

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (December 2nd).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, on December 5th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 7th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John at Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on December 6th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on December 7th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 9th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on December 8th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 7th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on December 8th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on December 9th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

WITH the view of getting a gathering of members in the Kettering district, the Autumn meeting was arranged to take place at Rushton this year. The Rector (the Rev. C. M. Wetherall), the churchwardens, and the local ringers heartily supported the meeting in every way, and were accorded the best thanks of the members for their kindness. Representatives attended from Kettering, Rushden, Ecton, Desborough, Rothwell, Wellingborough, Northampton, Earls Barton, and Stoke Albany. The Rev. R. Copeman, rector of Stoke Albany; the Rev. E. C. Channer, vicar of Ravensthorpe; Mr. Clark, a visitor from Australia; and the Rev. R. H. B. Crossthwaite, curate of Rothwell, were also present. Tea was provided in the Working Men's Institute, to which, in addition to the Rector of Rushton and his churchwarden (Mr. Cook), about thirty sat down. Kettering was fixed upon as the town for the next quarterly meeting. Mr. T. Smith, of Hardwycke, and the Rev. W. Macmanus, rector of Broughton, were elected honorary members, and the ringers of Broughton ordinary members. The Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes, spoke of the loss the town of Wellingborough and their Association had sustained in the death of Mr. W. Woolston, of Westlands, who was a liberal helper in all belfry improvements.

Rushton bells are now a ring of six. They were rehung two years ago, and a treble added, the old second and tenor being at the same time recast. The treble weighs 3 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb., and is dated 1896; second, 4 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb., 1720; third, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb., 1896; fourth, 5 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb., 1844; fifth, 5 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb., ancient; tenor, 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb., 1896. The old tenor was dated 1593, the old second 1732. The fourth bell was cast by Mears, of London. The fifth is an ancient 'Alphabet' bell without date.

These occasional meetings in the villages in various parts of the district are a great source of the Association's extension and success. They give opportunity for town and country ringers to meet together for their mutual benefit, and lead to the acquisition of new honorary and performing members. The Rev. R. Copeman, of Stoke Albany, is a practical ringer, and the Rev. R. H. B. Crossthwaite is learning to manage a bell under the tuition of the Rothwell Company. Rushton bells are a cheery little peal, and the belfry is a model of convenience and comfort.

Bell-ringing at Hereford Cathedral.

SINCE the rehanging of the Hereford Cathedral bells by Blackburn & Greenleaf in 1892, repeated attempts have been made by different bands of ringers to ring a complete peal on them, but up to the present each attempt has been unsuccessful. Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham, has on several occasions selected a first-class band from different parts of the country, but on each occasion has met with disappointment. On Whit Monday last Mr. J. E. Groves, the Hereford Guild instructor, brought his band from Wolverhampton to try their skill on this fine ring of ten bells, and this time the peal would undoubtedly have been completed had not the clapper of the eighth bell broken after ringing for nearly three hours. This same band again visited Hereford on Saturday, November 12th, and made another

attempt to ring a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, but met with the usual disappointment; owing to the damp weather the ropes had become stiff, and it was with difficulty the bells were kept going so long, the longest attempt on this occasion being a little over an hour. It may be mentioned here that on November 13th some of the ringers who visited Hereford rang in the workshop of Mr. T. Hobby, builder, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 18 mins. H. Knight, 1-2; C. H. Watts, 3-4; J. E. Groves, 5-6; W. Greenleaf, 7-8. Composed and conducted by Mr. J. E. Groves. This is the first peal of 5040 changes ever rung in the city of Hereford, also the first peal on handbells ever rung in the county of Hereford. The performers are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Ringmer, on November 19th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

George Williams ..	1	John S. Goldsmith ..	5
Robert J. Dawe ..	2	Thomas Card* ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	George A. King ..	7
Edward C. Marritt ..	4	Keith Hart ..	8

Composed by J. S. Wilde, conducted by Keith Hart. [* First peal. of SUPERLATIVE.]

The Durham and Newcastle Association.

At Holy Trinity, Sunderland, on November 22nd, a peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Robert M. Pick ..	1	Thomas H. Naisby* ..	5
William T. Robson ..	2	John J. Leighton* ..	6
William Smallwood* ..	3	John Naisby† ..	7
Thomas W. Ditchburn* ..	4	Thomas Brass* ..	8

Composed by B. Annable, conducted by John Naisby. [* First peal. † First peal as conductor.]

BARKING, ESSEX.—At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, on November 20th, for evening service, 1280 changes of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR in 46 mins. A. Deards, 1; E. Wightman, 2; G. R. Pye 3; C. Fenn, 4; R. Fenn, 5; E. Andrews, 6; A. C. Hardy, 7; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 8. Also after service, with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. A. Carter, one of the local ringers, 448 CAMBRIDGE and 448 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. A. Brighton (conductor), 1; E. Pye, 2; G. R. Pye, 3; C. Fenn, 4; E. Wightman, 5; R. Fenn, 6; A. C. Hardy, 7; W. Pye, 8.

PIMLICO.—At St. John-the-Evangelist's, on Sunday evening, November 20th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. W. Channer, 1; G. T. McLaughlin, 2; S. J. Reed, 3; E. Duff, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; J. Thimblethorpe, 6; J. N. Oxborrow (conductor), 7; R. A. Wilson, 8.

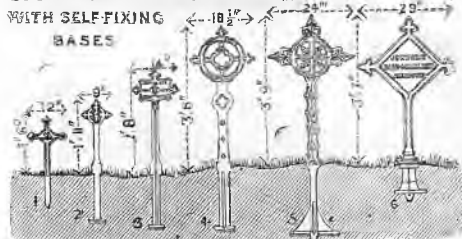
WHITECHAPEL.—At the Church of St. Mary Matfelon, on November 23rd, for practice, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. T. Bernardine, 1; J. Scholes, 2; E. Wallage, 3; T. H. Taffender, 4; A. Hughes, 5; A. Alford, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; W. Williamson, 8. Composed by J. P. Bradley, and contains fourteen 4-6's, fourteen 6-7's, and fourteen 7-4's.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Saturday, November 26th, a general meeting of ringers took place at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, when about twenty-five to thirty attended. The following 720's and touches were rung:—720 BOB MINOR: G. Hayden, 1; J. Waghorn, sen., 2; W. Doran, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Moule, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (twelve bobs): A. Deards, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; E. Lucas, 3; C. Fenn, 4; R. Fenn, 5; A. Hardy, 6. Also 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES: A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; C. Fenn, 2; A. Hardy, 3; R. Fenn, 4; J. Dale, 5; A. Deards, 6. Also touches of DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR, and several 120's of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. Before and after the meeting the handbells were brought into use, when touches of GRANDSIRE CATERS, TREBLE BOB MAJOR, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by Messrs. Hardy, Fenn, Perkins, and Deards.

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- The Ancient Society of College Youths:* at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on December 12th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on December 13th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on December 14th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 16th.
- Royal Cumberland Society:* at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on December 16th.
- The Waterloo Society:* at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 14th.
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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At Christ Church, Oldbury, Worcestershire, on November 21st, a peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES** (Brook's Variation), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

William R. Small .. 1	Samuel Reeves (condr.) .. 5
William H. Godden .. 2	John T. Elton .. 6
Thomas Horton .. 3	Reuben Hall .. 7
William Micklewright .. 4	James Hall .. 8

At St. Martin's, Tipton, on December 3rd, Holt's Original Peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Farington Jones .. 1	Adam H. Hill (conductor) .. 5
Thomas Horton .. 2	Alfred Smith .. 6
James Hall .. 3	Reuben Hall .. 7
George James .. 4	Ernest Brown .. 8

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Farington Jones.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Bolney, on November 26th, a peal of **CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

George A. King .. 1	Edward C. Merritt .. 5
George F. Attree .. 2	James N. Frossell .. 6
Frank Bennett .. 3	Keith Hart .. 7
George Smart .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by C. Middleton, conducted by George Williams. This was the first peal of **CAMBRIDGE** on these bells.

And at St. Nicholas's, Brighton, on November 28th, a peal of **LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

James N. Frossell .. 1	George Smart .. 5
George F. Attree .. 2	George A. King .. 6
Frank Bennett .. 3	Keith Hart .. 7
Edward C. Merritt .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by H. Dains, conducted by George Williams. This was the first peal of **LONDON** on these bells.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Bromsgrove, on November 26th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

John Carter .. 1	James George .. 5
Albert Jackson .. 2	John Mason .. 6
William Rock Small .. 3	George Bourne .. 7
Oliver James .. 4	James Parry .. 8

Composed by John Carter and conducted by James George. (A note to this peal will appear in next week's issue.)

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At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Hanbury, Worcestershire, on November 27th, a peal of **BOB MAJOR**, 5104 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Alfred Moore .. 1	William Rock Small .. 5
John Mason .. 2	James George .. 6
George Hayward .. 3	George Bourne .. 7
John Carter .. 4	Oliver James .. 8

Composed and conducted by John Carter. This composition is in twelve parts, and contains the 4th and 6th only in 6th's place at the course-ends. This peal was arranged and rung on the birthday of James George, the band wishing him many happy returns.

The Waterloo Society.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, on December 3rd, Holt's Original peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Edward Turle .. 1	Harry Barton (conductor) .. 5
Albert E. Quaife .. 2	Arthur R. Davis .. 6
Frederick G. Perrin .. 3	Walter C. Hasted .. 7
William H. Webber .. 4	Frederick Gentry .. 8

DORKING.—A district meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers was held at St. Martin's Church, Dorking, on November 28th. Members and friends were present from Guildford, Leatherhead, Ashted, Reigate, Betchworth, and Dorking, the attendance numbering between 20 and 30. Touches of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, **TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, and **PLAIN BOB MAJOR** were rung, and two or three of the younger members were piloted through their touches. The bells were kept going from 6.30 to 9 o'clock. The meeting was arranged by Mr. E. E. Dodd, of Dorking, who is the district secretary.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—Recently, at St. Andrew's, 720 **BOB MINOR** and 720 **DOUBLE COURT BOB**, for morning service: G. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (condr.), 2; R. G. Pye, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale, 5; W. Watson, 6. Also, on handbells, four differently-called 720's **BOB MINOR**: J. Dale, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (condr.), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, November 27th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 1260 changes, in 47 mins., by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild:—J. Harper, 1; A. D. Stone, 2; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 3; J. T. Mathews (first quarter-peal of the method on inside bell), 4; A. E. Tomlins, 5; J. Gould, 6; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 7. E. Newman, 8. And on December 4th, for service, 504 **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**. J. Harper, 1; E. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. T. Mathews, 6; W. J. Pickard, 7; R. Harman, 8.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's, on November 23th, a quarter-peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; S. Hall, 4; J. George, 5; A. Dubber, 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Composed by James George, and conducted by Albert Dubber.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on November 28th, a quarter-peal of **STEDMAN CINQUES**, 1311 changes, in 59 mins. H. Tucker, 1; J. Hinton, 2; H. Pring, 3; A. Pearce, 4; G. Pearce, 5; C. Gordon, 6; W. A. Cave, 7; W. W. Porch, 8; C. Tompkins, 9; H. Porch (condr.), 10; G. T. Daltry, 11; P. Cane, 12. This is the first quarter-peal of **STEDMAN CINQUES** rung in this city by an entirely local band.

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Reviews

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THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' COMPANION. (Church of England Sunday School Institute.)—This well-edited and attractively illustrated volume is just the kind of book which fathers or mothers may confidently place in the hands of their children. One of the pictures in the volume, 'The Promise of Summer,' is particularly good of its kind.

JACK AND JILL (T. Nelson & Sons. 1s.), is a book of favourite nursery rhymes with outline pictures for little folk to paint. It is very good value and just the kind of book which delights children.

BRUCE REYNELL. By J. Duncan Craig, D.D. (Elliot Stock.)—This very readable book describes the experiences of an Oxford graduate who acted for a time as *locum tenens* in a parish in Ireland. The story was written about twelve years ago, during those dark, dismal days when anarchy and lawlessness reigned supreme in that unhappy country. The writer tells us in the preface that it is his 'firm conviction that there will be no permanent peace, no lasting rest in Ireland until the Word of God is restored to its rightful position in the education of Irish youth, and until in every school throughout the land the Bible is taught to the Roman Catholic and Protestant children receiving instruction therein.' Bruce Reynell's first introduction to his flock, in the person of Miss Gwyneth Kildinning, a charming Irish girl, was sufficient, in spite of her attractions, to lead him to wish he had never crossed to the Emerald Isle. But his experiences were useful in opening his eyes to some of the tragedies which have darkened its history, and the story is an eloquent appeal for Bible education for all classes and creeds in Ireland.

THE CLERGYMAN'S READY REFERENCE DIARY, 1899. (London: Bemrose & Sons, Limited. In cloth, plain edges, 3s. 6d.; in roan, gilt, 5s.)—This work is for the special use of the clergy and their parish workers, for each or any of whom it will be a seasonable present. It has been thoroughly revised, brought up to date in the completest and most efficient manner, is most excellently printed, and of very convenient size.

BY THE GAIL WATER, by Ella Napier Lefroy (S.P.C.K., 1s.), is a pathetic little story of youthful heroism. It has been carefully written and is distinctly interesting.

Magazines.

GREAT THOUGHTS contains an excellent selection of literary matter. 'The Prose Poetry of John Ruskin,' and 'Jean Paul Richter as a Writer,' Mr. Blaythway's interview with Mr. Hay Cameron, the artist; and the talk with Mr. Charles Hill on the Sunday question, are especially interesting.

THE LADY has a fine picture of the Duchess of Argyll on the first page, and we find exquisite designs for costumes for the gentler sex. A coloured supplement is also given—'The Little Peacemaker.' There are numerous stories by well-known writers, and the Christmas number of the *Lady* is throughout very good.

THE BOOKMAN.—The Christmas issue, with supplement, of this enterprising publication contains more than twenty portraits of people notable in the publishing and literary world. Contributors to the columns headed 'The Reader' include Mr. Clement K. Shorter, who writes interesting reminiscences of his bookshelves; Mr. W. Pett Ridge, who happily describes 'Boys among their Books,' and Mr. Albert Dawson, who gives a very readable account of 'The Pearson People and their Publications.' The reviews are, as always in the *Bookman*, brightly and conscientiously written. The issue, imposing in size and beautifully illustrated and printed, is a credit to all concerned.

THE NEWSAGENT AND BOOKSELLERS' REVIEW has published a capital Christmas catalogue. It consists of a large quarto of over 160 pages. It will be found useful not only by the trade, but by those who are at a loss to know what books to buy for their friends. Mr. F. V. Poole's cover is charmingly artistic. The catalogue is embellished by numerous clever illustrations. The price is one shilling.

MISS MAY COCHRANE, of Langton Rectory, Spilsby, has just been informed by Royal command, through Sir Arthur Bigge, the Queen's private secretary, that her book entitled *Words of Strength and Cheer, for those who Work and those who Weep*, has been graciously accepted by Her Majesty. The volume is a gathering of the best thoughts and words of the late Bishop Phillips Brooks. He preached before the Queen on several occasions at Windsor, when, it is said, she was greatly charmed with his freshness of style and his quaint Americanisms. Miss Cochrane has given a brightly written 'Recollection' of the great Boston preacher, which forms a fitting preface to this most interesting book. R. J. Dickinson of Farringdon Street, W.C., has published it in very artistic bindings.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Cheltenham and District Guild of Ringers.

At St. Mary's, Prestbury, Gloucestershire, on December 3rd, the following members of the above Society rang a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

J. Davis*	1	W. Brinkworth	5
W. Pates	2	G. Phillott	6
F. Musty	3	T. Pendry*	7
F. Wade*	4	J. Parsons*	8

Composed by the late Mr. Taylor (Taylor's Six-part peal), and conducted by W. Pates. The first peal in any method by J. Davis and J. Parsons. Messrs. Wade and Pendry have each previously rung a peal of STEDMAN CATERS. [*First peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.]

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INTERVIEW (No. 182)

With Mrs. CAMERON, Rannoch, N.B.

