

that he should be very glad to become a member of the Association. A few touches on the hand-bells for the pleasure of the Vicar, Mrs. Wilson, and family, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ATTEMPTED LONG PEALS.

ON Whit-Monday, twelve members attempted to ring at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Mr. H. W. Haley's peal of 10,030 STEDMAN CINQUES, but unfortunately got out in the last course, after ringing upwards of 9900 changes in 7 hrs. 35 mins. J. Pettitt (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; S. E. Joyce, 3; E. F. Winny, 4; E. Gibbs, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; F. E. Dawe, 7; E. E. Clark, 8; W. Greenleaf, 9; F. G. Newman, 10; E. Horrex, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt. Afterwards A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, Derbyshire, who had journeyed to London on purpose to hear the ringing, very kindly invited them to the 'Bell' Tavern to partake of a substantial meat tea, for which they tender their best thanks. A similar mishap occurred on Easter Monday, April 5, 1858, when a peal of 8561 STEDMAN CINQUES was attempted at St. Saviour's, Southwark (tenor, 52 cwt.), to beat the longest peal—at Painswick, 8448—but after ringing 6 hrs. 10 mins., the person bringing the candles caused the party to stop, it being nearly dark, about 8000 changes having been rung. Haley (conductor), Jameson, Goozee, Dagworthy, M. Wood, Green, Hlaworth, Dwight, H. Wood, Bradley, Muskett, and Horton.

AT ST. MARY'S, CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Whit-Monday, the 30th ult., a start was made for a peal of 12,345 STEDMAN CATERS, but after ringing over 8000 in 5 hrs. 13 mins. an unfortunate breakdown occurred through a trip in the slow work. F. Musty, 1; G. H. Phillott, 2; T. Reynolds (Birmingham), 3; H. Roberts, 4; F. E. Ward, 5; H. Karn, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 7; W. T. Pates (conductor), 8; J. Buffery (Birmingham), 9; A. W. Humphris, 10. Composed by Mr. Henry Johnson of Birmingham. Mr. J. W. Rowbotham of London, and Mr. A. Thomas of Birmingham, were among the listeners, taking note of the correctness of the ringing. Tenor, 23 cwt.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

On Saturday last a quarterly meeting of this Association was held (by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, who presided) in St. John the Baptist Schoolroom, situate in the picturesque grounds of Hagley Park, Worcestershire, the seat of the Lytteltons. The meeting was attended by members from Bromsgrove, Chaddesley, Brierley Hill, Dudley, Hagley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton, &c. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, and several new members were added to the roll. Reports were received from the instructors as to the progress the societies they visited were making in the art of Change-ringing. Although the reports were not so favourable as could be wished, the Association hope to hear better results at the next meeting. The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman for presiding, for the use of the tower and schoolroom. The reverend gentleman, in responding, thanked the members most heartily, and said he should always feel it a pleasure to meet them and to allow the use of the bells at any time to a band of Change-ringers. During the afternoon several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, &c., were rung upon the tower bells, which are in a good ringing condition.

Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

The Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th, 1887. Members will assemble at 2 at the Cathedral. There will be a special service in the Ladye Chapel at 5, and tea in the coffee-house at 6, free of charge to those who have paid all subscriptions due. The meeting for the election of officers, &c., will be held immediately afterwards.

J. R. KEBLE, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berks.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 12 mins. H. Humfrey,* 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; T. Short,* 3; C. Trinder,* 4; F. Field,* 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; T. Hibbert, 7; H. D. Betteridge,* Esq., 8; W. Napper,* 9; J. Brown,* 10. Composed by Mr. J. Cox and conducted by Mr. Washbrook. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* First peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS. The first peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS on the bells, and the composition has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four courses behind the 9th.]

At All Saints', Writtle, Essex.

On Whit-Monday eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. A. J. Perkins, 1; E. Chapman, 2; R. Wood (first peal), 3; W. H. Nevard (first peal of TRIPLES), 4; G. Newson (conductor), 5; Rev. T. L. Papillon (first peal), 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; A. Jacob, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. The Rev. T. L. Papillon and Mr. Wood were elected members of the Royal Cumberland Society previous to starting.

At St. Mary's, Torquay, Devonshire.

On Whit-Monday, eight members of the Devonshire Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Hollis' Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. J. Moss, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; A. Shepherd, 3; W. H. B. Munday (first peal with a bob-bell), 4; F. Shepherd (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; F. W. Batchelor (first peal), 7; T. J. Lake, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. The first peal on the bells. Mr. Batchelor came from Plymouth; Mr. Gifford from Salisbury, who was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.

