

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Paul's Cathedral, on April 17th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, and St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on April 19th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on April 20th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 18th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on April 19th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on April 19th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 20th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

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A BOHEMIAN Concert will be held at the 'Ship,' Ivy Lane, E.C., on Saturday, April 21st, at 7 p.m. All members and friends of the Society will be heartily welcomed. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37 Tradesant Road, South Lambeth.

Peal Tablet at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

SUNDAY, May 7th, 1780, the London Youths completed 5040 BOB MAJOR, in 3 hrs. 25 mins., being the first peal on these bells, by—

Robert Donkin ..	Treble	John Anderson ..	5th
John Canna ..	2nd	Thomas Morris ..	6th
John Reeves ..	3rd	Allen Grant ..	7th
Richard Wilson ..	4th	William Paris ..	Tenor

Call'd by R. Donkin.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

AT St. Bartholomew's, Horley, on April 1st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Albert Ellis ..	1	Francis T. Hoad, jun. ..	5
Frederick W. Rice ..	2	George F. Hoad ..	6
Alfred D. Mills ..	3	Henry Reeves ..	7
George Thompson ..	4	Charles R. Lilley ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knight. Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

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AT St. Giles's, Ashted, Surrey, on April 7th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 41 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Charles T. P. Brice ..	1	John N. Oxborrow ..	5
William H. Pasmore ..	2	John Wyatt ..	6
Henry S. Ellis ..	3	John W. Golding ..	7
Henry R. Newton (condtr.)	4	William Cropley ..	8

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On April 3rd, 1440 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, by members of the Cleveland and North York Association. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. T. Titchener, 2; T. Burdon, 3; N. Kidd, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; J. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, March 18th, after Evening Service, eight members of St. George's Society rang (with the bells half-muffled) the whole-pull-and-stand, as a mark of respect to the late Elizabeth Marie Foster, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, of Borough High Street, and wife of Mr. James Foster, who died on March 10th, 1900, at the age of thirty-eight years, and was interred in Norwood Cemetery on the 16th ult. G. Woodage (conductor), 1; W. H. Smith, 2; W. T. Butler, 3; E. Clements, 4; W. Cobbett, 5; W. Walden, 6; W. Green, 7; T. H. Taffender, 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At St. Margaret's, on Palm Sunday morning for Divine Service, by members of the Essex Association. A quarter-peal of 1280 BOB MAJOR. J. Cottis, 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 2; E. G. Fenn, 3; A. Hardy, 4; A. J. Carter, 5; J. Dale,

6; R. Fenn, 7; C. Fenn, 8. This quarter-peal has six courses in the Tittums, and five courses in the home position.

On the 29th ult. died, at Stockton-on-Tees, William Warner, head of the firm of founders who, in 1856, at the Norton Blast Furnace, near Stockton-on-Tees, cast 'Big Ben,' which strikes the hours at Westminster. The firm executed the work for 3300*l.*, but owing to a defect the bell had to be recast at a cost of 750*l.*, and its weight was reduced from 16 to 13½ tons.

'CLAPPERS.'—This correspondent's suggestions would not be safe if carried into practice, there would be too much strain on the crown staple. There can be no simpler way of lashing bells than using light pieces of rope, made long enough and kept in a spot convenient to be reached when amongst the bells. Two ringers one each side of the bell, would soon be able to complete the preparations for silent practice in a very few minutes. Have the ropes protected with leather where they would cross the lips of the bells, and to adjust, one ringer fasten his end of rope to cannons or crown bolts, pass it under the bell to his friend who would make a 'hitch,' round flight of clapper (keeping clapper in the centre of the bell) and tie end of rope to cannons on his side of the stock. Whilst this latter part was being accomplished, the first ringer would have his half done for the next bell.

NORWICH.—An interesting lecture was given at the Training College, on March 17th, by Mr. D. O. Holme, on 'Church Bells.' The lecturer referred to the uses of bells in general, and the history of church bells in particular. He spoke of the casting, the hanging, and the ringing of bells. Amusing inscriptions on bells were quoted. Some explanation was given of the mysteries of change-ringing. Frequent references were made to the bells of Norwich and of other places in Norfolk. Practical illustrations were given of various points. The whole paper proved exceedingly enjoyable, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Holme.

BOURNE, HANTS.—A Guild of Bell-ringers has been formed at St. Mary's, Bourne, with Mr. W. Gibbons as captain. The bells have been lately repaired, and were rung for the first time, after a long interval, to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith. The dates on the bells are 1681, 1683, 1693, 1724, and 1737, and also the names of the churchwardens of those dates; while on the tenor bell are the following words:—'On earth bells do ring; in heaven angels sing, Hallelujah.' The records shows that the bells were rung when the Duke of Marlborough won the battle of Blenheim; also for the battle at Dettingen, in which George II. was engaged; for the fall of Quebec; for the Peace of Amiens. and for the Peace with France.

FELTHAM BELLS.—Our representative regretfully heard the fine peal of bells which have been lately placed in the tower of St. Catherine's Church, dubbed 'a nuisance,' during a visit to the village. In fact, the shop-keepers and residents in the vicinity of the church are almost frantic with vexation to find that the beautifully toned instruments, from which they expected to derive so much pleasure, have not proved the unmixed blessing they anticipated. Inquiry showed that the fault was not after all with the bells themselves, but with the bell-ringers. Most of these are altogether inexperienced in the art of campanology, and it turns out that it is their practice, or, rather, their attempts at practice, that create the nuisance complained of. Every Tuesday and Friday, and sometimes oftener, for about two hours, these energetic young bell-ringers clash the bells, and create a confused jargon of discordant sounds that prove most irritating to the nerves of those in the vicinity, and hence it is that the grievance against the bells has arisen among the dwellers in the High Street. The remedy for this state of things is not far to seek. In the case of learners it is the approved practice to tie up the clappers and train for the greater part of the time simply for the pulling, to gain regularity in which is, after all, the first principle of campanology. After this had been done, the beginners could be allowed, say, half an hour to prove how far they had progressed in their lesson by ringing out sounds which, by that time, would have proved more acceptable than those which now annoy the oral nerves of Feltham.—*Middlesex Chronicle.*

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