

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE annual meeting in connexion with this Society will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Lichfield. Ringing at the Cathedral at 2 p.m., service at 4 p.m. Sermon by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, vicar of Tamworth. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

The Society of Framland Ringers, Leicestershire.

THE nineteenth annual meeting of the above Society was held on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Parish Church, Harby. The object of the Society is to improve the practice of change-ringing, and increase the interest of the various teams therein. That this object is realised is apparent from the improvement to be noticed from year to year. It is in a large measure due to the exertions of the Rev. C. H. Lacon, who became secretary some five years ago, that the Society is in such a satisfactory position. The annual meeting this year was favoured with fine weather, and the ringing passed off very successfully. The ringing was rendered additionally interesting from the fact that Mr. John Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, was present with a team of practical ringers, who rang before and after the afternoon service. The whole of the ten teams in the Society were present, the various captains being as follows:—Melton, Mr. C. Dolby; Barkestone, Mr. F. Schofield; Croxton Kerrial, Mr. George Towers; Waltham, Mr. G. Squires; Eaton, Mr. Thos. Pearson; Bottesford, Mr. Mark Bend; Harby, Mr. Thos. Hall; Buckminster, Mr. George Howest; Wymondham, Mr. H. Bartram; Nether Broughton, Mr. Wm. Bowley. The peal at Harby consists of five bells, so that only 120 changes can be performed. Ringing was continued at intervals from 8.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. At 1.15 the ringers and clergy dined together. The following new members were proposed and accepted:—Buckminster, Mr. Wm. Grice, Mr. Wm. Lambert and Mr. Wm. King; Wymondham (rejoined), Mr. H. Bartram, Mr. G. Huddleston, Mr. T. Thomeycroft, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. Tysoe, Mr. W. Brown, and Mr. W. H. Dyke; Nether Broughton, Mr. John Huckerby; Eaton, Mr. Thos. Pyckett.

The Bath and Wells Change-ringing Association.

THE second district meeting of the above Association was held at Backwell on Saturday evening, the 26th ult., under the direction of Mr. E. C. D. Boutflower, Hon. Secretary for the district. A peal of 240 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung. J. Young, 1; A. Waters, 2; R. Davenish, 3; E. C. D. Boutflower, 4; J. Harvey, 5; J. Winsor, 6. Several peals (120) of BOB and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were also rung, twenty ringers in all taking part. The local district includes the parishes of Backwell, Barrow Gurney, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Tickenham, and Wraxall, representatives from all of which, except Tickenham, were present.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Blanford on Monday, the 28th ult., and was numerously attended. The day's proceedings were prefaced by service at the parish church, at which the Rev. Canon Watts, rector of Stourpaine, preached an appropriate discourse. The annual business meeting was subsequently held under the presidency of the Rev. A. D. Hill, of Downton. Mr. A. D. Hill was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year; Mr. Pinckney, treasurer; Mr. Jerram, general secretary; and the Rev. — Fisher, secretary for Dorset. The members afterwards dined together at the Greyhound Hotel. In addition to the ringing at the parish church, 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung on a fine set of handbells, the property of Mr. E. R. Dale, hon. life member, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, &c., by the following members of the Salisbury band:—S. Lawrence, 1-2; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Watts, 5-6; J. Elcombe, 7-8. The rest of the day was given up to visiting various towers in the neighbourhood.

Brackley and District Guild of Church Bell-ringers, Northants.

THE above Guild held their third annual festival at King's Sutton on Thursday, the 31st ult., when some sixty ringers attended from the belfries of Aynhoe, Brackley, Evenley, King's Sutton, and Middleton Cheney. The proceedings commenced with evensong in the church, and an address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Bullock, the other clergy present being the Revs. B. de M. Egerton, E. Worsley, T. W. Openshaw, and W. D. Cartwright. After service the party were entertained to a meat tea by Mr. W. A. Willes. After tea, a selection of tunes on the handbells was given by the Brackley and Middleton members. The ringers then held their annual meeting. The first business was to elect a new President. The Vicar of Brackley said it was with great regret that he resigned the office of President, but as in a few days he would be leaving the neighbourhood for Peterborough, he had no other course open to him. The Rev. E. Worsley expressed his regret at Mr. Egerton's resignation, and proposed that the Rev. W. B. Broughton, the new Vicar, be elected, and this was carried unanimously. Upon the invitation of the Rev. T. W. Openshaw, Middleton Cheney was selected for holding the festival next year. Various small matters were talked over, and the meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Willes for entertaining them in his beautiful grounds. The remainder of the evening was spent in the belfry, each set ringing in turn.

A Visit to King's Norton, Worcestershire.

SEVEN members of the St. John Guild recently paid a visit to King's Norton, and with the assistance of Mr. W. Palmer, attempted a peal of BOB TRIPLES; but after ringing into the thirtieth course, a change-course occurred, and the conductor called the bells round. The number of changes rung was 2772, and the time 1 hr. 37 mins. A. Moore, 1; G. Bourne, 2; T.

