

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Kent County Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Folkestone on Monday, July 13th. Special service at 12.30; dinner at two o'clock. Secretaries of bands who have not received circulars from the Hon. Secretary are requested to communicate with him at once. Those who have not yet made their returns will kindly send them here. Members who wish for dinner tickets and reduced railway fares should communicate with the Secretary without delay.

E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

6 Churchfields Place, Margate.

The Middlesex Association.

THE usual monthly meeting was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at Ruislip. The attendance was small, no doubt owing to the remoteness and difficulty of access of the village; but those who undertook the journey had no reason to regret their determination. Some of the Tottenham band came on their bicycles, and were joined in the village by a contingent from Hendon. After tea an adjournment was made to the tower, when touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, and GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, were rung, finishing with a touch of CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR. At 8.30 the members commenced their homeward journey, all satisfied with their excursion.

The St. Mary's Guild, Portsea, Hants.

THE annual meeting of the above Guild was held on the 12th inst. at the Vicarage, under the presidency of the Vicar (Rev. Canon Jacob). The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey having read the balance-sheet for the past year, the Vicar remarked on the progress of the band during that time, which he thought was very satisfactory, and reflected credit on the ringers themselves, as well as on their painstaking instructor (Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham). Other business having been transacted, Mr. Harper presented to the Vicar a framed photograph of the members of the Guild. The Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to accept such a present at their hands, and he should always keep it as a token of the good feeling existing between them as Church-workers. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey also presented three photographs of the church to the Guild, to be hung up in the ringing-chamber, which were suitably acknowledged: and, with best wishes for the success of the Guild during the ensuing year, the meeting terminated.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-Ringing Association.

On Saturday, June 13th, a Committee and Quarterly meeting was held in the National Schoolroom, Pershore, under the presidency of the Venerable the Archdeacon of Worcester. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members (honorary and performing) were added to the list, and Clent was the place appointed for the next meeting, to be held in September.

The Master (Mr. Spittle) in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the complimentary terms in which he spoke in his visitation charge of the different ringing associations, the great change they had brought about in the conduct of the ringers themselves and in the renovation of the belfries, called attention to one passage which said, 'A clergyman was no more out of place in a belfry than in a vestry or at a choir practice,' and remarked that where the clergy made a practice of visiting the belfries, the bells were generally in better 'going' condition, and the ringers more attentive to their duties. In a humorous manner he remarked that the difficulty experienced in getting into the belfry at Holy Cross Church, no doubt, was the reason the Archdeacon did not visit that belfry much. The members present would be pleased to see him up there that afternoon, when he would see that it was anything but a pleasure to ring the bells there.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, supported by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. H. Pagett, and carried unanimously.

The reverend Chairman, in responding, gave an interesting description of the different belfries he had already visited in his archdeaconry, and hoped to have the pleasure of visiting them all. In reference to the remark respecting the bells, he said it was an old saying that the children of a cobbler were worse shod, and the children of a tailor worse clothed, than any other; so it appeared that his bells, which should be in a good ringing condition, were not so. If the Association could offer any suggestion whereby they could be improved, he was sure it would be listened to, and, if possible, acted upon.

Another vote of thanks to the reverend Chairman for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells, proposed by the Rev. H. Kingsford (Stoulton), seconded by Mr. R. E. Grove, and responded to by that gentleman, brought the business meeting to a close.

During the afternoon and evening several attempts to ring touches of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR (on the bells at Holy Cross) came to a finish, owing to the 'go' of the bells. A 720 of GRANDSIRE was accomplished on the six bells at St. Andrew's.

A fair number of the members stayed over Sunday, and a visit was paid to Croome d'Abitot. For morning service an attempt was made for 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, which was lost owing to the fifth wheel casting rope. The bells were again soon at work for 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE, but, after ringing about 600 changes, came to an end. In the afternoon a visit was made to Little Comberton, but owing to service here, a move was made to Great Comberton, and an attempt for 720 PLAIN BOB soon came to a finish, owing to the breaking of the tenor rope. The Rev. N. Sherladine, M.A., who

accompanied the party to the belfry, afterwards gave an interesting description of the bells and their dates, the church and its register, which dates back several centuries. After a walk through the rectory gardens and grounds, the return journey was made to Pershore.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Muffled Peals at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

ON Friday evening, the 12th inst., members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of two old and highly-respected members of the Society—Messrs. Caleb William Coppage and William Hoverd. The usual whole-pull-and-stand was performed, followed by touches of STEDMAN CINQUES and CATERPS.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Speldhurst, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 53 mins. R. Pelling, 1; J. Maynard, 2; J. Baker, 3; G. Turley, 4; F. Still, 5; F. Still, jun., 6; G. A. Card, 7; T. Card, 8. Composed by C. H. Martin, and conducted by T. Card. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The composition has 5-6 only in sixth's place as a course-end.

At the Parish Church, Harborne, Staffordshire.

ON Monday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. G. Farmer, 1; T. Horton, 2; J. Groveron,* 3; J. R. Frisby, 4; T. Gibbs, 5; Jos. W. Timms, 6; S. Reeves (conductor), 7; J. Such,* 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Vicar, the Rev. E. Roberts, who was buried on the above date, and who had been connected with the above church for upwards of forty years. Messrs. Reeves, Horton, and Frisby, belong to West Bromwich; Timms, Tamworth; the rest to the local band. [* First peal.]

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