

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

*The Llandaff Diocesan Association.*

THE quarterly meeting was held at Caldicot on Monday, the 6th inst. The proceedings commenced with a short choral service and an address on Col. iii. 17, by the Vicar. The tower contains eight bells in the key of F, tenor 16½ cwt., a pre-reformation bell inscribed, 'In honore Sancta Mariha.' The others are from the Whitechapel Foundry, with the trebles from Bristol. The only peal on them hitherto was rung on December 7th, 1889, by the Caerleon band. At the business meeting in the schoolroom, the Rev. F. W. Clarke presided. The Rev. W. A. Downing, vicar of Caerwent, was present, and promised to approach the Cathedral authorities with a view to obtaining a relaxation of the newly-imposed regulation concerning the use of the Cathedral bells.

*The Late Mr. George Newson.*

On Thursday, the 16th inst., at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, City of London, ten members of the Cumberland Society rang a funeral peal, consisting of the whole-pull-and-stand, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. G. Newson, a prominent member of the above Society, who died on Tuesday, the 7th inst., aged fifty-one years, and was buried at Hampstead Cemetery on the 11th inst. J. Nelms (conductor), 1; W. Meads, 2; D. Lovett, 3; J. Barry, 4; J. Wheeler, 5; G. Watkins, 6; P. Gaymer, 7; W. D. Matthews, 8; J. Lewis, 9; A. E. Church, 10. Tenor, 31 cwt. The following also assisted in the ringing: Messrs. Moore, Haslam, Trinner, Linstead, and others.

Also, on Saturday, the 18th inst., at St. James's, Clerkenwell, London, a muffled peal was rung in memory of Mr. Newson, who had performed some notable ringing at the above church, including SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR and LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. C. Linstead, 1; H. Grimmer, 2; D. Haslam, 3; R. Matthews, 4; J. Bismire, 5; A. Linstead, 6; J. Barry (conductor), 7; E. Thorne, 8.

On Friday, the 17th inst., at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, Kent, eight members of the Kent County Association rang a muffled peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 10 mins., in memory of Mr. G. Newson. I. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; H. Hoskins, 3; W. Foreman, 4; J. Waghorn, 5; F. Thorneton, 6; F. G. Bailey, 7; W. Jeffery, 8.

On Sunday morning, the 12th inst., for Divine service, the bells of St. Edward's, Romford, Essex, were rung half muffled in the methods of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, TREBLE BOB, and BOB MAJOR, to the memory of the late George Newson, who was, for a considerable time, a resident and ringer of Romford tower, and was also one of the ringers and conductor of the long peal of 13,440 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR rung at the above church two years ago.

*Clyst St. George, Devon.*

As a mark of respect for the late Colonel Troyte, a muffled peal of eight six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung on Wednesday evening, the 15th inst., by the local band.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks.*

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. Truss (first peal in the method), 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; F. K. Biggs, 3; J. C. Truss, jun., 4; R. H. Biggs, 5; F. Boreham, 6; F. G. Biggs, 7; H. N. Davis (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The composition is in two parts, with the 2nd never in 5-6, the 3rd only four course-ends in 6ths, and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. W. Truss and H. N. Davis came from London.

*At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex.*

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang Dains peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 1½ mins. G. Gatland (first peal of SUPERLATIVE), 1; B. Foskett, 2; F. Bennett, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; J. Parker, 5; H. Dains, 6; A. Jacob, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

*At St. Gregory's, Sudbury, Suffolk.*

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Ely Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 6 mins. W. Howell, sen., 1; H. Harper, 2; Z. Slater, 3; C. Sillitoe, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. H. Osborne, 6; A. Symonds, 7; S. Slater, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by C. Sillitoe. This

composition has the 6th nine course-ends at home, and is the quickest peal of MAJOR on the bells. Messrs. Symonds and Smith came from Lavenham; the brothers Slater, Glemsford; Osborne, Bury St. Edmunds; the rest belong to the Sudbury Company.

