; S. Reeves, 6; T. Miller, 7; J. Buffery, 8; J. Dunn, 9; F. H. James, 10; W. Hallsworth (conductor), 11; T. Reynolds, 12.

At Braughing and Aspenden, Herts.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult., the Bennington Society visited Braughing, on the anniversary of the Aspenden Ringing Society, and rang at both steeples a selection of 3500 changes in the several methods of Stedman's Triples, Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. Many ringers from London, Sawbridgeworth, and neighbouring parishes, were present. At Aspenden the Rector presided at a dinner at the 'Red Lion' inn. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. Joseph Woodward, a most liberal contributor towards the repair of the ring of eight bells at Aspenden.

Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON the 27th ult. a number of members of the above Society supped together at the 'Goose and Gridiron,' St. Paul's Churchyard, in commemoration of the longest peal of Stedman Cinques which has ever been rung—viz., 8580 changes at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 27, 1861; also of the longest peal of Kent Treble Bob Major—viz., 15,840 changes at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on April 27, 1868. After the supper a very agreeable evening was passed under the presidency of Mr. George Dorrington.

At St. Mary's Church, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the St. Mary's Society (also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths) rang Holt's Original One-course Peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. E. Bance, 1; J. Branch, 2; E. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Plowman, 5; J. Cawley, 6; C. Gordon, 7; J. Zealey, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Sepulchre's Church, Snow Hill, London.

ON Monday evening, the 3rd inst., a peal of Caters on Stedman's principle, containing 5001 changes, was rung by the following members of the Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars), in 3 hrs. 32 mins.:—J. Nelms (composer and conductor), 1; C. Hopkins, 2; J. Perks, 3; H. Dains, 4; H. Swain, 5; W. Baron, 6; G. Flavel, 7; H. Hopkins, 8; D. Stackwood, 9; J. Mansfield, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. The composition of the peal is that reported in *Church Bells* of May 1st. The tablets recording bell-ringing performers on these bells have been removed from the belfry and fixed in the church.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Wm. Lee; Campana.—We maintain it to be an unseemly procedure for bells to be rung on the occasion of any election—either local or general.

BELFRY RECORDS.

ST. NICHOLAS, GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1074. ON Tuesday, the 29th Dec. 1840, was rung in this tower, on the eight large bells, a true and complete peal of Bob Major, containing 5040 changes. Conducted by Mr. J. Burman, and brought round in 3 hours 25 mins. by the following persons:—

R. Palgrave, Third.	F. Watring, Sixth.	D. Woods, Ninth.
R. Bunn, Fourth.	W. Claxton, Seventh.	J. Burman, Tenor.
J. Stolworthy, Fifth.	J. Hurry, Eighth.	

1075. ON Tuesday, the 5th of Jan. 1843, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 5004 changes. Composed and conducted by Mr. J. Burman, and brought round in 3 hours 30 mins. by the following persons:—

J. Burman, First.	J. Lamb (aged 83), Fourth.	D. Woods, Eighth.
J. Stolworthy, Second.	H. Stolworthy, Fifth.	C. Payne, Ninth.
R. Bunn, Third.	F. Watring, Sixth.	T. Stolworthy, Tenor.
	T. Fox, Seventh.	

1076. ON Monday, the 6th of Feb. 1843, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Treble Bob Royal, containing 5040 changes, by seven of St. Peter's Mancroft, Norwich, and three of the Yarmouth company. Conducted by J. Truman, and brought round in 3 hours 35 mins. by the following persons:—

T. Hurry, First.	J. Greenwood, Fourth.	*J. Burman, Eighth.
E. Mason, Second.	W. Gail, Fifth.	*C. Payne, Ninth.
*F. Watring, Third.	Jas. Hurry, Sixth.	A. Truman, Tenor.
	J. Burrill, Seventh.	*Yarmouth company.

1077. ON Friday, Feb. 21st, 1845, was rung in this tower, on the back 8 bells, a true and complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, having the 5th and 6th bells 24 times wrong and right in 15 courses, containing 5021 changes. Composed by Mr. Daniel Woods, conducted by Mr. James Burman, and brought round in 3 hours 26 mins. by the following persons:—

Jas. Burman, Third.	Freda. Watring, Sixth.	Daniel Woods, Ninth.
Edward Hayward, Fourth.	Tom Fox, Seventh.	Charles Payne, Tenth.
Henry Stolworthy, Fifth.	John Hurry, Eighth.	
	Tenor, 30 cwt; key of D.	

ST. MARY'S, DISS, NORFOLK.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1078. ON the 26 March, 1825, was Rang at this steeple 5024 changes of that Critical Peal Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours. Being the Meest number of Changes of Treble Bob ever rung here at one time. By the following Persons:—

John Newby, Treble.	Wilm. Mordey, Fourth.	John Cursons, Seventh.
David Kemp, Second.	James Newby, Fifth.	Henry Hayward, Tenor and
Mark Mordey, Third.	James Mordey, Sixth.	Conductor of the Peal.

N.B.—The last peal on the old Bells. Tenor, 15 cwt. 2 qrs.

1079. ON Jan. 6, 1834, was rung in this Steeple a true and complete Peal, consisting of 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, in the short space of Three hours and eleven minutes, being the first peal that has been accomplished on these Bells. It was conducted by that eminent great-bell ringer, Mr. Samuel Thurston, of Norwich; and rung by the following persons:—

Jas. Truman, Treble.	Jas. Newby, Fourth.	Chas. Payne, Seventh.
Robt. Burrill, Second.	John Garbham, Fifth.	S. Thurston, Tenor.
Wm. Warner, Third.	Wm. Aldis, Sixth.	

W Fincham, } Churchwardens.
J. Luccock, }

N.B.—The first peal on the new Bells, cast by Dobson, Downham Market, 1832, Weight of tenor, 25 cwt. 3 qrs. Key, D.