BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

East Derbyshire Association.

The annual meeting of members of this Association was held at Ashover on Easter Monday, when members were present from Ashover, Bakewell, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, Pentrick, Swanwick, South Normanton, South Wingfield and North Wingfield. The annual service was held in church at 4.30 p.m., at which thirty-nine ringers attended, together with several parishioners. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, and he made special reference to the necessity for punctual attendance at ringing, especially for the services of the Church.

The business meeting was held in the school. The President (Rev. C. J. Boden) was supported by the Rev. J. B. Nodder (Rector of Ashover), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The minutes were duly read and confirmed, also the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £12 4s., and was considered very satisfactory. The Secretary proposed and the Rev. J. B. Nodder seconded, that Mr. R. Lloyd, of Clay Cross, be President for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously. Mr. J. Smith, of Clay Cross, was re-elected as Treasurer; and Mr. T. Allibone, of North Wingfield, was re-elected Secretary. It was decided by a large majority that the next annual meeting be held at Tibshelf. After the meeting the members wended their way to the tower, where various touches in 8, 6 and 5 bell methods were rung, the tone and 'go' of the bells being greatly admired by all who heard them. The bells were kept going till nearly 10 p.m., one and all having spent an enjoyable day.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Harlow, Essex, on April 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Frederick C. Perrin ..	1	Henry J. Tucker.	5
George Jordan	2	Thomas Jordan	6
Walter Hobbs	3	William Watts (condr.) ..	7
Isaac Cavill	4	Alfred Bass*	8

Rung on the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, East Meon, Hants, on April 4th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

Septimus Radford.. ..	1	Conor O'Brien	5
Thomas Attwell	2	W. H. George	6
Ernest Allen	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
William T. Tucker* ..	4	George W. Brion	8

[* First peal of Stedman.]

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Saviour's, Oxton, Cheshire, on April 4th, Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 20¼ cwt., in E.

John Owens	1	Sidney Barnes	5
Harry S. Brocklebank ..	2	Joseph Hughes	6
Robert Birchall	3	William Hughes	7
George R. Newton (condr.)	4	Charles W. Owens ..	8

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Westerham, Kent, on April 4th, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt., in E flat.

Henry J. Selby	1	Sidney A. Wright ..	5
George B. Selby	2	Ernest G. Stibbons ..	6
Herbert Langdon	3	David Wright	7
Albert V. Selby	4	William E. Garrard ..	8

Composed by F. Dench and conducted by W. E. Garrard.

The Surrey Association.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey, on April 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins.

Joseph Fayers	1	Ernest C. Lambert ..	5
James D. Drewett ..	2	Lewin C. Ferrige	6
Douglas W. Drewett ..	3	William S. Smith (condr.)	7
Charles Dean	4	William Gray	8

The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Reading, Berks, on April 4th, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

H. Simmonds	1	J. Hands	5
E. J. Menday	2	T. Newman	6
E. W. Menday	3	H. W. Smith	7
G. Essex	4	R. T. Hibbert	8

Composed by C. Middleton and conducted by R. T. Hibbert.

New Bells of Bocking, Essex.—Mrs. Carrington, wife of the Dean and Rector of Bocking, Essex, has given an order for two additional bells, to complete the octave, for the parish church, to commemorate the sixtieth year of the Dean's rectorship.

The Cumberland Competition.—The competition for the shield presented by the President (Canon Rawnsley) of the Cumberland Association of Change-ringers took place at Egremont Parish Church. The Cleator Moor St. John's were the holders of the trophy last year, and again entered, the other contestants being Carlisle St. Stephen's and Workington St. Michael's. The teams competed in the following order, the competition touch being 720 Violet Minor. Workington rang 28 minutes, 60 faults; Carlisle, 26 minutes, 265 faults; Cleator Moor, 25 minutes, 113 faults. The adjudicator was Mr. Chapman, of Salford, and at the adjournment to the Parish Room, Workington were declared by the Secretary of the Association (Mr. J. D. Baxter, Cleator Moor) to be the winners.

Death of an Aged Ringer.—Mr. Charles Goodyear, one of the oldest inhabitants of Belbroughton, Worcestershire, died on Passion Sunday, March 20th, in his 81st year. He had been a life-long ringer, and as an instance of his vigour rang the treble in two successive 720's of Bob Minor in June last. He was a most excellent treble ringer, and an enthusiast in the art. He was born in the house in which he died, and it was his father's home before him. In the first half of the last century, viz., April 9th, 1849, he was appointed beadle and parish clerk, and in 1899, when fifty years had passed, he was still holding the same appointment. In that year he was presented with a handsome clock and testimonial at a meeting of his fellow-parishioners, chief among whom were the Rector and Mr. C. W. Noel, as a mark of their appreciation of his long service. After the funeral service a muffled 720 of Bob Minor was rung in memory of their departed colleague by the following: G. Hubbard, E. Baylis, E. Hatton, G. Parton, J. Parton, H. Martin. In the evening 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung: E. Baylis, W. Boughton, W. Shilvock, J. Parton, G. Parton, H. Martin.

The Central Council.

The Hon. Secretary of this Council has intimated that the Second Session of the Fifth Council will be held at York on Whitsun Tuesday, May 24th, 1904. Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations are reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st. At present not many more than half the number have been paid. The remainder should be forwarded without delay. Members of Committees and others will kindly bear in mind that the latest day, Saturday, April 23rd, for sending in reports and notices of motion is rapidly drawing near.

INTIMATIONS.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 21st; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on April 12th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 26th. Business meetings at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, afterwards on the 12th and 26th.

The Lancashire Association (Blackburn Branch).—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30.

The Sussex County Association (Central Division).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending a card to G. Williams, Hon. Sec., by April 20th.

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