About ten miles from Kinloch Rannoch I called upon Mrs. Cameron, the wife of a farmer, who has used Mr. Congreve's medicine with signal success for two of her daughters. She was recommended to procure it by a neighbour, about whom I shall have something to say on a future occasion. Mrs. Cameron told me:

"It was in consequence of Mrs. Irvine's daughter recovering her health. when everyone thought she must die, that I asked her to write on behalf of one of my daughters. She had been ill some time with a very bad cold, expectoration, night sweats, loss of flesh and strength, and low spirits. Sometimes she seemed a little better, but fell back again. After taking Mr. Congreve's medicine some time, the cough entirely disappeared, and she recovered her health. She is now quite well and strong, and able to assist generally in the work of the farm.' (On the day of my visit, February, 1898, this young woman had been to Kinloch Rannoch and back—a distance of nearly twenty miles).

'Another daughter,' Mrs. Cameron proceeded to say, 'suffered in much the same way. For two years she had a bad cough, which nothing seemed to relieve. I gave her some of the Elixir, and she got better. She is now well, and in service on the other side of Loch Rannoch. The same result followed in the case of the son of a neighbour, for whom I obtained some of the medicine. He had a nasty cough, with pain in the chest and side. He is quite well now, and at work on the farm.'

In reply to my final question, Mrs. Cameron freely gave me her permission to publish what she had told me.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Barnabas', Pimlico, on December 6th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

George Langford ..	1	James Willshire ..	5
Charles T. P. Brice ..	2	Frederick Dench ..	6
Arthur G. Ellis ..	3	John N. Oxborrow ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by Henry R. Newton. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. Alfred Gurney.

At St. Mary's, Bow, E., on December 8th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brook's Variation), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

James Pettit ..	1	James Scholes ..	5
Richard Turner ..	2	Henry Springall (condr.) ..	6
York Green ..	3	Emanuel Hall ..	7
Samuel Hayes ..	4	George Barrell ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to Emanuel Hall.

At St. Mary's, Sheffield, on December 10th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Joseph Mulligan ..	1	Henry Ward ..	5
Robert Harrison (condr.) ..	2	George O. Dixon ..	6
Frank Bugar ..	3	James A. Dixon ..	7
James Evinson ..	4	Thomas Chown ..	8

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Dixon, who was for many years a member of this Society.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association.

At St. Thomas's, Brentwood, on December 10th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Albert Deards ..	1	Rowland Fenn ..	5
York Green ..	2	Thomas Faulkner ..	6
Henry Springall ..	3	Samuel Hayes ..	7
Caleb Fenn ..	4	Albert Hardy ..	8

Composed by York Green, conducted by Thomas Faulkner. This is the first peal of SUPERLATIVE on the bells.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, on December 5th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Ernest E. Huntley ..	1	William I. Oakley* ..	5
Bertram Prewett ..	2	William J. S. Thorn ..	6
W. H. Buckingham (condr.) ..	3	Frederick Edwards ..	7
Herbert Martin ..	4	William H. Newell ..	8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

The Kent County Association.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, on December 11th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

F. Nunn ..	1	W. Pye (conductor) ..	5
J. Cheeseman ..	2	E. Wightman ..	6
A. W. Brighton ..	3	H. Flanders ..	7
G. R. Pye ..	4	J. Hoare ..	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on November 29th, a peal of OXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

Robert J. Dawe ..	1	Edward C. Merritt ..	5
George F. Attree ..	2	George A. King ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
George Smart ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Frank Bennett and conducted by George Williams. This is the first peal of OXFORD SURPRISE on the bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's, on December 10th, 720

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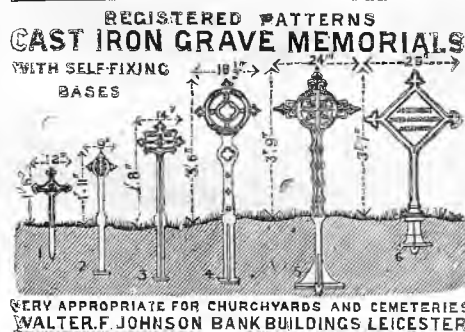
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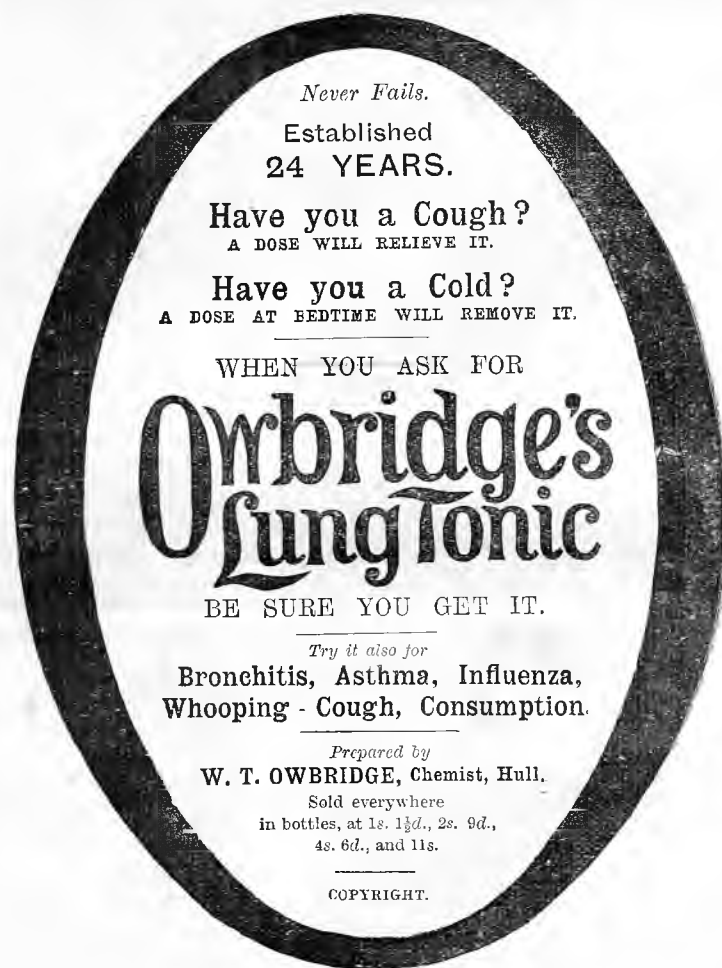
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Reviews

THE WAR IN THE PENINSULA, 1808-1814. By Alexander Innes Shand. (Seeley & Co. 5s.)—Mr. Innes Shand's task was not an easy one. In a popular account of a great war we look for a clear view of the general operations, with tolerably vivid pictures of its most dramatic turning-points. When the theatre of the war is such a country as Spain, whose mountain chains form divisions (to use Mr. Shand's apt comparison) 'like a steamship's water-tight compartments,' and its duration is six long years crowded with events, it would be surprising indeed if the chronicler had never been betrayed into some want of clearness through over-straining after detail. Mr. Shand's narrative style is sometimes a little heavy; but he has succeeded in giving excellent pictures of such heroic events as the storming of Badajoz, or the surprise of Oporto by the French. We have one complaint to make. The book could be rendered much more useful by the inclusion of more maps of campaigns and plans of battles. There are only six of these, including a meagre map of the Peninsula, which ignores even the main mountain chains. There are none to illustrate the events round Badajoz or further south; and small inset plans are wanted of at least the battles of Talavera, Salamanca, and Vittoria. There are four excellently engraved portraits of prominent generals. We are, however, really grateful to Mr. Shand for having made us read once more the history of what is certainly among the greatest achievements of our country. It is, in fact, a story of epic proportions, over which presides throughout the heroic figure of Wellington. With him are other generals—subordinates, indeed, but worthy of their leader—Marshal Beresford, with his Kitchenier-like capacity for evolving an army out of unpromising materials; General Cradock, the tenacious organizer; the dashing Hill, and plenty more. Nor were Soult and Marmont, Masséna and Choiseul, foemen unworthy of a hero's steel. The strange point is that the whole contest for their land was, with one or two notable exceptions, fought over the Spaniards' heads. They too often proved as shiftless and unreliable in supporting their friends as were their preparations in 1898 to save their colonial empire. Indeed, as one reads the varying estimates of the Spanish forces presented to the English authorities, one is irresistibly reminded of similar statements during the Cuban insurrection. Still, at Zaragoza, and in the closing campaign against Soult and Luchet, they fought well. We hope that Mr. Shand's interesting pages will rouse many readers to enthusiasm over the record of a great work, notably achieved in the face of great obstacles.

THE DORMITORY FLAG, by Harold Avery (T. Nelson & Sons. 5s.), is a story of public schoolboy life, and is much better written than the usual run of such stories. The characterisation is very good, and, in spite of our condemnation of Temple for the wrong-doing which led him, in the end, to resign his prefectship, we cannot help sympathising with what is, on the whole, a fine character. Of course, if he had straightway boldly confessed his folly, we might have had a higher opinion of him, but he did not. Perhaps, however, seeing that to err is human, it was more human for him to have acted as he did. In the end he redeemed his character by a very gallant deed, and afterwards, in the larger battle of life, showed that he had the root of the matter in him. The tale is well written, and one of the best of its kind of the season. The moral is strong, but it is not too ostentatiously pushed forward, and is taught rather by example of the Nemesis of wrong-doing than by a mere insistence upon words.

BLACK ROCK; A TALE OF THE SELKIRKS, by Ralph Carson (Hodder & Stoughton. 6s.), might be called an account of mission work among the miners and lumbermen of the Selkirks. It is well written, and no doubt some of the incidents so graphically described are substantially narratives of events which actually occurred. The picture of the rough camp-life is, too, probably drawn from life, and may serve a good purpose in opening the eyes of some at home who send out young men to such places to 'reform!' A religious tone runs through the whole story, and we are able to commend it.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on December 26th; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on December 27th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on December 28th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 30th.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, on December 30th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 28th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 28th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on December 29th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on December 30th at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, E.C., on December 17th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brook's Variation), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

James Scholes ..	1	Thomas Faulkner ..	5
Rowland Fenn ..	2	Henry Springall (condr.) ..	6
York Green ..	3	Emanuel Hall ..	7
Ebenezer Andrews ..	4	Samuel Hayes ..	8

Also at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on December 17th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Henry R. Newton ..	1	Henry S. Ellis ..	5
Charles T. P. Brice ..	2	William H. Pasmore ..	6
Henry R. Pasmore ..	3	James Willshire ..	7
Arthur G. Ellis ..	4	John N. Oxborrow ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by John N. Oxborrow.

The Waterloo Society.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on December 17th, a peal of BOB MAJOR 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Harry Barton ..	1	Albert E. Quaife ..	5
Arthur Hardy ..	2	John W. Golding ..	6
Reuben Charge ..	3	Victor W. West ..	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	4	Cornelius Charge ..	8

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(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 104.)

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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Lindfield, Sussex, on December 17th, a peal of NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

George J. King	1	Keith Hart	5
Robert J. Dawe	2	John S. Goldsmith ..	6
George F. Attree	3	James N. Frossell ..	7
Frank Bennett	4	George Williams	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, conducted by George Williams. First peal in the method by this Society, as also on these bells.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on December 17th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

James Pettit	1	William B. Manning ..	6
Matthew A. Wood	2	Charles H. Martin* ..	7
William D. Smith	3	George J. Smith	8
Walter H. L. Buckingham	4	John R. Sharman	9
Albert Coles	5	Arthur T. King	10

Composed by the late Henry Haley, conducted by James Pettit. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Lenham, on December 17th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Leonard Bullock	1	William Spice	5
Walter Mannering	2	Thomas Mannering ..	6
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore ..	3	Alfred Palmer (condr.)	7
Alfred W. Tawney	4	William Hadlow	8

This is believed to be the first peal rung on these bells during the present century. They have been rehung (treble recast) by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and were formally re-dedicated on Tuesday, December 13th.

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 17th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Frederick A. Nunn	1	George R. Pye	5
Alfred W. Brighton	2	Albert C. Hardy	6
Ernest Pye	3	Edgar Wightman	7
Caleb Fenn	4	William Pye	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by William Pye.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on December 15th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Ernest E. Huntley (condr.)	1	Charles George	5
Herbert Martin	2	Frank A. Smith	6
Bertram Prewett	3	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	7
Frederick Edwards	4	William I. Oakley	8

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At the Parish Church, Bloxwich, on December 10th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 14 cwt.

William H. Godden	1	Thomas J. Elton	5
William R. Small	2	John C. Adams	6
William Griffin	3	Samuel Reeves (condr.)	7
Thomas Horton	4	Richard W. Frost	8

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.

At St. Luke's, Heywood, on December 17th, a peal of UNION TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

George Walmsley*	1	Joseph Partington* ..	5
Albert Chadwick*	2	John Harrison	6
Harry Walmsley*	3	Andrew Sidebottom* ..	7
John Millett	4	Algernon Newman* ..	8

Composed by W. H. Thompson, conducted by John Millett. First peal in any method by 1st, 2nd, and 8th men. The peal is taken from the *Central Council Report*, 1894, p. 27. [* First peal of UNION.]

St. James's Church, Tong, Yorkshire.

On December 17th, a peal of 5040 changes in the following seven Minor methods was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins.:—ARNOLD'S VICTORY, CITY DELIGHT, COLLEGE PLEASURE, NEW LONDON PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK, VIOLET, and OXFORD. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John Cordingley	1	Pratt Cordingley	4
Thomas Latimer	2	George Bolland (condr.)	5
Henry Oddy	3	Frederick Hargreave ..	6

It was arranged for Messrs. Latimer and P. Cordingley, of Pudsey, and is their first peal, accomplished at the second trial; the first (in July) was frustrated by the breaking of a rope, and a further attempt

has been delayed by the serious illness of Mr. Bolland, now happily restored to health.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on November 30th, a peal of NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Robert J. Dawe	1	George A. King	5
Keith Hart	2	George F. Attree	6
Frank Bennett	3	James N. Frossell	7
Edward C. Merritt	4	George Williams	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and conducted by George Williams.

At St. Paul's, Brighton, on December 1st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Frank Bennett	1	George F. Attree	5
Robert J. Dawe	2	George A. King	6
George Smart	3	George Williams	7
Arthur A. Fuller	4	Keith Hart	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by Keith Hart.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on December 2nd, a peal of GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Arthur A. Fuller	1	Edward C. Merritt	5
George F. Attree	2	George Smart	6
Frank Bennett	3	George Williams	7
George A. King	4	Keith Hart	8

Composed by the Rev. E. Banks James and conducted by Keith Hart. This is the first peal of GLOUCESTER SURPRISE on the bells.

AND at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, on December 6th, a peal of NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

James N. Frossell	1	George A. King	5
George F. Attree	2	George Smart	6
Frank Bennett	3	Keith Hart	7
Robert J. Dawe	4	George Williams	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and conducted by George Williams. This is the first peal of NORFOLK SURPRISE on the bells.

WIRRAL BRANCH OF THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Saturday, November 19th, at Neston, an attempt was made for a peal of BOB MAJOR, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 4528 changes in 2 hrs. 40 mins. This is the longest touch of MAJOR by any of the band. C. Owens, 1; H. S. Brocklebank, 2; J. Owens, 3; J. L. Grant, 4; G. R. Newton, 5; J. W. Evans, 6; W. Hughes, 7; J. Hughes, 8. Composed and conducted by G. R. Newton.

STONE Y STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On November 29th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the church bells by the village ringers in 46 mins., this being the first quarter-peal on the new bells by Stanton ringers. H. Perkins, 1; J. W. Briggs, 2; C. H. Briggs, 3; F. W. Howe, 4; T. W. Wright, 5; J. Noble, 6; Hy. Briggs (conductor), 7; W. Jones, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—At St. Editha's, on December 7th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1206 changes, in 45 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Pratt, 2; J. George (conductor), 3; C. Chapman, 4; J. W. Timms, 5; W. Chapman, 6; W. Lago, 7; C. Pratt, 8.

BRIXTON.—At St. John-the-Divine's, on December 8th, for practice, a quarter-peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 1344 changes, in 56 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt. G. Wild, 1; H. Hoskins, 2; T. H. Taffender, 3; I. G. Slade, 4; W. E. Garrard, 5; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 6; J. R. Sharman, 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8.

