

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells ready, 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. (free.) Business meeting, 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*
J. W. BENTHAM,

Meetings for Practice.

Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 8.30 p.m.

College Youths: at St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. John's, Wilton Road, on Thursday, Sept. 17th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on Friday, Sept. 18th.—All at 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Muffled Peal at St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Monday evening, the 7th inst., ten members of the St. James's Society, London, rang the usual whole-pull-and-stand as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Harvey, an esteemed member of many years' standing. C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, sen., 2; E. A. Young, Esq., 3; W. Truss, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; R. A. Daniell, Esq., 6; W. Ingham, 7; W. F. Meads, 8; E. Albone, 9; E. P. O'Meara, 10. After which a short touch each of GRANDSIRE CATERS and STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung.

At St. Alban's Abbey, Herts.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Cathedral Society (members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association) met at the ancient and historical church of St. Alban to ring a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in honour of the silver wedding of the Ven. Archdeacon W. J. Lawrance, the Rector. As the news had been announced in the local press, the event was looked forward to with great interest both in ringing circles and amongst the vast number of well-wishers with whom the Archdeacon is deservedly popular. As soon as evensong was over, the band took up their position in the tower, and after ringing 3 hrs. 1 min., the much-coveted peal was successfully accomplished, under the skilful conductorship of Mr. Challis F. Winney, who had been induced on this memorable occasion to once again take the lead amongst some of his former pupils, with several of whom in past days he has done excellent performances. After the peal the ringers were invited to the Rectory and welcomed by the Archdeacon and Mrs. Lawrance, who expressed their appreciation of the peal, and their thanks to the ringers for their efforts in marking such an eventful epoch of their lives. Cake and wine were handed round, and the healths of the host and hostess were toasted. Mrs. Lawrance kindly invited the band to see the many beautiful presents received, testifying to the esteem in which they are held.

The following members took part in the peal:—E. R. Mitchell, 1; J. C. Mitchell, 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; J. E. Randall, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; C. F. Winney, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8.

At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

ON Thursday, the 27th ult., ten members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Peter Mancroft Society rang J. Reeves' peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 45 mins. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; W. Bales, 2; A. G. Barnes, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; G. Howchin, 5; E. Francis, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; F. Knights, 8; G. Smith, 9; J. George, 10. Tenor, 43 cwt. The above was arranged for Mr. George, who came from Rugby. The weight of the tenor has always been recorded as 41 cwt., but letters written by the founder (the late Mr. Thos. Mears) to the churchwardens have just come to light, in one of which the above figures are quoted as the correct weight.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

ON Friday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 37½ mins. C. Hounslow, 1; C. Exon, 2; C. Fowler, 3; F. Exon, 4; W. C. Baston, 5; T. Payne, 6; W. J. Smith, 7; J. W. Washbrook (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 31 cwt. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each nine courses in 6th's place, and is now rung for the first time.

At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's, Brentwood, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5152 BOB MAJOR, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. A. Whight, 1; A. Deards, 2; C. Fenn,* 3; R. Fenn,* 4; A. Hardy,* 5; T. Faulkner,*

6; Y. Green (composer and conductor), 7; S. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. in E. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method on tower bells.]

Lately the following peals and touches have been rung:—

AT GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On a Tuesday, 360 BOB MINOR. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; C. Herbert, 2; E. Herbert, 3; Cyril Herbert, 4; A. J. Clarke, 5; O. Garwood, 6. And two peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. C. Honeybell, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; E. Herbert, 3; S. Slater, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; H. S. Richold, 6.

AT FAREHAM, HANTS.—On a Sunday, for afternoon service, 720 COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR. C. Privett, 1; F. Hill, 2; G. E. Chappell, 3; H. White, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6.

AT WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On a Sunday evening, for Divine service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Rawson, 1; J. W. West, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; W. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; A. Moulton (conductor), 7; A. Fern, 8.

