BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The Annual Meeting of this Branch was held at St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, the 2nd inst. Owing to the weather, there was only a small attendance of members. Ringers from Blackburn and Manchester were present. The usual business meeting was held in the Cocoa Rooms, close by the church. The chief item of note was the resignation of the Local Secretary, Mr. Hill, and the appointment of a successor. Mr. P. Barton proposed, and Mr. R. S. Mann seconded, 'That Mr. C. R. Stanley be appointed,' which was carried. One performing member was elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Gough for presiding, and to Mr. R. Hill for past services. Mr. Hill, in responding, said that he was sorry to give up the local secretaryship. The next meeting was fixed for February 6th, at Walton Church.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

Bath District.—The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at St. James's Church, Bath, when the ringing included the following:—A touch of 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Kingman, 1; W. Simmons, 2; H. W. Brown, 3; H. Wootton, 4; T. Gray, 5; J. Wootton (conductor), 6; J. Fussell, 7; G. Butler, 8. A touch of 377 Grandsire Triples. H. Wyburn, 1; H. W. Brown, 2; W. Lewis, 3; H. Wootton, 4; W. Wells, 5; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, 6; F. Skuse (conductor), 7; G. Crisp, 8.

An Old Ringer of Wellingborough, Northants.

In memoriam—John Harley, died December 30th, 1891, aged eighty-six years.—He entered the belfry in the year 1827, and was for sixty-four years connected therewith. For most of that period he rang the tenor and chimed the old Fifth, the present Seventh. He was regular and punctual in his attendance at the belfry on Sundays, and chimed the Seventh for the last time on Sunday, December 13th. Whether ringing or chiming John Harley always strove to do it well. His good striking of Wellingborough tenor, of which he was proud, and his chiming of the Seventh, right up to the last, were a credit to him and a good example to all young ringers.

'Year by year the steeple music
O'er his tended grave shall pour.'

The Bells at Little Stukeley, Hunts.

Completion of the Restoration of the Church.

Wednesday, the 23rd of December, was a memorable day in this little village, as the finishing touch was put to the restoration of the fine old church by the dedication of the church bells, after they had been repaired and re-hung by Messrs. G. Day & Son, of Eye, Suffolk. Early in the morning, a flag waved from the top of the tower to announce the auspicious day. At half-past two the bells were rung to summon the parishioners to a service at three o'clock, when the Archdeacon of Huntingdon officiated, assisted by the Rev. James Stewart, rector of the parish.

After the opening sentences of the form of prayer provided for the occasion, the 150th Psalm was sung; next followed the lesson, chosen from Numb. x. 1–10, after which the *Cantate* was chanted, and the prayers repeated to the third collect. During the singing of the hymn which followed, the Archdeacon and the Rev. James Stewart walked up to the belfry; the former repeated some collects, the 122nd Psalm was sung, then the ringers rang a short touch, after which the Archdeacon ascended the pulpit, and gave an interesting address, basing his remarks on the words, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.' What, said the Archdeacon, could he wish for this parish better than this—that they may be glad when they hear their bells ring, and respond heartily to their summons? Bells have always been in connexion with the English Church, and it cannot be long before the bell shall toll, first for one and then for another. Let us see to it, that while life shall last, we come and listen to the message of a Father's care and a Saviour's love; then, when the message comes, 'The Master is come, and calleth for thee,' we shall be ready to respond to the call.

At seven o'clock another short service was held in the church, when the Rev. Robert Conway, vicar of Alconbury, gave an address.

The church was tastefully decorated for Christmas. The expense of the repair of the bells was 60*l.*, which has been collected through the kindness and liberality of many friends.

The Bells at Drayton, Somerset.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells (Lord Arthur Hervey) visited Drayton on Monday, the 28th of December, 1891, to dedicate the augmented peal of church bells. The expense of the repairing of the old peal of five, and the adding of three new bells, was most generously borne by Mr. and Mrs. E. Cely Trevilian, of Midelney Place. As the five old bells are of particularly fine tone it was resolved only to have them re-tuned with the three new bells which Mr. and Mrs. Trevilian have given, and this, with the founding of the new bells, was entrusted to the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor & Sons, Loughborough, Leicestershire. The top of the tower having crumbled considerably owing to the ringing of the old peal of bells, Mr. Trevilian generously volunteered to have it restored and made secure, also at his own expense, and this important improvement of the church was carried out before the bells were hung, the diocesan architect (Mr. E. Buckle, of Bedford Square, London) supplying the plans, and Mr. S. S. Webb, of Curry Rivell, doing the building work. Drayton Church is now one of the prettiest and most complete in the neighbourhood. It is remarked that four of the old bells bear historical dates, two of them being dated 1611 (the year of the translation of the Bible); one, 1654 (in which year one of Cromwell's Puritan victories was won); and the fourth, 1745 (memorable for the Stuart insurrection). The fifth is undated, but it is assumed, without much corroboration, that it was hung about the time of the Restoration, the inscription on it being of a loyal nature, 'Fear God and honour the King.' The new inscriptions on the eight bells are somewhat symbolical, and have a depth of meaning which is not quite apparent on cursory reading. They are to be read in sequence, and are as follows:—

On the first bell:—
'All things, this we cry,
Praise the Lord on high.'

