

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Ancient Society of College Youths; at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on June 4th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on June 5th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on June 6th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on June 7th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 8th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on June 9th, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on June 6th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on June 4th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 6th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 7th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 8th.

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 whose name has been prominent in the exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41 Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, 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, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39 Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3 St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; H. Springall, 35 Huddlestons Road, Forest Gate, E.; C. F. Winney, 13 Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W.; M. A. Wood, 41 Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Cleveland and North York Association.

AT the Parish Church, Thornaby-on-Tees, on May 12th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

G. J. Clarkson	1	A. W. Barrett	5
N. Kidd	2	W. Newton	6
T. Metcalfe	3	W. J. Wright	7
T. Beckwith	4	T. Stephenson	8

Composed by W. Shipway and conducted by T. Stephenson. This is the first peal of BOB MAJOR by this Association or by any of the above company, and the first on the bells. It is also the first 5000 by Messrs. Beckwith, Barrett, and Wright, who are members of the Thornaby Company.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Oxhey Society.

AT St. Matthew's, Oxhey, on May 16th, Lates' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

George N. Price (condr.) ..	1	William Norris	5
Hubert Eden	2	Herbert Martin	6
John B. Bates	3	Charles George	7
Walter Norris	4	James Alexander	8

Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation service held at the above church by the Bishop of St. Albans. It is the first peal of STEDMAN by an entirely local band in the county since the days of the famous Bennington band.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Chipping Barnet, on May 23rd, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Bertram Prewett	1	Frank A. Smith	5
Herbert P. Harman	2	Ernest E. Huntley	6
Frank A. Milne*	3	John R. Sharman (condr.)	7
William G. Whitehead ..	4	Arthur T. King	8

Rung to commemorate the eighty-first birthday of Queen Victoria and the relief of Mafeking. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on May 26th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 43 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt.

Edward P. O'Meara	1	John W. Rowbotham ..	5
James Pettit	2	Edwin Horrex	6
Challis F. Winney (condr.)	3	William T. Cockerill ..	7
Matthew A. Wood	4	William E. Garrard ..	8

This is the first peal on the bells, which were dedicated the same afternoon, being the Patronal Festival of the church, by Bishop Barry.

STONE, BUCKS.—On April 28th, by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. F. White, 1; Rev. J. Jenkins, 2; Rev. H. C. Bell (conductor), 3; J. Evans, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; T. H. Taffender, 6. First 720 of MINOR on the bells. Tenor, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, for service, April 29th, 1008 STEDMAN TRIPLES. L. Payne, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Groves (conductor), 7; W. Markwell, 8.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's, on May 2nd, 588 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; S. Hope, 4; A. Dubber, 5; A. Bramall, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; T. Holmes, 8. The above was rung specially to precede the annual dinner.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on May 3rd, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Evans, 1; F. Dentry, 2; Rev. H. C. Bell, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; F. Bissley, 5; W. J. Wilkins, 6; G. A. Alder, 7; A. G. Jones, 8.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church on May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. J. Harper, 1; J. J. Symons, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on May 13th, for evening service, 1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS. S. Davie, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; R. A. Daniell, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; G. R. Fardon, 6; A. E. Bradley, 7; W. Fox, 8; A. F. Harris (conductor), 9; J. Judd, 10. And on May 20th, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. E. Garrard (conductor), 1; G. R. Fardon, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; H. G. Miles, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; W. Fox, 7; J. Judd, 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, on May 13th, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. R. Sewell, 1; E. G. Fenn, 2; G. W. Faulkner, 3; C. Fenn, 4; A. Carter, 5; R. Fenn, 6; T. Faulkner (conductor), 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, at the Parish Church, a date touch, 1900 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins. in the following methods: OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE COURT, and PLAIN BOB MINOR. W. Brown, 1; H. J. Mee, 2; F. Rolfe, 3; A. Rivers, 4; E. Rivers (conductor), 5; G. W. Mee, 6.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 19th, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; T. Holmes, 5; J. George, 6; A. Bramall, 7; H. King, 8. Composed and conducted by J. B. Fenton. Rung to commemorate the relief of Mafeking, South Africa.

WATTON, NORFOLK.—On May 14th, the dedication of the peal of six bells recently erected in the tower of St. Mary's Church took place. The Bishop of Thetford said the dedicatory prayers, and preached. The bells have cost 250*l.*, towards which 130*l.* has been raised.

BRATTON-CLOVELLY Church bells were reopened on May 22nd. The bells have been quarter-turned, provided with new fittings, and hung in a new cage over a new floor, while chiming apparatus, on the Ellacombe principle, has been erected. Mrs. Manning, of Bratton-Clovelly, has borne the entire cost of about 120*l.* A special service was largely attended. The clergy taking part were the Revs. G. C. Bateman, S. Baring Gould, J. Worthington, R.D., Hawking, Grylls. Carr, and Maitland Kelly, the latter, who is President of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, preaching on the uses of bells and the importance of the office of ringer.

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