

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hubbard Testimonial Fund.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Adland-Troyte, Mr. C. A. W.	5	0	0	Whitaker, Mr. Wm., Leeds	0	10	0
Huntsham, Devon				Snowdon, Mr. Jasper W., Leeds	0	10	0
Cambridge University Guild	2	6	0	Holy Trinity Society, Hull	0	10	0
of Change-ringers				St. James's Society, Hull	0	6	0
York Minster Society and the				Tuke, Mr. Robert, Bradford,			
Dean of York	1	11	0	1st subscription	0	5	0
Royal Cumberland Youths	1	0	0	St. Peter's Society, Woker-			
A Veteran Ringer (age 91 years)	1	0	0	hampton	0	5	0
Headingley (nr. Leeds) St. Mi-				Armley (nr. Leeds) Society	0	5	0
chael's Society	0	13	6	Philpott, Mr. G. H., Cheltenham	0	2	6
Woodlesford (nr. Leeds) Soc.	0	12	6	Brarley, Mr. Arthur, Loxley			
Holbeck (nr. Leeds) Society	0	11	6	(nr. Sheffield)	0	2	6
Shaw and Sons, Bell-founders,				Winder, Mr. James, Leeds	0	2	6
Bradford	0	10	0				
Bawtry Society, Yorkshire	0	10	0				
Cheltenham Society, Gloucesters.	0	10	0				
					£17	3	0

Besides the foregoing sums, which have already been paid, the Leeds St. Peter's Society have promised a donation of two guineas, to be paid in four quarterly instalments, and the Hunslet (Leeds) Society a subscription of ten shillings each quarter until further notice. From the week commencing Monday, April 24, the Committee have made Mr. Hubbard an allowance of five shillings per week, the balance of the money being placed in the Post Office Savings' Bank. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, August 6, 1881.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

The Grandsire Triples Question: C. Payne and Mr. Ottley.

SIR,—In your issue of the 6th inst. Mr. Ottley gives another false peal of Grandsire Triples. I will now give proof of the cause of half peals not running true in the last half by repeating the calling. Examine the work of the Observation Bell all through the first half, and see if it strikes 30 times in each of the following places, *1 2 3 4 5 6*; and if it does not it cannot produce a true peal, for the fact that there are 60 places in the full 360 leads, and every bell must strike the same number in each place, or there are changes over again. The first half of Mr. Ottley's peal the 6th dodges only 25 times in four-five down, and 35 times in six-seven up. Now, by repeating the calling, the 6th makes only 50 dodges in four-five down and 70 in six-seven up. It will be seen the cause of changes coming alike, there being 10 short in the middle and 10 too many behind. Then examine Holt's Ten-part, the first half, and see the work of the 2nd bell, and it will show the reason why the calling cannot be repeated, what so many have wondered at. The above is a sure plan to prove a peal by 60 times in each place. The peal may be proved by either all fore-strokes or all back-strokes. My opinion of composing the full peal by bobs only will never be done, and believe that 4998 to be the full extent that can be brought round true with bobs only. There are a great number of changes behind the single, and can only be brought up at the fore-strokes. I have composed several pearls of Plain Bob Triples without a single, and think that I can see the cause of the mystery in Grandsire, and believe it to be all caused by the kind of bob, it being only another 3rd's place made in the same lead. C. PAYNE, Maidstone, Kent.

Another False Peal.

SIR,—Mr. C. Ottley, I respectfully submit, is really very unfortunate in his endeavours to compose peals of Grandsire Triples, the peal inserted in your last issue, like the one published on June 18th, being false. I find that the 25th lead in the first and the 5th lead in the fourth courses are alike; also the 25th lead in the second and the 5th lead in the fifth courses: the same thing also happens in the last half-peal. Again, the double at the end of the first half reverses the two courses of changes, causing the hand-change to become *in-course*, and the back-stroke change *out-of-course*, throughout the last half-peal. This is an important matter which Mr. Ottley seems to have overlooked, for the last half in many places repeats in the first half the hand-change and the back-stroke, and *vice versa*. Take, for example, the 21st lead in the last half, where it will be found that the changes actually come round at the hand-change. I trust that Mr. Ottley will not be discouraged by his hitherto unsuccessful undertaking; but will soon accomplish the feat of producing a true peal with common bobs only, and thus remove a doubt which exists in the minds of many on the subject.

