

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on July 30th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on July 31st; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on August 1st; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on August 2nd; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 3rd; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on August 4th, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on August 1st.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on July 30th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 1st.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 2nd.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 3rd.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. Nicholas', Leeds, Kent, on July 15th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERERS, 5006 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

John H. Cheesman	1	Alfred W. Tawney	6
William Pye	2	Herbert J. Ford	7
Walter Mannering	3	Ernest Pye	8
George R. Pye	4	Alfred Palmer	9
John W. Steddy	5	Thomas Groombridge	10

Composed by the late George Newson, conducted by J. H. Cheesman.

The Lancashire Association.

AT St. Paul's, Walkden, on July 16th, Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

James Gratrix	1	John Potter	6
John Worthington	2	William Denner	7
John Denner	3	Joseph Potter (conductor)	8
Alfred Potter	4	William Green	9

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 720 BOB MINOR (8 bobs, 6 singles). W. Halls, 1; W. Nash, 2; R. Fenn, 3; I. Dear, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. Also Penning's 720, with 46 calls. W. Nash, 1; R. Fenn, 2; A. J. T. Carter, 3; I. Dear, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. And 120 GRANDSIRE, with one of the local ringers on the treble.

REDDISH, LANCs.—On July 10th, at St. Elizabeth's Church, a date touch, 1900 changes, of PLAIN BOB MINOR was rung on these bells (back six) for practice, in 1 hr. 4 mins. Walter Lees, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), 2; T. Smithson, 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Smithson, 5; A. Barnes (conductor), 6.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 22nd, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. G. N. Price, 1; H. P. Harman (conductor), 2; S. H. Godfrey, 3; W. T. Cockerill, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; A. H. Taber, 6; G. R. Fardon, 7; J. Basden, 8. Also 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

EALING.—At St. Mary's Church, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. W. Brighton, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; S. H. Godfrey, 3; G. N. Price, 4; G. R. Fardon, 5; J. Basden, 6; C. F. Winney (conductor), 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8.

BLACKBURN.—There is a beautiful peal of ten bells in Blackburn Parish Church—six by the famous Rudhall, of Gloucester, and four by Mears, of London, and it is a pity the inhabitants seldom or never hear the full effect of their 'changes.' On a recent Sunday evening five were rung. Occasionally eight are used—but only very occasionally. Surely there ought to be sufficient love for the bell-ringing art in a populous and Church-loyal centre like Blackburn to get together a full complement of ringers, and, if invited, no doubt the members of other bellries at a distance would visit the place. The *Blackburn Standard* says: 'There is something very fascinating about bell-ringing, and it has been observed that, once a young man takes it up, he very seldom lets his ardour wane.'

It is a healthy exercise. Cannot some influence be brought to bear—Of football and cricket, cycling and billiards, the claims are far from being disregarded. We wish we could say the same of the art of ringing. There is every reason for believing that at the Norman Conquest the art of bell-founding and ringing was well understood, as the grand old towers in our churches clearly point to the large and heavy bells they were built to contain.'

The John Murray Hayes Fund.