Albutt, 3; W. Palmer, 4; J. Mason, 5; O. James, 6; G. Hayward, 7; J. Parry, 8. The peal was the composition of the late Charles Ravencroft, of Bromsgrove, and was conducted by Mr. Hayward, master of the Guild.

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SIXTY-SIXTH INTERVIEW.

With Mr. J. W. UPFOLD, Windsor Terrace, Penzance.

CASE OF HÆMORRHAGE AND CONSUMPTION

Which has not been published before.

Mr. Upfold is a gentleman who has for many years devoted himself to Christian work. While an officer in the Salvation Army, his health broke down, and presumably competent medical authority decided that his labours were finished—the time had come when he was to die. He certainly owes no thanks to the medical men he consulted for the fact that he is alive to-day: but as he tells the story better than I could do, I prefer to let him do so, merely premising that the particulars here recorded were obtained at an interview I had with Mr. Upfold at the address in Penzance given above.

'My illness commenced with bronchitis about the year 1887,' said Mr. Upfold. 'From that time, until I applied to Mr. Congreve in December, 1891, I had had advice from as many as twelve doctors, none of whom did me any permanent good. Altogether I have broken four blood-vessels. Two London doctors said it was impossible for me to get better, and a doctor at Tunbridge Wells told my mother there was no hope for me.'

'What was your condition when you applied to Mr. Congreve?' I asked.

'I had a very bad cough, with much offensive expectoration; I was spitting a quantity of blood (at one time I brought up three pints); there was much pain in the right lung; the breathing was affected; I suffered from palpitation, and had some night sweats. My strength had declined and there was loss of flesh on the legs, hands, and face.'

'How long was it before you felt any decided effect from the treatment?'

'In the following February, three months after commencing, I was able to report that I had made flesh and gained strength. The cough was not so troublesome, and I had less pain. At the same time my appetite improved, and I was able to sleep better.'

'Did you continue to progress?'

'Yes, and at the end of another three months I wrote to Mr. Congreve, reporting that all the symptoms showed an improvement. I was soon able to get about, which I consider wonderful when you remember that at Tunbridge Wells I had been confined to my room for six weeks, and that when I arrived at Penzance I had to be supported by a Salvation Army Captain on one side and a stout stick on the other. Then I commenced to take part in meetings again—as many as three in one day. I started in business, and soon worked up a good connection. I sold my business and am now an insurance agent.'

'I may take it that your occupation entails a lot of walking?'

'As much as twelve miles a day sometimes, and of course I am much exposed to the weather.'

'You appear to be in good health now.'

'I have capital health, thanks to Mr. Congreve.'

'Tell me frankly, please, do you think you would have recovered if you had not placed yourself in Mr. Congreve's care?'

'If I had not done so I shouldn't have been alive. Perhaps I ought to tell you that I had a severe attack of Influenza at the end of last year. I took the medicine again, and soon recovered. Besides, I have proved its value in my family. It quite cured my children of a bad cough, and my wife also derived immense benefit from it. Wherever I go I speak of the great good I have received, and shall always be pleased to do so.'

In the course of conversation, Mr. Upfold mentioned one or two other cases of benefit, which he had personally known—(one a young widow lady at St. Just)—and after he had given me a ready permission to publish what he had told me, and promised to answer any enquiry from persons interested, I bade him good-night and returned to my hotel.

The Church Bells at Boxford, Suffolk.

THE opening of the bells of the parish church, after being rehung by Messrs. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich, took place on the 3rd inst., when numerous touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB, &c., were rung during the day. The following ringers were present:—Messrs. Howell, Harper, Campin, Tolliday (Sudbury), Slater and Garwood (Glensford), Motts (Ipswich), Brighton (Norwich), Nevard and Bowers (Great Bentley), W. Hazell (Little Bentley), Death (Edwardstone), Diggins (Waldingfield), &c. The bells are a fine ring of eight (tenor, 24 cwt.) Messrs. Motts, Slater, and Howell, sen., acted as conductors. The ringers were entertained to dinner and tea by the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Warman. Suffolk can boast of twenty-eight rings of eight bells, and the only one now in an unringable condition is the fine ring of eight at Clare. Mr. Bowell, who met with an accident recently in hanging the Boxford bells, is much better.

The Bells of Wolston, Warwickshire.

AN addition has been made to the church bells in this village, a fourth being added to the old ring of three. The new bell was cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. It bears the inscription, 'The gift of the Rev. John Wilcox, vicar of Wolston.' This refers to the late Vicar, who left a sum of money (about 1000*l.*) for the structural expenses of the church. The bells, as they are, cannot be considered a success from a musical point of view. They are as nearly as possible in the key of D minor, and, being only half the scale, have a very unfinished sound, and leave the ear straining for something it cannot hear. If they had been tuned in the major this deficiency would not be so marked.

