

Bells and Bell-ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association.

At St. Paul's, Hoddesdon, Herts, on March 20th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Isaac Cavill 1	Captain H. Baker 5
George Dent 2	Stephen Knight 6
William Pye (conductor) .. 3	Henry G. Rowe 7
George Barker* 4	William Cavill* 8

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to N. P. Christie, Esq., one of the donors of the bells. The ringers were entertained at the Maidenhead Hotel after the peal. [* First peal in the method.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on March 20th, Lates' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

H. P. Harman (conductor) 1	Isaac G. Shade 5
Charles Wilkins 2	Lewis Silver 6
Harry R. Pasmore 3	John H. Cheesman .. 7
Walter Ingham 4	David Barnes 8

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Lambert's, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, on March 22nd, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

James Mott 1	Lewis Wiffen 6
William Rumsey 2	George Rowe, jun.* .. 7
Frederick Borrett 3	James Rumsey 8
William Groom 4	Alfred Grimes 9
Egbert Borrett* 5	William Grimes 10

Composed by H. Johnson, and conducted by James Motts. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 42 mins.:—W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; W. Fisher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; A. Fletcher, 5; S. Baker, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8. On Easter Day, March 30th, for the Early Celebration, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; S. Baker, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8. Also for the 11 a.m. Celebration, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—W. Jeavons, 1; W. Fisher, 2; A. Baker, 3; E. Goodreds (conductor), 4; A. Fletcher, 5; S. Baker, 6; J. Roberts, 7; A. Law, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 42 mins.:—W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; E. Goodreds, 3; A. Fletcher, 4; J. Roberts, 5; S. Baker, 6; W. Fisher, 7; A. Law, 8; composed by W. T. Elson, conducted by W. Fisher.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—At a cost of 1987. 10s., towards which 1877. has been raised by subscriptions in the village and neighbourhood and a bazaar, the four bells of St. Margaret's Church have been repaired and rebung, and a fifth bell added to the peal bearing the inscription 'To the glory of God and in memory of Queen Victoria.' The work has been done by Messrs. Llewellyns & James, of Bristol. A dedication service was held at 3 p.m. on Easter Monday, at which the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath delivered an admirable address. Preceded by the churchwardens, the clergy present (the Archdeacon and the Vicars of Queen Charlton, Brislington, Whitchurch, and Stanton Drew) went in procession from the Manor House to the Church. There was a large congregation, and after the service the inhabitants of Queen Charlton and those visitors who cared to do so took tea in the Manor House and walked in the grounds. Assisted by four of the Keynsham Church ringers a number of merry peals were rung during the evening, and the sweet tone of the bells (old and new) was generally admired. The form of service was that published at CHURCH BELLS' Office.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for early service two touches; 171 and 360 STEDMAN TRIPLES; most of the ringers afterwards received the Holy Communion at the same service. For Morning Service 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES; and for Evening Service 588 STEDMAN TRIPLES. Previous to ringing for Evening Service the ringers were met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., who accompanied them to the belfry, where he addressed them with a few kindly words of sympathy and encouragement, and also offered up special prayers

previous to the commencement of the ringing. This proof of the Vicar's kindly interest was highly appreciated by the ringers. The ringers were Messrs. Tom and George Marshall (father and son), Meakin, Mottershead, Jackson, Bayley, Booth, Barber, and Astbury.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, March 16th, on the new ring of five bells recently hung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the following rang three six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES:—G. Chatfield, 1; S. Hope, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. H. White (conductor), 5. Also on Saturday, March 29th, several six-scores in the same method:—G. Chatfield, 1; J. H. White, 2; S. Hope, 3; W. Maund, 4; R. Bosworth (conductor), 5.

NEW BELLS AT BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—The Bishop of Bath and Wells has dedicated new bells erected to make an octave. The six bells which were erected in 1824 were found to be unsafe, so a new cage being necessary, the parish decided to increase the number. A special service was held, and the church was crowded. The Rev. Prebendary Dupuis received the bells at the hands of the Bishop. Of the new bells one is in memory of the late Queen Victoria, and has the names of the Rev. Prebendary Dupuis, vicar of Burnham, and Messrs. R. Brice and Alfred Whitaker inscribed thereon. The other bell is to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII., and has upon it the names of Mr. G. B. Sully, chairman, and Mr. Henry Marchent, vice-chairman of the Urban Council. When the six were erected, the names of twelve representatives of old Burnham families were inscribed on them.

THE 'FATHER' OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Mr. James Robert Haworth, who has been a generous contributor in the past, has given a donation of upwards of 160l. towards defraying the cost of re-fitting the offices of the Printers' Corporation, Gray's Inn Chambers, High Holborn.

THERE has passed away a few days ago a resident of Dorking, Mr. Henry Boxall, who had a unique record as a bell-ringer. Born in the same year as the late Queen Victoria, he rang on her accession, her coronation, her wedding, her two jubilees, on the occasion of her death, and on the accession of King Edward VII. He rang in three monarchies, commencing with William IV.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (The Cathedral).

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LOCAL RINGERS.

These two following peals are recorded on one board:—

S. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 11th, 1884, was rung here by Eight Members of the above Society, Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

Henry Lewis Treble	Newman N. Hills 5th
James Pettit 2nd	Jasper G. Crawley .. 6th
Herbert Baker 3rd	H. G. Fairbrass 7th
William Smith 4th	Thomas Gathard Tenor

Conducted by J. Pettit.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29th, 1885, was Rung here by Eight Members of the above Association, Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

Arthur Godman Treble	George W. Cortmel 5th
W. H. L. Buckingham .. 2nd	Arthur Godman, sen. .. 6th
Henry J. Tucker 3rd	Thomas Gathard 7th
Newman N. Hills 4th	Walter Battle Tenor

Conducted by H. J. Tucker.

Ven. W. J. Lawrance, M.A., Rector.

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