On the second:—
'Spring and winter wild,
Grey beard, new-born child.'

On the third:—
'Whisp'ring wind and wave,
Bride and bridegroom brave.'

On the fourth:—
'Earth, harvest, seed in trust,
Beloved dust.'

On the fifth:—
'Hills, valleys, seas, and lands;
England and all lands.'

On the sixth:—
'Stars in mazy rings,
Laws, and queens, and kings.'

On the seventh:—
'Lightning, birth sublime;
Poet, crown of time.'

On the eighth:—
'All things, and all men,
Praise God. Amen, amen.'

The three new bells also bear the names of the Vicar (the Rev. Walter Alford) and the Churchwardens (Mr. E. C. Trevilian and Mr. William Jeffrey), with the date 1891.

The original inscriptions, as follows, remain on the five old bells:—

On the fourth:—
'Goodwill towards men 1742.'

On the fifth:—
'Fear God and honour the King.
Thomas Meade and John Downes, churchwardens;
Thomas and James Bilbie, Chewstoke, *fecit.*'

On the sixth:—
'Praies God allwayes. 1611.'

On the seventh:—
'R A F H T L. 1654.'

On the tenor:—
'I sound to bid the sick repent in hope of life when breathe is spent. 1611.

The interior of the church was beautifully decorated for Monday's ceremony. The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers had undertaken the opening of the bells, and several touches were rung prior to the service by some of the members, amongst whom were the Master, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (St. Mary's, Bath), and the Rev. A. Corde (chaplain of the Theological College, Wells). The Lord Bishop, on approaching the church, in a Bath chair, between three and four o'clock, was greeted with a joyous peal on the bells. The service, which had been specially prepared for the occasion, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Alford) and Curate (the Benjamin Bull). The Bishop preached from his chair, which was wheeled to the front of the altar, from Psa. cxxii. 1. The hymn, 'O worship the King,' was then sung, and the Bishop having pronounced the Benediction, the service ended. The Bishop, who has recently entered on his eighty-third year, looked well and spoke clearly, although in a subdued tone. He was the guest of Mr. Trevilian. The following are the weights, &c., of the bells, supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Taylor:—

	Diameter. ft.	in.	Key.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1.	2	3¾	E	4	3	5
2.	2	4¾	D sharp	5	0	16
3.	2	7	C sharp	6	1	8
4.	2	8⅞	B	6	1	18
5.	2	11½	A	7	1	21
6.	3	2¾	G sharp	9	2	24
7.	3	6⅛	F sharp	12	2	12
8.	3	10¾	E	16	1	1
			Total	68	2	21

In the evening the members of the Association were invited to supper with the local ringers, and sat down to a sumptuous repast. On the following morning an early start was made for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' five-part No. 2 peal of Grandsire Triples, and the bells were brought round successfully in 2 hrs. 53 mins. The ringers were as follows:—S. Mason (first peal), 1; W. W. Thorn (conductor), 2; J. Hunt (first peal with a bob bell), 3; Rev. A. Corde, 4; J. Grabham, 5; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, 6; A. E. Mills, 7; H. Moore, 8. The ringers expressed themselves as highly satisfied with the work done by Messrs. Taylor and with the 'go' of the bells.

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A Ringers' Supper at Sudbury, Suffolk.

On Thursday evening, December 31st, Miss Kershaw, a friend of Mr. W. B. Ransom, following her custom of several years' standing, very kindly gave a supper to all the Sudbury ringers at the 'Bear' Inn. A substantial hot meal of the best old-fashioned Christmas viands was set on the table. After supper Mr. Ransom visited the guests, and touches of handbell-ringing were indulged in till about half-past eleven, when the party broke up, having passed an enjoyable time, and proceeded to the steeple of St. Gregory's, where they rang in the New Year with a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. Cross, 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; M. Silvester, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Minehead, Somerset.

On Thursday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association rang a Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 3 mins. S. Mason, 1; G. Atkins, 2; J. Hunt, 3; J. Pugsley, 4; J. Parkman,* 5; H. Moore, 6; W. W. Throne (conductor, Dunster), 7; M. Parker,* 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. [* First peal.]

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Friday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 8 mins. G. Winter, 1; G. Dawson, 2; W. Hickling, 3; B. Sugden, 4; G. Hingley, 5; S. Johnson, 6; W. Clarke, 7; A. Percival Heywood (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Devonshire.

At the Parish Church, Erith, Kent.

On Friday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang E. Barnett's peal of 5088 Canterbury Major in 2 hrs. 55 mins. H. Gibb, 1; W. Axtell, 2; J. H. Cheesman, 3; G. Conyard, 4; F. J. Cullum, 5; W. Bedwell (conductor), 6; C. Wilkins, 7; W. J. Sevier, 8.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., W. Sevier's peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. W. G. Groves (first peal of Major), 1; J. H. Cheesman, 2; F. Cullum, 3; G. Conyard, 4; E. Barnett, 5; C. Wilkins, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; W. J. Sevier, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Hagley, Worcestershire.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Worcestershire and District Association rang a peal of 5088 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 14 mins. H. Martin (first peal in the method), 1; T. J. Salter, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; J. Bennett, 6; J. Barber, 7; R. E. Grove, 8. Composed by J. Carter, and conducted by R. E. Grove. The first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Short and Barber came from London; Martin, Belbroughton; the others from Kidderminster.

