

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The St. James's Society of Change-ringers, London.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Aug. 27th, 1883.—*Master*, Mr. W. George, *Steward*, D. Newton. *Treasurer*, Mr. E. Albone. *Secretary*, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin. *Auditors*, Messrs. J. Tucker and F. Newman. G. T. McLAUGHLIN.

Visit of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, to London.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., eleven members of the above Society visited the metropolis. On leaving Liverpool Street the party was reduced to the number of nine, who were met by their friend, Mr. E. Horrex of the College Youths, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, where an attempt was made to ring Riley's 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, but they only rang 1 hr. 7 mins., some of the bells going heavily. W. Catchpole, 1; W. Motts, 2; J. Fosdike, 3; R. Hawes, 4; J. Alexander, 5; J. Motts, 6; E. Pemberton, 7; R. Brundle, 8; E. Reeve, 9; E. Horrex, 10. The above are all members of the College Youths and the Norwich Association. On coming down they were met by Messrs. Hayes, Winney, Greenleaf, Jones, and others, and spent the rest of the evening in handbell-ringing. On Sunday morning two went to St. Paul's Cathedral, the other seven to St. Sepulchre's, where they rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Caters. In the afternoon they rang three courses of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, and in the evening 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 216 Stedman's Triples, and a short touch of Grandsire, at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico.

On Monday they were again divided, some going to Ware, Herts, Squire Proctor of Bennington, with three of his ringers, and Mr. Haworth of London, meeting them; and at St. Mary's Stedman's Triples and Grandsire Triples were rung by T. Page (conductor), 1; J. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Chapman, 4; J. R. Haworth, 5; J. Fosdike, 6; E. Pemberton, 7; E. Reeve, 8. Afterwards, at All Saints', Hertford, the following persons rung Stedman's Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and Grandsire Caters:—Haworth (conductor), Kitchener, L. Proctor, Esq., Meadows, Fosdike, Pemberton, H. Baker, Esq., Page, Reeve, and Chapman. A. Baker, Esq., took part in the Grandsire Caters. The Ipswich ringers went home on Monday evening, and Haworth, Kitchener, Squire Proctor, Chapman, H. Baker, and Page (conductor), at Holy Trinity, Bengeo, near Hertford, rang 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins., the first on the bells. Tenor, 7 cwt.

Omissions by the 'Looker-on in India.'

SIR.—'A Looker-on in India' is slightly in error about Sussex. In 1881 four Brighton men, with four of the Waterloo Society, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Hurstpierpoint; in 1882 Brighton rang at St. Peter's a peal of Grandsire Triples, and at Lewes a peal; in 1883 a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Nicholas's, also a date touch; all of which have been recorded in *Church Bells*. The two trebles from St. Peter's were not restored to St. Nicholas, and there is no ring of ten in Sussex.

H. BONIFACE,

Sec. of Brighton Society of Change-ringers.

A Question.

SIR,—Can you, or any reader of *Church Bells*, or any person connected with towers, inform me whether it is usual and safe to wedge the frames in which the bells are hung to the sides of the tower, or not?

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[We will reply freely to the above in our next issue.—Ed.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John the Baptist's, Croydon, Surrey.—Muffled Peal.

On Wednesday, the 15th ult., eight members of the Croydon Society, assisted by Messrs. Bennett, Trappitt, and Zealey, of the Beddington Company, rang a touch of 1386 Grandsire Triples in 58 minutes, with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to Mr. C. Walker, who was for many years a member of the Croydon Society. H. Dudley, 1; G. A. Russell, 2; E. Bennett, 3; T. Verrell, 4; J. Trappitt, 5; W. Sanders (conductor), 6; A. Bruice, 7; J. Zealey and W. States, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. These bells have just been rehung by Messrs. Warner & Sons, and this is the longest peal yet accomplished on them.

At St. George's, Dunster, Somerset.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., Taylor's Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 8 mins. by members of the Dunster Guild of Change-ringers, conducted by J. Field of Oxford. J. Field, 1; W. Thorne, 2; J. Grabham, 3; W. Thrush, 4; C. B. Craze, 5; R. Hloc, 6; J. Utten Tod (Assistant Curate), 7; J. Pain, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. 3 qrs. This is the first peal rung on the bells of Dunster Church, and the first by the members of the Guild, who have been under the instruction of Mr. Field.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

On Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5184 Treble Bob Major, in the Kent variation, in 3 hrs. 6 mins., to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the birth of the conductor, R. French, 1; S. Hayes, 2; C. F. Winney, 3; J. W. Rowbotham, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; H. J. Tucker, 6; C. Jackson of Hull, 7; G. Longden of Ashton-under-Lyne, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Composed by H. W. Haley and conducted by H. J. Tucker.

At Pulford Parish Church, Cheshire.

This rich and beautiful church, which has just been erected by the Duke of Westminster, is nearly complete, and a new ring of six bells has been cast and fitted in the tower by Taylor of Loughborough. On Friday, the 24th ult., the Aldford Society, being invited to test the work, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. Also several touches of College Singles and Plain Bob. S. Manning, 1; C. Manning, 2; C. Price, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At Middleham, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., a party of ringers from the Stockton Branch of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association visited Middleham and rang a peal of 720 Oxford Bob. T. Whitfield, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2;

J. Clarkson, 3; T. Burdon, 4; W. Newton, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Also a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson, 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; W. Stephenson, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; W. Newton, 6. Each peal was well struck in 27 minutes. Tenor, 9 cwt. The bells are in excellent tune and very musical, and were supplied from the Whitechapel foundry.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., a touch of 2520 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 32 min. R. Smith, 1; G. Wilkins, jun., 2; E. Rogers, 3; H. Rogers, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 6; E. Rogers, 7; J. Truss, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. The band met with the intention of ringing a peal, but one of them feeling unwell signalled to the conductor to bring them round at half way.