LIST of subscriptions continued from CHURCH BELLS of July 20th:—
Dr. J. Symonds, 10s. 6d.; T. Horton, 2s.; G. Cleal, 1s.; W. H. Barber, 1s.; W. R. Small, 1s.; W. H. Godden, 1s.; W. Painter, 1s.; H. R. Newton, 2s. 6d.; J. N. Oxborrow, 2s. 6d.; J. Willshire, 2s. 6d.; A. G. Ellis, 2s. 6d.; H. P. Harman, 2s. 6d.; T. Coxhead, 2s. 6d.; H. Cairns, 1s.; G. Longhurst, 2s. 6d.; H. S. Ellis, 2s. 6d.; F. Dench, 2s. 6d.; E. Duff, 2s. 6d.; G. Chesterman, 2s. 6d.; G. Langford, 1s.; J. Pryer, 2s.; W. Moss, 1s.; T. Barber, 1s.; W. Barber, 2s.; T. H. Driver, 1s.; H. S. Thomas, 1l. 1s.; H. Hopkins, 5s.; A. Hughes, 2s. 6d.; M. A. Wood, 2s.; E. J. Comb, 1s. 6d.; J. Bonney, 6d.; W. Williamson, 1s.; W. Howell, 1s.; R. Goodbourn, 1s.; A. W. Barkus, 1s.; H. Swain, 2s.; J. George, 1s.; J. Barry, 2s.; F. E. Gover, 2s.; G. N. Price, 2s.; C. George, 2s.; T. P. Combs, 1s.; E. Whitbread, 1s.; H. L. Waddington, 1s.; A. Hallett, 1s.; W. H. Buckingham, 1s.; H. Lewes, 1s.; B. Prewett, 2s. 6d.; E. E. Huntley, 2s. 6d.; G. W. Cartmel, 1s.; W. H. L. Buckingham, 1s.; H. Dains, 2s. 6d.; J. Lewes, 2s.; C. Longden, 2s.; A. W. Brighton, 1s.; R. Kilby, 6s.; J. W. Driver, 1s.; C. Charge, 1s.; S. How, 1s.; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 10s.; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 5s.; H. D. Adams, 10s.; W. W. Gifford, 10s.; C. F. Winney, 10s.; J. W. 1s.; B. D., 1s.; J. H. B., 1s.; J. Glynn, 1s.; C. Brice, 2s.; J. Walters, 1s.; Markley, 1s.; W. Saunders, 1s.; R. Miles, 1s.; W. Flatt, 6d.; Slater, 1s.; A. B. Darling, 1s.; J. Moore, 1s.; W. Perry, 6d.; E. Bressley, 1s.; W. Thurgood, 6d.; A. Meeking, 6d.; B. Pencock, 6d.; G. Timms, 6d.; D. Roberts, 1s.; J. Hascocx, 1s.; E. Timms, 6d.; G. Williams, 6d.; W. Capon, 6d.; C. Lambert, 6d.; W. Bull, 6d.; J. Hart, 6d.; H. Andrews, 6d.; W. Davey, 6d.; H. Hale, 6d.; J. Spooner, 6d.; P. T. Preston, 6d.; R. S. Steele, 1s.; P. W. Philpott, 1s.; P. F. Eastman, 6d.; Gloucester, 1s.; J. Kemp, 6d.; S. Green, 6d.; F. A. Tebbs, 2s. 6d.; F. Fenwick, 1s.; Taylor, 5s.; M. Heath, 6d.; Dave, 6d.; Davidson, 1s.; the Parish Church Society, Sheffield (per T. Hattersley), 10s.; E. A. Davies, Esq., 10s.; T. Faulkner, 1s.; A. Whight, 1s.; G. W. Faulkner, 1s.; W. Mildoon, 1s.; R. Fenn, 1s.; C. Fenn, 1s.; E. Fenn, 1s.; A. Carter, 1s.; J. Cottis, 1s.; A. C. Hardy, 1s.; A. Deards, 1s.; A. D. Mason, 1s.; J. Hopkins, 1s.; W. Moore (Bocking), 1s.; E. Radley (Stisted), 6d.; An Old Ringer, 10s.

Lichfield Cathedral Ringers.—E. Gallimore, 1s.; J. Key, 1s.; H. Meacham, 1s.; F. J. Cope, 1s.; J. H. Gallimore, 1s.; C. Barrett, 1s.; W. Dempster, 1s.; A. Bowler, 1s.; A. Millington, 1s.; F. Cope, jun., 1s.; *The Bristol Ringers* (per W. Knight), 17s.; W. Walmsley, 2s.; H. G. Gardener, 2s. 6d.; W. Harvey, 1s. *The Staines Ringers*, 6s.; E. Andrews, 1s.

Total, 36l. 8s. 6d.

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