ON Whit-Monday eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 4½ mins. T. Hibbert, 1; G. Jones, 2; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 3; C. Trinder, 4; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 5; F. Field, 6; T. Short (first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH), 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. The peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each sixteen courses in 6th's place.

At the Parish Church, Herne Hill, Kent.

ON Whit-Monday eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins. A. Foreman, 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 2; H. G. Fairbrass (first peal as conductor), 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter (first peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES), 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; H. Fruin, 6; J. H. Small, 7; W. W. Boulden (first peal), 8. Mr. Fruin came from Abingdon; Boulden, Broughton; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Bobbing, Sittingbourne; the others from Canterbury. The first peal on the bells.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road.—Jubilee Peal.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., the following members of the Waterloo Society rung Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. Baron, 1; W. Coppage, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; Stephen G. Davies,* 4; A. E. Church, 5; H. L. Partington,* 6; F. L. Davies* (conductor), 7; G. Wild, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F. * First peal.

The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Jephson, M.A.) for the use of the bells and for his kind offer to present the Society with a tablet to record the peal.

At the Parish Church, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 53½ mins. G. B. Walker (Wigan), 1; E. Prescott (Leigh), 2; J. Aldred (Tyldesley), 3; G. Turner (Wigan), 4; P. Baxter (Leigh), 5; J. Prescott (conductor, Hindley), 6; E. Arrowsmith (Leigh), 7; S. Hayes (Leigh), 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.—Jubilee Peal.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5147 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 25 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. C. Mitchell (St. Albans), 3; W. W. Thorne, 4; H. Langdon, 5; R. French, 6; G. R. Banks, 7; A. Hayward, 8; W. H. George (Pinner and London), 9; E. Albone, 10. Composed by Mr. R. Williams of Liverpool and conducted by Mr. French. Tenor, 24 cwt. This Jubilee peal was rung at the request of Mr. Churchwarden Twining, who has been senior churchwarden for three successive years, to celebrate the fiftieth year of her Majesty's reign. The churchwarden kindly invited the ringers to a supper. Rector, the Rev. J. Lindsay.

AT ST. PETER'S, BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., the undermentioned members of the Benington (Herts) Change-ringing Society rang, upon their musical ring of eight bells (tenor, 14 cwt., key F sharp), a brilliant touch of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, consisting of 1844 changes, which was completed in good time and excellent striking. J. Kitchener, 1; Jos. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Chapman, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; Jabez Warner, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; S. Page (conductor), 8.

AT ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY, CITY OF LONDON.—On Sunday morning, the 29th ult., for Divine service, the following persons rang 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Alford, jun., 1; J. R. Haworth (conductor), 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; H. Langdon, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; R. Hopkins, 6; J. Waghorn, 7; G. R. Banks, 8. And after service 336 in the same method. J. Waghorn, jun., 1; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 2; J. Waghorn, 3; R. French, 4; G. R. Banks, 5; R. Hopkins, 6; J. Barry, 7; E. Albone, 8. Tenor, 36 cwt.

AT BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, the 30th ult., for evening service, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Sloeman, 1; R. J. Wilkins, 2; S. Romans, 3; W. Hale (conductor), 4; W. Sevier, 5; G. Latham, 6; F. Stephens, 7; A. Trigg, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F. Also 1008, conducted by W. Sevier, and 336 by W. Sloeman. It was intended to start for a peal, but as service-time was approaching the party were unable to start for it, so the above touches were rung instead. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and to state that a peal will be shortly attempted there.

AT ST. THOMAS'S, SALISBURY.—On Whit-Monday 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Alley (conductor), 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; A. Prescott, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; A. Palmer, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. At St. Martin's, on the same day, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. W. Alley, 1; J. Hayward, 2; A. Prescott, 3; W. E. Tydeman, 4; W. McCaffrey, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. At St. Martin's, on the 4th inst., 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. S. Lawrence, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

AT ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.—On Saturday, the 4th inst., 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 34 mins. S. Lawrence (first touch), 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; W. E. Tydeman, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Wilton, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. F sharp. On Friday, the 3rd inst., 700 in the same method on handbells by W. E. Tydeman, 1-2; T. Blackburn (conductor), 3-4; W. W. Gifford, 5-6; H. D. Adams, 7-8, in 20 mins.

RECEIVED ALSO:—A. E. Wrecks; W. H. L. Buckingham (St. Albans); and others.

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