

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on July 23rd.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Paul's Cathedral, on July 24th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, and St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on July 26th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on July 27th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 25th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 26th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on July 26th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on July 27th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

THIS Association, which was founded in 1890 for the promotion of belfry reform and the cultivation of change-ringing, held its annual gathering in Bath on June 30th, no less than eighty members from all parts of the diocese being present. The towers of the Abbey, St. Mary's, Christ Church, St. James's, St. Mark's, St. Andrew's, Twerton-on-Avon, and St. Michael's were placed at the disposal of the visitors, who afterwards dined together at the Alliance dining-rooms, Westgate Street. The respected Master, the Rev. H. C. Courtney, occupied the chair. After dinner the toast of 'The Queen' was honoured, and the annual business transacted.

The Hon. Secretary read the annual report, which stated that twelve months ago the Association numbered 50 honorary and 350 performing members. Now their total strength was 54 honorary and 353 performing members. Scientifically the Association's progress had been satisfactory, for although they had only scored 11 peals, as against 13 in 1898, the quality of those peals equalled in value of points the 13 scored in 1898, and their position in analysis had been raised from 25th position in 1898 to 20th in 1899. Five peals of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** had been rung (one in the Chew Deanery, three in the Taunton, and one in the Bath Deanery, one peal of **TREBLE BOB MINOR** in four different methods, and one peal of **TREBLE BOB MINOR** in seven different methods, both rung by the Norton Fitzwarren band. Four peals of **STEDMAN TRIPLES** had to be recorded, two in the Taunton Deanery, being the first peals in the method by the Association rung by an entirely local band. Financially the Association continued in a most satisfactory condition, between 25% and 30% being in hand. Three successful meetings had been held during the year at Long Ashton, Taunton (the annual), and Midsomer Norton, which were well attended. Local branches had also been doing good work. The diocesan calendar this year for the first time contained information as to the number of bells in the various towers in the diocese.

The report was adopted, and the Hon. Secretary, in stating that the Bishop of Bath and Wells was *ex-officio* President, read a letter from the Bishop, regretting that his engagements prevented his being present. He wished the Association well with all their undertakings, and he hoped they would not fail to remind themselves, when they assembled for their annual service, that their work was done for the glory of God, and therefore should be conducted in a reverential spirit. The Vice-Presidents, who include the Archdeacon of Bath, Prebendary Stokes-Shaw, and Colonel Wyndham Murray, M.P., were re-elected, and the Rev. H. E. T. Bassett proposed the re-election of the Rev. H. C. Courtney as Master: Mr. J. Maddock (Taunton) seconded, and the resolution was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Tomkins was re-elected as Hon. Secretary, on the proposal of the Master, seconded by Mr. E. E. Burgess (Taunton). Canon Quirk and the Rev. T. J. Muller are among several new hon. and ringing members elected. Yeovil was agreed upon as the next place of meeting. The President, the Hon. Secretary, and Mr. F. N. Quantock-Shulldham (Stoke-under-Ham) were appointed delegates to the Central Council, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President and to those gentlemen who had given permission for the use of their towers. Later in the afternoon the visitors attended service in the Abbey, and heard an address from Canon Quirk.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Westerham, on July 5th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt.
 Sidney A. Wright .. 1 | John Heath .. 5
 Henry J. Selby .. 2 | Thomas Groombridge .. 6
 David Wright .. 3 | John Hack .. 7
 Morgan Whatby* .. 4 | Charles R. Lilley .. 8
 Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by C. R. Lilley. * First peal of MAJOR.]

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on July 9th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.
 Charles Wilkins .. 1 | William Foreman .. 5
 John R. Sharman (condr.) .. 2 | Charles R. Lilley .. 6
 Isaac G. Shade .. 3 | Edgar Wightman .. 7
 Edwin Barnett .. 4 | Arthur T. King .. 8

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on July 15th, for evening service, 1344 **STEDMAN TRIPLES** in 49 mins. W. T. Elson, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; H. G. Miles, 3; S. H. Godfrey, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8.

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