

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Vicar's Bell-ringing Record.

LAST week we referred to the fact that the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, had made a notable record, having rung his 1000th peal, this being the first 1000th peal of 5000 changes and upwards ever rung by one person, and we now give a list of the peals:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
GRANDSIRE TRIPLES	53	8
" CATERS (including a 13,247) ..	29	1
STEDMAN TRIPLES (one non-conducted) ..	626	485
" CATERS (including a 12,041 and 15,041, record) ..	75	41
" CINQUES	4	1
UNION TRIPLES	1	
COLLEGE SINGLE TRIPLES	2	
BOB MAJOR	2	
BOB ROYAL	1	
DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR	1	
DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR (including a 10,080 and a 12,096) ..	90	5
DUFFIELD MAJOR	1	
OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR	3	
KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR	11	2
" " " ROYAL	11	
" " " MAXIMUS	2	
DUFFIELD ROYAL	1	
SUPERLATIVE MAJOR	58	6
CAMBRIDGE	16	4
LONDON " (including an 11,328) ..	13	3
Rung in 313 towers	1000	556

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Stephens, Coleman Street, on August 12th. a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Maurice Smith	1	Isaac G. Shade	5
John J. Lamb	2	William Pye	6
Alfred W. Brighton	3	James George	7
Bertram Prewett	4	Ernest Pye	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Clanfield, Oxon, on August 14th, a variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John Monk	1	Albert Brooks	5
George H. Phillott	2	Frederick Pounds	6
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) ..	7
Harry Miles	4	Jesse Brooks	8

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of three new bells by the Bishop of Reading. A new frame has been put in, and the old bells rehung, the work being carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on August 5th, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Thomas B. Kendall	1	Clement Glenn	5
Fred Roo Barraclough	2	Charles Jackson	6
Thomas H. Taffender	3	William Woodhead	7
Joseph Broadley	4	George Barraclough	8

At Holy Trinity, Hull, on August 7th, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Thomas H. Taffender	1	Thomas Haigh	5
Alfred Naylor	2	George Barraclough	6
George Halksworth	3	Clement Glenn	7
George T. Marshall	4	Charles Jackson	8

Both peals conducted by T. H. Taffender.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Peter's, Raunds, Northants, on August 12th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat.

James Nickerson	1	Walter Gilbert	5
Fred Stubbs	2	Lewis Chapman	6
Fred Gilbert	3	Henry Stubbs	7
Reginald Loveday	4	Charles R. Lilley	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, and conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

The Midland Counties and Yorkshire Association.

At St. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on August 12th, Carter's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

Archie Brearsley	1	George W. Moss*	5
David Farthing	2	William Lambert	6
Samuel Wesley (conductor)	3	Benjamin A. Knights	7
George Hollis	4	Arthur Knights	8

[* First peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.]

Longborough, Gloucestershire.—An interesting event took place recently in the parish church at Longborough. A special peal was to be rung, and Mr. W. Large, of Todenham, was invited to take part. It had been arranged that this opportunity should be taken to present him with a clock, subscribed for by the Vicar and ringers, as an acknowledgment of the interest and trouble he had taken in training the ringers. The Vicar was present, and expressed the thanks of those present for Mr. Large's kind help, begging him to accept a memento of their gratitude. The clock bore a silver plate, on which was a suitable inscription.

THE LATE MR. JOHN C. WALKER.—It is with deep regret we record the death, at the early age of forty-one years, of the above-named ringer, who passed away on Wednesday, August 9th. He began to ring with St. Michael's Company about eighteen years ago. His connection with the St. Chad's (Far Headingley, Leeds) tower had extended altogether over a period of some twelve years, and only for a Sunday or two had he been absent. His death occurred at the Leeds Infirmary. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1891. He was not a big peal-ringer, but was always willing to make one for a band or stand down for a stranger; he was a very good attender at Sunday ringings. He was well known and highly respected, and his death will be greatly felt by those left behind at St. Chad's. The funeral took place at Lawnwood Cemetery on Saturday, the 12th inst., the Rev. W. T. Elliott taking the first part of the service in St. Chad's Church. Six of his brother ringers carried him to his last resting-place. The Rev. T. H. Dixon, a brother ringer, officiated at the grave, and a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung at the graveside by the following:—Fred R. Barraclough, 1-2; G. Barraclough, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; J. Whittaker, 7-8. The same evening a muffled peal was rung, 5040, which appeared in CHURCH BELLS last week.

NOTICES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (MANCHESTER BRANCH).—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich (six bells) on Saturday, September 2nd. Meeting at 7. Cars leave Deansgate every few minutes.—W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available at 4. Tea, 6d. per head, for all who inform me they are coming.—H. EDEN, Hon. District Sec., Chalk Hill House, Watford.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice will be held on Saturday, September 9th, at the Church of St. Stephen, Hampstead, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m., or earlier if required.—T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec., 91 Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting.—This will take place at Wigan on Saturday, September 30th. Nominations for the office of vice-president and ringing secretary and four representatives to the Central Council must be sent in not later than September 5th to the General Secretary. All notices of proposed alterations of rules to be sent in by same date. All reports of ringing meetings up to 31st inst. to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 4 Co-operation Street, Bacup. Further particulars by circular.—A. E. WREAKS, General Secretary: J. SHEPHERD, Ringing Secretary, 4 Helena Street, St. Irlams-o'-th'-Height, Manchester.

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