

# Bells and Bell-Ringers.

## CHANGE-RINGING. St. Nicholas Guild, Bristol.

On Monday, April 16th, 1906, in three hours and twenty-three minutes at the Church of St. Nicholas. A Peal of Stedman Caters. 5,019 changes. Tenor 36cwt.

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| F. G. May .....    | Treble | H. Parsons .....  | 6     |
| J. Holman .....    | 2      | L. Phillips ..... | 7     |
| G. T. Daltry ..... | 3      | J. Flint .....    | 8     |
| C. Tomkins .....   | 4      | J. Richmond ..... | 9     |
| J. Hinton .....    | 5      | H. Howell .....   | Tenor |

Composed and conducted by Frederick G. May.  
J. Holman from Sheffield; J. Flint from Bolsover.

## St. George's, Stockport.

On Easter Sunday morning, April 15th, ten members of St. George's Society of Ringers met in the tower at 6.30 a.m., and rang a touch of Grandsire Caters for early Communion Service at 7 a.m., each one afterwards attending the service:—W. Jackson (treble), H. Jackson, T. Jackson, E. Morfee, J. Booth, J. Mottershead, G. Astbury, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley (conductor), F. Bradley (tenor). It may be mentioned, as indicating the deep interest which the ringers take in their church, that ringing for the above early service is purely voluntary on the part of the ringers.

## The Peal Attempt at Exeter Cathedral.

A band representing the Ancient Society of College Youths, drawn chiefly from London, made a second attempt on Monday to ring a peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral with one man on the tenor, a huge product of 72cwt., and the largest for ringing purposes in the world. An initial effort was made a few months ago, but the failure of one of the original choices to keep his appointment brought the attempt to a failure. On Monday the band was a very strong one, and accomplished excellent work, but before two hours (or less than half the time which would have been occupied in ringing a complete peal) had expired, the man on the tenor had to give up his task. The Birmingham men were in attendance, having come to hear the attempt. The striking was pronounced by critics (who were outside) as "very good." The band on Monday comprised the following:—Messrs. C. F. Winney, treble; T. H. Taffender, second; G. R. Fardon, third; G. N. Price, fourth; T. Faulkner, fifth; A. B. Peck, sixth; J. Davis, seventh; W. W. Gifford, eighth; R. T. Hibbert, ninth; H. R. Newton, tenor.

## St. George the Martyr, Southwark.

On Wednesday evening, April 11th, 1906, for the memorial service for the late Miss Busk, many years one of the guardians and a member of the above church, the bells were rung half-muffled for the service, and after the whole pull and stand was rung as a last mark of respect. The performers were:—T. H. Taffender, treble; W. H. Taffender, second; G. F. Woodage, third; H. May, jun., fourth; H. J. Gummer, jun., fifth; G. Woodage, sixth; T. G. Walden, seventh; A. T. Gardner, tenor. Conducted by G. Woodage, sen.

## The Hertfordshire Association.

The twenty-second annual general meeting of the Herts Association was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and was attended by seventy-two members. The four towers in the city were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and some very good touches were rung in various methods, including Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise, and Bob Royal. At five o'clock a service was held in the cathedral, and a special address to ringers was delivered by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. He spoke of the great change which had come over ringing and ringers during the last twenty years, and of the privilege which ringers enjoyed in being able to take so active a part in Church work. At six o'clock tea was partaken of at the Corn Exchange; and the members of the Association were honoured by the presence of the Bishop and the Dean of St. Albans. On this occasion the cathedral was thrown open to the ringers free of charge, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Dean for this concession. Votes of thanks were also passed to the other clergy in the city for the use of their respective bells, and to Mr. E. P. Debenham for acting as honorary secretary in the absence of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, who was prevented by illness from attending.

## The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).

(Concluded from last week.)

We held our third annual concert on Saturday, October 14th, in the "St. George's Hall," Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, City, in the afternoon. We had changed the place of the concert each year for want of more space, some five hundred people attending this last one, the hall being crowded to its utmost capacity. It had been the means of bringing a large number of members and friends together for a most enjoyable evening. The artists were nearly all of high-class standard, the change-ringing being of the best, Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Royal and the tune-playing on handbells by different companies being applauded. The secretary said "he would like to see some of his northern friends down on the programme for some of this," but they regretted the distance was too far to come from Yorkshire. Financially, it has proved a slight source of revenue to the funds; but this was not the idea from which it originated, but was promoted from the social point of view. We very much regret that we have lost by death Mr. H. Stubbs, of Stoke Newington, who was accidentally killed on May 5th, and left a widow and eight children. A subscription-list was opened and a sum of 13l. 6s. 6d. was subscribed; a sum of not less than 1l. was forwarded to Mrs. Stubbs each week from May 19th until the entire sum was exhausted.

The auditor (Mr. J. Pryer) then presented the balance-sheet for 1905, which showed a balance in hand of 8l. 1s. 3d., which was a decrease; the balance-sheet was given in full detail of the items of expenditure and sources of income. Mr. Pryer explained the decrease, that after the last annual meeting they had revised Rule XVII. so that all expenditure incurred in the year should be included in the balance-sheet for that year, so that they now really got two years' expenditure on the balance-sheet, as they had always been a year in arrears. On the motion of Mr. R. A. Daniell, seconded by Mr. R. Bevan, the balance-sheet was accepted.

The fifteen peals rung during the past year were submitted; it was proposed by Mr. A. Jacob, seconded by Mr. A. N. Hardy, that they be entered in the Grand Peal-book. It was further proposed that Mr. W. H. Fussell undertake the work.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Mr. George R. Fardon retired from the chair, but was again nominated and duly elected. Mr. Thomas H. Taffender was re-elected hon. secretary. Mr. Challis F. Winney was re-elected hon. treasurer. From the office of junior steward Mr. William J. Troughton was promoted to that of senior steward. For the office of junior steward a heated election took place. Mr. Frank A. Smith, of Kennington, and Mr. Charles J. North, of Clapham, were nominated. These gentlemen retired from the room whilst the election took place, each of the proposers speaking for their man. On a vote being taken they each received the same number of votes. The Master decided to draw by lot; a hat was quickly forthcoming, and the master duly declared Mr. Frank A. Smith elected. Messrs. R. A. Daniell and M. Woodcock were re-elected trustees, and the following eight gentlemen as a representative committee—Messrs. R. Bevan, N.W.; C. Carew Cox, W.; A. R. Jacob, N.; T. Langdon, S.E.; A. B. Peck, E.; F. G. Perrin, S.E.; J. Pryer, S.W.; and A. A. Scambler, E.

It was proposed and carried that two members represent the association on the Central Council as heretofore, and Messrs. G. R. Fardon and C. F. Winney were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded the officers for the work of the past year, also to the authorities of St. Clement's, and the organist and choir for their reception that day. Mr. T. H. Taffender, replying on behalf of the officers, thanked them and said it was to Mr. Daniell, who took such a great interest in the association, to whom the thanks for the arrangements of that day were due. This concluded the business meeting, which had occupied two hours and twenty minutes.

The members then adjourned to the meeting-house, it being too late for more ringing. This brought to a close another successful annual meeting.

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