

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Peal rung at Sittingbourne.

SIR,—In your report of a peal rung at Sittingbourne, on Easter Monday, the tenor is stated to be 22 cwt. In Mears's list the weight given is 20 cwt. About six years back the bell was actually weighed, the result being considerably nearer 21 cwt. than was expected. The diameter is 48½ inches. Unquestionably the six heavy bells at Sittingbourne are the masterpiece of James Bartlet; his tenor at Lenham—a little heavier still—is also a remarkable bell in point of deep tone. Another perfect set by the same founder existed at Milton, near Sittingbourne. The tenor, 11 cwt., has just been recast at Whitechapel, but not yet rung more than at a mere trial, which, however, to those inside seemed quite satisfactory, and a marked contrast to the average 5's and 6's by founders like the Hatches, &c., with which the Kentish towers are so well stocked. In such places the various splices can be fully appreciated (without going up to examine inscriptions) by listening to the Sunday morning chimes. On the other hand, hardly a single county figures so conspicuously in the Whitechapel catalogue, and it would be a matter of considerable difficulty to point out, through the successive periods in which the foundry has flourished, a single instance of a bad ring, though too often the brilliant additions do not harmonise with the productions of the 'itinerants.' Could J. B. have cast a ring for St. Paul's Cathedral, which he must have seen building, the world would have been for ever satisfied with the result. The first Whitechapel founder was Robert Mot, a native of East Kent. No complete set now remains of his, but the odd bells occasionally met with go to show that he was not a master of the tuning art, as were and are all his successors.

F. G.

North Lincolnshire Association.

THE Annual General Meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, the 26th inst. Tea will be provided (1s. each to non-members) at five o'clock at the Oddfellows' Hall, Unity Square, Broadgate, and the business meeting will be held immediately afterwards. The Lord Bishop of Lincoln (patron of the Association) has kindly promised to give an address during tea. Will those intending being present at the tea please communicate with

15 Knight Street, Lincoln.

J. W. WATSON, Hon. Sec.

Norwich Diocesan Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING will be held at Pulham, on Tuesday, May 6th. Masters of Companies should notify number of tickets required and station of departure by Thursday, May 1st.

H. E. BULWER, Hon. Secretary.

A District Association for Buckingham.

THE Bucks Association having recently been dissolved, a District Association has been formed for Buckingham, Mr. W. Sturdy, of Thornton Hall, Stony Stratford, being the Hon. Secretary. At a meeting held at the Town Hall, Buckingham, on the 14th inst., it was unanimously resolved to affiliate the Association with the Central Society. We wish the newly formed Association every success.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connexion with the above Society was held at Stafford on Easter Monday, the 7th inst., the following towers being represented:—All Saints and Christ Church, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Womborne, Willenhall, Tamworth, and some friends from Coalbrookdale. Ringing commenced with 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, after which 503 GRANDSIRE CATERS were rung. A short service was held at five p.m., and a kindly welcome was given to the Society by the curate of St. Mary's, Stafford, after which a Committee meeting was held in the vestry, when a letter was read from the Rev. J. R. Keble, stating that he would be unable to attend the Central Council Meeting on the next day, when it was agreed that S. Reeves should take his place and attend. Three new members were elected, and it was also decided to hold the next meeting at Lichfield. Another 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by Mr. R. Cartwright of Womborne, brought the proceedings to a close.

The Lancashire Association.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above Branch was held at St. Mary's Church, Balderstone, on Saturday, the 12th inst. Members were present from Rochdale, Heywood, Bury, Oldham, Healey, Newchurch, and Milnrow. Touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MINOR were rung, and a meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by Mr. John Millett, owing to the Vicar having been called away. St. Mary's Parish Church, Oldham, was chosen for the next meeting on Saturday, May 10th. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.

F. BIRTWISTLE, Branch Secretary.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, the 12th inst., a meeting of the above Branch was held at Clitheroe. The following places were represented:—Blackburn, Church, Clitheroe, Slaidburn, Waddington, and Whalley. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Walker, of Blackburn. Ten new members were made, including one honorary member, Bishop Cramer Roberts, D.D., vicar of Blackburn. Several peals of BOB MINOR and touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung during the afternoon and evening. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Huddleston, near Darwen, on Saturday, May 10th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and Chairman, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

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The Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING was held at Streatham on Easter Monday, the 7th inst., by the kind permission of the Rector. A capital tea was provided in the schoolroom by Mr. Daniels, to which over fifty members and friends sat down. After the tea, the usual business was got through, with the Rev. G. M. Drought in the chair. Sixteen new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Croydon. The bells of Immanuel Church were going in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham, Suffolk.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 20 mins. A Symonds, 1; G. C. Hammond (conductor, London), 2; H. Parker,† 3; H. Smith,* 4; C. Jarvis,† 5; W. Snell,* 6; T. King,* 7; W. Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D flat. [*First peal in the method. †First peal.]

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Friday, the 11th inst., ten members of the St. James's Society rang Newson's peal of 5000 STEDMAN CATERS in 3 hrs. 24 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; J. W. Driver, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; W. W. Thorne, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6; E. E. Richards (first peal of STEDMAN CATERS), 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 9; J. Waghorn, sen., 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. in D sharp. Rung in honour of the election of Churchwardens.

