

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., the General Meeting of this Society was held at Tong, situated almost midway between Leeds and Bradford, when there was a very large attendance of members. The six bells of Tong (tenor, 12 cwt.), and the eight bells (tenor, 16 cwt.) in the tower of the neighbouring church of Drighlington, were placed at the disposal of the members. During the morning eight of the officers of the Association rang a peal of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 4 mins. at Drighlington. At four o'clock tea was served in the Tong schoolroom, after which the General Meeting was held; when the President, Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, took the chair. The Sixth Annual printed Report of the proceedings was presented to the members, and the Report of the Committee for the year 1880-81 contained therein was passed. This Report shows that the number of members at present on the books is 382, and that twenty-seven peals, of 5000 changes and upwards, have been accomplished by them during the past year. The Treasurer's balance-sheet, duly signed by the auditors, was read over. The yearly account showed that the income of the Society had been 25*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, of which 10*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* had been required to meet the disbursements for current expenses during the year, and 14*l.* 16*s.* had been placed to the credit of the capital account. The total amount of the invested surplus funds of the Society, which was shown on the separate 'Capital Account,' is now 57*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars and Churchwardens of Tong and Drighlington for the use of the bells in their respective churches, and to the Tong Society of Change-ringers, and the inhabitants of Tong, for their kind preparations and hospitality. Mr. Ellis, the people's warden for Tong, responded on behalf of the several parties. A vote of thanks to the ladies who had presided and assisted at the tea-tables, and to the President of the Society for presiding at the meeting, concluded the business part of the proceedings.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

This Society held a District Meeting at Margate on September 28th. Between eighty and ninety members were present. Little was done at St. John's, Margate, as the bells were not in order; but the tower at Quex Park was visited, and some touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major rung on eight of the twelve bells. Tenor, 15 cwt. Minster was also visited, and several peals of Grandsire rung on the five bells. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 29, at Bolton. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m.; tickets, 1*s.* each (to be had from committee-men). Meeting, 6 p.m. Election of President, Secretary, and two Committee-men, and other business. All ringers invited: ringing after 7 p.m. WM. JOS. CHATTERTON.

South Church, Bishop Auckland, Durham.

AMONGST the great improvements included in the restoration of this church is the addition of three bells to the old ring of five, the new bells being the treble and second, and a tenor weighing 11½ cwt., by Messrs. Warner. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mallaby of Masham, who also supplied a new frame and tuned and quartered the old bells. The opening was held on September 28th, the change-ringers of the district being invited by the Committee of Restoration, and entertained by them to a substantial dinner. Ringers were present from Darlington, Stockton, and North Shields, who rang several touches of Minor and Major during the day, the principal performance being 1056 of Bob Major by R. Kay, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; J. Clarkson, 3; W. Newton, 4; R. Alcock, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; G. Overton, 8; and also a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Bloxxhall Church Bells, Wickham Market, Suffolk.

THE ring of five bells in this parish was reopened on Wednesday, the 28th ult., having been entirely rehung, with new stocks, wheels, and fittings complete, by Messrs. Day and Son of Eye. The bell-frame has also been thoroughly restored and strengthened with new oak timber. The fourth bell has been recast and the other bells turned. Ringers were invited and present from Woodbridge, Wickham Market, Framlingham, Kelsall, Saxmundham, Brandeston, Eye, &c. At two o'clock between twenty and thirty sat down to a dinner at the 'Ship Inn,'—the Rev. N. Bates, M.A., Rector, in the chair; and in the evening, through his liberality, a supper was provided. Ringing was kept up throughout the day.

Death of Henry Hubbard.

WE regret to have to announce the death of Henry Hubbard, the well-known author of *Hubbard's Campanologia*, which took place at Hunslet, Leeds, on Sunday morning, October 9th. Henry Hubbard was born at Norwich on August 23rd, 1807, and was for many years a member of the once-famous Society of Norwich Scholars; and when that Society was at the zenith of its prime, assisted the company in the performance of some of its greatest feats in scientific ringing. Since 1856 Mr. Hubbard has lived in Leeds, Yorkshire, and, while able to ring, been a member of the society of ringers in that town. Of late years, however, his health has not allowed him to continue ringing, and his death, although regretted, has not been unexpected.

IN MEMORIAM.—MUFFLED PEALS.

At Chester Cathedral, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 26th ult., in memory of President Garfield, a deeply muffled peal (both sides) was rung; then the curfew (muffled) was rung for 10 mins.; after which they were unmuffled one side, then rung 40 mins. J. Griffiths, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; T. Bethell, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (conductor), 7; S. Hand, 8.

At Huntsham, Devon.

On Monday, the 26th ult., the Huntsham Society rang a muffled peal as a mark of respect to the memory of the late President Garfield. The changes were rung in whole pulls, with the bells muffled on the back-stroke.