EDGBASTON.—At the Parish Church, on December 12th, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR in 25½ mins., by the following members of St. Martin's Guild: W. Bryant, 1; W. Ellis, 2; F. Clayton, 3; R. Hunt, 4; R. Hackley, 5; T. Miller (conductor), 6. And on the 5th, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 26 mins. W. Bryant, 1; J. Day, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; T. Miller, 4; J. Barker, 5; C. H. Watts, 6. The ring has been augmented by a new treble and a new oak frame supplied, together with the thorough rehanging of the whole of the bells, by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., of Smethwick, and is now one of the finest rings of six in England.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Bartholomew's, Horley, Surrey, on December 18th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

George Wickens ..	1	Alfred D. Mills ..	5
George Thompson ..	2	Frederick Wickens ..	6
George F. Hoad ..	3	James Worsfold ..	7
Francis T. Hoad, jun. ..	4	Albert Ellis ..	8

Composed by William Harrison; conducted by Albert Ellis.

The North Lincolnshire Association.

At St. Andrew's, Timberland, on December 12th, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. (being 720 each of VIOLET and TREBLE BOB and two 720's each of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, and PLAIN BOB.) Tenor, 13 cwt.

Frederick Curtis ..	1	Albert West ..	4
Herbert King ..	2	William Elkington ..	5
Francis Cobb ..	3	George Elkington (condr.) ..	6

This is the first peal by all the band and by a local company, and was rung at the second attempt.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Kidlington, on December 19th, Vicars' Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins.

Frank Webb* ..	1	Harry Walters ..	5
William Bennett ..	2	James Franklin ..	6
J. Fisher† ..	3	Harry J. Judge (conductor) ..	7
William Thorpe ..	4	William Franklin ..	8

[* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.]

ALSO at St. Peter's, Caversham, on December 20th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Harry Simmons ..	1	Joseph Hands ..	5
Edwin J. Menday ..	2	George Essex ..	6
Richard T. Hibbert ..	3	H. Smith ..	7
Ernest W. Menday ..	4	Thomas Newman ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook; conducted by Thomas Newman. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Menday.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, on December 26th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

W. H. L. Buckingham ..	1	Herbert Martin ..	5
William E. Oakley* ..	2	George N. Price ..	6
Charles Oake ..	3	Ernest E. Huntley ..	7
William G. Whitehead ..	4	Joseph J. Allen* ..	8

Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. [* First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES]

PORTSEA.—On Sunday evening, December 11th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. by local members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. J. Harper, 1; E. Newman (conductor), 2; A. D. Stone, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

LENHAM, KENT.—An interesting ceremony was performed at Lenham on Tuesday, December 13th, when a large congregation assembled at the rededication of the church bells after rehangng, this work having

been undertaken as a Diamond Jubilee Memorial. The peal is considered to be one of the finest in the county. It consists of a tenor weighing 23 cwt, tuned to E flat, and cast in 1686; No. 7, weighing 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs., in F, dated 1751; No. 6, 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in G, 1619; No. 5, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs., in A flat, 1592; No. 4, 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb., in B flat, 1709; No. 3, 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs., in C, 1709; No. 2, 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs., in D, 1751; and the treble, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 24 lbs., in E flat, 1751. All have been quarter-turned, and the treble recast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon, who have returned to the Vicar a portion of the old bell, in which are embedded six crown pieces. Casts of these are inserted in the present bell, besides the date 1751, and an inscription, 'Recast by Gillett & Johnston, 1898.' The service opened with the Litany, and the usual form of dedication followed, the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Nepean) reading the dedicatory prayers. The other clergy present were the Rev. C. D. Marsham, rector of Harrietsham; the Rev. Howard Watson, rector of Boughton Malherbe; the Rev. W. Gardner-Waterman, rector of Bicknor; and the Rev. W. Southey, curate-in-charge of Hollingbourne. Following the ceremony, the ringers rang a short touch, and afterwards the Rev. W. Southey gave an address from Hymn 303—

'Whene'er the sweet church bell
 Peals over hill and dell,
 May Jesus Christ be praised!'

Through the piety of their ancestors, he said, those outward expressions of love toward God were founded and left as a priceless legacy to succeeding generations, and by their act of restoration they had shown that legacy was fully valued, and that, coupled with their loyalty to the Queen, they recognised God's goodness to her and to them. Might they pray fervently that the generations to come would be as keenly alive to their responsibilities and privileges. He then went on to trace the history of bells, especially in connexion with ecclesiastical work, and to mention the vicissitudes they went through, together with other Church property, during the Commonwealth. He continued by pointing out to the ringers their responsibilities, and concluded by referring to the ways in which bells sent forth their messages, classing them under three heads—joyously, mournfully, and warningly. Under the second head he mentioned the use of bells when excommunication was declared in bygone days, and remarked that, though it was carried to excess then, and therefore abolished, we did want in the present day some method whereby the careless might be brought to a sense of their indifference in the sight of God. He asked them that, whenever the bells rang out their invitations, they would not neglect the call.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—The operation of the rehangng, &c., of the church bells has been commenced by the firm of Messrs. Warner & Sons, of London, and the old framework and beams have been got out, but, unfortunately, the completion will not be in time for the merry peals to be heard at the New Year festival.

EWERBY.—The late Earl of Winchilsea, who took an active interest in bell-ringing, and through whose liberality the parish church of Ewerby, which is contiguous to Haverholme Priory, the family seat in Lincolnshire, possesses a ring of ten bells, has by his will bequeathed a yearly sum to the ringers, on condition that the bells are regularly rung for Divine service, and an additional sum is given if the ringers do their best to acquire the art of change-ringing.

At the present time there is living in Grimsby an old man named Matthew Larking, who is believed to be the oldest bell-ringer in England. He, until recently, resided at Tetney, near Horncastle. He is ninety-seven years of age, and started bell-ringing at the age of fifteen, and for eighty-two years had been a ringer in the parish belfry.

ON December 26th, Mr. Duncan S. Miller, with his Royal Handbell Ringers, was commanded by Her Majesty to give his campanological entertainment at Osborne, and a programme of ten items was carried out, to the evident interest of the Royal circle and guests. It is twenty-eight years since the Royal Handbell Ringers gave their first performance at Osborne, when the fourteenth birthday of H.R.H. Princess Beatrice was 'rung in' by command of the Queen. Three of the present company assisted on that occasion.

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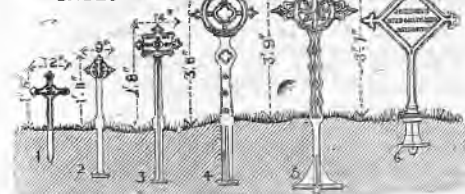
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Sunday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)	10 a.m., 2.45 and 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival)	9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26 (Sons of the Clergy Festival)	2.30 and 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24 (Queen's Birthday)	9 to 10 a.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 20 (Ascension Day)	9.30 a.m. & 2.45 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20 (Queen's Accession)	9 to 10 a.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 10 (Harvest Thanksgiving)	6 to 7 p.m. and after the service.
Wednesday, Nov. 1 (All Saints')	9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day)	1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)	10 a.m., 2.45 and 6.30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)	10 a.m., & 2.45 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)	10 a.m., 2.45 and 6.30 p.m.

On the following Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. for practice:—Jan. 10th, Feb. 7th, April 4th, May 2nd and 30th, June 27th, July 25th, Aug. 22nd, Sept. 19th, Oct. 17th, and Nov. 14th.

BESIDES ST. PAUL'S, the following is a list of churches at which the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths are engaged to ring the bells, and the nights they meet for practice (1899):—

TWELVE BELLS.

St. Saviour's, Southwark, occasional.	} At one of these churches Jan. 24th, and every four weeks. Notice will be given in this paper.
St. Giles's, Cripplegate,	
St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside	
St. Michael's, Cornhill	

These are the Official Meetings of the Company.

After ringing in the tower at St. Paul's and at either of the above churches, the members adjourn to the Society's Headquarters, the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, City of London (near St. Paul's Cathedral), for the purpose of transacting the Company's business.

TEN BELLS.

St. Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames Street, Thursday, Jan. 5th, at 7.30 p.m., and every fortnight.
Allhallows, Lombard Street, occasional.
St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Monday, Jan. 2nd, and every fortnight.
St. Mary's, Walthamstow, every Saturday, 7.30, and every Sunday for morning and evening service.

EIGHT BELLS.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, every Sunday, 10 a.m.
St. John's, Hackney, on the first and third Tuesdays in each month.
St. Paul's, Shadwell, occasional Wednesdays.
St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, occasional Thursdays.
St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, Wednesday, Jan. 4th, and every fortnight.
St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow, Monday, Jan. 9th, and every fortnight; also the first Sunday in the month at 6 p.m.
Christ Church, Spitalfields, Wednesday, Jan. 11th, and every fortnight.
St. John's, South Hackney, occasional.
St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, on Sundays for evening service, occasional.
St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, every Friday evening at 7.30, and on Sunday mornings at 10.
All Saints', Edmonton, every Monday at 8 p.m., and for Sunday services.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on January 9th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on January 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on January 10th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on January 11th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 13th.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At St. George's, Dunster, on Christmas Day, for evening service, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Challis F. Winney	1	James Grabham	5
Albert J. Chilcott	2	Rev. H. C. Courtney	6
Robert Hole	3	William W. Thorne	7
John Tudball*	4	John Payne	8

* First peal of STEDMAN.

Also at St. Michael's, Minehead, on December 26th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Challis F. Winney	1	Rev. H. C. Courtney	5
Arthur Long*	2	John Pugsley	6
Robert Hole	3	William W. Thorne	7
James Grabham	4	Henry Moore	8

* First peal of STEDMAN.

AND at St. James's, Taunton, on December 27th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Challis F. Winney	1	James Grabham	5
Henry J. Poole*	2	Rev. H. C. Courtney	6
Arthur Doble*	3	Joseph Maddock*	7
William W. Thorne	4	Frank Millard	8

The above three peals were all conducted by Challis F. Winney. [* First peal of STEDMAN].

The Bungay Society.

At St. Mary's, Bungay, Suffolk, on December 26th, Taylor's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William H. Browne	1	George F. Alexander	5
Isaac Folkard	2	Ernest Lincoln	6
Frederick Hembling	3	Robert Baker (conductor)	7
William Felgate	4	Frederick Baker	8

The Essex Association and the Saffron Walden Society.

At St. Mary's, Sawston, Cambs., on December 27th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Frederick J. Pitstow	1	Alfred Pitstow	5
Ernest Pitstow	2	John F. Penning	6
Arthur James	3	Nathan J. Pitstow	7
Charles Freeman	4	Frederick Pitstow	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by Frederick Pitstow. This is the first peal rung in the method in the county from which it took its name.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—At St. Giles's Church, on Sunday evening, December 18th, a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1895 changes (taken from Taylor's peal), in 1 hr. 1 min. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Dace, 3; J. Adams, 4; N. Kibble, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; S. Atkins, 7; J. Appleby, 8. Rung on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells, the dedication service taking place on December 18th, 1873. J. A. Brown belongs to Bilston, the others to Willenhall.

NOTICE.—In order that peals may be reported without delay, members should send particulars to Mr. W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradescant Road, St. Lambeth, immediately after the events.

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Magazines.

THE **ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE** contains an especially interesting article by the Rev. E. G. Treble on 'Religious Education in German Elementary Schools.' Mr. Treble has gone to much trouble in preparing his report on the subject, and it contains valuable information, accepted by the author on good authority. This, however, is only one of several capital articles in the *Anglican*.

THE **ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED** has a series of interesting coloured pictures, and a striking story, 'A King's Friend,' by F. H. Melville. There are several other complete stories, and a further instalment of the serial, 'Lady Barbarity,' which promises to become remarkably interesting. 'In the Public Eye' is a useful record, and the 'Literary Chat' adds to the variety of the interesting contents.

THE **RELIQUARY AND ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST**.—An excellent number; illustrations very good. W. Trueman Tucker, F.G.S., has a paper 'On the discovery of a Roman tessellated floor near St. Nicholas' Church, Leicester;' and S. M. Crawley-Boevey contributes 'The Changes and Chances of a Monastery.' These contributions will interest a large number of readers. The 'Archæological Notes' are, as usual, ably written.

THE **LADIES' REALM**.—'Rosa Bonheur and her Work,' 'Ladies' Clubs in London,' and 'Court and Society in China,' are probably the three most interesting articles. In the former—with picture of the artist in her studio—Rosa Bonheur is justly spoken of as the 'great Frenchwoman.' Evelyn Wills has succeeded very well in her attempt to describe the ladies' clubs. The story-writers include Gertrude Atherton, Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler, Mrs. Edward Kennard, E. M. Bredin. The Countess of Rosslyn contributes an allegory. The number contains more than a hundred illustrations, photographs, and autographs.

THE **WOMAN AT HOME** is a good average number. 'Dr. Nikola's Experiments,' and the usual popular features, are continued. The varied contents, including papers on 'Ladies of Canada,' and 'Pilgrims to the Holy Land,' are very interesting, and contain much information.

CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER.—In this magazine the Rev. C. T. Wilson gives an account (with map) of the Egyptian Soudan, and the Bishop of Victoria contributes a thoughtful paper on 'Native Churches: a Question and its Answer.' Bishop Tucker has something very interesting to say in regard to 'The Spiritual Expansion of Buganda.' Other publications received from the Church Missionary Society are the well-conducted periodicals, **THE CHURCH MISSIONARY GLEANER**, **AWAKE**, and **THE CHILDREN'S WORLD**.

THE **WIDE WORLD MAGAZINE**.—'The Adventures of Louis de Rougemont,' with however much of incredulity received, forms attractive reading. 'A Race up Mont Blanc,' by Samuel Turner, and 'The Story of an Alpine Adventure,' by Miss A. E. Metcalf, will be found interesting and exciting. 'How Mohammedans Pray,' and 'Fascinated by a Snake,' are amongst the best contributions in the magazine, which in all respects is excellent.

DEAN FARRAR'S lecture on 'Temperance Reform, as Required by National Righteousness and Patriotism,' delivered as the first of the Lees-Raper Memorial Lectures, appears in a double number of **GREAT THOUGHTS** for this week. The argument for total abstinence is presented from every point of view, illustrated and enforced by quotations and incidents drawn from the wide reading and culture which characterise the eloquent Dean.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

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Kent County Association—Maidstone District.

THE Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, January 21st. Tower open from 2.30 p.m.; usual allowances. Tea at the 'Dog and Bear' at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Members wishing to be present must send their names to me on or before Thursday, January 19th. Subscriptions are now due, and may be paid to me at or before the meeting.

FRED J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.—Portsea.

THE local members of the Guild held their annual meeting, in the new Parish Institute, on Saturday, December 31st, the President (Rev. C. G. Lang, vicar) in the chair. After the minutes of the year had been carried, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:—Vice-President, the Rev. A. R. Warburton. Foreman of the Band, Mr. J. Harper. Secretary, Mr. H. C. Ingram. Committee, Messrs. F. S. Bayley, J. T. Matthews, and C. Groves. The Rev. E. R. Walker (curate) was elected a Probationary Member, and Mr. J. Harper to be the Representative of the Band to the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. J. Harper, on being elected, said it was a great pleasure to him to say that the year 1898 was the most satisfactory year they ever had:

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 164.)

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the band had rung the first local peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, and he hoped to be able to ring a local peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR during the coming year.

Mr. J. Gould proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their kindness in having the bell-chamber match-boarded up by the louvres, so as to moderate the sound of the bells, and to Mr. Ward (churchwarden) for his kindness in doing the work so well. This was seconded by Mr. J. Symons, and carried.

The Vicar (Rev. C. G. Lang) said he was very glad to hear that there had been such great improvements in the tower, and it gave him great pleasure to say that he had not had one single complaint about the bells from the parishioners, or any person in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Gould then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, which was seconded by Mr. H. C. Ingram, and carried.

The Vicar said in reply that the Bishop of Newcastle had sent his compliments to the band of ringers. Supper was afterwards provided in the Institute, after which the members left for the tower to ring for the watchnight service. Two short touches of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung with the bells half-muffled, and after the service another touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES with open bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, on January 7th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

James Scholes 1	Emanuel Hall 5
William Truss 2	York Green 6
Thomas Faulkner 3	Henry Springall 7
Robert H. Hayward* .. 4	Samuel Hayes 8

Composed by York Green; conducted by Henry Springall. [* Mr. Hayward came from Marlesford, Suffolk.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret's, Barking, on January 3rd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Ernest G. Fenn* 1	Alfred J. T. Carter 5
Thomas Faulkner (condr.) 2	Caleb Fenn 6
George W. Faulkner* .. 3	Albert C. Hardy 7
Rowland Fenn 4	Edward A. Davies, Esq. . . 8

[* First peal.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on January 3rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Charles Wilkins 1	Arthur J. Neale 5
George Conyard 2	Edwin Barnett 6
William Weatherstone .. 3	Harry Flanders 7
Francis Grove* 4	John H. Cheesman 8

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by Charles Wilkins. [* First peal in the method.]

