BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The New Ring of Bells at the Parish Church, Brentwood, Essex.

The firm of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank has placed a ring of eight bells in the above tower, which have been hung in an iron frame, the gift of Mr. C. Howell Palmer and Mrs. Boreham, in memory of the Rev. C. Belli. The bells are in the key of B flat, and the inscriptions on them are as follows:—

Tenor.—19 cwt. 3 qrs., in B♭.: 'Ad majorem Dei Gloriam et in Memoriam Caroli Almeric Belli, nos octo dono dederunt Edwardus Howley Palmer et Ellen Louisa Boreham. A.D. 1887.'

7th.—13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.: 'Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus: laudate eum in firmamento virtutis ejus.'

6th.—10 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.: 'Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus: laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis ejus.'

5th.—9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.: 'Laudate eum in sono tubæ: laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.'

4th.—7 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.: 'Laudate eum in tympano et choro: laudate eum in chordis et organo.'

3rd.—6 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.: 'Laudate eum in cymbalis bene sonantibus: laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis.'

2nd.—5 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.: 'Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum: Hallelujah.'

Treble.—5 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.: 'J. C. Quennell, M.D., et C. J. Wallis, custodes sacrorum; Carolus Grinstead, Vicarius, A.D. 1887.'

'The Last and the First.'

Lately, a tablet was placed in the tower of St. Mary's, Whitechapel, London, recording two peals—one rung the evening before the tower was commenced to be taken down, the other when the new tower was erected—hence the 'last and the first.' The following is a copy:—

The Ancient Society of College Youths (Established 1637).

On Thursday, January 7th, 1875, Eight Members of the Society rang on these bells John Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

Performers:

J. R. Haworth, Treble.	Samuel Reeves, 5.
Walter Jones, 2.	William Tanner, 6.
George Tanner, 3.	John M. Hayes, 7.
Edward Wallage, 4.	William Greenleaf.

Conducted by James R. Haworth. This being the last peal rang on the bells previous to the Demolition of the Old Tower in 1875.

Rev. James Cohen, M.A., *Rector.*

Mr. Jabez Shelton, John Nailor, Martin Bamberger, } *Churchwardens.*

On Saturday, February 5th, 1887, Eight Members of the Society rang on these bells Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Performers:

William Cecil, Treble.	Samuel E. Joyce, 5.
James Pettit, 2.	Edward Wallage, 6.
William Tanner, 3.	Edwin Horrex, 7.
Henry Springall, 4.	William Greenleaf.

Conducted by James Pettit. This being the first peal rang on the bells after their erection in the New Tower in 1878.

Rev. Arthur James Robinson, M.A., *Rector.*

Mr. James Chappell, John Boswell, William Wainwright, } *Churchwardens.*

Reopening of Twyford Church, Bucks.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., this ancient church was reopened after partial restoration, which included the rebuilding of the tower. The bell-frame was shored-up during this latter operation to save the expense and trouble of taking it to pieces and refitting it. The 'go' of the bells was found to be somewhat rough and heavy, and the position of the tenor-rope very awkward, viz., close to the north-east corner of the tower. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, two very fair 720's were rung by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 1; W. Woods, 2; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 3; F. Field, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6. Tenor, about 11 cwt. Methods: Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire. Sermons were preached at Matins by the Ven. Archdeacon Randall, and at evensong by Rev. Dr. Merry, rector of Lincoln College, Oxford; and the day passed off very pleasantly, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

District Meetings of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Two very successful District Meetings have been held during October. At Longbridge Deverill, between fifty and sixty were present, and ringing was kept up during most of the afternoon and evening. Service was held at the parish church in the evening, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. G. Wyld, vicar of Mere. Tea was also provided for members and friends at 6 p.m.

Another meeting was held at Cranborne: only a few attended, but several new members were elected. The Rev. R. P. Thompson, vicar, kindly entertained the members to tea at the Foresters' Hall.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 17th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 Holt's Original Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; G. Perry, 2; G. Wightman, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman, 5; S. Wightman, 6; A. R. Jacob, 7; W. Grimes, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. G. Perry came from Fransden, the Messrs. Wightman from Cretingham, Newson and Jacob from London; Grimes is one of the local ringers.

At St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 Stedman Triples in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. Hopwood, 1; G. Longden, 2; J. Wood, 3; T. Wilde, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; J. Thorpe, 6; S. Wood (conductor), 7; J. Harrison, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. Mr. Wilde (Hyde, Cheshire) was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

At the Parish Church, Dorchester, Oxon.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 7 mins. A. Hawes, 1; C. Folley, 2; C. Trinder, 3; W. Cousins, 4; F. Field, 5; H. D. Betteridge, Esq., 6; H. Cobb, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Aylesford, Kent.