AT ORDSALL CHURCH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—On a Tuesday, a peal of BOB MINOR was rang for the usual practice, by M. Phillipson (first peal). A. Street, J. White, H. Lambert (conductor), R. Potter, and H. Blagg.

AT ST. MARY'S, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On a Saturday, for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Jones, 1; A. Walker, 2; J. Fowler, 3; T. Radford, 4; S. Wyatt, 5; S. Radford (conductor), 6; J. Burge, 7; J. Hunt, 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to S. Radford and S. Wyatt.

AT ST. GEORGE'S, HEAVILEY, STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On a Saturday afternoon, 324 GRANDSIRE CATERS. W. Gordon (conductor), 1; J. Booth, 2; A. Gordon, 3; W. Gordon, Jun., 4; J. W. Bixley (steeple-keeper), 5; J. A. Gordon, 6; J. Mitchell, 7; T. Marshall, 8; A. Sidebottom, 9; J. H. Scofield, 10. The longest touch of CATERS yet rang on the bells.

AT SUTTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On a Tuesday evening, several members of the Ely District Association of Bell-ringers, from Wilburton and Haddenham, paid a friendly visit to the ringers at Sutton, the bells of which church have been recently rehung. Several peals (120) of BOB DOUBLES were successfully rung, and also a half-peal (360) of BOB MINOR on the handbells, conducted by Mr. A. Markwell, of Wilburton.

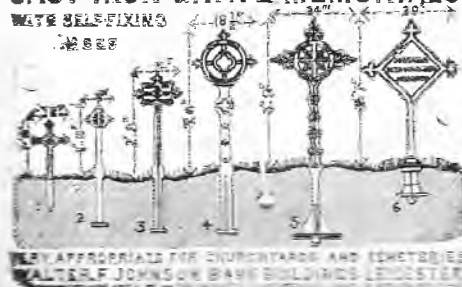
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, the 23rd ult., for Divine service, 490 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. J. Dennes, 1; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. H. Ette, 5; F. Wood, 6; E. West, 7; T. Craddock, 8. On Sunday, the 30th ult., for Divine service, 404 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; F. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Also 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, with 4, 6, 8 covering. F. Wood, 1; G. Turnell, 2; F. Underwood, 3; H. Bailey, 4; W. H. Ette, 5; E. West, 6; W. Wood (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. On Monday, the 31st ult., for practice, 308 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Turnell, 1; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 2; F. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; W. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; W. H. Ette, 7; T. Craddock, 8.

SADDINGTON, MARKET HARBOROUGH.—These bells having received the necessary attention at the hands of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the formal reopening took place on Saturday week, with a special service in the church, at which Bishop Mitchinson preached, the edifice being decorated for the Harvest Festival on the following day.

THE CHARLESTOWN BELLS, DEVONSHIRE.—These bells have been restored. They were four in number, two of which were cracked. These two have been recast, and the treble, which was a very light bell and weak in tone, has also been recast and made heavier. Two new bells—a first and a second—have been added so as to make the ring a good one of six. The new bells were dedicated by Canon Houghton, Vicar of West Alphington, at a special service before a crowded congregation; and the bells were rung by bands of ringers from Kingsbridge, Stokenham, and West Alphington. The work also included new oak beams and floor, frame, and fittings.

BARNSTABLE, DEVON.—The tower of Barnstable Parish Church contains a ring of eight. The six old bells which have been rehung are cast in E flat. One of the new ones was cast exactly in tune (a maiden bell), and the other has been flattened slightly to get it in perfect tune.

CHIVELSTONE, DEVONSHIRE.—These bells, silent for over sixty years, are now heard again. Three of the bells were broken, and the timbers were all rotten. The tenor, cast in 1710, has a mellow and sonorous tone, and the three useless bells have been recast and turned to the two sound ones, thus forming a good ring of five. In the edifice the oak beams have been fixed, and the fittings thoroughly put in order.

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