The Bristol Guild.

ON Saturday evening, December 31st, at St. Stephen's, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 7023 changes, was rung in 4 hrs. 17 mins., by the following members of the Guild:—

William A. Cave 1	John D. Matthews 6
Henry Pring 2	Frederick W. Ellis 7
Charles H. Horton 3	Charles H. Gordon 8
Charles H. Tomkins 4	Thomas W. Radford 9
Raymond J. Wilkins .. 5	James R. Jones 10

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by William A. Cave. The bells were half-muffled, being the last day of the year, and the above is stated to be the longest length in the method in the city.

Also, at All Saints' Church, Bristol, a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

J. W. Jones 1	F. Porch 5
A. Pearce 2	W. Paddock 6
F. Pearce 3	F. Gooding 7
G. Pearce 4	G. T. Daltry (conductor) . . 8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on December 31st, a peal of WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Joseph Waghorn, sen. .. 1	Frank Bennett 5
Keith Hart 2	George F. Attree 6
Robert J. Dawe 3	George Williams 7
George A. King 4	George Smart 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, conducted by George Smart. Rung with bells half-muffled for midnight service.

The Midland Counties' Association.

At All Saints', Loughborough, on December 23rd, a peal of PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 36 mins.

Thomas Start 1	Albert E. Thomson 6
Arthur W. Matthews .. 2	Harry Whittle 7
Richard Lane 3	John Grundy 8
John Thomson 4	James Hutehby 9
William H. Inglesant .. 5	Charles R. Lilley (condr.) 10

This peal, composed by Mr. W. H. Inglesant, is the first 5000 of ROYAL in the method rung at Loughborough. Messrs. Thomson belong to Derby.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Bartholomew's, Penn, on January 3rd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt. 25 lbs.

H. John Balcombe 1	Robert Pickering 5
Herbert Knight 2	George Burrows 6
W. George Hall 3	John Jagger (conductor) . . 7
Rowland Cartwright .. 4	Isaac Purser 8

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HEATHFIELD, SOMERSET.—The Bishop of Bath and Wells re-dedicated the tower and bells of Heathfield Church on December 23rd. The repairs have been carried out as a part of the general restoration of the church, which was begun by the late Rector, the Rev. E. B. C. Spurway, and is being continued by his son, the Rev. E. P. Spurway, the present incumbent of the living. The tower has had all the rough-cast removed, and the stonework has been repointed. The bells have all been recast, and the cage has been repaired. They have been silent for nearly a century. The whole of the money necessary, with the exception of about 30%, has been raised. The Bishop preached in the afternoon, and there was a good attendance of clergy and laity. The Archdeacon of Taunton (the Ven. Dr. Ainslie) occupied the pulpit in the evening.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on January 23rd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on January 24th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on January 25th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 27th.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, on January 27th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 25th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on January 25th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on January 26th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on January 27th at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Kent County Association.

THE meeting which was advertised in last week's *Church Bells*, is postponed to Saturday, February 4th. FRED J. O. HELMORE.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Bell-ringers.

IN connexion with the formal opening of the peal of eight bells presented to the parish church as a Diamond Jubilee gift by Mr. and Mrs. T. Wrightson, of Neasham Hall, Darlington, the first general meeting of the recently formed Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Bell-ringers was held on January 7th at Thornaby. There were about fifty present at a luncheon prior to the meeting. Mr. G. J. Clarkson, Stockton, was elected president; Mr. Blakiston, Middlesbrough, and Mr. Wrightson, Thirsk, vice-presidents; the Rev. W. P. Wright, Stokesley, hon. secretary and treasurer. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Thirsk on Whit Monday.

Dedication of Thornaby Jubilee Bells, Yorkshire.

THE new peal of eight bells presented by Mr. and Mrs. T. Wrightson to Thornaby Parish Church, in commemoration of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, was dedicated by the Bishop of Beverley (Dr. Crosthwaite) on December 20th.

The bells and frame have cost £507., and have been supplied by Messrs. Llewellyns & James, of Bristol. They are of particularly fine tone, and have been cast by the founders after the model of the old bells at Stockton. Each bell has the following inscription:—'To the glory of God, and in commemoration of the sixtieth year of the reign of Victoria, this bell was presented by Thomas and Elizabeth Wrightson, Neasham Hall, Darlington, January, 1899.' In addition, the bells are inscribed as follows:—No. 1, 'Come all ye faithful.' No. 2, 'Glad tidings of great joy.' No. 3, 'Lest we forget.' No. 4, 'Glory to God in the highest.' No. 5, 'Holy, holy, holy.' No. 6, 'Ring out the false, ring in the true.' No. 7, 'Praise the Lord in the beauty of holiness.' No. 8 (tenor), 'Day by day we magnify Thee.'

When the Parish Church congregation decided to add a tower to the church in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, it was then that Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson generously came forward and offered to present the bells to the town. They are now hung in the tower, which cost £3007., of which £007. have still to be raised.

At the dedication ceremony the Bishop was accompanied by the clergy, choir, and churchwardens to the tower, and was formally requested by the latter to 'dedicate to the glory of God and the use of this church' the new peal of bells. Dr. Crosthwaite, receiving the ropes, said, 'By virtue of our sacred office we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, and for the benefit of His holy Church.' Afterwards the Bishop committed the bells to the custody of the Vicar, the Rev. Henry Mellowes, M.A., and they were then chimed for a few minutes, whilst the Bishop, clergy, and choir entered the church, where his Lordship delivered a short address.

New Bells and Restorations.

THE following list of the most important work done in 1898 by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, may interest our readers.

Two new sets of eight bells have been added to the following churches, viz.—a chime in Maralin Church, Ireland (tenor, 14½ cwt.); and a ring of eight in Werrington Church, Devon (tenor, 14½ cwt.). Three new rings of six, viz.—East Tytherley, Hants (tenor, 14½ cwt.); Bolsover, Derbyshire (tenor, 14½ cwt.); and New Mills, near Stockport (tenor, 13½ cwt.). Two new rings of five, viz.—Amphill, Beds. (tenor, 13½ cwt.); and St. Ignatius, Sunderland (tenor, 13½ cwt.). A chime of nine small bells for Mr. John Sikes, Water Stratford, the largest bell being 2½ cwt.

Augmentations and restorations of old peals:—St. Nicholas', Bristol,

the ring of ten rehung, the three trebles being recast; St. Michael's, Gloucester, two trebles added to make ten.

Raunds, Northants, two trebles added to complete the octave and the tenor recast (tenor, 22 cwt.); Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, a treble and tenor added to make eight (tenor, 14 cwt.); Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincs., two trebles added to make eight; Coventry, Holy Trinity, tenor of eight recast (weight, 23½ cwt.); Ashford, Kent, cracked sixth of eight recast and the peal rehung; Croston, Lancs., cracked seventh of eight recast and the peal rehung; Berkswell, near Coventry, treble, third, and tenor to make six (tenor, 16½ cwt.); Harrold, Beds., new treble to make six, and tenor recast (tenor, 13 cwt.); Cadoxton, near Neath, new treble, second, fourth, and tenor of six (tenor, 7½ cwt.); Groby, new tenor to make six (weight, 9½ cwt.); Wicken, Northants, new treble to make six; Ketton, Stamford, third of six recast (tenor, 10½ cwt.), the peal rehung for chiming only.

The following rings of six tuned and rehung, viz.—Carfax Tower, Oxford (tenor, 15½ cwt.), and Sefton, Liverpool (tenor, 11½ cwt.). The following rings of six rehung, viz.—Bibury, Gloucester; Whitchurch, Hants; and Ackworth, near Pontefract; also at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, a new treble, second, third, and fourth to complete the chime of six (tenor, 10 cwt.).

Great Glen, Leicestershire, treble and tenor of five recast (tenor, 9½ cwt.); Barnack, Northants, new second to make five (tenor, 8½ cwt.). The following rings of five tuned and rehung, viz.—Chesterton, Cambs. (tenor, 16½ cwt.), and Weedon, Northants (tenor, 14½ cwt.).

A single bell of 15½ cwt. to Gonville and Caius College Chapel, Cambridge; and bells to Guayaquil, Montserrat, Lagos, Hobart (Tasmania), and Saidpur (India).

A STATEMENT has been made with regard to the bells at Watford, which we dare say is susceptible of another construction if the Vicar liked to speak. He is said to have objected to the bells being rung oftener than was absolutely necessary, and on one occasion he is reported

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to have said that the bells were a nuisance. Then it happened that on a certain Sunday the bells were started twenty minutes before the usual time, and the Vicar then declared that the bells were 'worse than the Salvation Army.' The bell-ringers stopped and have not rung since. It is said the ringers are waiting for the Vicar to explain or apologise.

A 'Record' at Hereford.

ON Boxing Day, the St. Michael's Junior Society of Ringers (Gloucester) achieved what no other band of ringers has ever done that is, to ring a peal on the Cathedral bells of Hereford, although a good many attempts have been made at different times of late years. The reason so many failures have been registered is owing to the ringing-chamber being so close to the bells—only a few feet dividing them—making it almost impossible for the conductor to make himself heard above the noise of the bells; and until something is done to remedy that defect, no local band will do much in the way of change-ringing. The peal is more remarkable as the weight of the tenor is over two tons, and was made to do the same work as the smaller bells, which requires a deal of science as well as strength, and great credit is due to the ringer (Mr. A. Pegler), who so skilfully handled the rope. Of course, if the 'hanging' had not been perfect, it would have been impossible for one man (or even two) to accomplish the task, which speaks well for the bell-hanging of Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford, who was one of the first to congratulate the band on being successful in ringing the peal—one of TREBLE BOB ROYAL. The time occupied was 3 hrs. 40 mins., and the band stood as follows:—

Fred G. May	1	William T. Pegler	6
Lionel Longney	2	Robert A. Barrett	7
John Austin	3	Charles H. Watts	8
Francis E. Ward	4	James E. Groves	9
Ernest E. Bishop	5	Arthur E. Pegler	10

The peal was composed by Mr. Cox, and conducted by John Austin.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association and the Saffron Walden Society.

At the Parish Church, Saffron Walden, on January 10th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

E. A. Pitstow	1	A. E. Pitstow	5
F. J. Pitstow	2	J. F. Penning	6
A. James	3	N. J. Pitstow	7
C. Freeman	4	Fredk. Pitstow	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by F. Pitstow. This is the first peal in the method rung in the county and by the above Association.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At Oxford Cathedral, on January 10th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor,

Frederick White	1	Frederick C. Exon*	7
Richard White*	2	Rev. F. E. Robinson	8
William Finch*	3	William Bennett*	9
Charles Hounslow	4	Thomas Payne*	10
William Smith*	5	Alfred Thomas	11
James W. Washbrook	6	J. Franklin* and H. Judge	12

Composed and conducted by James W. Washbrook. This is the first peal of STEDMAN CINQUES rung in the diocese of Oxford and by the Guild. [*First peal of CINQUES.]

The Kent County Association and the College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Westerham, Kent, on January 14th, Brooks' Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

Albert V. Selby*	1	Herbert J. Ford	5
William G. Granger	2	David Wright (conductor)	6
Henry J. Selby	3	Thomas Groombridge	7
Morgan Whatley*	4	George Steer	8

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. V. Selby, who was on a visit to his native place, from Chelsea. [*First peal of STEDMAN. †First peal of STEDMAN as conductor.]

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The Hertfordshire Association and the College Youths.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, on January 14th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

Bertram Prewett	1	Herbert Martin	5
Challis F. Winney (conductor)	2	George N. Price	6
Charles George	3	Ernest E. Huntley	7
Alfred W. Brighton	4	Frank A. Smith	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on January 13th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 17½.

Alfred J. Turner	1	Frank Bennett	5
George F. Attree	2	George Williams	6
Robert J. Dawe	3	Keith Hart	7
George A. King	4	John S. Goldsmith	8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow; conducted by John S. Goldsmith. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. S. Goldsmith.

Also at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, London, E.C., as a birthday compliment to Mr. Attree, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Robert J. Dawe	1	George Smart	5
George Baker	2	George A. King	6
George F. Attree	3	Keith Hart	7
Frank Bennett	4	George Williams	8

Composed by Henry Dains; conducted by George Williams. This is the first peal in the method ever rung in the City of London.

AXMINSTER.—By invitation of Mr. W. E. Pittfield Chapple, hon. secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, a band of campanologists visited Axminster on December 26th, and attempted a peal of GRAND-SIRE TRIPLES (5010 changes) on the bells at the Parish Church. The band was mainly composed of ringers from Ottery St. Mary, and included the Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Guild, but Mr. F. Davey, of Exeter, acted as conductor. After ringing about 3400 changes in 2 hrs. 20 mins., the attempt failed. The bells, which were hung not long since by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, still 'go' exceedingly well. The visitors were entertained at the Western Hotel.

Two provisions in the will of the late Earl of Winchilsea recall a practice which was common in mediaeval times. The Earl left 5*l.* per annum to the treasurer of St. Andrew's Guild of Ringers, Ewerby, on condition that the Vicar and Churchwardens certify that the bells have been regularly rung for Divine service during the preceding twelve months, and an extra 5*l.* provided the ringers practise regularly and endeavour to acquire the art of change-ringing.

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SIR,—Please allow me, through your columns, to ask the authors of compositions in this method to send in their peals to me without further delay. I have already received a large number, but I note the absence of several good names at present.

Now, to copy all compositions from the ringing papers that have been published is rather a big task, and there are other reasons why I should not do this. Therefore, to make this work a success, the co-operation of every gentleman concerned is absolutely necessary. Personally, I should like to see every composer in the method represented.

H. DAINS.

147 Barnsbury Road, N., January 21st, 1899.

The Bells of Isleworth, Middlesex.

THOUGH the Church of All Saints, Isleworth, dates back to Norman days, and holds an important position as a constituent portion of the Great Syon Monastery, there is no record of the existence of a peal prior to 1767, when, by means of a voluntary contribution raised by the churchwardens, Messrs. John Farnell and John Fuller, arrangements were made for Messrs. Lester & Pack, who at the celebrated Whitechapel Foundry had earned a name all over the country for casting bells, to carry out the necessary work. It was in February of the following year, 1768, that the bells were brought to Isleworth and slung in the belfry. Their weights were—the tenor, 18 cwt. 1 qr.; 7th, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs.; 6th, 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 24 lbs.; 5th, 8 cwt. 3 qrs.; 4th, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs.; 3rd, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.; 2nd, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.; treble, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

Whether they were used earlier than 1770 is doubtful; if so there is no record of it, and the probability is that such an event as the first peal would not have escaped mention. But there is in the belfry upon the peal-board the following entry:—‘A.D. 1770, on Tuesday, December 11th, was rung in this steeple a complete peal of six thousand four hundred OXFORD TREBLE BOB, in 4 hrs. 18 mins., by Richard Small 1, Charles Burt 2, Thomas Richards 3, Thomas West 4, John Dean 5, Robert Platt 6, John Goose 7, Robert Thornbury 8. Called by Robert Thornbury, J. Farnell, J. Fuller, churchwardens.’

The custom for the earliest ages of bells was to have each one inscribed either with a text or a prayer, but the bells of Isleworth, though they did not outgrow the order that had existed for so many ages, varied it so far that they had verses inscribed on most of them. The treble bell, similar to one at Midhurst, in Sussex, has upon it the doggerel:

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The 2nd bell, as in the case of the 8th bell at St. Giles', Cripplegate, wishes ‘Peace and good neighbourhood;’ the third bears the inscription, ‘Music is medicine to the mind,’ the Latin equivalent of which, ‘Musice est mentis medicina,’ is on the 4th bell at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and the 5th at Hove. The 4th bell has on it the device ‘She'll play and sweetly sing through the silent night,’ the equivalent of which does not seem to exist; and the 5th, also borrowed from Midhurst, and it may be from Rye and Shoreham, amongst other places, has the words:

‘Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round.’

