

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Hertford County Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association took place at Hertford on Easter Monday, a goodly number of ringers from St. Albans, Bennington, Hitchin, Baldock, Hatfield, Bishop Stortford, and Saffron Walden, being present; the Hertford company was also represented. The towers of St. Andrew's and All Saints' were open all day, touches of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, DOUBLE NORWICH, STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, GRANDSIRE CATERS, and many other methods, being rung during the day. At 12.45 service was held in St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. W. Wigram delivering an able address. Dinner was served at the Coffee Tavern, Old Cross, thirty-eight members sitting down to table. Squire Proctor occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Wigram. The business meeting followed, the Chairman calling on the Secretary (Mr. E. P. Debenham) to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed, as were also the provisional elections of the Revs. W. S. Willett and A. D. Hill, and Mr. N. J. Pitstow. On the propositions of Messrs. J. C. Mitchell and G. W. Cartmel, duly seconded, Messrs. E. Chapman, W. T. Waller, and S. Mitchell (St. Albans), and M. Myhill (Romford), were elected members. The Secretary's report and balance-sheet were adopted. The next district meeting was fixed to be held at Baldock, provided the necessary permit for use of the bells could be obtained. The Rev. Canon Wigram moved a resolution to the effect 'That the members of this Association have to express their regret that the Bishop of St. Albans has resigned his See, and also that failing health was the cause of his doing so; and they desire to convey their best wishes for his happiness in the years during which he may be spared to his family and friends.' This was seconded by Mr. Leonard Proctor, and carried unanimously. A vote of congratulation to Mr. P. Heywood, of Duffield, Derbyshire, for formulating the scheme of the National Council, was also passed. Mr. G. W. Cartmel was elected assistant secretary, on the proposition of Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. Votes of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens, for use of the bells, were passed, the Rev. Canon Wigram and Mr. E. Oram (churchwarden of St. Andrew's) responding; the latter gentleman signified his willingness to become an honorary member of the Association, and he was elected accordingly. After the transaction of some minor matters the meeting closed, the ringers amusing themselves on the bells for the remainder of the day.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE Secretary asks members to attend the meeting at St. Saviour's on Tuesday, April 22nd, 1890, at 8.15 p.m., as important business will be brought forward.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

40 Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.

Kent County Association.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Deal on Monday, the 21st inst. The tower will be open for ringing at three p.m.

ALFRED FOREMAN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held at Southport, Saturday, April 26th. Bells open for ringing at 1.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. in Christ Church, tea at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom, meeting at 6 p.m. Tea provided free to all ringers (from the various towers in the diocese of Liverpool) attending meeting. All ringers desirous of attending meeting to inform Secretary not later than the 23rd inst.

W. BENTHAM, *Secretary*.

Black Moss Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

THE usual Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Moor Street, Birmingham, on Thursday, the 24th inst., when important business will be transacted. Chair to be taken at 8 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Finch Road, Handsworth.

A New Society at St. Mary's Church, Ashford, Kent.

LATELY a meeting was held in the vestry of the parish church, to draw up rules and elect officers for a society recently started in connexion with the above church, the old society being dissolved. The Vicar of the parish (Rev. P. F. Tindall) was elected president; Mr. J. M. Cooper, conductor; and the Rev. J. Palmer, North Street, secretary. It is hoped that the new beginners who have joined will strive to master change-ringing, and thus establish a permanent society, as the bells are in fairly good order, and Ashford would make a good centre for ringers to meet.

The New Bells at East Molesey, Surrey.

OWING to the great labour attached to hanging the new bells at St. Mary's, we understand that it was only possible to chime three of them on Easter Day. The work is progressing most satisfactorily, and in a few weeks the whole peal will be ready. The Vicar has received several applications to be enlisted in the band of ringers, and the present seems a very favourable opportunity to form a guild for the purpose. It is no uncommon thing to see the very men who have been ringing the bells to summon people to the House of God, walk straight away from it Sunday after Sunday, and never join in the worship and praise themselves. This is not as it should be. In a well-ordered parish, ringers are regarded as office-bearers in the church, and one condition of their being in the band is regular attendance at service. It may be necessary to have a second band to make the bells resound on occasions apart from the main purpose for which they are hung in our churches; but for that purpose itself there is a grand opening for young men who desire

to take some part in the parochial machinery to offer their services. Why not, then, St. Mary's Guild of Ringers?

[From the *Kingston and Surbiton News*, in which we rejoice to see such wise and sound views.—Ed. C. B.]

The New Abbey Carillon at Bath.

THE carillon, which took the gold medal at the Brussels Exhibition in 1888, was manufactured by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston (late Gillett, Bland, & Co.), of Croydon, and is constructed on their patented system, which has many advantages over the old style of chiming machines. The machine has been constructed so as to play seven tunes on the ten bells, each tune being played twice over at the hours of 5 and 9 a.m., and 1, 5, and 9 p.m. Besides supplying the above machine, Messrs. Gillett & Johnston have also rehung the bells and provided new elm stocks and bearings for same. The entire work of manufacturing and fixing the carillon machine, together with re-hanging the bells, has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, through their agents, Messrs. Jackman & Son, of Bath, who deserve great credit for the manner in which they have carried out the work.

List of Tunes:—(Sunday), 'Easter Hymn'; (Monday), 'Stella'; (Tuesday), 'Tom Bowling'; (Wednesday), 'Come, ye faithful'; (Thursday), 'Ye banks and braes'; (Friday), 'All Saints'; (Saturday), 'The harp that once.'