JNO. HOLLES, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above Association was held at Great Yarmouth on Monday, the 25th ult., and drew together a goodly number of ringers from all parts of the diocese. The peal of St. Nicholas (10) and that of Gorleston (6) were kindly given up to the Association, and on these touches in many various methods were given from time to time. At 1.30 the members assembled at the 'Market Tavern' for dinner, between sixty and seventy in number. The Vicar, the Rev. G. Venables, presided, and was supported by the Revs. H. E. Bulwer and G. H. Harris (Secretary); Gervas Holmes, Esq., J.P., and Captain Moore, &c. After dinner, the Chairman having proposed the loyal toasts in a genial speech, gave 'Success to the Association.' The speaker touched upon the origin and the history of bells, and the uses for which they were intended to be applied, and having remarked upon the peculiarities of some of the great bells which he had heard in his travels, concluded with a few hearty words of advice and encouragement to the assembled ringers. The Rev. G. H. Harris (the Secretary) responded, and congratulated the members on the prospects of the

Association. The Revs. J. Miller and D. Mustard, and A. Back, Esq., M.D., were then elected honorary members, while eight more were elected as performing members. The business of the meeting concluded with an enthusiastic vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was duly acknowledged. The ropes were shortly afterwards again taken in hand, and ringing was kept up for some time with great spirit and success.

Prize-ringing at Drewsteignton, Devon.

We have received a Devonshire paper, giving an account of the wasteful expenditure of ten pounds for *Ups and Downs*, *Rounds and Bounds*. The affair is reported to have been got up by the churchwardens, backed, no doubt, by the publicans, who appear to have been great gainers by the company they entertained. We have always been opposed to such useless competitions, and we are sorry that the parson did not put his *veto* upon such a prostitution of the goods of the Church, set up for other uses than gambling for money prizes. We hope to hear nothing more of that sort, especially as there is now a Guild in the diocese (recommended by the Bishop and Archdeacons) for the promotion of belfry reform and ringing on scientific principles.

New Bells at St. Nicholas, near Cardiff, Glamorganshire.

THE bells of this church have just been rehung, and two new trebles added, by Messrs. Llewellyns & James, Bristol. The opening peal was rung on Friday, the 5th inst., by the Cardiff ringers.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Saffron Walden, Essex.	THE PEAL.					M.	B.	W.	H.
	5024								
On Monday, the 1st inst., a peal of 5024	2	3	4	5	6				
changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung	5	4	3	2	6			2	2
in 3 hrs. 14 mins. S. Slater, 1; C. T. Hop-	2	5	4	6	3				2
kings,* 2; H. Thompson, 3; F. Wells, 4; H.	5	2	3	6	4			1	2
Hopkins,* 5; N. J. Pitstow* (composer), 6;	2	4	3	6	5	2		1	2
G. Taylor, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8.	4	5	3	6	2	1			2
	4	3	6	5	2			1	2
	3	2	6	5	4	1			2
	5	3	2	4	6				2
The peal contains the fifth and sixth their	5	2	4	3	6			1	2
extent in 5-6 and five course-ends each at	3	6	2	4	5	2			2
home, and is the first rung with these qualities	6	4	5	2	3	2			
in this number of changes. [Marked thus *	2	6	4	3	5				2
are members of the Royal Cumberland Society.]	3	4	6	2	5	1			2
	4	2	3	5	6				
	2	4	6	5	3			1	2
	2	3	4	5	6	2			1

At the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 1st inst., ten members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies, Liverpool, visited this town and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and being joined by some of the Wigan Society, upwards of 6000 changes were rung at intervals throughout the day. R. Williams, sen., 1; R. Williams, jun., 2; H. Meadows, 3; E. Booth, 4; W. Littler, 5; W. Brooks, 6; G. Helsby, 7; W. Woodhead, 8; E. Foster, 9; W. Wood, 10. Conducted by R. Williams. Tenor, 28 cwt. The company was highly delighted with the fine ring of bells and the excellent ringing order in which they are kept by Mr. Thos. Halliwell, Superintendent.

At Holy Trinity, Hull, Yorkshire.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., five members of the Yorkshire Association, with Mr. T. Gibbons of Market Rasen, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 31 mins. T. Stockdale, 1; W. Southwick, 2; T. Gibbons, 3; J. W. Stickney, 4; C. Bennett, 5; C. Jackson, 6. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, Yorkshire.

On Friday, the 5th inst., Messrs. T. Walker, C. Bennett, W. Jackson, and W. Southwick, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, together with Messrs. Gibbons, Eastwood, and Drabble, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and one of 720 Plain Bob, in 63 mins., making a total of forty-four peals rung during the past two years in this tower.

At St. Nicholas, Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 30 mins. by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. C. Whittle, who had been a ringer at the above church over ten years. A. Grizzle, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux, 3; E. Brown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; D. Wallace (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Norton, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., for afternoon service, was rung by members of the East Derbyshire Association from Dronfield, Eckington, and Ecclesfield, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Leasley, 1; S. Allen, sen. (conductor), 2; H. Allen, 3; S. Allen, jun., 4; E. Platts, 5; T. Kitson, 6. Also 720 Violet. G. Leasley, 1; W. Price, 2; H. Allen, 3; G. Marsden (conductor), 4; S. Allen, jun., 5; T. Kitson, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

The Norton Society also rang two peals of 120 Grandsire Doubles.

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RECEIVED ALSO, — B. F. ...; H. Hopkins; and others.