The device on the 6th bell may also be found at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and Uppingham. It is:

‘Ye ringers all that prize
Your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise,
And you'll the same possess.’

The 7th bell borrows a simile from the wedding service. The words on it are:

‘In wedlock bands all ye who join,
With hands your hearts unite;
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial tie.’

The same inscription appears on the 10th bell of St. Giles', Cripplegate, and, according to the Rev. G. S. Tyack, in his *Book on Bells*, it exists at St. Michael's, Coventry, and at Boston.

The tenor bell cherishes loyal sentiments, which it discloses as follows:

‘To honour both of God and King
Our voices shall in concert ring.’

The similarity between the mottoes on the Isleworth and St. Giles' bells is probably accounted for by the fact that both were cast at the Whitechapel foundry about the same time.

Bell-ringing—that is, in changes of regular peals—is, according to Stow, a custom peculiar to our country; and so far back into the middle ages of England as 1603 a band of ringers was formed under the style of the ‘Companie of the Scholars of Cheapside.’ Its successors in 1637 were the ‘Ancient Society of College Youths,’ who practised on the six bells of St. Martin's, College Hill; hence their claim to the title ‘Collegians.’ It was to this society that Fabian Stedman dedicated the first known book on change-ringing, and he also introduced the famous system of changes known as ‘Stedman's Principle.’ The ‘London Scholars’—subsequently the ‘Royal Cumberland Youths’—‘Society of Union Scholars,’ ‘Society of Eastern Scholars,’ and ‘Westminster Youths,’ arose between the years 1683 and 1776, and between them the art of ringing the changes was carried to high perfection, and about the first-named year Benjamin Anable invented ‘GRANDSIRE

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Mrs. Hundleby has recommended the treatment to others, and will continue to do so, she told me; and both she and her daughter acquiesced in the suggestion that Miss Hundleby's cure should be made known, that other sufferers might benefit. May, 1898.

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TRIPLES.' Why 'Grandsire' is still a mystery, but the earliest known form of changes was named 'GRANDSIRE BOB' about 1630. 'BOB' was also a pet fancy appellation for the peals, as we find 'COURT BOB,' 'PLAIN BOB,' and 'TREBLE BOB.'

Possessed of a full complement of bells, and having, as appeared from the 1770 peal-board, a competent set of ringers, there is little doubt that the art was cultivated in the parish, and that many a peal went forth from the parish belfry, but the records have not been kept. The dearth of old peal-boards may be due to one of two facts: that only peals of importance were scored, or that the payment for these interesting memorials had to come out of the pockets of the ringers.

However, in 1831, a feat in the nature of a record was achieved in the All Saints' belfry, and the peal-board is inscribed as follows: 'On Sunday, March 13th, 1831, was rung on these bells a complete 5040 trebles on Stedman's Principle, composed by Mr. Joseph Clarde, of Kingston-on-Thames, consisting of 240 singles, 158 bobs, and 22 doubles, being the first peal ever rung with the least calls on this system, and was performed in three hours by the following men:—George Coles 1, Scoles Bamford 2, John Bales 3, William Platt 4, Richard House 5, William Winsom 6, John Platt 7, George Platt, 8. This peal was conducted by George Coles, E. Smith, G. Imrie, churchwardens.'

The next recorded peal was in 1853, the record reading: 'On Sunday, November 6th, 1853, was rung in this belfry a complete peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 m. G. Cole, treble, J. Cox 2, S. Giles 3, H. Nicholls 4, W. Kitson 5, T. Powell 6, W. Nowell 7, W. Hamblen tenor. Conducted by J. Cox.'

The next record is that of a peal by members of the Waterloo Society, on November 8th, 1879.

Amongst other inscriptions of peals is an interesting one which states: 'On Friday, August 12th, 1825, was performed on six of these bells, by John Stonely, of Twickenham, a complete 720 of COURT BOB, in 31 minutes, which is believed to be the first ever done by one person.'

Carillon-ringing, or playing on sets of handbells, was also practised by the Isleworth ringers, for in the London Apprentice Inn, hard by the church, exists a board on which is written: 'Feb. 10th, 1848, was rung in this room a true and complete peal of 5093 changes of GRANDSIRE CATERS, in 3 hrs. 20 m., by the following persons: Charles Buckland, William Nowell, Thomas Winkworth, William Hamblen, John Carter. Conducted by William Nowell.'—From the *Richmond Times*.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Loughton, on January 17th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William H. Doran ..	1	James Rann ..	5
William Miller* ..	2	Frederick Freeman ..	6
Edward A. Bacon ..	3	William Pye (conductor) ..	7
John Mardell* ..	4	George Carter ..	8

[*First peal in the method.]

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Peter's, Upper Beeding, on January 21st, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt.

George Searle* ..	1	George Williams (conductor) ..	5
Henry Stalham ..	2	Arthur Gatland ..	6
Edwin Rapley ..	3	John Smart ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	George Gatland ..	8

This is the first peal of GRANDSIRE on these bells. [*First peal.]

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

AT St. Stephen's, Bristol, on January 16th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Charles H. Horton ..	1	Charles H. Tomkins ..	5
Frederick W. Elles ..	2	Charles H. Gordon ..	6
William Knight ..	3	Thomas W. Radford ..	7
William A. Cave ..	4	W. James Hinton ..	8

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The Hertfordshire Association.—The Bushey Society.

AT St. James's, Bushey, on January 18th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

William G. Whitehead ..	1	William I. Oakley ..	5
Ernest E. Huntley (conductor) ..	2	William J. S. Thorn ..	6
Frank A. Smith ..	3	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	7
William E. Oakley ..	4	Thomas Hussey ..	8

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rector of Bushey (the Rev. G. Montague Hall) with Miss Cory Wright of Highgate.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. James's, Bermondsey, on January 19th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

William Pye ..	1	Staff-Sergt. A. Pye* ..	6
Alfred W. Brighton ..	2	Fredk. A. Nunn* ..	7
George R. Pye* ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	8
Charles Wilkins ..	4	John H. Cheeseman ..	9
Harry Hoskins ..	5	Harry Flanders ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by W. Pye. [*First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

ALSO at St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on January 22nd, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Harry Flanders* ..	1	Edgar Wightman* ..	5
George R. Pye* ..	2	Alfred W. Brighton ..	6
Charles Wilkins* ..	3	Ernest Pye* ..	7
John H. Cheeseman* ..	4	William Pye* ..	8

Composed by C. Middleton and conducted by W. Pye. [*First peal in the method and first in the method on the bells.]

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.—On January 11th, at the Parish Church, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. W. G. Granger, 1; G. Steer, 2; D. Wright (conductor), 3; H. J. Ford, 4; H. J. Selby, 5; T. Groombridge, 6.

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Magazines.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED.—The contents of the number include interesting articles, entitled, 'The World's Sport' and 'Flashes from the Foot-lights,' a further well-written contribution under the title of 'From the Cape to Cairo,' and 'In the Public Eye.' In the latter portraits are given of Sir Henry Hawkins (the new peer) and of Lord Iveagh, together with a coloured portrait of Don Carlos. Several good stories are given in the magazine.

CORNHILL MAGAZINE.—'The Queen's Twin,' a story by Miss Sarah Orne Jewett, is cleverly written and very interesting, and S. R. Crockett's serial, 'Little Anna Mark,' is attractively told. Mrs. Archibald Little pleasantly describes 'A Summer Trip to Chinese Thibet,' and there is a good article on 'The Humours of School Inspection.'

THE WINDSOR MAGAZINE.—'Women Artists of the Day' is the title of an article which introduces us to several leading female artists, including Miss Maud Earl, the clever animal-painter. 'Stalky & Co.' is continued by Rudyard Kipling, whose present contribution is decidedly more interesting than its predecessor. 'The Marrying of the Doctor' is a clever story by R. Ramsay. Harry Golding contributes an amusing article on 'Journalists at School,' and Mary Angela Dickens' description of 'B. L. Farjeon at Home' is very nicely written. The pictures in the *Windsor* are excellent.

THE LADIES' REALM contains six complete stories, all interesting and clever. We are introduced to the Queen's bridesmaids, of whom pictures are given. The gifted Clara Montalba and her no less gifted sisters form the subjects of an entertaining and very nicely illustrated article. There is a delightful chat with Madame Albani, and a pleasing article entitled 'All About Valentines.' Sir Edwin Arnold's translation of a French love song is one of the features of the magazine.

THE CHURCHMAN.—The Rev. N. Vickers deals with the question of the 'Church of England and Irregular Ordination;' Mr. B. Whitehead discusses the 'Position of those who do not use Vestments;' and the Rev. W. Burnet conveys interesting information respecting the 'Life of De La Sale,' who was the founder of the Society of the Christian Brotherhood.

THE CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE.—The Rev. F. H. Chase, D.D.'s paper at the Bradford Church Congress on 'The Devotional Study of Holy Scripture' appears in this magazine, and is well worth reading. Mr. John Dickenson contributes a continuation of the articles on the 'Theory and Practice of Sunday-school Teaching.' The Bishop of London's recent speech on Education is also given in this number.

THE CHURCH WORKER and **THE BOYS AND GIRLS' COMPANION** are both good. The latter contains a pretty picture, called 'Great Friends,' and the former has a well-reasoned article by Canon Newbolt on 'The Devotional and Practical Use of Holy Scripture.'

GOODWILL.—One of the most interesting articles is that on 'Vocation,' by Herbert Kelly. There is also an appreciative sketch of Mr. G. W. Russell, the prominent Church layman, and a contribution from the pen of the Hon. Lionel Holland, M.P., on 'How the question of Old Age Pensions stands to-day.'

Bells and Bell-ringing.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on February 6th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on February 6th; St. Paul's Cathedral, St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on February 7th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on February 8th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 10th.

Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, on February 10th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on February 8th.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on February 8th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on February 9th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on February 10th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

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SIR,—Please allow me, through your columns, to ask the authors of compositions in this method to send in their peals to me without further delay. I have already received a large number, but I note the absence of several good names at present.

Now, to copy all compositions from the ringing papers that have been published is rather a big task, and there are other reasons why I should not do this. Therefore, to make this work a success, the co-operation of every gentleman concerned is absolutely necessary. Personally, I should like to see every composer in the method represented.

H. DAINS.

147 Barnsbury Road, N., February 1st, 1899.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 11th, when the tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the 'George and Dragon Hotel.' Members intending to be present are requested to communicate with me by Thursday, February 9th.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Secretary.

St. Albans, January 30th.

The Waterloo Society.

At the general meeting of this Society, held on January 25th, the following officers were elected:—Master, Mr. H. Barton; Treasurer, Mr. C. E. Malim; Secretary, Mr. G. E. Symonds; Senior Steward, Mr. W. H. Webber; Junior Steward, Mr. A. E. Quaife.

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The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.

THE following officers were elected on January 26th to serve for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. F. Perrin; Secretary, Mr. C. J. Irish; Senior Steward, Mr. A. E. Quaife; Junior Steward, Mr. A. R. Davis.

St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington.

THE third annual meeting of this Guild took place on January 24th at St. Mary Abbot's Club, Church Street, when some twenty members sat down to an excellent dinner. After dinner, the Vicar (Canon Pennefather) expressed regret that he was unable to spend the whole evening with them, and complimented the members on the improvement in ringing during the past year. He also remarked how pleased he was that his son (Mr. W. S. Pennefather) had become a member.

On Mr. R. A. Daniell being voted to the chair, the business was proceeded with, when all the retiring officers were re-elected.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the steeple-keeper (W. Fox) and the instructor (Mr. W. E. Garrard) for their services during the past year, to which Mr. W. E. Garrard replied, and proceeded to read his annual report, which showed that good work had been done during the year. Among other things, they had accomplished the first complete peal ever rung by a band of ringers connected with St. Mary Abbot's. During the year they had also rung two quarter-peals of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and four of GRANDSIRE CATERS. During the evening a well-struck touch of 225 changes of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the handbells by A. F. Harris, 1-2; W. E. Judd, 3-4; W. E. Garrard, 5-6; W. Fox, 7-8. Also 168, with H. G. Miles 1-2, and J. Judd 7-8.

It was regretted by all that the Guild's first Secretary (the Rev. L. J. Percival, chaplain to the Bishop of London) was unable to attend, but he sent a letter, kindly wishing the members a pleasant evening and a good balance. The present Hon. Secretary (the Rev. W. G. Pennyman) was also an absentee, he being abroad. The Guild, however, had the pleasure of the company of the Revs. R. Holmes, H. M. Schroder, and A. B. Berry, the latter an active member.

CHANGE-RINGING.*The Oxford Diocesan Guild—Henley Branch.*

At St. Peter's, Caversham, on January 23rd, Johnson's Variation of Middleton's peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Harry Symonds ..	1	Ernest W. Menday ..	5
Thomas Newman ..	2	George Essex ..	6
Edward J. Menday ..	3	H. W. Smith ..	7
Richard T. Hibbert ..	4	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	8

Also at St. Mary's, Witney, on January 24th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Fred White ..	1	William Newell ..	6
Richard White ..	2	Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor) ..	7
Charles Hounslow ..	3	F. Stedman White and	
Frank Hopgood ..	4	John Monk ..	8
George Holfield ..	5		

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Bristol, on January 24th, Brook's Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Henry Pring ..	1	Herbert Tucker ..	5
Alfred Pearce ..	2	Charles Gordon ..	6
Frederick Pearce ..	3	George T. Daltry (condr.)	7
Gilbert Pearce ..	4	Percy Came ..	8

The Kent County Association.

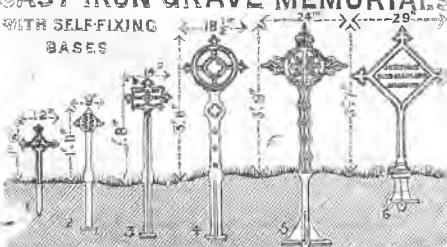
At SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge, on January 24th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

John Malyan ..	1	Thomas Wallis ..	5
Joseph Edwards ..	2	James Heasman ..	6
John Steddy (conductor)	3	Richard Jenner ..	7
Jack Preston ..	4	Peter Smith ..	8

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The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, on January 25th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

W. H. L. Buckingham ..	1	Frederick Edwards ..	5
Bertrand Prevett ..	2	Frank A. Smith ..	6
Charles George ..	3	William Hewitt ..	7
Herbert Martin ..	4	Ernest E. Huntley ..	8

Composed by W. Sottanstill and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. [* First peal of MAJOR]

At the residence of Mr. Buckingham, Radolph Terrace, Bushey, on January 22nd, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins., on handbells retained in hand.

George N. Price ..	1-2	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	5-6
Herbert Martin ..	3-4	Charles George ..	7-8

Composed by W. H. L. Buckingham, and conducted by G. N. Price. Umpires, Mrs. Buckingham and Mr. F. A. Smith.

The Hertfordshire Association—The Bushey Society.

At St. James's, Bushey, on January 28th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

W. H. L. Buckingham ..	1	William I. Oakley ..	5
William E. Oakley ..	2	William J. S. Thorn ..	6
Frederick Edwards ..	3	Frank A. Smith ..	7
William G. Whitehead ..	4	Ernest E. Huntley ..	8

Composed by H. Haley and conducted by Ernest E. Huntley. This is the first peal of TREBLE BOB by an entirely resident band.

The St. Margaret's Society.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 28th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Harold N. Davis ..	1	Fred G. Perrin ..	6
Arthur Hardy ..	2	Ruben Charge ..	7
Albert E. Quaife ..	3	George E. Symonds ..	8
William H. Webber ..	4	Victor W. West ..	9
Harry Barton ..	5	Fred Gentry ..	10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart.; conducted by Harry Barton.

WILBY.—On January 24th, the Wilby members of the Central Northamptonshire Association rang 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. J. H. Robinson, for seven years rector's churchwarden, and for a long period an active Church worker connected with the Parish Church, Wellingborough. A. Fairey, 1; C. Fairey, 2; T. Fowler (conductor), 3; W. Drage, 4; W. Smith (churchwarden), 5. Tenor, 9 cwt., in B flat.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—On January 12th, a quarter-peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES. G. Turnell, 1; W. H. Ette, 2; W. Wood, 3; F. Underwood, 4; F. Wood, 5; E. West, 6; T. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; T. Craddock, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D. Longest touch in the method by all, and the first time it has been rung at Wellingborough.