WE have received a copy of the *Annual Report of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers* (Goulding, Bristol, 1894. 3*d.*). The report sets forth in a concise and businesslike manner the status and progress of this well-established and flourishing Association. We heartily congratulate them on having scored their first peal of CINQUES, by which they have not only earned laurels for themselves, but have dissipated any notion that may have existed as to the inability of the beautiful tower of Cirencester to withstand the strain of the swinging of its twelve melodious bells. We think it would be a good thing to give the report its annual number; this must be the fifteenth or thereabouts.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Imperial Institute, Kensington, London.

ON Saturday, May 12th, on the occasion of the inauguration by the Prince of Wales of the Summer Season, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 1183 STEDMAN CATERS. J. R. Haworth, 1; G. Muskett, 2; C. F. Winny (conductor), 3; F. G. Newman, 4; W. T. Elson, 5; R. French, 6; M. A. Wood, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; E. Horrex, 9; E. H. Adams, 10. A start was made for a quarter-peal (1299 changes), but owing to shortness of time, the bells were brought round at 1183 changes, which is the longest length on the bells.

ON Monday, May 14th, ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang 595 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 480 TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and 540 STEDMAN CATERS. On Saturday, May 26th, in celebration of the Queen's birthday, 828 GRANDSIRE CATERS and 836 STEDMAN CATERS. W. Baron, 1; J. Rogers, 2; H. Dains, 3; W. Bedwell, 4; C. Wilkins, 5; A. Pittam, 6; G. Smith, 7; T. Tiehener, 8; G. Newson, 9; A. Jacob, 10.

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Dains' peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. J. Searle, 1; F. W. Cripps,* 2; K. Hart, 3; F. Dench, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. G. Shade,* 6; J. Parker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Keith Hart's fiftieth peal. I. G. Shade came from Greenwich, for whom this peal was arranged. The composition is in two parts, and has the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty-four course-ends at home, and 2nd never in 6th's place at a course-end. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5056 BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. S. Macey, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; H. White, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; C. H.

Watts, 6; R. W. J. Gollop, 7; W. W. Gifford, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Composed by Frank Bennett and conducted by Henry White.

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

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Harrison's (Motttram) peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 7 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; E. Horrex, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; J. I. Crouch, 5; F. S. Bayley, 6; E. E. Huntley (Bushey, Herts, his first peal in the method), 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At All Saints', West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., the following members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang J. Holt's Original Peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. T. Danks, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; J. Cullwick, 3; T. Horton, 4; W. R. Small, 5; J. Hall, 6; R. Hall, 7; G. Griffiths, 8. The peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Paul Cashmore, who had been a ringer at the above church for many years.

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

ON Thursday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. G. Langford (first peal of STEDMAN), 1; W. T. Cockerill, 2; J. Willshire, 3; T. Groombridge (Chislehurst, Kent), 4; C. F. Winny, 5; W. J. Sorrell, 6; H. R. Newton (conductor), 7; W. Crocker, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Laurence's, Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association rang B. Annable's peal of 5040 BOB TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 48 mins. J. Harrison, 1; J. R. Ward, 2; A. T. Cope, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; J. Bailey, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; J. Paling (first peal), 8. Tenor, 11 cwt. The first peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Sussex County Association rang Thurstans' Original peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 52 mins. C. Smart, 1; E. Rapley, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Smart, 4; W. Woolgar, 5; W. Collison, 6; G. Smart (conductor, Brighton), 7; A. Gatland, 8. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Marlborough, Wilts.

ON Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight Swindon members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Penning's Five-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 1 min. E. Bishop (conductor); O. W. Layng, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; T. Ricketts, 4; G. Iles, 5; J. H. Shepherd, 6; R. Richards, 7; T. Robinson, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells.

At St. Anne's, Bewdley, Worcestershire.

ON Monday, the 4th inst., Haley's Variation peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins. by the following members of the Worcestershire and District Association, and the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster:—T. J. Salter, 1; N. Davis, 2; J. O. Bennett, 3; R. E. Grove (conductor), 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; W. H. Smith, 7; T. Walters, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Palmer (steeple-keeper), for having things in readiness.

At the Parish Church, King's Norton, Worcestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association (Birmingham Amalgamated Society Branch) rang 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 55 mins. G. Walker, 1; J. George, 2; T. Pritchett, 3; C. Sparkes, 4; G. Hitchman, 5; J. Jennings, 6; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 7; J. O. Ravenhill, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This peal is now rung for the first time, and is in ten parts, and contains quadruple bobs throughout.

At the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., the ringers of the Parish Church, Wigan, accompanied by the Rev. H. F. Lloyd, senior curate, rang Reeves's Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 57 mins. T. Halliwell (conductor), 1; Rev. H. F. Lloyd,* 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. F. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; R. Fisher and J. Barker, 7; W. Major and W. Jump,* 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. The above are members of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association. [* First peal.]

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