*At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berks.*

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstans' peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 38 mins. C. Hounslow, 1; F. C. Exon, 2; T. Short, 3; C. H. Exon, 4; W. Baston, 5; E. Hims, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; C. H. Fowler, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

*At St. Mary's, Bow, East London.*

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 6016 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 40 mins. J. Scholes, 1; F. Clayton (King's Norton, Worcestershire), 2; S. Joyce, 3; A. Hardy, 4; E. Hall, 5; E. Clayton, 6; H. Springall, 7; S. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Composed by A. Knights, of Chesterfield, and conducted by H. Springall.

*At Holy Trinity, Privett, Hampshire.*

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 51 mins. G. Holland,\* 1; H. Satton (conductor), 2; G. Ayling, 3; L. Read,\* 4; J. Harris,\* 5; W. Read, 6; R. Hasted, 7; J. Baker, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The ringers of the 5th and 7th came from Winchester, the rest belong to the local band. \* First peal.

*At St. James's, Tong, Yorkshire.*

On Saturday, the 11th inst., a peal of 10,440 changes was rung on the six bells of this village church by five of the local ringers (members of the Yorkshire Association), with the assistance of Mr. R. P. Farrow (Queen's Coll., Oxford), youngest son of the Vicar. The peal was compiled from the following fourteen methods: 720 changes each, and 360 changes of KENT, and occupied 5 hrs. 51 mins.:—(1) MORNING DELIGHT, (2) CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, (3) EBOR, (4) MORNING EXERCISE, (5) TULIP, (6) PRIMROSE, (7) COLLEGE TREBLE, (8) ARNOLD'S VICTORY, (9) CITY DELIGHT, (10) COLLEGE PLEASURE, (11) VIOLET, (12) DICK OF YORK, (13) NEW LONDON PLEASURE, (14) OXFORD, (15) KENT (half-peal). It is the longest length yet rung by the Yorkshire Association. E. Oddy (first peal), 1; S. Oddy, 2; R. P. Farrow, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

*At the Parish Church, Loughborough, Leicestershire.*

On Friday, the 17th inst., the Loughborough Branch of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers rang 5008 GRANDSIRE CATERERS in 3 hrs. 22 mins. (changes per minute, 2476). F. Sherwood (first peal), 1; R. F. Lane, 2; W. H. Inglesant, 3; A. Matthews, 4; G. Hardy, 5; W. Hickley, 6; F. Barrett, 7; E. W. Cartwright, 8; J. W. Taylor, jun., 9; T. Grundy, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. Composed by John Carter, and conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun.

AT HATFIELD, HERTS.—On a Sunday, a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Powers, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; J. Rumney, 3; A. Shepherd (conductor), 4; J. Kentish, 5; H. Shepherd, 6; J. Hollingsworth, 7; H. Tharby, 8.

AT WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—*Handbell-ringing.*—On a Monday, for practice, the Parish Church ringers, members of the Central Northamptonshire Association, accomplished a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (taken from the *Clavis*), being 1260 changes (with 30 bobs) in 42 mins. G. Turnell, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

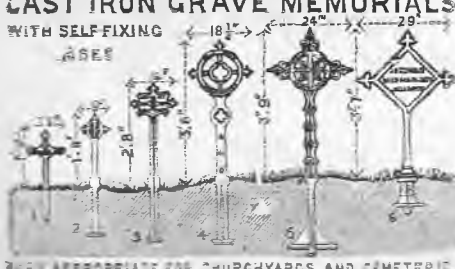
AT CHADWELL HEATH, ESSEX.—*Handbell-ringing.*—On Thursday, the 2nd inst., on handbells retained in hand, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES E. Pye, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; W. Pye (conductor), 5-6; A. Pye, 7-8. This is supposed to be the first 504 in this method on record in which four brothers have taken part.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Thursday, the 19th ult., for a Confirmation, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Hughes, 1; E. Jones, 2; H. Jarman, 3; W. Morris, 4; G. Whitfield (conductor), 5; R. Edwards, 6; W. H. Jones, 7; W. Norton, 8.

AT ROMFORD, ESSEX.—*Handbell-ringing.*—On Wednesday, the 1st inst., 720 BOB MINOR. W. Pye (first 720 double-handed), 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Dale, 5-6.

G. W. CARTMEL.—Many thanks for your kind letter. The difficulty is to get the secretaries to send the reports early. Your own ought to have been in time for an earlier number.

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