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THE VILLAGE ORGANIST. Edited by Sir J. Stainer and Mr. F. Cunningham Woods. Books 13-16.—Organists who have only a small one or two manual instrument at their disposal will find the *Village Organist* simply invaluable. Many of the pieces are easy arrangements of the old masters, and the remainder are modern compositions, but all are simple and effective without being uninteresting. Each book contains seven or eight pieces, and is published at one shilling.

SCENES FROM THE BALLET 'LA TZIGANE,' arranged for pianoforte by the composer, Georges Jacobi.—The themes are graceful, and the pieces present no particular difficulties. They will be found eminently suitable for drawing-room performance.

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ONAWAY, AWAKE, BELOVED. Tenor song from the cantata, *Hiawatha's Wedding Feast*. Words by Longfellow, the music by S. Coleridge-Taylor.—A really fine song, but one that no singer should attempt who has not a good method and compass. A composition of this character is a great relief from the string of worn-out musical idioms which so frequently does duty as a song.

FROM CHARLES VINCENT, 9 BERNERS STREET:—

REEDS AND PIPES. A collection of original pieces, edited by Charles Vincent, Mus. Doc., Oxon. (four parts).—Truly the wants of village church musicians are being well looked after, and those country organists who for the last twenty years have had to subsist almost solely upon Travers' voluntaries will welcome a change. As their title implies, these little pieces are available for either reed instruments or pipe organs, so that they are naturally of small calibre; but notwithstanding their simplicity, they are interesting and well suited to the purpose.

A SUNSET MELODY, for the organ, by Charles Vincent.—A well-written and tuneful piece, suitable as an opening voluntary.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (February 10th).

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, on February 13th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on February 15th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on February 14th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on February 15th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 17th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on February 16th.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on February 15th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on February 16th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on February 17th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Central Council.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The annual meeting will be held at Norwich, on Tuesday in Whitsun week, May 23rd, 1899. Notices of motion must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 25th. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are reminded that subscriptions to the Council are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative. The Hon. Secretary would also be greatly obliged for information as to any change in representatives, or their addresses, that has taken place in the last year.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—An extra meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 18th, at Cheriton Church. No allowances.

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THE attention of the churchwardens of St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, having been called to the state of the bell-frame and fittings of the bells, some months since they made personal examination and found them in a very unsatisfactory state. It was thought, however, by patching up the frame that accidents might be avoided, and this was done. Though not regarded as a permanent restoration, it was hoped it would last for some time. Since then, however, the state of the bells has become very much worse. A Church Council meeting was called, the Vicar (Rev. Percival Smith) presiding, and it was decided that the present ring of six bells should be rehung in a new frame, and provision made for two additional bells to complete the octave.

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INTERVIEW (No. 186)

Mr. JAMES AITKEN, Schoolmaster, Kinloch, Rannoch, February, 1898.

The cases previously published of patients living in the district of Kinloch Rannoch, have all been of recent date. This, which refers to Mr. Aitken, the schoolmaster of that place, goes back a number of years, and so serves the double purpose of illustrating, not only recovery, but the permanence of cure which usually follows an intelligent and persevering use of Mr. Congreve's remedies.

Mr. Aitken is in appearance a fine, strong man, standing over six feet in height. No one to look at him would think he had ever had a serious ailment; but this is what he himself says about it:

'In the year 1883 I was living at Yarrow Fens, near Selkirk, and was a teacher in a school, preparing for my "parchment." A bad cold, combined with much mental anxiety about my class, was the commencement of my illness. I gradually got worse, and among other grave symptoms, suffered much with night-perspirations. I felt I wanted to go home, and the doctor who was attending me advised me to do so. On my way I called at Edinburgh Infirmary, and was examined by one of the staff. He said my lungs were affected in two places, prescribed for me, and gave me a plaster. I had previously been told of Mr. Congreve's medicine, so I sent for it. I felt immediate benefit from it. Before I took it I was so weak that I couldn't lift an armchair; yet after a course of the treatment I was well again, and strong enough to work all through the harvest. Returning to my school in September—three months after my previous visit—I was examined again at Edinburgh Infirmary by the same doctor. His verdict was "All right now." I went back to Yarrow, although my medical attendant there had prophesied that I should never return. I have enjoyed good health since. I shall always be grateful to Mr. Congreve, and you are quite at liberty to publish this.'

The practice of the late Mr. Congreve is still carried on at Coombe Lodge by Mr. J. ALEXANDER BROWN, who for many years was Mr. Congreve's qualified Medical Assistant and Manager.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The St. James's Society and the Hertfordshire Association.

At the 'Shakespeare's Head,' St. Clement Danes, on January 26th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 39 mins.

Alfred W. Brighton ..	1-2	Challis F. Winney ..	5-6
W. H. L. Buckingham ..	3-4	George N. Price ..	7-8

Composed and conducted by Walter H. L. Buckingham.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association.

At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, Barking, on January 28th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Thomas Faulkner ..	1	Frederick A. Nunn ..	5
Albert Deards ..	2	Ebenezer Andrews ..	6
Rowland Fenn ..	3	Alfred Brighton ..	7
Caleb Fenn ..	4	Challis F. Winney (condr.)	8

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, on January 28th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERPILLERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

John Rogers ..	1	George Smith ..	6
Frederick Richardson ..	2	Richard Bevan ..	7
William Doran ..	3	John Mole ..	8
William Nudds ..	4	Henry Stubbs ..	9
Thomas Titchener ..	5	Daniel Lovett ..	10

Composed and conducted by John Rogers.

The St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol.

At the Parish Church, Long Ashton, on January 28th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

W. J. Hinton ..	1	C. H. Gordon ..	5
F. W. Elles ..	2	F. Price ..	6
C. H. Tomkins ..	3	W. A. Cave ..	7
J. D. Matthews ..	4	J. Gould ..	8

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart., and conducted by W. A. Cave.

The St. Martin's Guild.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on January 31st, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5140 changes, in 3 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt.

Thomas Russam ..	1	Albert Walker ..	7
Alfred Flowers ..	2	William Short ..	8
Charles Dickens ..	3	Frederick Clayton ..	9
William R. Small ..	4	John Buffery ..	10
Bernard Witchell ..	5	Thomas Reynolds ..	11
William Kent ..	6	William Painter ..	12

Composed by William Kent and conducted by Bernard Witchell. This peal was specially composed and rung as the last tribute of respect to their late Ringing Master, Henry Bastable, with the bells half-muffled. It is in the inverted tittum and rounds positions, the treble being a 2nd bell throughout, and the 6th a 5th bell twenty-four courses in the tittums, and thirteen courses in rounds.

The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on February 2nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

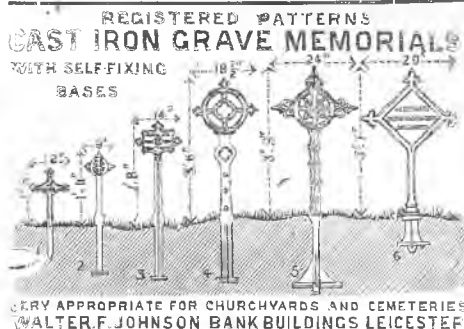
Frederick A. Nunn ..	1	John H. Cheesman ..	5
Charles Wilkins ..	2	Staff-Serg. A. Pye ..	6
William Weatherstone ..	3	Harry Flanders ..	7
I. George Shade ..	4	Alfred W. Brighton ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by Alfred W. Brighton. [* First peal in the method.]

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The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 4th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERPILLERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Charles Hopkins ..	1	William Pye ..	6
William Manning ..	2	Ernest Pye ..	7
George R. Pye ..	3	Harry Freeman ..	8
Edgar Wightman ..	4	Alfred W. Brighton ..	9
Staff-Serg. A. Pye ..	5	Fredk. A. Nunn ..	10

Composed by William T. Elson, and conducted by George R. Pye.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—A richly engraved brass memorial tablet has been fixed in the Jubilee Tower porch, skilfully carried out by Mr. Albert Angel, of Catherine Street, Exeter, and the black marble frame has been excellently executed by Mr. J. Stocker, Fore Street, Heavitree. The engraved inscription on the brass plate is as follows:—'To the glory of God and in thankful remembrance of sixty years of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria a new peal of eight bells in this tower was given by loyal parishioners. Sackville Hamilton Berkeley, instituted 1886, died July 18th, 1897; Theophilus John Ponting, instituted 14th December, 1897, Vicars. Arthur Burch, John Sampson, Churchwardens, A.D. 1897-8. Edward H. Vaughan, Lieut.-Colonel, chairman; Edward A. Sanders, Esq., J.P., hon. treasurer; Alfred Brooking, hon. secretary, Bell Committee. John Taylor & Co., bell founders, Loughborough.' Inscriptions on bells:—On each bell, '1837, Victoria R.I., 1897.' On No. 1: 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.' No. 2: 'The Lord is at hand.' No. 3: 'Glory to God in the highest.' No. 4: 'And on earth peace.' No. 5: 'Goodwill towards men.' No. 6: 'Fear God, honour the Queen. R. N. G. Baker gave me, 1897.' No. 7: 'To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Matilda E. C. Holmes, given by her sisters, Ellen and Anna M. Holmes, 1897.' No. 8: 'We praise Thee, O God. Given by E. A. and M. Sanders, 1897.'

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The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on February 20th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on February 20th; St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on February 21st; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on February 22nd; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 24th.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, on February 24th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on February 22nd.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on February 22nd.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on February 23rd.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on February 24th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

York Minster Ringers.

ON Thursday evening, February 2nd, the above ringers held their anniversary at the 'Lowther Hotel,' Kings Staith. After the cloth was removed, the retiring President took the chair, and proposed the loyal toasts and the health of the Archbishop and clergy, including the Dean and Chapter. Then followed the Donors, the Visitors, and the Press (including the Ringers' papers), and the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, which was responded to by one of the Vice-Presidents. The proceedings were enlivened by various songs, and during the evening several courses of GRANDSIRE and a touch of TREBLE BOB MAJOR were rung on the handbells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on February 11th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5241 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.
 James Pettit .. 1 William E. Garrard .. 6
 William Truss .. 2 John R. Sharman .. 7
 Challis F. Winney .. 3 William T. Cockerill .. 8
 Walter S. Wise .. 4 James George .. 9
 Thomas H. Taffender .. 5 William Fox .. 10
 Composed by John P. Bradley, conducted by William E. Garrard.
 Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Edwin Horrex, which took place that day at St. Philip's, Battersea.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Middlesex Association.

AT the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, Barking, on February 7th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.
 Frederick A. Nunn .. 1 Rowland Fenn .. 5
 Caleb Fenn .. 2 Ernest E. Huntley* .. 6
 Walter H. L. Buckingham .. 3 Albert C. Hardy .. 7
 George N. Price* .. 4 Alfred W. Brighton .. 8
 Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, conducted by Alfred W. Brighton. [* First peal in the method.]

The Yorkshire Association.

AT St. Paul's, Drighlington, on February 4th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.
 H. N. Fowler (Drighlington) 1 D. Newton (Drighlington) 5
 T. E. Hepworth 2 John Thackray* (Armley) 6
 P. Cordingley* (Pudsey) .. 3 F. Hargreave (Tong) .. 7
 T. Latimer* .. 4 J. M. Chadwick (Rothwell) 8
 Composed by Arthur Knight, conducted by J. M. Chadwick.
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AT the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Edenbridge, on February 5th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Frederick Harrington* .. 1	Thomas Wallis .. 5
William Steed .. 2	James Wallis .. 6
James Heasman .. 3	Richard Jenner† .. 7
John Steddy .. 4	Jack Preston .. 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by Jack Preston. First peal of MAJOR. + First in the method with a bob-bell.]

AT St. Mary's, Woolwich, on February 6th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Frederick A. Nunn .. 1	Ernest Pye .. 5
Alfred W. Brighton .. 2	Staff-Sergeant A. Pye .. 6
Isaac G. Shade .. 3	Harry Flanders .. 7
John H. Cheeseman .. 4	William Pye .. 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by William Pye.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on February 10th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

George Conyard .. 1	Alfred W. Brighton .. 5
Staff-Sergeant A. Pye .. 2	Charles Wilkins .. 6
Isaac G. Shade .. 3	Harry Flanders .. 7
John H. Cheesman .. 4	Edwin Barnett .. 8

Composed by J. Page, and conducted by John H. Cheesman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred W. Brighton.

ALSO at St. Mary's, Ashford, on February 11th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Frederick J. Harrington .. 1	James Wallis .. 5
Edward R. J. Dunk .. 2	Thomas Wallis .. 6
William Steed .. 3	George Head .. 7
John W. Steddy .. 4	Jack Preston .. 8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by Jack Preston. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co. The ringers wish (through Church Bells) to thank the Vicar, Canon Tindall, for kindly granting them the use of the bells.

PORTSEA.—On December 18th, 1898, for service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung by the following local members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild: J. Harper, 1; E. Newman (conductor), 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Collins (first 504 on inside bell), 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; J. Gould, 8. Also on January 10th, for practice, 102 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by the following members of the band: H. C. Ingram (first 162), 1; C. Groves, 2; A. Stone, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. W. Pickard, 6; J. Reynolds, 7; E. Reynolds, 8. And on February 5th, for service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES: P. Hannam, 1; C. Groves, 2; A. Stone, 3; W. J. Pickard, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Collins, 6; E. Newman (condr.), 7; F. S. Bayley, 8.

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6	2	4	3	5	-	-	-
5	4	2	3	6	-	-	-
2	3	5	4	6	-	-	-
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Plain Bob Royal.

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of Robert Louis Stevenson marked a new era, with their subtle charm, for all nursery lays. The old crude form of art and verse has been totally discarded, and in the little volume under notice the new type of 'baby book' is well represented. The impending tragedy implied in the opening words: 'The pen defied the pencil to make a mark in ink,' must strike a chill to bolder hearts than those of children, nor can the attention be diverted until every line of the epic has been perused, and the climax reached when there came an author to write his chapter ten, and we learn, with a thrill of satisfaction (for the pen had been somewhat overbearing) that 'the pencil did it all, sir; he only bit the pen.' Equally ominous is the statement that 'the pattern on the nursery wall is going to have a fight;' and, in conclusion, we cannot omit a word of praise for the humane trend visible in the verses entitled 'My Next-door Neighbour's Bird.' We heartily commend the little work.

THE NATIONAL CHURCH.—Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, & Co. have just published, for the Church Committee for Church Defence and Church Instruction, the twenty-ninth volume of the new series of the *National Church*, a monthly record of Church work, which has obtained a firm and widespread hold upon the favourable opinions of Church people. The volume is neatly and substantially bound, and is well indexed.

THE CLERGY LIST, 1899. (Kelly's Directories, Ltd. 10s. 6d.)—This useful volume, published in such excellent form by the above firm, has been issued for the current year. The proprietors point out that they have not attempted to make any great change in the preparation of the *List*, but the alphabetical list of the clergy, which in 1896 only consisted of 496 pages, has this year been increased to 1084. A feature of the present edition is that, with but few exceptions, the gross and net values are given for all livings. The 1899 volume, which is in three parts, will be found to be even more complete in many other important respects than was its immediate predecessor.

Magazines.

THE CHURCH ECLECTIC.—The portrait this month is that of the late Rev. Thomas McKee Brown, of whom Dr. Batterson has written a sympathetic memoir. Roland Ringwalt's article on 'Edmund Burke—Giant, Genius, and Grievance-monger,' is written in a justly appreciative spirit. 'No American,' says Mr. Ringwalt, 'can say too much in praise of Burke's efforts on behalf of the Colonies.' The *Eclectic* presents several other interesting features.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE.—In the 'Notes upon Current Topics' a writer says that 'the appointment of Lord Curzon as Viceroy of India introduces a new era for the Empire. His régime will be watched with interest, as it is expected to bring forth many reforms for the benefit of the country and its vast population.' The writer of 'Our English Letter' remarks that, to all appearances, the Liberal Party is irrecoverably broken up, and adds that it is no wonder that the national memorial to the memory of Mr. Gladstone hangs fire. The Rev. E. C. Dermer, B.D., chaplain at Beaulieu, has an important paper on 'Obedience to the Prayer-book.'