Lanlivery Church Bells Dedication.

LANLIVERY Church bells were reopened on Easter Monday, and a large number of parishioners gathered for the occasion. Formerly there were five bells, and these have been completely restored, and three more added, the treble and the second being given by Alderman W. Pease, of the Castle, Lanlivery. The third bell was obtained by voluntary contributions, amongst the subscribers being the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and Lord Robartes. The bells, supplied by a London firm, were hung by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Exeter; Mr. J. Bassett, builder, of Lostwithiel, doing the necessary work to the tower. Mr. Bassett also pointed the belfry, and laid a new block flooring. Mr. A. E. Skentlebery, architect, of Lostwithiel, was the able and energetic hon. secretary of the committee. Ringing commenced on Monday, under the direction of Mr. McLean, of St. Winnow, by a set of ringers from Lanhydrock, and peals were rung in succession throughout the day by men from Lanlivery, Lost

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey.

On Easter Monday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53½ mins. T. Spreadborough, 1; A. Le Clercq, 2; H. Garforth, 3; A. White, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; E. C. Merrett, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Curtis (first peal), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Messrs Williams and Merrett came from Brighton; the rest are of the local band.

On Easter Sunday, the 6th inst., for morning service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 44 mins. G. H. Barnett, 1; A. Le Clercq, 2; E. C. Merrett, 3; A. White, 4; H. Garforth (conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; G. Williams, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. And for evening service 826 in the same method, conducted by Mr. Williams.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, Surrey.

On Easter Monday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. E. H. Adams (first peal), 1; W. E. Garrard (first peal as conductor), 2; J. Nicholls, jun., 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; H. Kenten, 7; W. Carter, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

On Easter Monday, the 7th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. George* (Rugby), 1; G. T. McLaughlin, 2; J. W. Driver, 3; W. T. Cockerill, 4; J. Nicholls, jun., 5; H. T. Ellis, 6; H. Kenten, 7; W. H. George, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; S. How, 10. Composed by Mr. Cox, and conducted by Mr. Driver. Tenor, 21 cwt. Members of the All Saints' (Fulham) Association. [* First peal on ten bells.]

At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent.

On Easter Monday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. W. Boulden, 1; E. Price (conductor), 2; G. Ransom, 3; E. Foreman, 4; C. Willshire, 5; F. Harris, 6; S. Snelling, 7; H. Sutton, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. Mr. Sutton was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting. Messrs. Harris, Ransom, and Boulden, came from Boughton-under-Blean; Mr. Foreman, Herne Hill; the rest belong to Sittingbourne.

At St. Lawrence's, Reading, Berkshire.

On Easter Monday, the 7th inst., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 24 mins. C. Foxell (first peal), 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; H. Egby, 3; H. White, 4; W. Holloway, 5; E. Bishop, 6; T. Blackburn, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8; W. Newell, 9; C. Chapman, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. The above peal was taken from the *Clavis*. Messrs. Gifford, Blackburn, and Goddard, came from Salisbury; H. White, Basingstoke; E. Bishop, Swindon; C. Chapman, Tilehurst; the rest belong to Reading.

At the Cathedral Church of SS. Chad and Mary, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

On Easter Monday, the 7th inst., a peal of 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung in 3 hrs. 26 mins. W. Griffin,* 1; F. Hallsworth, 2; W. Johnson, 3; F. J. Cope,* 4; E. Lightwood, 5; J. Austin,* 6; D. Westley, 7; T. Holmes, 8; J. Astbury, jun., 9; E. Gallimore,* 10. Composed by the late Mr. Hallsworth, of Walsall, and conducted by Mr. Astbury. Tenor, 29½ cwt., in D. Messrs. Astbury, Griffin, Hallsworth, Lightwood, and Westley came from Walsall; Austin and Holmes, Burton-on-Trent; and Johnson, Darlaston; Cope and Gallimore belong to the Cathedral Society. This is believed to be the first peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS on the bells. [* First peal of CATERS.]

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk.

On Easter Monday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5248 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 18 mins. D. G. Wightman, 1; G. Wightman, 2; W. Whiting, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; J. Fayers, 5; S. Wightman, sen., 6; H. Pepper, 7; A. Wightman, 8. Composed by Mr. Dains, and conducted by Mr. D. G. Wightman. Tenor, 20 cwt. The above is a two-part peal, having the sixth its extent in all positions. Messrs. Wightman and Sons came from Crettingham; Fayers, Mitcham, Surrey; the rest belong to the local company.

At St. Mary's, Old Battersea, London.

On Easter Tuesday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 49 mins. T. Comley, 1; H. T. Vivash, 2; H. A. Hopkins, 3; S. Baker, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; W. Baron, sen. (conductor), 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; G. Chesterman, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Mr. Vivash came from Bournemouth, and was elected a member in the tower before starting; Mr. Pitts is late of Dunster, Somerset, and this was their first peal. Rung in honour of the election of churchwardens.

At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Marylebone, London.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. C. F. Winny (conductor), 1; A. W. Barkus, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; W. T. Cockerill, 4; H. R. Newton, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; R. N. Woodley, 7; J. Jones, 8. This is the first peal in this method upon the bells, and the ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Houldsworth, M.A.) and churchwardens (Messrs. T. A. Hodgkinson and H. F. Nicholl) for granting them permission to use this fine ring of eight.

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