

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

MEMBERS are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at headquarters on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 8 p.m. The Central Council Agenda, among other important matters, will then be discussed.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open for ringing in the morning from 10 to 12.15, and in the afternoon from 3.30. Special service at St. Peter's at 12.30; preacher, Rev. Canon Wigram. Dinner in the Town Hall at 1.30—cost to members 1s. 9d. each—followed by a meeting for the election of officers and other business. Notices of motion have been given for altering Rule 9 with respect to entering Minor Peals in the Peal-book, and also for arranging an additional meeting at Hatfield on August Bank Holiday. Members and visitors intending to be at the dinner are kindly requested to send me word not later than Wednesday, the 29th. As this meeting will be an important one, members are invited to come as early in the day as possible, and it is hoped that they will make a special effort to be in time for the service.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Albans, March 21st, 1893.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE annual meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 3rd. Local Secretaries are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary in accordance with Rules 6 and 10. The meeting will take place in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2 o'clock prompt. The Rev. Canon Claughton will preside. Tea will follow business meeting, 9d. per head being allowed to all members sending in their names for the same not later than Monday, March 27th. The Cathedral bells will be at the disposal of the members from 5 till 7 p.m. Business: Election of Officers, adoption of Annual Report, Balance-sheet, &c. All subscriptions due should be paid at this meeting.

Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE next Annual Festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers is to be held at Crewe early in August.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.

THE usual monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at Tunstall, over thirty members being present from the following towers:—Hanley, Wolstanton, Leek, Longton, Bucknall, Kidsgrove, and Tunstall. Ringing commenced shortly after four o'clock, and consisted of short touches of BOB and GRANDSIRE MINOR. At six o'clock tea took place in the schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Penny, who with the Churchwardens had kindly defrayed the expense. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their kindness was proposed and carried unanimously by the members present. An adjournment was then made to the tower and the evening was spent in ringing.

The Midland Counties' Association.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—A meeting of this branch was held at Long Eaton on Saturday, the 11th inst. Ringers were present from Nottingham, Lenton, Willaton, and Sandiacre. Some touches of TREBLE BOB, STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, were rung, amongst which was 420 STEDMAN TRIPLES. S. Burton, 1; T. Cope, 2; J. Woolley, 3; H. W. Wilde, 4; E. W. Holroyd, 5; E. Robinson, 6; J. Barrow (conductor), 7; W. Flinders, 8. The next meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, April 15th.

The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—A meeting was recently held at Helmshore, and was attended by members from Bacup, Rawtenstall, Ramsbottom, Waterfoot, and Helmshore. The chair was taken by Mr. H. H. Nutter, in the absence of the Vicar. Three new members were elected, and votes of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the Chairman were passed. Touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, COLLEGE SINGLE, and 720 BOB MINOR were rung. J. Sutcliffe, 1; J. Smith, 2; J. H. Smith, 3; Z. Lord, 4; H. H. Nutter, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above Association was held at St. Thomas's, Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, the 4th inst., when a number of members and ringing friends were present. Mr. S. Stott was voted to the chair. One new member was elected, and the place of next meeting was fixed for April 8th, at St. Mary's, Balderstone. Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Chairman. Touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOB MINOR, TREBLE BOB MINOR, and 1248 of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, brought a successful evening to a close.

Dedication of Bells at Higham Ferrers, Northants.

THE ceremony of dedicating the bells of the parish church of Higham Ferrers, after rehangng, with the addition of two trebles to complete the octave, and recasting of two of the old bells, by Taylor & Co., Loughborough, took place on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough officiated, and there was a crowded congregation. The service commenced about half-past three, and as the procession of the choir and robed clergy proceeded towards the belfry from the vestry the 121st and 122nd Psalms were sung. On arriving at the belfry the Bishop read the

dedicatory prayers, and at the conclusion of these proceeded to the chancel, the congregation standing whilst a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by ringers from Higham Ferrers, Raunds, and Rushden. Following this, the *Te Deum* was sung, and the hymn before the sermon was 'Angel voices, ever singing.' His Lordship took as his text Isa. xxx. 21, 'And thine ears shall hear a voice behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it.' In the evening the Rev. A. E. Oldroyd preached.

The inhabitants of the ancient borough of Higham Ferrers may justly consider that they now possess a ring of bells of grandeur and beauty of tone, well fitted to hang in the noted church of Archbishop Chicheley's birthplace. The total cost of work done amounts to about 450l. Various improvements have been effected both in the bell-chamber and the belfry below. It is intended to place a new clock in the tower very shortly. The Rev. J. Dun, vicar of Higham Ferrers, is treasurer to the Raunds Wellingborough and District Association, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester (curate) is a practical ringer and takes great interest in all appertaining to the belfry.

The Bells of Rothbury, Northumberland.

A RING of eight bells, the gift of a lady parishioner, is being placed in the town of Rothbury Church, Northumberland. The bells will be consecrated and formally opened on April 17th by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle and a party of bell-ringers from the Association of Durham and Northumberland. The bells are from the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is a curious coincidence that the old bell of 1682, (Bartlett), the next bell, 1850 (Mears), and the new ring of 1893 (Mears & Stainbank), have all been cast in the same foundry.