At the Parish Church, Tipton, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Worcestershire and District Association rang T. Day's Three-part peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 16 mins. H. Mills,* 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; A. H. Hill,* 3; E. Goodreds,* 4; J. Jones, 5; J. Carter (conductor), 6; W. R. Small, 7; R. Hall,* 8. It is forty years since a peal of Treble Bob was rung on the bells, and this is the first peal in the method rung by the above Society. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Dartford, Kent.

On Friday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang H. Dains' peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. F. Cullum, 1; G. Conyard, 2; F. King, 3; H. Gibbs, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; J. H. Cheesman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. First peal of Major ever rung upon the bells.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the All Saints' Society rang a peal of 5472 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 19 mins. W. T. Ellson (first peal), 1; W. H. Rowland, 2; W. R. Smith (first peal in the method), 3; W. Bumpstead, 4; C. Charge, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; H. Kenten (first peal of Major), 7; J. W. Driver, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Composed by Henry J. Tucker, and conducted by J. W. Driver.

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

At St. Martin's, Tipton, Staffordshire.—On a Sunday, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Fellows, jun. (Dudley), 1; H. Mills (Tipton), 2; W. R. Small (Tipton), 3; J. Goodman (Dudley), 4; W. Micklewright (Dudley, conductor), 5; B. Gough (Coseley), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor and W. R. Small, and the first on the bells.

At the Parish Church, Crayford, Kent.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), being the first quarter-peal of Stedman rung by a local band. C. Wilkins, 1; W. Axtell, 2; G. Cook, 3; H. Gibbs, 4; T. Saxby, 5; R. Wilkins, 6; E. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. Saxby, 8.

At the Parish Church, Loughton, Essex.—On a Tuesday, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. W. Lebbon (conductor), 1; A. G. Freeman (first quarter-peal), 2; E. A. Bacon, 3; F. Freeman, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Trapp, 8.

At Christ Church, Rossendale, Lancashire.—On a Tuesday, a date touch (1891 changes), consisting of 91 Bob Minor, 240 College Single, 240 Oxford Single, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Duke of York, 240 Woodbine, 240 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 Violet Treble Bob, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At the Parish Church, Newchurch, Lancashire.—On a Sunday a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 3. mins. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; L. Taylor, 4; W. Taylor, 5; J. Calderbank, 6: J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; J. T. Wright, 8.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.—On a Saturday, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. D. Adams, 1; S. Macey, 2; J. F. Stevens, 3; G. F. Doel, 4; A. W. Searle, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6; R. W. J. Gollop (conductor), 7; S. Ames, 8.

At the Parish Church, Church, Lancashire.—On a Monday, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 28 min. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At All Saints', Fulham, London.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. Adams, 2; G. Woodiss, 3; W. H. Rowland, 4; F. Kelley, 5; J. J. Green; 6; W. Meaton, 7; W. Kenton, 8; J. Nicholls, 9; R. Burgess, 10. The above, a short-course quarter-peal, was composed by J. Rogers, and conducted by G. Woodiss.

At All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.—On a Tuesday, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., being the last part of Holt's Original. W. J. Walsom, 1; E. J. Strutt, 2; J. Parslow, 3; C. Slade, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Wright, 6; G. Woodiss (conductor), 7; J. Chandler, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt.

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'MY LIFE SAVED.'
'I AM A MIRACLE.'
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CASE FOR THE WEEK.

CONSUMPTION—CASE OF A YOUNG PERSON AT BORROWASH, DERBY.

Two years ago last March the case of Miss Rose Walker, of Ockbrook Lane, Borrowash, near Derby, was brought under my notice.

Rev. S. A. Barron, late of Wilmot Street, Derby, corresponded first with me on her behalf. In his first letter he writes:—'She has been ailing a long while. She has a hacking cough, night sweats, and pain in her side. She is losing flesh fast; her eyes have assumed that glassy look so often seen in cases of phthisis. I hope there is yet a chance to save her. We want to try it.'

In two months Mr. Barron writes:—'I am very pleased to say that from the time Miss Walker commenced to take your medicine there has been a gradual encouraging improvement.'

She continued under my treatment for scarcely two months after this. She then resumed work, and has continued well since.

Writing me from Marriott Street, Northampton, last month (September 1891), Mr. Barron says:—'The young woman, Miss Rose Walker, is well, and has the appearance of health. She went through the last severe winter without any illness whatever. You will be glad to hear of this.'

At the same time I received a letter from a member of the family (writing for the mother of the patient), stating that ever since she was under my treatment, and restored to health, she had been perfectly well. And the writer adds: 'Make any use you like of her case.'