Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on October 3rd.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on October 3rd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on October 4th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on October 5th: St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 7th.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on October 7th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 5th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on October 5th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, to-day, September 30th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

The 261st Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Champion Hotel, 25 Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3*s.* 6*d.* each.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A District Meeting will be held at Berkhamsted on Saturday, October 15th, when the tower will be open for ringing from three p.m. Tea at the Coffee Tavern; business meeting to follow. All members or visitors intending to be present are requested to so inform me by Wednesday, October 12th. E. P. Debenham, *Hon. Sec.*
St. Albans, Sept. 21*st*, 1898.

In Memoriam.

William Woolston, of 'Westlands,' Wellingborough (a member of the Society of Friends), died September 19th, 1898, aged 81 years. He was the kind donor of carillons to Wellingborough Parish Church, of two new treble bells to his native place, Irthlingborough, and as a much valued honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers, he was a liberal helper to most of the belfry improvements in the district of late years.

Liverpool Ringers' Outing.

Eleven members of the Lancashire Association of change-ringers journeyed to Whitchurch, Salop, on September 5th. On arriving, they were met by the churchwardens, who invited them to lunch at the 'Black Bear.' A move was then made to the church tower, when the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Egerton, who is in his eighty-seventh year) came all the way up the steps into the belfry, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome. A start was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 50 mins. it came to grief through a change-course. The ringers were R. S. Mann, 1; J. Aspinwall, 2; Geo. Woodhall, 3; W. James, 4; J. Martin, 5; J. Dillon, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; H. Coley, 8. It was very doubtful if the peal would have been secured even if mistakes had not occurred, as there were new ropes, which blistered the ringers' hands very badly. The fifth bell has recently been rehung, but it had been left to strike so falsely that it quite spoilt the ringing. After ringing a few touches, an adjournment was made for dinner. An early start was made for home, all the ringers expressing themselves well pleased with their day's outing. They wish to thank the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness and for the trouble and expense they went to in making such excellent arrangements, and Mr. George Wright, the steeple-keeper, for the pains he took to make the outing so enjoyable.

Dedication of Bells at Flamborough.

The proceedings in connexion with the dedication of the bells and new clock in the tower of the parish church of Flamborough, on September 21st, will live for a long time in the memory of those who took part in them. To the old church, there has of late been added a handsome new tower, and, to complete the work, the esteemed Vicar of the parish (the Rev. H. W. Rigby), Miss Cottrell-Dormer, Mr. T. W. Woodcock (vicar's churchwarden), and Mr. W. R. Word (people's churchwarden), formed themselves into a committee, and have carried out the work of tenanting the tower with four bells and a clock. At the commencement of the dedication ceremony, Miss F. E. Cottrell-Dormer, by pulling a ribboned lever, set the clock in motion, which immediately chimed the hour of service—3.30. Proceeding to the belfry the dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Beverley, the churchwardens handing the Bishop the ropes, and the Vicar in turn receiving them from the Bishop. A brief, pleasant service was afterwards gone through, the Bishop delivering a short address, in which he expressed the pleasure it gave him to attend on the completion of the crowning work of the tower, as he had attended when the foundation-stone of the new tower was laid. It was a fitting memorial to a lady who had recently passed away, and who took a very great interest in the welfare of the church and parish—the late Mrs. Cottrell-Dormer. The bells were rung by Sergeant Crisp (Flamborough), Mr. J. Airie, Mr. W. Robinson, and Mr. J. Cooling (Bridlington). Messrs. William Pots & Sons, of Leeds, carried out the work at an approximate cost of 410*l.*

Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

By invitation of the Skipton Branch, the members of this Association held their general meeting on September 17th in the National Schools, Skipton, where the President (Mr. William Snowden) and other officers attended to receive subscriptions and issue annual reports to the members. By permission of the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Cook), the fine ring of eight bells (tenor, 19 cwt.) at the parish church was available from twelve at noon till nine at night, and a local committee sat at the Old George Hotel to regulate the order of ringing. During the day the members were allowed to inspect Skipton Castle, by permission of Lord Hothfield's agent (Mr. R. B. Barrett). Later in the afternoon tea was provided in the National Schools, and about 100 persons attended. Mr. Snowden presided at the general meeting. There were also present a goodly number of members, representing the following branches of the Association:—Skipton, Bradford, Queensbury, Bramley, Keighley, Headingley, Low Moor, York, Gargrave, Huddersfield, Armley, Shipley, Bolton, Burnsall, Silsden, Ossett, Birstall, Addingham, Hull, Padiham, and Rothwell.

The Rector of Skipton, the curate (Rev. W. T. Barrett), and Messrs. E. Wood and A. H. Dawes (churchwardens) were also present to welcome the President and other members of the Association. After the formal business had been disposed of, Mr. Harry Holmes, of Birstall, suggested that as the Association had a good balance in hand, a portion of its funds should be appropriated for the relief of the sufferings of certain old ringers. The President said there would be difficulties in the way of establishing a general rule; he would advise Mr. Holmes to mention a special case, and then appeal straight to the generosity of the members of the Association. Mr. Holmes having stated a particular case, the President at once showed his practical sympathy. The matter was then left in the hands of Mr. Holmes and his friends. Mr. Copley (hon. secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to the Skipton Branch for entertaining the members of the Association, and to the ladies for presiding at the tables. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Mr. W. Billows, of Skipton, acknowledged the vote, and the proceedings terminated.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Yorkshire Association.

At Holy Trinity, Hull, on September 20th, Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

George T. Marshall ..	1	William Southwick ..	5
George T. Miller ..	2	Frederick Merrison ..	6
Thomas Stockdale ..	3	J. W. Stickney (conductor)	7
Charles Jackson ..	4	John W. Dale	8

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The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on September 18th, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Harry Flanders	1	Staff-Serg. Alfred Pye ..	5
George R. Pye	2	Ernest Pye (conductor) ..	6
E. Wightman (composer)	3	Alfred W. Brighton ..	7
Frederick A Nunn ..	4	William Pye	8

The Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.

At All Saints', Fulham, on September 19th, a peal of Stedman Caters, 5016 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Alfred Flowers	1	Bernard Witchell ..	6
Thomas Russam	2	Albert Walker	7
Samuel Reeves	3	William Kent	8
Charles Dickens	4	James W. Driver ..	9
Thomas Reynolds.. ..	5	William Painter	10

Composed by the late Henry Johnson and conducted by Bernard Witchell.

The Kent County Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, on September 22nd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade (conductor)	1	Harry Hoskins	5
William Foreman.. ..	2	William Pye	6
William Berry	3	Frederick W. Thornton ..	7
John J. Lamb	4	Harry Flanders	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Margaret's, Buxted, Sussex, on September 24th, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

Joseph Waghorn, sen. ..	1	James N. Frossell ..	5
John S. Goldsmith ..	2	William H. Inglesant ..	6
Arthur W. Matthews ..	3	Keith Hart	7
Robert J. Dawe	4	George Williams	8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by G. Williams. This was the first peal of Superlative on these bells. Messrs. Matthews and Inglesant came from Loughborough; Mr. Waghorn from Tottenham.

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Luke's, Liverpool, on September 26th, a peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Richard S. Mann ..	1	Thomas Hammond ..	5
John Aspinwall	2	William James (conductor)	6
George Woodhall ..	3	James Martin	7
James Dillon	4	Richard Phipps	8

First peal of Stedman for Mr. Dillon, and first peal for the tenor man. The peal is a variation of Thurstans', arranged by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Kensington.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on September 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, T. S. Davis, 1; W. E. Judd (conductor), 2; H. Powell, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; A. F. Harris, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; W. Fox, 7; J. Judd, 8.

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