

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At the Parish Church, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, on March 12th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

J. G. Orford	1	F. Plant	5
J. Smith	2	Rev. C. A. Clements ..	6
J. Bass	3	A. J. Skelding	7
F. Brace	4	R. Mathews	8

Composed by T. Day, and conducted by J. G. Orford.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At Christ Church, Spitalfields, on March 15th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 34 cwt.

William Truss	1	Herbert Langdon	5
Alfred B. Peck	2	James E. Davis	6
George N. Price	3	Thomas Groombridge ..	7
Harry R. Pasmore	4	John W. Golding	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Harry R. Pasmore. First peal in the method on the bells. This is J. W. Golding's 100th peal.

At the Church of St. Mary, Matfelon, Whitechapel, on March 22nd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George N. Price (condr.) ..	1	James Scholes	5
Samuel E. Joyce	2	Alfred B. Peck	6
Edward Wallage	3	Emanuel Hall	7
William Truss	4	William T. Cockerill ..	8

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Duke of Cambridge.

The Waterloo Society, London, and the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.

At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, on March 19th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Mark Woodcock	1	Arthur N. Hardy	5
Frederick J. Perrin	2	Herbert Langdon (condr.)	6
Arthur Jacob	3	Thomas Langdon	7
Frank Smith	4	Thomas Langdon	8

Rung on the back eight (having met short), with bells half-muffled for the Duke of Cambridge.

The Kent County Association.

At the Victoria Tower, Chatham, Kent, on March 19th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John H. Cheesman (condr.) ..	1	William Haigh	5
George Conyard	2	Lewis Silver	6
William Easter	3	Frederick French	7
James Tulett	4	William J. Walker	8

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At the Church of St. Peter, Colchester, Essex, on March 19th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

James Motts	1	— Bumstead*	5
Edward Sherwood	2	Edward Evans*	6
Richard W. Stannard	3	Lewis W. Wiffen	7
William Billenness*	4	Robert H. Brundle	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by James Motts. This was L. W. Wiffen's fiftieth peal. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, on March 22nd, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Robert Sperring	1	Henry Dew	5
Ernest Smith	2	James Morgan	6
V. Cain	3	William Sconce	7
H. W. Wilde	4	James Moulton	8

Composed by F. Robinson, and conducted by Robert Sperring.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On March 22nd, eight members of the St. George's Society rang a funeral peal, with the bells half muffled, whole-pull-and-stand, as a last mark of respect to the late Duke of Cambridge. W. H. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Flowers, 2; A. T. Gardiner, 3; W. Green, 4; E. M. Oliver, 5; G. Woodage, 6; A. J. Wilson, 7; E. E. Clements, 8. The large bell was tolled on the day of the Duke's death and on the day of the funeral.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, 720 BOB MINOR.—R. Baker (conductor), 1; A. Baldry, 2; C. Woods, 3; Rev. J. Scudamore, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; A. Williams, 6. And after service another 720 with C. Woods, 2; H. Sparkes, 3; L. Folkard, 4; W. Felgate, 6; the rest as before.

OBITUARY.

THE death of Mr. Henry Daniels took place at Streatham, in his seventy-eighth year. He had been a ringer between fifty and sixty years, and had rung the Immanuel Church (Streatham) bells since they were first hung, thirty-nine years ago. Born in Streatham, he lived there all his life, and was closely identified with Immanuel Church, both as a chorister and a ringer, and was also steeple-keeper and controller of the ringing there. Amid many evidences of the esteem in which he was held, and regret at his death, a memorial service was held at Immanuel Church on the day of the funeral, previous to the burial which took place at Norwood Cemetery the same afternoon. A half-muffled peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung on Immanuel bells to his memory by the Mitcham Company.

MR. WILLIAM MILLER, of Wolstanton, who died aged 55, had been a bell-ringer for about forty years, and had for thirty years of that time been conductor. He had taken part in a number of peals, chiefly GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. He was a careful striker and safe conductor. On the following Sunday evening 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung with the bells deeply muffled. Just before the funeral a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung, conducted by W. Fitchford; and at night, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. The ringers representing the Stoke Archidiaconal Association at the funeral were S. Churton and W. Rigby.

MR. WILLIAM CHARGE died on his twenty-third birthday from consumption. He was buried in his native village, Little Hadham, Herts, on March 12th. He was a working member of the All Saints (Fulham) Society, and also belonged to the Essex and Middlesex Associations, the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, and the Waterloo Society. Although his active ringing career had lasted only about eighteen months, he had rung thirteen peals, viz., KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 1; STEDMAN CATERS, 4; STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1; GRANDSIRE CATERS, 3; GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 2; BOB MAJOR, 1; OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 1. His last ringing effort was to arrange the 'William peal' of TREBLE TEN at Fulham in April, 1902, which illness prevented him from ringing in. Since that time his health had gradually failed, and his death cut short a ringing career which had been full of promise.

INTIMATIONS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the members of the North and East District of this Association will be held at the Parish Church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 in the afternoon.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday, 4th April, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open from 2. Service at the Cathedral at 5, address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by business meeting. A motion will be made for the alteration of the County Districts from five to two, and that in every year four district meetings be held in both divisions.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell, Surrey, on Easter Monday. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock, by kind permission of the Vicar—the Rev. R. Hunt. Tea at the Church Room, opposite the Church, at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual meeting. Visitors and non-members wishing to partake of tea (1s. 6d. per head) must advise Mr. C. E. Read, Flint Cottage, London Road, Ewell, not later than the 31st inst.

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