PROGRESS IN CHANGE-RINGING.

By a Looker-on in India.

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YORKSHIRE—Continued.

LEEDS.—1879, 1879 K. Royal.

„ 1881, 1 peal of K. Royal.

SHEFFIELD.—1878, 1 peal of G. T.; 1878 St. Caters (with Rotherham).

„ 1879, 6 peals of G. T.; 1879 St. Caters; 1 peal of St. Caters with Rotherham.

„ 1880, 3000 G. Caters, 2 peals and 2 touches of G. T.

„ 1881, 1 peal of G. Caters, 2 of G. T., and 1 Date Touch of ditto.

„ 1882, 1 peal of G. Caters, 3 of K. M., and 1 of G. T.

Here the College Youths and the York Association rang a peal of St. Cinques, the first in the north of England.

HALIFAX.—1878, 1 half-peal of K. M.

„ 1879, 1879 of K. M.

„ 1880, 1880 K. Royal.

PUDSEY.—1878, 1 peal of K. M.

„ 1880, 1 peal and 1 touch of K. M.

„ 1881, 1 peal of K. M.

„ 1882, 1882 of K. M.

DENHOLME GATE.—3 peals and 1 Date Touch of K. M.

BOLTON.—2 peals and 1 Date Touch of K. M.

SHIPLEY.—1 peal and 4 long touches of K. M.

KIRKBURTON.—1 peal and 2 Date Touches of K. M.

BIRSTALL.—1 peal and 2 Date Touches of K. M.

BARNSELEY.—1 peal and 2 Date Touches of K. M.; 1 ditto, and 2 ditto of G. T.

LIVERSEDGE.—8 peals, 2 Date Touches, and 2 touches of K. M.

BEVERLEY.—2 peals and 1 Date Touch of G. T.

KNARESBOROUGH.—1 peal and 1 quarter-peal of G. T.

MIRFIELD.—3 long touches of K. Royal.

RIPON.—3 long touches of K. M.

OSSET.—1 peal and 1 Date Touch of K. M.

EARLSHEATON.—1 peal and 2 Date Touches of K. M.

DEWSBURY.—2 half-peals of K. M.

DONCASTER.—1 peal, 3 Date Touches, and 2 quarter-peals of G. T.

HULL.—1 peal of G. M., 1 ditto, and 3 Date Touches of G. T.

RAWMARSH.—4 peals, 1 half ditto, and 1 Date Touch of G. T.

WAKEFIELD.—1 Date Touch of G. Caters, 1 ditto, and 960 K. Royal.

ILKLEY.—1 peal of K. M. and 1 ditto of Bob Triples.

HOLBECK and HUNSLY.—Each 1 Date Touch of Bob Major.

GARGRAVE.—4 peals of K. M.; 2 touches each of K. M. and Bob Major.

DRIGHLINGTON.—2 peals of K. M. and 5040 in seven T. B. Minor methods.

GUISELEY.—1 peal of K. M.

KEIGHLEY.—1 ditto.

ALMONDBURY.—1 ditto.

Date Touches of K. M. at Bingley, Lindley, and 1 half-peal at Calverly.

Hatfield, Sharow, and Campsall, rang Grandsire Triples.

Burnsall rang a peal of 5040 Minor in seven methods.

Minor was rung at Gargrave, Headingley, Mytton, Tong, Masham, Fishlake, Tickhill, Clifton (Cambridge Surprise), Campsall, Haworth, Holbeck, Hull.

In 1879 the ring of six at Campsall was made eight. G. T. are rung.

In 1880 a new ring of eight was given to Rammoor, and the ring of six at Gargrave was made eight. A new ring of eight was given to All Saints' Church, Sheffield.

It is not uncommon to write of Staveley and Bawtry as if they were situated in Yorkshire. If my map is correct, the former is in Derbyshire and the latter in Nottinghamshire.

It must be admitted by all that the work done in Yorkshire during the last five years is most creditable to the county of Treble Bob.

WALES.

The Principality is very backward in change-ringing; hence great praise is due to the few companies who persevere in the practice of the art. Among these the ringers of Wrexham are the foremost. Their fine ring of ten was rehung in 1877, and after several long touches, which were not reported, they accomplished in 1879 a complete peal of Grandsire Triples. They then, in order to use the whole ring, set to work at Caters, and in 1881 rang 2500 changes in the Grandsire method. Nothing equal to this has been achieved elsewhere in Wales; but the Gresford ringers are entitled to great credit for a half-peal of G. T., which they rang in 1878. I have heard somewhere or other that the ring of eight at Gresford is one of unusual excellence. Will some one from that part of the world kindly report whether this is really the case, and if so, by whom the bells were cast, and in what year? These bells were well employed in 1882, for a mixed band rang a half-peal of G. T., and the Wrexham ringers 4200 changes of G. T. in an attempt to get a peal.

Beside the ringing at Wrexham and Gresford, I can only find one record of change-ringing in Wales, viz. at Penarth, where Doubles were rung in the Grandsire method.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Fisherton, Wiltshire.