

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on March 4th.
The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on March 8th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. John at Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on March 5th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 8th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on March 6th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on March 7th.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 23rd, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt.

James Pettit ..	1	Thomas Langdon ..	7
Herbert Langdon ..	2	William E. Garrard ..	8
Henry Springall ..	3	William T. Cockerill ..	9
Herbert P. Harman ..	4	John W. Golding ..	10
William H. Pasmore ..	5	Walter Prime ..	11
George R. Fardon ..	6	Edward P. O'Meara ..	12

Composed by the late Henry W. Haley, conducted by James Pettit.

Dalton-in-Furness.

At the Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on February 7th, for practice, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 26 singles, in 25 mins. J. Huddleston, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; A. F. Hardy (Barrow-in-Furness), 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 4 bobs and 26 singles, in 27 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; T. Suart, 2; A. F. Hardy, 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On February 10th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 4 bobs and 14 singles, in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; W. H. Dennison, 6. And on February 17th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 18 bobs and 18 singles, in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; W. H. Dennison, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. At the Parish Church, on Feb. 21st, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 27 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. F. Hardy (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also a 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; A. F. Hardy, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. First of GRANDSIRE MINOR for A. F. Hardy. On Feb. 24th, for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE, 14 singles and 4 bobs, in 25 mins. W. H. Dennison, 1; F. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At All Saints' Church, eight members of the Midland Counties' Association attempted a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, over 5000 changes, and took 3 hrs. 9 mins. in accomplishing. Although the company were successful in ringing the full number of changes, this achievement did not constitute a 'true peal,' owing to a change-course, which occurred five minutes before the ringers completed their task. But for this error the performance was noteworthy as the first peal of STEDMAN ever rung in Nottingham. T. Woolley, 1; T. Horton, 2; E. Robinson, 3; W. H. Inglesant, 4; J. Hickman, 5; — Newham, 6; H. W. Albott (conductor), 7; W. Clifton, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in E. The bells were rung half-muffled.

DEWSBURY.—The ringers at the Parish Church rang a muffled peal previous to the memorial service to the Queen, and also after the service; and on Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., a date touch, 1901 changes, in honour of the accession of His Majesty the King. J. Garforth, 1; F. Bailey, 2; W. Ainley, 3; C. Senior, 4; I. Idle, 5; G. H. Hardy (conductor), 6; J. H. Dixon, 7; G. Taylor, 8.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—In response to an invitation from the Baglan bell-ringers, the ringers of St. Mary's, Aberavon, recently made an attempt to ring 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR on the musical ring of six bells hung in Baglan Church tower, by Taylor, of Loughborough. The result was a well-struck 720 in 27 mins., being the first 720 on the bells. Touches of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were also rung, including 360. Mr. E. Clarke (tenor) was the conductor. The tenor bell, in G, weighs about 13 cwt.

JARROW.—MEETING OF BELL-RINGERS.—A general meeting of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocese of ringers was held in the Ben Lomond Hotel, Jarrow, there being a large attendance. Mr. R. S. Storey, of Whitley, presided over the gathering, and there were also present the Rev. George Pybus, vicar of Jarrow Grange; the Rev. J. M. Cook, of Gosforth; Mr. C. L. Routledge, secretary; and Mr. T. Hodgson, vice-chairman. The Chairman intimated that bells were being erected in Gosforth, Newcastle, and West Hartlepool. Four new honorary and eight active members were enrolled, and the meeting terminated. St. Peter's and Christ Church bells were used during the afternoon, seven bells of 720 changes being rung in various methods.

BROCKWELL, ST. ANDREW'S.—For nearly a year the balls of this church have only been rung occasionally, owing to the opinion of an expert that frequent ringing was dangerous, the woodwork being in a bad condition. Some three months ago it was decided to have the bells retuned, and one of them, which was damaged, recast. When they were taken down it was discovered that the beams and joists were in a very rotten and dangerous state; the spindle of one of the bells was almost broken through. Consequently it was determined to have new woodwork wherever necessary, including three new floors, new beams, joists, and doors. That the parishioners were heartily in favour of the work has been clearly demonstrated, as more money was subscribed than was at first thought needful, but the unexpectedly large outlay on the work in the tower has to be met. At the service for the rededication of the bells, the Bishop of the Falkland Islands (assistant bishop for the diocese of Bath and Wells) officiated, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. R. H. B. Warren (curate of Wrexall) also being present.

SAXMUNDHAM RINGERS.—For many years there has been in Saxmundham a lack of bell-ringers. The church tower possesses a very good peal of six bells, but, unless visited by followers of the art from other parishes, they were very spasmodically rung. Meetings were held last year, and by the energy of Mr. H. E. Jolly (who undertook the duties of hon. secretary) and others a company was formed, and by assiduous practising great progress has been made. A dinner was recently held, at which the Rector (the Rev. G. F. Richardson) presided. The company also gave an exhibition of skill on the handbells.

YORK MINSTER BELL-RINGERS.—The Annual Dinner (postponed owing to the death of Her late Majesty the Queen) was held at the Lowther Hotel. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Breed (one of the York Minster band of ringers). Mr. Cudall took the chair, and Mr. W. H. Howard the vice-chair. A very pleasant evening was passed.

ALPHINGTON: ANNUAL SUPPER.—The members and friends of the local Society of Bell-ringers had their annual supper at the 'New Inn,' Mr. C. Coles catering in a most satisfactory manner. In the absence of the President (the Rev. E. J. G. Dupuis), the Rev. H. James presided. The usual loyal and other toasts were drunk, including the 'Host and Hostess,' Mr. and Mrs. Coles. Some capital songs were sung. Mr. T. H. Smith was the pianist. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

DEATH OF A WAKEFIELD RINGER.—There has passed away, after a short illness, an old Wakefield ringer, in the person of William Firth, at the age of forty-eight. Mr. Firth had been a bell-ringer for about thirty years, and came of an old family of ringers, his father having been a ringer at the old Parish Church over forty years ago. He was also very intimately acquainted with the bells at Holbeck Parish Church, and had rung several long peals at the above and other places in the district. The interment took place at the Cemetery. The Cathedral ringers attended, and rang a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS at the graveside, afterwards proceeding to the Cathedral and ringing a short muffled peal as a last token of respect to their deceased comrade.

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