At St. Peter's, Liverpool.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., ten members rang a peal of 5093 Grandsire Caters, in memory of President Garfield, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. R. Williams, sen., 1; H. Meadows, 2; J. Brown, 3; G. Helsby, 4; J. Moore, 5; E. Booth, 6; T. Hammond, 7; R. Williams, jun. (conductor), 8; W. Littler, 9; W. Brooks, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., after evening service, seven members of the Trinity Youths, assisted by Mr. H. Langdon, rang the bells half muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Harris, curate of the above church, who died after a short illness, aged 38 years. G. Woodage (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; F. Lennard, 3; W. Jones, 4; J. W. Jarratt, 5; H. Welch, 6; E. Cooper, 7; F. Perrin, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Andrew's, Gorleston, Suffolk.

On Sunday, the 11th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 26 mins. J. F. W. Bray, 1; R. Christian, 2; H. Cutter, 3; T. Fleming (conductor), 4; W. Gibbs, 5; J. Matthews, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Friday evening, the 31st ult., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 45 mins. J. Cox (composer and conductor), 1; W. Jones, 2; R. Jameson, 3; T. Binney, 4; J. Hannington (first peal on ten bells) 5; J. R. Haworth, 6; J. Woods (of Kenninghall, Norfolk, his first peal of ten bells), 7; H. Dains, 8; H. Hopkins, 9; D. Stackwood, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rev. J. Lindsay, the Rector.

5000						M. W. H.	
2	3	4	5	6		M.	W. H.
3	6	4	5	2	1	2	
2	3	5	6	4	2	1	2
3	4	5	6	2	1	2	
4	2	5	6	3	1	2	
3	4	6	2	5	2	1	2
4	3	5	2	6	2	2	
2	5	3	4	6	2	2	
3	4	2	5	6	1	1	
5	2	4	3	6	2	2	
2	3	4	5	6	2		

The peal here given has the 6th at home at the last five course-ends, contains all the 8, 6, 7's, and had never been previously performed.

At St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., a mixed company of change-ringers rang Reeves's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. C. Garlick, 1; P. Coop, 2; J. Mayall, 3; A. Clag, 4; J. Riley, 5; J. Preisy, 6; F. Crossland, 7; S. Stott (conductor), 8. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Taylor's variation peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 57 mins. F. Bines,* 1; J. J. Parker,* 2; T. A. Estall, 3; H. Reeves (conductor), 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; S. Hayes, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; R. Flaxman,* 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, near Leeds, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight of the officers of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers rang, previous to the General Meeting at Tong, on the same day, an 'Officers' Peal,' consisting of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Lockwood (Committee), 1; T. Lockwood (Steward), 2; W. Whitaker (Hon. Sec.), 3; C. H. Hattersley (Committee), 4; J. Crabtree (Committee), 5; T. Hattersley (Steward), 6; B. A. Dodson (Committee), 7; J. W. Snowdon (President), 8. The peal, which has the 6th six course-ends home (Snowdon, Part II. page 85), was composed by J. Lockwood and conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Michel's, Garston, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., six members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 26 mins. S. Gough, 1; C. Newton, 2; J. Large (conductor), 3; G. W. Hughes, 4; J. Latchford, jun., 5; S. Turner, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

At Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 2 mins. R. Wright, 1; J. Horrop, 2; W. Middleton, 3; J. D. Hadfield, 4; T. Wilde, 5; J. Wilde, 6; T. Braddock, 7; J. Bayley, 8. The peal was composed by the late James Platt of Saddleworth, and conducted by R. Wright. It was also the first ever rung with the 6th at home at nine different course-ends and the tenors together, and was first rung on the same bells November 5th, 1846.

5184						M. B. W. H.	
5	6	2	3	4		M.	B. W. H.
6	3	5	4	2	-	1	2 -
6	3	4	5	2	-	1	- -
6	3	4	2	5	-	1	- 1
3	2	6	5	4	-	1	- -
2	5	3	4	6	-	1	- -
5	4	3	2	6	1	1	- -
4	2	3	5	6	1	1	- -

Twice repeated.

On the occasion of the unveiling of the monument in July last, an unsuccessful attempt was made to ring a peal as a tribute of respect to the memory of William Morrison. After a meeting of the Committee of the Memorial Fund on Saturday, the 8th inst., the following company of ringers, however, successfully completed a peal of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Lawton, 1; J. Holden, 2; J. Harrop, 3; T. James, 4; R. Hill, 5; J. Robinson, 6; J. W. Snowdon, 7; J. Bailey, 8. The peal (in sixteen courses, *Snowdon*, Part II. p. 66) was composed by W. Harrison and conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon. Tenor, 14 cwt.