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE.—The March number is of exceptional interest. The article entitled 'The Last Days of Charles the First,' by Edward Almack, is well written, and the reproductions of paintings of the ill-fated monarch are worth preserving. Arthur Blount's story 'About Nunziata,' is pathetic; 'Old Venny,' of whom George Gamble writes, is true to life; and the account of 'George C. Ross and the Cocoon-keeling Islands' is a remarkable one.

THE STUDIO.—The first article is devoted to 'Wilfred Ball, etcher and water-colour painter,' of some of whose productions charming reproductions are given. This artist's etchings are very fine. 'The Architecture of the Passmore Edwards Settlement' has furnished a capital subject for G. L. Morris and Esther Wood, who deserve more than passing praise for the way in which they have presented the Settlement to the readers of the *Studio*. 'Art in Vienna' is cleverly described to us by Wilhelm Schölermann, and Joseph Pennell tells us 'The Truth about Lithography' convincingly. 'Studio Talk' is, as in previous numbers, full of interest.

New Music.

VIA CRUCIS. Cantata for Lent and Passiontide. Composed by Edward H. Birch, Mus. Bac., Oxon. (John Blockley).—Laid out for tenor and bass soloists, and four-part chorus, with hymns to be sung by the congregation, this short cantata is 'possible' at almost any church. The writing is descriptive and interesting, with occasional fugal expositions and other effects, that only a skilful musician can write.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (February 24th).

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, on February 27th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on March 1st.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on February 28th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on March 1st; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 3rd.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on March 2nd.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on March 1st.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on March 2nd.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on March 3rd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of this Guild will be held at Crossens, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.; tea, 5 p.m.; business meeting, 6 p.m.

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INTERVIEW (No. 187)

With Rev. J. FRIMSTON, Baptist Minister, Talysarn,
Pen-y-Groes, Carnarvon.

In the course of a chat with Rev. J. Frimston, he mentioned some of the cases treated by Mr. Congreve's remedies, which had come under his personal notice.

'I recommended Evan Evans to apply,' Mr. Frimston said, 'and wrote to Mr. Congreve on his behalf. There was no doubt in my mind that he was Consumptive. He had a cough, and all the other symptoms one expects to find. A brother had died of consumption. He was too ill to work when he commenced the treatment, about the beginning of 1897. But he made good progress, and ultimately recovered, though the local doctor had not been able to do anything for him. He had been back at his work some time. I saw him last night; he was then quite well. I also applied to Mr. Congreve on behalf of a little boy living close to my house. I feel certain he was in Consumption. But he got well, and is now at school. Some portion of medicine the mother had left she has just given to a young man suffering in the same way, with a strong recommendation that he should persevere. As I said in the letter you have there: "In every case not being in the last stage of Consumption, I have witnessed the good effects of your treatment."'

Mr. Frimston willingly accorded me permission to publish this testimony.
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The late Vicar of Hemingford Grey, Hunts.

It is with deep regret we have to chronicle the sudden death of the Rev. Peregrine E. Curtois, M.A., vicar of Hemingford Grey, Hunts, and one of the District Secretaries of the Ely Diocesan Association. With the intention of visiting an outlying part of his parish on Monday, February 13th, he proceeded to cross some meadows, which had been flooded by the recent rains, by means of the railway, in doing which he was caught by a passing engine and instantly killed. The deceased gentleman, who was sixty-two years of age, was well known for the keen interest he has always taken in ringing and ringers ever since his connexion with the University Guild as a Cambridge undergraduate. He had been an active member of the 'Ely District' Association almost from its commencement, and when that body became absorbed in the reconstituted 'Diocesan Association,' two years ago, was unanimously elected as Secretary for the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, an office which he retained until his death. The remains were buried on Friday, in the little cemetery at Hemingford Grey, in the presence of a large number of private friends, and of the parishioners, among whom he had laboured ever since 1869. The Revs. K. H. Smith (Ely) and W. W. Crump (Haddenham), the Treasurer and General Secretary, attended as representatives of the Association. At the conclusion of the service, 720 BOB MINOR were rung, with the bells completely muffled, by several of his own ringers, assisted by Mr. H. Sharp, of Wilburton. The bells were also rung half-muffled on Sunday, both at Hemingford and Wilburton, at the latter church 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB being rung in the morning, and 720 COLLEGE SINGLES before evensong, the conductor on both occasions being Mr. W. Smith.

CHANGE-RINGING.**The Ancient Society of College Youths.**

AT St. John's, Hackney, on February 18th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

William D. Smith .. 1	James Willshire .. 5
John O. Oxborough .. 2	Samuel E. Andrews .. 6
Frank Buck .. 3	Charles T. P. Brice .. 7
Henry S. Ellis .. 4	Henry R. Newton .. 8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by T. P. Brice.

The Kent County Association—Lewisham District.

AT St. Mary's, Lewisham, on February 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Harry Barrett .. 1	Frederick W. Thornton .. 5
John James Lamb .. 2	Thomas Taylor* .. 6
Thomas P. Richards .. 3	Harry Warnett (condr.) .. 7
William Foreman .. 4	Charles H. Walker* .. 8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

The Surrey Association.

AT St. Mary's, Beddington, on February 18th, Dr. A. B. Carpenter's Variation of Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

Henry Brooker (conductor) .. 1	William Bulpitt .. 5
Edgar Bennett .. 2	Charles Bance .. 6
James Rumble .. 3	Charles Gordon .. 7
Dr. A. B. Carpenter .. 4	James Wignell .. 8

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The Middlesex County Association.

At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, Barking, Essex, on February 14th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 minutes. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Albert C. Hardy .. 1	Caleb Fenn .. 5
William Pye (conductor) .. 2	Rowland Fenn .. 6
Charles Hopkins .. 3	Ernest Pye .. 7
Alfred W. Brighton .. 4	Arthur T. King .. 8

ALSO at Christ Church, Blackfriars, on February 18th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Alf. W. Brighton (condr.) .. 1	Harry Flanders .. 5
Edgar Wightman .. 2	Ebenezer Andrews .. 6
William Pye .. 3	Ernest Pye .. 7
Charles H. Martin .. 4	Arthur T. King .. 8

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Magazines.

CORNHILL MAGAZINE.—The Etchingham Letters, which have been so entertaining, are concluded. There are several articles, viz., 'North Norfolk Fish and Fowl,' 'The Sense of Humour in Men,' and 'The Byeways of Journalism.' S. R. Crockett's serial, 'Little Anna Mark,' maintains its promised interest. It is written in Mr. Crockett's most captivating style. Miss Alys Hallard's story, 'An Actress's Treasures,' is pretty.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS.—The current issue deals with the 'Peace Crusade,' 'Schemes for Liberal Reconstruction,' 'The Alleged Atrocities in the Soudan,' 'Captain Mahan as Prophet,' 'What Ritualism is Not' (by Lord Halifax), Klondyke ('Is the Klondyke a second Transvaal?'), Austria: its Kaiser and its Mission,' &c. 'Charles Dickens as a Social Reformer' receives considerable attention. The number is interesting throughout.

THE WINDSOR MAGAZINE.—There is more of Rudyard Kipling's 'Stalky & Co.,' the present instalment being entitled 'The Moral Reformers.' James Milne has been interviewing the Rev. Arthur Robins, 'The Soldier's Bishop,' and a very interesting interview it is. Katherine Tynan's article on 'Longfellow's Heroines' is good. Longfellow's ideal of woman, according to the authoress, was 'a very saintly one.' Mary Angela Dickens's 'Chat with Mrs. W. K. Clifford' gives a charming impression of the writer of 'A Flash of Summer.' There are several smartly-written stories in the magazine.

THE LADY'S REALM.—The first article has for its subject the Princess Beatrice, portraits of whom and of her late husband are given. The Princess's recent portrait is charming. 'Once and for All' is a very clever story by F. Frankfort Moore. Ingram Whitaker tells us chattily about what he saw in 'A Month in Japan,' and Lady Masque introduces us pleasantly to 'The Wives of the Cabinet Ministers.' Sarah Grand and others offer opinions as to whether marriage hinders a woman's self-development. The contribution having for its subject 'Anglican Deaconesses' gives a distinctly happy description of deaconesses' institutions. Several readable stories appear in the number.

THE TEMPLE MAGAZINE.—In the 'Big Lives' series, Mr. C. T. Bateman contributes an excellent article on Dr. Randall Davidson, eighty-fifth bishop of Winchester, of whose home—Farnham Castle, Surrey—a pretty picture is given. 'Temple Talk,' as usual, is possessed of considerable interest; and the interview with Mr. John Proctor, one of 'Our Leading Cartoonists,' by Frank Forbes, has been cleverly done. Two other capital items are 'Beautiful Malvern' and 'Behind the Scenes at the British Museum.'

THE ROYAL MAGAZINE.—The frontispiece, a street scene in Amsterdam during the Middle Ages, is from the photograph of a drawing by Victor Selb. Next comes an interesting article on 'The Art of the Camera,' by R. Grey. Five complete stories are given. J. Holt Schooling's comparative article on 'Friends or Enemies' is worth reading. Mr. Russell Sage lets us into 'The Secret of Making Money'—which, he says, consists of 'nothing more difficult than the strict observance of a few common-sense rules'—in the compass of a well-written article. The remaining contents go to make up a good number.

THE CHURCH MONTHLY.—so much in demand for localisation—contains a further instalment of the interesting serial, 'Homeward Bound,' an article on All Saints, the quaint old church at Thwring; a sermon on 'God and our Faith,' by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe; and an illustrated sketch of the Bishop of Islington.

Mr. FREDERICK SHERLOCK makes an interesting offer in the *Church Monthly*. This is Mr. Sherlock's seventh annual appeal to churchwardens to revive the 'good old custom of presenting an Easter offering to the clergy,' and he advises that churchwardens should have notices clearly and plainly printed to the following effect:—'Your offerings on Sunday next (Easter Day) will be given to the Vicar (or Rector), and the Churchwardens ask your liberal support on this occasion.' These notices—which Mr. Sherlock suggests should be printed on white cards, so that they can be used year after year—should be placed in the seats on the Sunday before Easter Day. With a view to rendering substantial help in the matter, he will be happy, on application, to supply, free of cost, the requisite cards. Mr. Sherlock, whose suggestion is a valuable one, may be addressed at the *Church Monthly* Office, New Bridge Street, E.C.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on March 6th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on March 6th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on March 7th; Christ Church, Spitalfields, on March 8th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 10th.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, on March 10th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on March 8th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on March 8th.
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The Kent County Association—Maidstone District.

THE annual meeting of the members of the Maidstone district took place at Lenham on February 4th. The fact that the bells there had been recently restored attracted numerous ringers from Maidstone, Bearsted, Otharing, West Malling, Willersborough, Leeds, Brabourne, and Canterbury. Lenham possesses a splendid peal of eight, ranging in weight from 6 cwt. to 23 cwt., and dating from 1598 to 1751. The visitors were accorded a hearty welcome by the Rev. C. E. B. Nepean. Unfortunately their preliminary efforts at ringing were interrupted by the breaking of a clapper. It was therefore decided to ring on the six bells, and during the afternoon touches of BOB MINOR were brought round. An adjournment was made at five o'clock to the inn for tea, under the presidency of the Vicar. Subsequently the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Nepean for the use of the tower and bells, which was heartily carried, and, in reply, the Chairman mentioned that the founder of the Association, Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, formerly resided within a mile of the village. From him he learnt to love the science, and although his interest in the past might not have been of a very practical character, he should now have pleasure in joining the Association as an honorary member. He was glad the Lenham ringers had applied for affiliation, because he believed the Association had largely assisted in making the belfries what they ought to be. The manners and customs handed down from generations of bell-ringers were most interesting. Wherever the Association went there were rules to be adhered to, which not only made the visits a source of enjoyment to themselves, but were for the honour and glory of God. The Lenham ringers were then affiliated to the Kent Association.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—Taunton Branch.

THE annual meeting of the Taunton and Wellington Branch of the Diocesan Association of Change-ringers was held in St. Mary's belfry on February 11th. The Rev. H. C. Courtney, of Minehead, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The following appointments were made.—Chairman, Mr. E. E. Burgess; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. Maddock; Committee, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. J. Burge, Mr. W. Chapman, Mr. H. J. Creed, and Mr. H. Mogridge. It was proposed by Mr. F. Millard, and seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, that the next meeting of the branch should be held at Wilton. The members wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. J. Burge and Mr. J. Fowler for getting everything ready. The bells were kept going in GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and CATERS until eight o'clock.

CHANGE-RINGING.**The Sussex County Association.**

At Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, on February 18th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Arthur A. Fuller ..	1	Edward C. Merritt ..	5
Robert J. Dawe ..	2	John S. Goldsmith ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Frank Bennett, and conducted by George Williams. The first peal of LONDON SURPRISE on the bells.

Also at St. Andrew's, Steyning, on February 25th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

Edwin Rapley ..	1	Robert J. Dawe ..	5
John Smart ..	2	John S. Goldsmith ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
George Gatland ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, conducted by George Williams. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.

The St. George's Society—Muffled Peal.

At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on February 27th, eight members of the above Society rang a double peal, with the bells half-muffled, whole-pull-and-stand, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. C. Hill, of the London City Mission, who died on Sunday, the 19th ultimo, suddenly, at the age of sixty-seven years; also Mrs. Jane Hill,

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his wife, who died on the following Tuesday, the 21st, at the age of seventy-two years. They were much respected by all who knew them. The large bell was tolled for the funeral service at the above church.

G. Woodage (conductor) ..	1	W. G. Corbbet ..	5
T. H. Taffender ..	2	F. Clements ..	6
W. H. Smith ..	3	W. Humberston ..	7
C. H. Deer ..	4	W. T. Waldon ..	8

The St. James's Society.

At St. George's, Camberwell, on February 23rd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

William T. Cockerill ..	1	William Fox ..	5
William Moss ..	2	Archibald F. Harris ..	6
William E. Judd ..	3	W. E. Garrard (conductor) ..	7
Robert E. Daniell ..	4	Thomas Lamboll ..	8

WEST BROMWICH.—At the Parish Church, on January 22nd, for evening service, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late esteemed member, Mr. Edwin Cashmore. J. Davies, 1; T. Danks (conductor), 2; J. Wheatley, 3; T. Taylor, 4; J. Culwick, 5; A. Griffiths, 6; G. Griffiths, 7; J. Tarr, 8.

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The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on March 16th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on March 15th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on March 16th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on March 17th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, on February 18th, Brook's Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins.
 William R. Small .. 1 | Thomas Horton 5
 Joseph Timms 2 | Samuel Reeves (conductor) 6
 William Griffin 3 | James Pratt 7
 William Micklewright .. 4 | James Hall 8
 AND at Christ Church, Oldbury, on February 27th, Thurstans' Five-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins.
 William R. Small .. 1 | Reuben Hall 5
 Samuel Reeves (conductor) 2 | John Adams 6
 William H. Godden .. 3 | Thomas J. Elton .. 7
 Thomas Horton 4 | James Hall 8

The Kent County Association.

At St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on February 24th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Frederick W. Thornton .. 1	Harry Hoskins 5
Charles Wilkins 2	John H. Cheesman .. 6
I. George Shade 3	James Parker 7
Sidney Wade 4	John R. Sharman .. 8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by I. George Shade. The above is the first peal in the method upon the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

William Aldridge .. 1	James Parker 5
Isaac G. Shade 2	Harry Hoskins 6
John H. Cheesman .. 3	Charles Wilkins 7
Caleb Fenn 4	John R. Sharman .. 8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, conducted by Isaac G. Shade. Rung on the fiftieth anniversary of the peal of SUPERLATIVE by the famous Bannister family in 1849.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Giles's-in-the-Fields, on March 2nd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

William Pye 1	Alfred W. Brighton (condr.) 5
William Weatherstone .. 2	Harry Flanders 6
Bertram Prewett 3	Ernest Pye 7
Herbert Martin 4	Arthur T. King 8

The Surrey Association.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, on March 4th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

Edgar Bennett 1	Alfred Clayton 6
Henry Brooker 2	William Burkin 7
Charles Bance 3	William Smith 8
Dr. A. B. Carpenter .. 4	Joseph Fayers 9
Charles Dean 5	Charles Gordon 10

Composed by John Reeves, conducted by Joseph Fayers.

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The Sussex County Association.

At Holy Trinity Church, Arundel, on March 4th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in E.