At the Parish Church, Tilehurst, Berks.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5472 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 27 mins. W. Greenleaf, 1; E. Bishop, 2; A. T. Goddard, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 6; J. Martin-Routh, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. The first in the method on the bells, and the first by Messrs. Greenleaf, Bishop, and Routh.

At the Parish Church, Crayford, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Carter's Twelve-part peal of 5040 UNION TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 53 mins. G. Pilling (first peal), 1; F. J. Cullum, 2; W. J. Reeve, 3; H. Gibbs, 4; G. Conyard (conductor), 5; F. French, 6; E. Barnett, 7; H. Webb, 8. The first peal in the method by all the band, the first in the method on the bells, and the first in the method by the Kent County Association. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Bishop of Dover.

At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

On Wednesday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 8 mins. G. Robinson, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Austin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; W. Wakley (conductor), 6; J. Griffin, 7; T. Holmes, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of W. Armitage, Esq., of Nottingham, with Miss M. E. Robinson, eldest daughter of Councillor Robinson, of Burton-on-Trent.

At St. Nicholas', Guildford, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., a peal of 5152 BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. by the following members of Winchester Diocesan Guild:—M. Brown, 1; J. Heathorn, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; E. Heathorn, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; W. Grove, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and on tower bells by all the above. Also the first by the Guild.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooke's variation) was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. by the following members of the Sussex County Association:—P. Allfrey, 1; G. Williams, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; H. Jones, 5; C. Painter, 6; J. Reilley (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. Messrs. Jones and Painter came from Ringmer; the rest from Brighton.

At St. Albans Cathedral, Herts.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Dains' peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 19 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; G. W. Cartmel, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; W. Battle, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. Rung at the first attempt, also the first peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Thomas's, Salisbury.—Muffled Peal.

On Monday, the 14th ult., a muffled peal was rung on the bells of the above church, as a last mark of respect to Mr. W. Lanham, who died on the 10th inst., aged sixty-six years, and was buried on Monday. Deceased was one of the oldest members of the City Company of Ringers, and had been associated with St. Thomas's belfry for nearly half a century. During the afternoon the age of the deceased was rung (whole-pull-and-stand), and in the evening 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by the following: C. A. Clements, 1; W. M. Lush, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; W. Prince, 4; R. Collop, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; W. W. Gifford (conductor), 7; C. Gaisford, 8. Ringers from all three city towers took part in the ringing during the day. The bells of St. Paul's, Fisherton, were also rung muffled in the afternoon.

At 26 GROSVENOR ROAD, GUNNERSBURY, CHISWICK.—On Wednesday, the 16th inst., for practice, a plain course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the handbells by the following young ladies:—Crixie Metcalf (age, thirteen), 1-2; Muriel Middleton (age, nine), 3-4; Ethel Varley (age, fourteen), 5-6; Ethel Watson (age, ten—first time, half pull), 7-8.

At BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, the 20th inst., for Divine service in the afternoon, by members of the Sussex County Association, 1312 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 46 mins. J. Jay, 1; J. Reilley, 2; E. C. Merrett, 3; G. A. King, 4; H. Weston, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; A. A. Fuller, 7; G. Williams (composer and conductor), 8. And for evening service, 420 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. F. Attree, 1; H. Weston, 2; G. A. King, 3; J. Jay, 4; E. C. Merrett, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; H. Vernon, 8.

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LEFT LUNG DISEASED.—CASE OF

MR. S. H. BLACKMORE, OF MARLBOROUGH.

This patient is a clerk in the Post Office, Marlborough. He applied to me at the end of July last year. Some time in the spring he had taken a very bad cold, the symptoms of which becoming worse, he was treated for bronchitis. Making no progress, he consulted a second doctor, who reported his lungs to be in a very weak state, and ordered him to Clevedon. Here he was under another local doctor, but getting no better was again carefully examined, with the result that a diseased spot was found in the left lung.

At the time the patient wrote me from Clevedon the cough had become severe, the expectoration had assumed the well-marked greenish hue; the night perspirations had become profuse, but had diminished at Clevedon. There were the usual accompaniments of wheezing, pains in the chest, and weakness; and some loss of weight was distinctly noted.

I at once advised the patient, sending medicine. I was pleased to hear of his improvement in the cough, pains, character of the expectoration, and breathing, with a slight gain of flesh. This in a fortnight.

At the latter end of August he writes me that he had wonderfully gained strength. He could sleep all night without coughing, and that all his symptoms had improved.

Also on the 15th September he writes: 'I am now myself again.'

Having gone back to work at Marlborough, perhaps too early, a slight relapse occurred with the advent of damp and trying weather; but on the 1st of December he writes me: 'I am pleased to say I am in a state of perfect health. I am able to do without the medicine now, as all symptoms have vanished. I thank you most heartily for your attention and kindness, and trust many more may reap the benefit of your wonderful treatment. You may make what use you like of my testimony.'

I have just heard again from him (Feb. 26): 'I am now quite well.'

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