Prize Ringing on Church Bells.

At the quarterly meeting of the Totnes (Devon) Decanal Chapter, held lately at Totnes—the Rev. J. B. Hughes, rural dean, presiding—the subject of bell-ringing for prizes was discussed at great length, and it was almost unanimously resolved 'That while bell-ringing in church steeples under proper regulations is deserving of every possible encouragement as a means of attracting and retaining young men as members of the Church, yet it is the opinion of this Chapter that prize-ringing for money should be discouraged by every possible means.'

The Curfew Bell.

WE hear that the Vicar of West Haddon, Northants, purposes to revive the ringing of the Curfew Bell in his parish every night at 8 o'clock. It was discontinued in 1888, amid universal regret.

An Ancient Bell.

THERE is at the present moment at a farmhouse in a Midland county an interesting old bell bearing the initials 'H. S.' and the date, 1590. These refer to Henry Sacheverell, of New Hall, Warwickshire, who purchased that ancient place from Gybons, the first Warden of Sutton Coldfield. A descendant of this gentleman was the Mr. Sacheverell who was the patron of, and was claimed as kinsman by Dr. Henry Sacheverell, so noted in Queen Anne's time. It is a pity that so fine a relic, weighing about two hundred-weight, should be broken up and sold for old metal, as it is feared may be the case. It ought to be secured as a church bell.

WE have received a copy of the *Eleventh Annual Report of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers* (Bemrose, Derby). We can only repeat our estimate of its predecessor, by saying that as a complete and concise summary of the work of this most flourishing Association it leaves nothing to be desired. We always preserve the current volume of this *Report* for reference, and we cannot do better than recommend all other Guilds and Associations to take it as a model.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. C. Willshire (conductor), 1; E. Holladay, 2; E. W. Allen, 3; C. L. Graham, 4; W. Haigh, 5; E. Foreman, 6; G. Ransom, 7; W. Walker (first peal), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Messrs. Holladay and Graham came from Faversham; Haigh, Gillingham; Foreman and Ransom, Boughton-under-Beau; the others belong to the local company.

At St. Michael's, Hughenden, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. F. Boreham,* 1; J. Evans, 2; E. Gadsden, 3; Frank Biggs,* 4; Frederick Biggs, 5; R. Biggs, 6; W. E. Yates (conductor), 7; Jos. Evans, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang H. Johnson's peal of 5152 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7½ mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; H. Springall, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; M. A. Wood, 5; W. Cockerill, 6; E. Horrex, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the same Society rang the late H. Johnson's peal of 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 19 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Cooter, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; H. Springall, 4; F. W. Butler (first peal in the method), 5; I. G. Shade, 6; E. Horrex, 7; W. Prime, 8.

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At St. Andrew's, Hingham, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Peter Mancroft Society rang 5024 changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1 min. It is over sixty years since a peal in the above method was rung upon the bells, and is the first peal upon the bells since the rehanging a year and a half ago.

At the Parish Church, Crawley, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., the following members of the Sussex County Association rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Parker, 1; G. Gatland, 2; K. Hart, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Williams, 6; W. Collison, 7; G. Paice, 8. Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Parker.

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, London.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 37 mins. H. Springall (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; E. Horrex, 3; S. E. Joyce, 4; S. Hayes, 5; W. Burkin, 6; Y. Green, 7; E. Hall, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; W. T. Cockerill, 10. Composed by Messrs. Y. Green and N. J. Pittsow. Tenor, 32 cwt. The above composition has the 6th its extent at home in nine courses, and is the only original peal that has been published containing these qualities.

At Holy Trinity, Long Melford, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, 11th inst., a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins. S. Slater (conductor), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; H. Smith, 3; T. King, 4; A. Symonds, 5; F. Wells, 6; J. Bradman (first peal in any method, 7; O. Garwood, 8. Composed by the late W. Garrard, of Ipswich. Tenor, 16 cwt. Messrs. Smith, King, and Symonds came from Lavenham; the others from Glemsford.

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

ON Monday, the 13th inst., in memory of Mr. George Mash, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (half muffled) was rung in 48 mins. O. Baker, 1; J. Baker, 2; R. Pelling, 3; G. Turley, 4; F. Still, 5; J. Maynard, 6; F. Still, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Edwards, 8.

At All Hallows, Tottenham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberlands rang 5044 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins., being the first peal in the method on the bells. M. Meads, 1; W. Bedwell, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; B. Foskett, 4; G. Lucas (first peal in the method), 5; A. Pittam, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Newson, 8. Composed and conducted by G. Newson. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., a mixed company of ringers belonging to the Liverpool Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 56 mins. T. Jenkinson, jun. (first peal, aged 16, Aughton), 1; E. Bentham (Wigan), 2; W. Major (Wigan), 3; J. Gardner (first peal, Aughton), 4; W. Bentham (conductor, Aughton), 5; E. Prescott (Hindley), 6; G. Prescott (Ormskirk), 7; N. Gregory (Hindley), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, London.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by eight members of the Waterloo Society in 2 hrs. 50 mins. A. R. Davis, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; W. C. Hasted, 5; J. C. Truss, jun. (conductor), 6; E. P. O'Meara (first peal with a bob-bell), 7; T. Coxhead, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, City of London.