On Friday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Penning's One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. G. Pawley, 1; E. Price, 2; E. Elliott, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; F. G. Newman (conductor), 5. A. H. Woolley, 6; A. Moorcraft, 7; H. Pearce, 8.

Also, on Saturday, the 29th ult., Penning's One-part peal in 2 hrs. 53 mins. E. Price, 1; C. Willshire, 2; H. Pearce, 3; F. G. Newman (conductor), 4 A. Moorcraft, 5; A. H. Woolley, 6; S. Snelling, 7; E. Elliott, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. This peal was rung to commemorate the dedication of the new church of St. Mark, Eccles, a hamlet of Aylesford, by the Bishop of Rochester.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Capel, Surrey.

On Friday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang 5040 changes in seven different changes upon six bells, being a 720 of each of the following:—London Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; A. D. Mills, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7¼ cwt.

At St. Bartholomew's, Quorndon, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins. A. Cresser, 1; C. Smith, 2; G. Draycott, 3; R. Lane, 4; S. Smith, 5; S. Page (Benington, Herts), 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. W. Taylor, jun., 8. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson and conducted by Mr. Taylor.

At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., twelve members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang a Jubilee peal of 5015 Grandsire Cinques in 3 hrs. 40 mins. J. Rogers (composer and conductor), 1; G. Newson, 2; J. W. Mansfield, 3; W. Baron, 4; C. E. Malin, Esq., 5; J. Hannington, 6; A. Jacob, 7; E. Chapman, 8; H. Swain, 9; H. A. Hopkins, 10; H. Dains, 11; G. Wild, 12. Tenor, 36 cwt.

The above was performed by the desire of the Vicar and Churchwardens, as the Royal Ringers' tribute to the Jubilee Year. It was arranged by Henry S. Thomas, Esq., the recent Master of the Society; the band being selected from the members who assisted him in carrying out the Jubilee Banquet. Regret was felt at the enforced absence of E. F. Cole, Esq., through severe affliction, his brother-ringers condoling with him on his sad loss. By a curious coincidence the date was also the Jubilee birthday of Mr. Henry Dains, the respected Hon. Secretary of the Society for many years: his brother ringers wish him many happy returns of this his fiftieth birthday.

At the Parish Church, Bloxwich, Staffordshire.

On Monday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang on the new peal of bells T. Thurstans' peal of 5040 Stedman Triples in 2 hrs. 58 mins. S. Reeves, 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; W. Walker, 3; W. R. Small, 4; D. Wesley, 5; J. Lawton, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. Astbury, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Previous to starting for the peal the Rev. F. E. Robinson was elected a member of the above Society. This is the first peal on the bells, and was rung at the close of the Dedication Service.

At All Saints', Staplehurst, Kent.

On Monday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. Walter, 1; W. Pope, 2; Jos. Tillmon, 3; W. Pope, 4; H. G. Pope, 5; E. Pope, 6; A. E. Munn (conductor), 7; T. Colom, 8. Tenor, 21¾ cwt. The first peal on the bells, the first by the local band, and the birthday of Mr. H. G. Pope.

MUFFLED PEALS.

At St. Mary's, Whitechapel, London.—On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a course of Treble Bob Major in the Kent variation; also the usual whole-pull and stand; after which a touch of Stedman Triples, each with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Mitchell, Vestry Clerk. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; J. Bonney, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; C. Beech, 5; E. Wallage, 6; W. Greenleaf, 7; E. Horrex, 8.

At St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, City of London.—On Thursday, the 3rd inst., the parochial ringers rang a muffled peal in memory of Mr. G. Marriott, a member of the Cumberland Society, who died on Sunday, the 30th ult., aged 76; also to the memory of Mrs. Blackett, sen., of the above parish. J. Nelms, 1; H. Davis, 2; W. Moore, 3; G. Holmes, 4; G. Gains, 5; D. Lovett, 6; J. Rumsey, 7; W. Matthews, 8; A. E. Church, 9; J. Barry, 10.

At St. Thomas', Salisbury.—1260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Short, 1; W. E. Tydeman, 2; T. Blackbourn (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; H. D. Adams, 5; C. A. Clements, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. N.B.—As there is only one bell at the Cathedral, it is the custom to ring St. Thomas' bells (which are close by) on all great festivals, and for any special service in the Cathedral.