

Bells and Bell-Ringers.

CHANGE-RINGING.

A Peal of Stedman Caters (5,163 changes) by G. Astbury, Stockport.

2	3	1	4	5	6	7	8	9		
3	1	5	4	6	2	9	7	8	*	5
3	1	2	5	6	4					16
3	1	4	2	6	5					—
4	1	3	5	6	2					—
4	1	2	3	6	5					—
2	1	4	5	6	3					—
2	1	3	4	6	5					—
2	1	5	3	6	4					—
5	1	2	4	6	3					—
5	1	3	2	6	4					—
5	1	4	3	6	2					—
4	1	5	2	6	3					—
4	1	5	3	6	2					S
4	1	2	5	6	3					—
4	1	3	2	6	5					—
3	1	4	5	6	2					—
3	1	2	4	6	5					—
2	1	3	5	6	4					—
2	1	4	3	6	5					—
2	1	5	4	6	3					—
5	1	2	3	6	4					—
5	1	4	2	6	3					—
5	1	3	4	6	2					—
3	1	5	2	6	4					—
2	1	4	5	6	3	8	7	9	†	—

* Bobs at 1 4 6 7 10 11 12 13 14.

† Bobs at 1 2 5 10 13 14 16, and from this course-end call the whole of the 5, 16 calling exactly as given above, and the 48th course-end will be 2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 9. Round at hand next change. Has the extent of 1 6 in 2 5.

[We have pleasure in inserting the figures of this peal, but have not had the opportunity of proving them.]

Yorkshire Association.—Far Headingley, Leeds.

On Saturday, March 3rd, in 2hrs. 55min., at St. Chad's Church, a peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes. Brooks's. Tenor. 20cwt.

A. Stokoe	1	G. Barraclough	5
F. R. Barraclough	2	W. Allwood	6
Clem. Glenn	3	W. Child	7
A. Nash	4	D. York	8

Conducted by C. Glenn. Rung as birthday compliments to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing many happy returns of his birthday.

Gargrave.

On Saturday, February 17th, 1906, in 3h., at the Church of St. Andrew, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes.

*Joseph Langstroth .. Treble	William Townson	5
James Wane	Christopher Langstroth ..	6
*Joshua Lofthouse	John McKell	7
*Arthur R. Jones	Henry Birtwhistle	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parkee; conducted by John McKell.

*First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Sunderland.

On Friday, February 16th, 1906, in 2hrs. 45min., at the Parish Church, a peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes. A Variation of Thurstan's Four-Part. Tenor 14½cwt.

William Story	Treble	Frank Naisby	5
Robert W. Lovie	2	Alfred F. Hillier	6
John J. Leighton	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson	7
Thomas W. Ditchburn ..	4	John Hawes	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

New Mills, Derbyshire.—Chester Diocesan Guild.

On Monday, February 19th, 1906, in 3h. 4min., at the Parish Church, a peal of Treble Bob Major, 5,024 changes, in the Kent variation. Tenor 13½cwt.

*William Butler	Treble	Egbert Stamper	5
William Lowery	2	Rev. A. T. Beeston	6
William Walker	3	William Marshall	7
Alfred Barnes	4	Fred Holt	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights; conducted by Rev. A. T. Beeston. * First peal.

Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

On Thursday, February 22nd, 1906, in 3hrs. 8min., at Christ Church, Southgate, a peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes. Thurstan's Four-Part. Tenor 25cwt.

Sidney Wade	Treble	Frederick G. Tegg	5
Isaac J. Attwater	2	William Pickworth	6
Harry E. Balaam	3	John Armstrong	7
John E. Miller	4	*Charles Bale	Tenor

Conducted by Isaac J. Attwater.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday, being his first peal in the method as conductor. * First peal.

Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington.

On Saturday, February 24th, 1906, in 3hrs. 25min., at the Church of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, 5,093 changes. Tenor 32cwt.

Arthur Cutmore	Treble	Henry G. Miles	6
John T. Kentish	2	Henry W. Kirton	7
Albert V. Selby	3	Archibald F. Harris	8
Ernest G. Stibbons	4	William E. Garrard	9
Henry W. Wilkes	5	Fredk. J. Redknap	Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. Banks James, and conducted by W. E. Garrard.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. H. B. Hesse.

On February 17th a meeting of members of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers (Northern Branch) took place at Scunthorpe. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. on the ring of eight bells of the parish church, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung. A short service was held at 5.30, at which the Vicar gave an address on the office and duties of a ringer. After the service a tea was provided.

Obituary.

JOHN ALFRED ROUNDHILL.—One of the ringers of the parish church of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, has died at the age of forty-one years. He was laid to rest at St. Chad's, within the sound of the bells he loved so well. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by his brother-ringers—896 Double Norwich, also 756 of Stedman Triples, time not allowing for a full peal:—

A. Stokoe	1	G. E. Mathew	5
F. R. Barraclough	2	J. Moxon	6
D. Swift	3	W. Child (conductor) ..	7
J. Bennett	4	G. Barraclough	8

Several beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from his brother-ringers and from sympathising friends.

G. B.

The valuation report issued by the Actuary of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, for 1905, shows that the number of life policies in force at December 31st, 1905, was 773,051, assuring, with bonus, 85,944,245l., and producing a premium income of 4,118,360l. per annum. The double endowment table introduced in the year 1903 has, we are glad to learn, proved very successful, there being nearly 27,000 of these policies in force, assuring over 3,260,000l.; including these policies, there are 622,422 policies effected under the endowment assurance tables, where the sum assured is payable in the life time of the policy-holder. The life annuities payable are 3,369 in number, and amount to 114,081l. per annum. The Staff Provident Fund also shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the amount to its credit being 148,491l.

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