By the permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 33 mins., with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. Thomas Pugh, who died at the age of eighty-four years, having held a curacy and parish clerkship for thirty years in the above parish. J. Rogers, 1; F. G. Perrin, 2; E. Harrison, 3; W. R. Whiffin, 4; J. C. Truss, jun., 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; W. C. Hasted, 7; H. Stubbs, 8; E. T. Edridge, 9; W. F. Meade, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. This peal was composed and conducted by Mr. John Rogers, and rung for the first time. It contains fifty courses undisturbed from Tittums position, being the greatest qualities that have, or ever will be, contained in a peal in this method by bobs alone in a limited number.

[*'Or ever will be!'* It is best not to be over-confident.—Ed. C.B.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Thursday, the 9th inst., four ringers from Welshpool, one from Whitechurch, and Messrs. M. J. Morris, Ted Jones, and T. Rogers, of Oswestry, started for Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES conducted by Mr. Bratton, of Welshpool, but the peal came to an end after ringing 3760 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins. The funeral of the late Bandmaster Alfred Wright took place the same day, and the local ringers and some of the visitors being Volunteers, the bells were muffled.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SWINDON, WILTS.—On a Monday evening, the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins.:—W. Rodway, 1; T. Recketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; G. Iles, 4; G. S. Brown, 5; T. Robinson, 6; O. W. Laing (conductor), 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

AT ST. MARGARET'S, ROCHESTER, KENT.—On a Sunday evening, for service, a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in 26 mins. W. Ashbee, 1; G. Chantler, 2; E. Raynor, 3; A. Sullivan, 4; A. Osbourne, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. The bells were rung half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Peter Weller, late verger of the church, and who for many years was one of the ringers.

INTERVIEWS WITH OLD PATIENTS OF MR. CONGREVE.

Reports as to various CASES OF CHEST DISEASE.

NOTE.—A Gentleman engaged in compiling and editing various literary works, has been commissioned by MR. CONGREVE to

VISIT OLD PATIENTS,

in all parts of the country, and to report his interviews with them.

THIRTEENTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. ALEX. RITCHIE, Draper and Clothier, East High Street, Forfar.

[This case was published six years ago in the Appendix to Mr. Congreve's Treatise on Consumption, page 71.]

No one, to look at Mr. Alex. Ritchie to-day, would be prepared to hear that six years ago, according to high medical opinion, he was suffering from an incurable disease, from which death was the only relief.

Mr. Ritchie states that in May, 1886, the doctor told him that 'he could do no more for him.' This was borne out by the evidence of others who knew him and witnessed the condition to which he was reduced.

Mr. Ritchie, whom I visited in August, 1892, is a strong, healthy man, looking fit for any kind of labour, and giving one the impression that any reasonable amount of exertion would have no ill-effect upon him.

To tell briefly how this patient became ill, and how, in spite of all prognostications, he became well again.—Mr. Ritchie has had to mourn the loss of several relatives by Consumption, and therefore it may well be supposed there was in him some predisposition to the same disease. However this may be, it is certain that, following an attack of pleurisy, the symptoms of consumption made themselves evident. In addition to the weakness, palpitation, loss of flesh, and pain, Mr. Ritchie had a most distressing cough, which nothing could relieve.

When I was talking to him I asked him how he came to apply to Mr. Congreve. 'Just about that time,' he replied, 'one of Mr. Congreve's patients gave me a copy of that gentleman's book. The chapter headed, "The Sad Reality—All Doubts Confirmed," seemed exactly to describe my condition. The doctor who was attending me had told me that one of my lungs was diseased, and that he could do no more for me. So, after talking the matter over with my wife, I decided to apply to Mr. Congreve.'

'Do you mind telling me what the result was?'

'I will do so with pleasure. In a few weeks I was better. I continued to take the medicine, and before long was cured.'

'Do you mean to say that you became quite well?'

'Certainly—well in every way, and the cough which had been such a terrible trouble to me entirely disappeared.'

My conversation with Mr. Ritchie was held at his place of business. He has a draper's shop in East High Street, Forfar. I had been told that in carrying on his trade he often visited adjacent villages. I asked him as to this.

'Yes,' was the reply; 'I get over a great deal of ground. But it is no trouble to me—indeed I have never had any trouble since the time I mentioned, when Mr. Congreve cured me. That is more than six years ago, and I have never had a doctor in the whole of that time.'

'How far can you walk with comfort, Mr. Ritchie?'

'I really don't know how far. I am constantly walking; but I walk twenty miles with perfect ease. At the time I was ill I was employed in a factory; but now my occupation takes me into the open air very much. I consider that I am a better walker than I ever was in my life.'

In reply to a further question of mine, Mr. Ritchie told me he had no objection to my publishing our brief conversation, in the hope that the facts therein detailed might prove of benefit to other sufferers, and then, with a hearty handshake, we parted.

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