

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. Michael's Cornhill, on May 15th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, and St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on May 17th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 18th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 16th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on May 17th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 17th.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 14th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on May 18th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Allhallows Lane School on Easter Monday. Mr. E. Ransom presided, and there were also present the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. I. Hills (hon. secretaries), Mr. Matthews, and about forty other members.

The annual report stated that 'a somewhat uneventful year affords few topics for comment; nevertheless, the Committee, in presenting the eighteenth annual report, desire to express their belief that the comparative meagreness of the list of performances may be accounted for on sufficient grounds, and that interest in change-ringing and in the care of bells and belfries is, to say the least, not decreasing in the county. The new ring for Cardington Church has been cast and hung. Rehanging and general repairs have also been carried out at Oakley and Houghton Regis, while at Ampthill a sixth bell has been added to the existing five. Under the tuition of Mr. Clarke, the Harrold Company have been making good progress during the past year. The Committee regret to learn that it is proposed to spend some considerable sum in adding five new bells to the ring at Turvey. They desire to place on record their opinion that the present condition of the tenor requires attention before any addition is taken in hand. The Association will learn with pleasure that a Company has been formed at Luton Parish Church, with the sanction and under the auspices of the Vicar, to learn and practise change-ringing, and that they are in communication with the Committee for advice and instruction.' The report was adopted. The statement of accounts showed that the year was commenced with a balance of 34l. 19s. 4d. The total receipts amounted to 6l. 17s. 7d. After paying all expenses the year concluded with a balance of 32l. 8s. 6d., showing a loss of 2l. 10s. 10d.

The members of the Committee were re-elected with Mr. F. Crouch, of Harrold, in place of the late Mr. Dickens. Mr. T. Bull was appointed Hon. Treasurer; the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. I. Hills, Hon. Secs., and Mr. G. C. Walker, Hon. Auditor. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was appointed as representative of the Association to the Central Council for three years.

The next business was to consider a motion to alter the date of the annual meeting. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker moved that it is expedient to alter the date of the annual meeting, as Easter Monday was not a satisfactory day for many of the members. It was eventually decided to keep to Easter Monday; the time of the business meeting being altered from 12 noon to 11 a.m.

During the day many of the members tried their hands on the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's. At 4 p.m. tea was provided in the Allhallows Room, and at 5 p.m. a service was held in St. Paul's Church, when the Vicar of Ridgmont preached.

An Appeal.

THE ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected Committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one of whose name has been prominent in the exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41 Ranelagh Road, Piccadilly, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E.

Garrard, 21 Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55 Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55 Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43 Lillington Street, Piccadilly, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39 Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3 St. Thomas Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70 Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35 Huddleston Road, Forest Gate, E.; C. F. Winsey, 13 Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W.; M. A. Wood, 41 Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire, on April 26th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5050 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 30½ cwt. in D.

Wm. Willson (Leicester) ..	1	John H. Grundy* ..	6
William H. Inglesant ..	2	James Hutchby* ..	7
Charles Fowler (Leicester) ..	3	John Smith ..	8
T. H. Colburn ..	4	J. W. Taylor, jun. ..	9
Samuel Smith ..	5	Thomas Grundy ..	10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS]

The Surrey Association.

At St. Mary's, Rusper, Sussex, on April 29th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

George Wickens ..	1	Charles Taylor ..	5
George F. Head ..	2	Albert Ellis ..	6
Francis T. Head, junr. ..	3	James Worsfold ..	7
John Akehurst ..	4	Charles R. Lilley ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff; conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

At Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, on April 30th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qrs., in F sharp.

Alfred E. Bassett ..	1	John Crawford ..	5
John Hoyle ..	2	Thomas Tutte* ..	6
Alfred Trappitt ..	3	Arthur Dean ..	7
Charles R. Lilley (condr.) ..	4	John Martin ..	8

[* First peal with a bob-bell.]

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Withford, on April 30th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

William J. Piper ..	1	Arthur Head ..	5
Thomas Lincoln ..	2	William Lincoln ..	6
William Wellington ..	3	George W. Piper ..	7
Ernest Runter ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by William Pye.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON the usual monthly practice-night, Tuesday, May 1st, at St. Paul's Cathedral, by the kind permission of the Dean, the whole-pull-and-stand funeral peal was rung, with bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. John M. Hayes. J. Pettit, 1; J. W. Rowbotham, 2; W. Cooter, 3; R. French, 4; E. Gibbs, 5; G. Muskett, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; H. Springall, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; H. R. Newton, 10; W. Prime, 11; W. T. Cockerill and E. Horrex, 12. Afterwards three leads of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, in which C. T. P. Brice, E. P. O'Meara, and C. F. Winsey took part.

THE rage for Khaki costumes shows no signs of abatement. With the home-coming of the troops in the—we hope not very distant—future, there is likely to be a great demand for such articles. Messrs. John Noble, Limited, Brook Street Mills, Manchester, have just issued a list of Khaki novelties, including costumes, blouses, and waterproofs for ladies, suits for girls and boys, and a special cycling and touring suit for gentlemen. The list may be obtained by sending a post-card to the Mills. Messrs. Noble have issued their new summer catalogue, and draw special attention to their famous line of half-guinea costumes, which are not only good and pretty, but amazingly cheap. There are many elegant designs in the catalogue, and the firm intimate that in the children's department there are thousands of costumes kept in readiness for immediate wear. Ladies' own designs are made.

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