

## Bells and Bell-ringing.

### Meetings for Practice.

*The Ancient Society of College Youths:* at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on August 7th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, and St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on August 9th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 10th.

*The Waterloo Society:* at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 8th.

*The St. Margaret's Society:* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on August 9th.

*The St. John's Society:* at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 9th.

*The St. Alfege's Society:* at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 10th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

### The St. Margaret's Society, Barking, Essex.

THROUGH the kindly forethought of Mr. E. A. Davies, the vice-president, the members of this Society were enabled to spend a most enjoyable day at Westerham, Kent, on Saturday, July 14th. The party left Barking at 10.22 a.m., and were joined at Cannon Street by Messrs. A. Wight, S. Hayes, and W. T. Cockerill. After arrival at Westerham, refreshments were partaken of, and a move was made to the church, whose bells had been kindly placed at the visitors' disposal by the Rev. C. A. Stubbs, curate-in-charge. Touches in various methods were rung on the fine peal of bells (tenor, 23 cwt.), some of the local ringers meeting and kindly taking part with the visitors. After this a start was made for Squerries Park, under the guidance of Mr. Davies, who, it may be said, resided in Westerham for several years in his younger days. In order to reach the Park a tremendous hill had to be climbed, and the return to Westerham was made along the high road. On reaching the village the company sat down to a capital meat tea at the Fountain Coffee Tavern, Mr. Davies being in the chair, and the Vicar being in the vice-chair.

After tea Mr. Davies expressed the pleasure it gave him and the ringers to have the Vicar's company. It was the first time within his recollection that a Vicar of Barking had come with them on their annual excursion; they were delighted to have him with them, and he hoped he would carry back with him such pleasant recollections of Westerham as to induce him to come out with them next year.—The Vicar, in reply, said he had enjoyed the day immensely, and he thanked Mr. Davies for giving him an opportunity of seeing that beautiful country, which he had never seen before, but which he hoped to often see again.

Some more touches on the bells having been enjoyed, several other places of interest were visited, among them being the old cottage in which Mr. Davies' parents resided when he was quite a youth. The party also had the pleasure of being invited to Squerries Lodge, the residence of the Misses Warde, sisters of Colonel Warde, the lord of the manor. From an archaeological point of view, this is said to be one of the most interesting mansions in the neighbourhood. At the request of the Misses Warde several touches were rung on the handbells. Afterwards the Vicarage, where General Wolfe was born, was visited, and the company were shown around the grounds by Mr. Stubbs. After more ringing the excursionists left Westerham by the 9.35 train. During the journey up to town Mr. Cockerill proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Davies for the excellent arrangements he had made for their enjoyment that day. Mr. Davies, in reply, assured them that it was a pleasure for him to come out with them once more, and he was glad to find that they had enjoyed themselves.

### The Cheltenham and District Guild of Ringers.

ON July 14th, the members of the Cheltenham Guild had their annual outing to Stow-on-the-Wold. About twenty members and friends left the town at nine o'clock in a 'unicorn' brake, and, the day being fine and clear, the ride over the hills was greatly enjoyed. Stow was reached about one o'clock, and the ringers proceeded at once to the belfry and rang a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES on the splendid octave of bells, the tenor weighing 30 cwt. An adjournment was next made to the 'Unicorn Hotel' for dinner. The Rev. F. Parkinson, curate of

Charlton Kings, who was initiated as a member of the Guild during the day, presided at the meal. The toast of the Queen was loyally honoured; and afterwards Mr. Musty, 'father of the Guild,' proposed 'Success' to it. Responses were made by the Chairman and by Mr. Phillott, mention being made of the fact that the Guild now numbers about sixty members, and that its finances are in a prosperous condition. The Guild Book (a present from the Rev. H. Urling Smith, of Prestbury), was produced and handed round, and was found to contain records of fifteen long peals rung since the establishment of the Guild in 1892. Selections were given on the handbells, and subsequently the church bells were again set ringing, while some of the party either went to Bourton-on-the-Water or explored the places of interest in Stow and the vicinity. The party reassembled for tea, and at eight o'clock the homeward journey was commenced. At Naunton the horses were rested, and meanwhile the villagers were entertained with the music of the handbells, time not allowing of acceptance of the Rector's (Rev. Brooke Bradley) proffered hospitality. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Rector of Cheltenham (Rev. Canon Roxby), the Rev. C. Aston and the churchwardens of Leckhampton, Rev. H. Urling Smith and the churchwardens of Prestbury, Rev. T. Hodson and the churchwardens of Charlton Kings, and from the ringing members of Tewkesbury.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Hawley, Hants, on July 21st, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

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|------------------|------|------------------------------|------|
| Alfred E. Reeves | .. 1 | James Hunt                   | .. 5 |
| Rev. H. C. Bell  | .. 2 | Arthur W. Pike               | .. 6 |
| Rev. Evans       | .. 3 | Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) | .. 7 |
| Albert E. Reeves | .. 4 | Maurice Steer                | .. 8 |

#### The Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 21st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

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| Arthur Hardy       | .. 1 | Frederick Richardson | .. 5 |
| John H. Cheesman   | .. 2 | Harry Barton         | .. 6 |
| William H. Fussell | .. 3 | Arthur Jacob         | .. 7 |
| Edwin Barnett      | .. 4 | Edgar Wightman       | .. 8 |

Composed and conducted by Edwin Barnett.

#### The Essex Association.

At All Saints', Feering, Essex, on July 21st, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 18 cwt.

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| David Elliott   | .. 1 | John Sadler        | .. 5 |
| William Hanwick | .. 2 | Ernest W. Backwich | .. 6 |
| George Humm     | .. 3 | Charles Rogers     | .. 7 |
| William Elliott | .. 4 | James Newman       | .. 8 |

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope, conducted by David Elliott. This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight last December.

#### The John Murray Hayes Fund.

PREVIOUSLY acknowledged, 36l. 5s. 6d.: D. Lovett, 2s.; J. C. Truss, 2s.; T. Mash, 1s.; H. C. Cook, 6d.; E. M. Oliver, 1s.; T. W. C., 6d.; W. Mash, 6d.; A. Roper, 6d.; A. Marsh, 2s. 6d.; L. Rayfield, 6d.; W. H. F., 6d.; L. Relton, 1s.; T. A. Ellis, 6d.; J. Edwards, 6d.; H. Eager, 6d.; J. Eager, 6d.; F. Eager, 6d.; G. H. H., 1s.; G. Mash, 6d.; W. Walden, 6d.; T. Walker, 6d.; A. Bilbe, 6d.; C. L. Hedger, 6d. Total, 37l. 7s. The name which appeared in a former list as W. Barber should have been W. Baron, 2s.

On receiving this sum from Messrs. E. P. O'Meara and W. T. Cockerill on July 24th, Mrs. Hayes desired them to express her sincere thanks to all who have kindly subscribed to this fund on her behalf.

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