

Bells and Bell-ringing.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—A District Meeting (no allowances) will be held at Brabourne on Saturday afternoon, May 24th, at four o'clock.
C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

WE regret to announce the death of the Rev. Henry Earle Bulwer, hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, and the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers.

Mr. Bulwer was known throughout the country as an ardent supporter of change-ringing, and had devoted much labour to the organization of the Diocesan Association. His connection with the science and practice of change-ringing began in 1879, when he was residing at Needham, near Harleston, and where he was constantly in the society of such enthusiastic ringers as the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, the late Captain Moore, and Mr. Gervas Holmes.

The Redenhall Bell Foundry was started about the same time, and being a mechanic of no mean order, Mr. Bulwer took the greatest interest, and often lent a hand, in the work carried out there. He joined the talented company of ringers who had the beautiful tower of Redenhall as their headquarters, and rang his first peal there on May 3rd, 1881. This peal was also composed by him—a double honour and a very rare occurrence. In 1882 Mr. Bulwer went as senior curate to Hunstanton; and unfortunately lost all further opportunity for belfry practice. Nevertheless he was firmly wedded to the science, and pursued it with increased zeal on paper. In conjunction with Sir Arthur Heywood he carried out researches into the science upon mathematical lines—the old plan of composing peals by rule of thumb was shown by them to be extremely faulty, and in a series of brilliant papers in the 'Ringers' Record' they thoroughly established themselves as masters of the higher branches of change-ringing.

Mr. Bulwer, at the time of his death, was the acknowledged head of the scientific members of the exercise in the country, and his services were always in request as a referee in intricate technical matters. In February, 1890, after the death of the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, Mr. Bulwer was elected secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, and at once rearranged the whole body, divided the diocese into districts, each with a secretary, and in a short time made the Norwich Association a power in the ringing world. In 1891 Mr. Bulwer was asked by the leading ringers of England to undertake the organization of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, which under his careful guidance soon justified its existence, and became to the ringing world what the M.C.C. is to the world of cricket.

Henfield (Sussex) Bell-ringers' Outing.

THE members of the Henfield Bell-ringers' Society, and a few friends, making a party of nineteen, visited London on Tuesday, May 6th. Mr. W. Markwell, the Secretary, had prepared an interesting programme, and the party was also accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Wakeford), and by the Captain (Mr. C. Tyler). On arriving at London Bridge, a visit was made to St. Saviour's, Southwark, the Church shortly to be used as a Cathedral for the new diocese of Southwark. Naturally a visit was paid to the bells and bell chamber. The tenor bell of this peal is over 51 cwt. The party then proceeded to the Tower, and viewed the specimens of old armour and weapons there displayed. Among many objects of interest was a Chinese bell, the inscription on which was left untranslated! On leaving the Tower the party proceeded to St. Paul's Cathedral, and by special permission of Canon Scott Holland, were shown everything, including the bells, mechanism of the clock, &c. Some of the party even had the privilege of helping to raise the great bell weighing nearly 17 tons, to toll for the 1.15 p.m. service. Luncheon was partaken of at Evans' Restaurant close by, and thus refreshed some of the members proceeded to Trafalgar Square, and visited the National Gallery, and all met again at 4.30 at the Houses of Parliament. Sir Henry Fletcher later on met them and gave them a hearty greeting, and procured passes for about ten of them to the Strangers' Gallery, while the discussion on the Education Bill was in progress. At 7.20 the party started for home from Victoria after a most pleasant and interesting day.

Ilkeston Victorian Memorial.

LAST week the Bishop of Southwell attended the parish church to dedicate new bells, constituting Ilkeston's Victorian Memorial. The estimated cost has been from 500l. or 600l. About 450l. has already

been promised. One bell has been given by the Vicar of Ilkeston, and bears the following inscription: 'Victoria Memorial, 1902. Magnificat anima mea Dominum. The gift of the Rev. E. Muirhead Evans, M.A., vicar.' A second bell is inscribed: 'Victoria Memorial, 1902. Te Deum Laudamus. The gift of Charles Maltby, J.P., churchwarden.' A third bell bears the following: 'Victoria Memorial, 1902. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritum Sancto. This bell was given by John Ralph Melland Thompson, of Harefields, Ilkeston, and Alice his wife. (Cast by Carr & Co., Smethwick, 1902).' A fourth bell is inscribed: 'All glory be to God on high, 1630. Recast at the expense of John Ball, J.P., and Elizabeth A. Wood, the surviving children of Wm. Ball, Dodson House, in this parish, 1902.' The weight of the tenor bell, given by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, is 16 cwt. Westminster chimes for the church clock will be ready in about six weeks' time, and brass tablets are to be affixed to the tower, stating that the bells have been restored and added to as a Victorian memorial, the names of the vicar, the Mayor, and the two churchwardens being inscribed on the plates. The Mayor and Mayoress, and representatives of the Corporation attended the dedication service.

RINGERS' MEETING AT BARWELL.—The quarterly meeting of the Nuneaton District of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers was held at Barwell recently, representatives being present from the parish and from Hinckley, Earl Shilton, and Stoney Stanton. Occasion was taken of the gathering to unveil a tablet which had been erected in the belfry of the parish church to commemorate the ringing of the first long peal on the augmented peal of eight bells. The ceremony was performed by the Rector, the Rev. R. Titley, M.A., in the presence of a large company.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Church of St. Mary, Bow, on May 3rd, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., in the Kent Variation. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Samuel Hayes	1	Samuel Joyce	5
James Scholes	2	William Dallimore	6
York Green	3	Henry Springall	7
William Truss	4	Henry Torble	8

Composed by York Green, and conducted by Henry Springall.

The Essex Association.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

At the Church of St. Margaret, Barking, on May 3rd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E flat.

George Cottis*	1	Alfred J. T. Carter	5
James Cottis*	2	Rowland Fenn	6
Geo. W. Faulkner	3	Caleb Fenn	7
Thomas Faulkner (condr.)	4	Edward A. Davies	8

[* First peal.]

The Middlesex County Association.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on May 5th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

Arthur T. King	1	William Tegg	5
Alfred R. Glasscock	2	John E. Miller	6
Frank A. Milne	3	Frank C. Newman	7
Harry Miller	4	Sidney Wade	8

Composed by Arthur T. King, and conducted by Sidney Wade.

The Devonshire Guild.

At St. David's, Exeter, on May 3rd, members of St. David's and St. Sidwell's Societies of Change-ringers met under the auspices of the above Guild and rang Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

E. Searle	1	T. Mudge	5
A. W. Searle (conductor)	2	W. Richardson	6
C. Carter	3	J. Moss	7
E. Shepherd	4	J. Richards	8

For service at St. David's the same party, with the substitution of Mr. W. Drake for Mr. Richardson, rang a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES; also 1056 BOB MAJOR, in 40 mins., both conducted by Mr. E. Shepherd. Recently for practice at the same church a plain course of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. W. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; J. Moss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6.

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