Lionel Sears 1	John S. Goldsmith .. 5
Robert J. Dawe 2	George A. King 6
Frank Bennett 3	Keith Hart 7
Edward C. Merritt .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by Frank Bennett, conducted by George Williams. This was the first peal of LONDON SURPRISE on the bells; also J. S. Goldsmith's 100th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time: 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's place at a course-end.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, on March 4th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

John Cordingley 1	John Thackray 5
Ezra Keighley 2	William Hollings .. 6
Joseph Thackray 3	George B. Bolland .. 7
Charles Pratt 4	Frederick Hargreave .. 8

Composed by Henry Johnson; conducted by John Cordingley, who is in his seventy-third year. This is the first peal in the method by the Association. It was intended to attempt the peal at St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, but the tenor there is not going well enough for such a length.

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Magazines.

THE WIDE WORLD MAGAZINE.—The De Rougement adventures are continued; G. and A. P. Abraham have a well-illustrated article on 'Rock-climbing in Great Britain'; Pashin Kin tells 'The Truth about the Chinese Emperor,' of whom authentic portraits are presented; Frederick Lees describes the Parisian motor-cab school; and Miss M. M. Bowles thrillingly describes how she was chased by a furious ostrich in South Africa. 'Sonny, the Water Baby,' by Theo W. Hickson, is a prettily described experience; the photographs are very good. John Blair relates a terrible story of 'A Night in a Flood with a Madman,' and Robert L. Jefferson's account of his cycle ride to Khiva is a remarkable one.

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER has reached its thousandth number. With the current issue is given a pleasing coloured presentation plate, together with a portrait gallery, including likenesses of Princess Beatrice and the Queen of Roumania, and over a hundred contributors to the 'G. O. P.' The editor contributes an able article on 'Our 1000th Number,' and another paper called 'Looking Back: a Retrospect' (by James Mason), dealing with the same subject, will be read with avidity by the countless supporters of the paper. All who read the 'G. O. P.' and who appreciate its excellence will heartily join with us in hoping that it will long pursue an increasingly prosperous career.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW.—Professor Blaikie (of Edinburgh), writing about Jean Baptiste Massillon, says that his sermons 'show the usual defects of Romish theology,' but that 'beyond all doubt Massillon stands foremost in reputation in the roll of French preachers.' Dr. Gladden (of Ohio), has an article on 'The Fatherhood of God as a Theological Factor,' and Dr. Sample (of New York City), says, in the course of a thoughtful contribution on 'The Great Want of the Age,' that 'we need a genuine work; the baptism of the Holy Ghost; power from on high.' Dr. Sluckenberg's sketch, 'Present Theological Tendencies,' is well worth reading and thinking about.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE.—The writer of the French letter in the current issue says that people are waking up to the fact that France is confronted by the very real danger of a national bankruptcy. 'G. H. M.'s' article on 'The Moravian Episcopate' is thoughtfully written, and makes interesting reading. 'G. H. M.' believes that 'a longing for closer union among Evangelical Christians is one of the hopeful signs of our day.' The Rev. N. Green-Armytage contributes a somewhat striking article on the 'Likeness of Romanism and Puritanism,' pointing out what appear to him to be four points of likeness between the two systems.

THE FOREIGN CHURCH CHRONICLE AND REVIEW opens with a sympathetic reference to the 'loss that is felt by the whole Anglican communion' because of the death of Bishop Williams, the Presiding Bishop of the American Church. There is an interesting contribution on the change in France in the attitude of the religious and clerical classes towards the foreigner and the heretic. 'There is no doubt,' says the writer, 'that the heretic, the heretical foreigner, and the Jew are hated now with an intensity of hatred which has been steadily increasing for, say, the last fifteen years.' Another feature of the magazine is the publication of correspondence between Canon Meyrick and Dr. Duckett, the leading Roman Catholic priest in Norwich, on the subject of 'The Roman Church's Purgatory.'

The first number of **THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN MAGAZINE**, just appeared, is most promising, both in get-up and in quality and variety of contents. There is much in it relative to the different Diocesan Societies, which will be of information even to the clergy, and no greater service could be done by them to the diocese than by circulating this quarterly paper amongst the laymen of their parishes.

THE SCHOOL BOARD GAZETTE.—The second number of the official organ of the Association of School Boards of England and Wales is to hand. It contains an important article on 'The Education of Mentally-deficient Children,' together with a cleverly edited budget of information intended for the perusal of all who have at heart the sound education of the coming generation.

THE AMERICAN CRITIC.—This, the 860th number, maintains the standard of excellence of this old-established magazine. The contents include able articles on 'Thackeray at Charterhouse,' 'The Creator of Wonderland (Lewis Carroll),' 'The Novels of William Black,' and 'Sidney Lee's Shakespeare.' The *Critic* has for frontispiece a reproduction of a beautiful medallion of W. D. Howells and his daughter.

WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL.—This publication is as good and as well edited as ever. A paper pattern of a new blouse, a coloured plate, and an extra eight-page supplement are given away with the number before us.

FASHIONS AND FANCIES.—With this number is given a paper pattern of a lady's fashionable skirt. The story of 'The Little Demon Dancer' is decidedly good, and there is a well-written article, with illustrations, on the subject of 'Society Beauties who are Amateur Actresses.'

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on March 20th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on March 20th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on March 21st; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 24th.
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The Royal Cumberland Society.

NOTICE.—As to peals, it has been resolved that the figures of every composition rung since December 31st, 1898, which has not been previously rung by the Society, shall be sent to the Secretary by the conductor, to be entered in the Composition Book, and that unless and until such figures are supplied, no such peal shall be booked.

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ANNUAL MEETING at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week.
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PORTSEA PARISH CHURCH BAND.

SIR,—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper for just one paragraph from the *Portsea Parish Magazine*, which the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Lang, president of the band of ringers) wishes to be made known throughout the country amongst bell-ringers?

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H. C. INGRAM, *Hon. Sec. to the Local Band.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County and the Kent County Associations.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on Monday, March 6th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Bertram Prewett	1	Staff-Sergeant A. Pye ..	5
A. W. Brighton (condr.)	2	John H. Cheeseman ..	6
William Weatherstone ..	3	Charles Wilkins ..	7
Isaac G. Shade	4	Arthur T. King ..	8

The Hertfordshire Association and the College Youths.

IN the Parish Room, Oxhey, Herts, on Tuesday, March 7th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 31 mins.

Charles George	1-2	Herbert Martin ..	5-6
George N. Price	3-4	John B. Bates* ..	7-8

Conducted by Charles George, this being his first peal as conductor.
[* First peal on handbells.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Paul's, Shadwell, in Saturday, March 11th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

William C. Chenery (Diss) ..	1	Emanuel Hall ..	5
William Truss	2	Thomas Faulkner ..	6
Samuel Hayes	3	Henry Springall ..	7
James Scholes	4	Henry Tooble ..	8

Composed by the late Thomas Day, conducted by Henry Springall.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on March 11th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Keith Hart	1	John S. Goldsmith ..	5
George Williams (condr.)	2	William Palmer ..	6
Thomas Price*	3	Benjamin Hobbs* ..	7
Frank Bennett	4	Alfred Midmore* ..	8

[* First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES]

The Waterloo and St. Margaret's Societies.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on March 11th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Albert E. Quaife	1	Harry Barton ..	6
James W. Driver	2	Reuben Charge ..	7
Harry R. Pasmore	3	John W. Golding ..	8
Frederick J. Perrin	4	George E. Symonds ..	9
William Weatherstone ..	5	William H. Pasmore ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by George E. Symonds.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on February 12th, for evening service, 1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS. S. Davie, 1; J. George, 2; R. A. Daniell, 3; H. Richardson, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. E. Judd (conductor), 6; W. E. Garrard, 7; A. F. Harris, 8; W. Fox, 9; J. Judd, 10. Also on March 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. R. A. Daniell, 1; H. G. Miles, 2; A. E. Bradley, 3; W. E. Judd, 4; A. F. Harris, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E.

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Garrard (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of STEDMAN by the St. Mary Abbot's Guild. And on March 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. W. E. Goldby (first quarter-peal), 1; H. Richardson, 2; S. Davie (first quarter-peal), 3; H. Sear (first quarter-peal on a bob bell), 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; A. F. Harris (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8.

PORTSEA.—On Sunday, February 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, was rung by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild:—P. Hannam, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. Newman, 6; F. S. Bayley, 7; E. Reynolds, 8. E. Reynolds came from St. Thomas's, Portsmouth. On Sunday morning, March 5th, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; A. Stone, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. Newman (conductor); 7; E. Reynolds, 8. On March 7th, for practice, 576 KENT TREBLE BOB. E. Reynolds, 1; J. Harper, 2; E. C. Newman, 3; A. D. Stone, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. W. Pickard, 6; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 7; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 8. And on Sunday, March 12th, for service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; A. Stone, 6; E. Newman, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

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THE ELIZABETHAN RELIGIOUS COMPROMISE. By Clericus Emeritus. (*Liberty Review Publishing Company, Limited. 6d.*)—The author, who writes with a knowing pen, details the 'circumstances as to public religion in which Elizabeth came to the throne,' and deals ably with the unhappy effects of the 'compromise of discordant forms of religion.' The pamphlet will repay perusal.

The forthcoming number of the *Reliquary* will contain an article on 'The Instrument of the Rosary,' by Mr. J. H. Feasey. Mr. H. Elrington will contribute to the same issue 'The Abbey of Timoleague,' and Miss Stokes, 'Early Christian Art in Ireland: Bas-relief on Cross at Monasterboice.'

'Poverty's Penalty.'

WE have received the following letter, which will be read with interest:—

SIR,—In addition to sums acknowledged, I have received with deep thankfulness from H. F., 11., in response to the advertisement 'Poverty's Penalty,' making a total sum of 80*l.* directly traceable to the appeal in your columns. Allow me to express my own and the grateful thanks of those associated with me in the effort to provide the poor mission district of St. Matthew's, Willesden, with a permanent church, to your generous readers for this kind and stimulating assistance.

Time is passing quickly, and there are now only fifteen weeks remaining to comply with the condition attached by the Bishop of London's Fund to its special grant, viz., that the church be commenced before the end of June. If a further 500*l.* can be obtained between now and then the Building Committee will, at all risks—and they are very considerable—fulfil the condition. Humanly speaking, the raising of so large a sum in the time appears to be impossible, but the blessing which has hitherto rested upon the work encourages us to hope that this may not, in spite of forebodings, prove to be the case.

The general condition as to means of the thousands of souls among whom the new church will be a centre of spiritual, moral, and social hope may be imagined from the following description of one of my pastoral visits a few days ago. The house where I called is one of the largest in the district, and is let out in tenements. In a garret, practically bare, I found a sick and wholly helpless woman, with three little children, one an infant. All alike were famished and in terrible misery. Their story is one which is painfully familiar. The mother, by working in a laundry ten to fourteen hours a day at 3*d.* an hour, had kept the 'home,' but she had broken down. The father—an old soldier—was out of work, and had been to prison for not sending the children to school. When he came out, he found the bread-winner stricken down, and her little ones starving. On that raw March day the two little ones had been scantily clad and foodless to school, and it made my heart bleed to see their famished condition. There could be no scanning of 'merits or faults' when confronted by such utter misery, and I had to see that milk was provided for the little baby, and food for the other members of this starving family. These are types of those whom the Church has to succour, and there are, alas! many in great 'trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,' and other adversity. The urgency of the need for the building at once of the permanent church, which will be, under God's blessing, for all of these a centre of fresh hope—spiritual and material—may be therefore realised. And so I again earnestly plead for Lenten offerings in order to make the seemingly impossible possible. 'With God all things are possible.'

G. HERBERT NEWTON.

33 St. Mary's Road, Willesden, N. W., March 20th, 1899.

EASTER CARDS.—Mr. William Baker (106 Wigmore Street) has, as usual, published a bright and attractive series of Easter cards, at prices ranging from sixpence to a penny. One very beautiful card, at the higher price mentioned, is printed on thick white ivory paper, with a cross of violets and white lilies, hand-painted, on the outside, and the text, 'He is risen,' with the sacred monogram, stamped in silver. The emblem of the lamb, carrying a banner, appears on several of the cards. One design, at the small price of threepence, gives the cross in silver, from which the fresh green foliage is sprouting, lying across the sun, with the light radiating from it on all sides. For those who keep up the custom of sending these seasonable greetings to their friends, a visit to Mr. Baker's establishment would ensure that something appropriate would be found.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (March 24th).

The Waterloo Society: no meeting until April 5th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on March 28th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on March 29th; at St. Paul's, Shadwell, on April 6th.

The St. Margaret's Society: St. Margaret's, Westminster—no meeting until April 6th.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on March 29th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on March 30th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 7th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D., on Church Bells and Bell-ringing.

THE Rev. Canon Nolloth, vicar of Beverley Minster, lecturing recently, under the auspices of the Beverley Photographic and Sketching Society, said that, after the song of birds and the murmur of the sea, there was no sound which so appealed to the imagination and called up so many tender memories as the music of the bells. Our literature and our poetry were full of allusions to this. Turning to the history of bells, the lecturer observed that the first mention of bells in the Bible was to be found in Exod. xxviii. 33, 34: Moses was commanded to fasten upon the fringe of the High Priest's robe pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet, and between these ornaments bells of gold. The Rabbis say that they were seventy-two in number, and Witsius says, 'The bells represented the sweet sound of the Gospel, and the pomegranates the precious fruits thereof.' Such was probably the origin of the music heard from the towers of the myriad churches of Christendom

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This gentleman, for good and satisfactory reasons, does not wish his name and address to be published, but he is quite willing to answer any letters of inquiry sent to him through Coombe Lodge. I found him, when in South Wales at the end of April, 1898, busily engaged in connexion with a relief committee for the women and children suffering through the coal strike, but he very willingly gave a few minutes' chat.

'When I applied to Mr. Congreve about the middle of 1895,' he told me, 'I had not only heard favourable accounts of the benefit of his treatment, but I had seen its good results in a number of cases. My own illness commenced with an attack of hæmorrhage. I had chronic catarrh, with some expectoration. A medical man told me it was the result of overwork. I wrote to Mr. Congreve at once. The result was that I was able to write to Mr. Congreve in September, 1895: "I will never be able to express my gratitude. I feel like a healthy man, and the symptoms I described a few weeks ago have left me, save a little phlegm now and then."'

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at the hour of prayer. In many countries their use had been linked with religious rites. There was no evidence of the existence of bells in Christian churches for a century later than the time of Paulinus, bishop of Nola in Campania (400), who was said to have introduced them; but, since *campana* was the Latin word for a church bell (whence 'Campanile,' a bell tower), it was probable that the earliest church bells were made in Campania. They were mentioned by the Ven. Bede, the disciple and biographer of St. John of Beverley, towards the close of the seventh century. Before this time there appeared to have been only handbells, like the famous bells of Patrick and St. Ninian. Turketul, abbot of Croyland, who died about 870, gave a large bell to the church of that abbey, and his successor, Egelric, cast a ring of six others. Pope John XIII. consecrated a large bell in the Lateran Church in 968. In the year 1050, Kinsius, archbishop of York, built a high tower to the church of Beverley, and placed two great bells in it. These bells were said to have been named Guthlac and Guthrun, and their metal probably survived in the present peal. We owed to our bells not only the sweet and far-reaching music which has given England the name of the 'Ringing Island,' but also the most striking external feature of our churches, viz., their steeples, the stately towers of our cathedrals and minsters, and the heaven-pointing spires of our village churches. During the middle of this century the art of bell-founding had sunk to a very low ebb indeed. The beginning of better things dated from 1855, when the great bells for the Westminster Clock Tower were taken in hand. 'Big Ben,' which is still the second largest bell in this country, is now cracked, and ought to be once more re-cast. The proportion of metal now used in founding bells was four parts tin to thirteen parts copper. The old notion that silver used to be put into bells was wrong; it would make the tone worse instead of better.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open for ringing during the afternoon from 2 p.m. Divine service at the Cathedral at 5 p.m.; address by the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by business meeting for election of officers and general business. Members and visitors intending to be present will *greatly oblige* by intimating the same to me not later than Thursday, March 30th. Cheap tickets will be ordered for members residing at places on the Great Northern line, providing I am informed on Thursday that eight or more will travel by train.

St. Albans.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the residence of Mr. W. H. Pasmore, on March 14th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 22 mins.

Harry R. Pasmore ..	1-2	George E. Symonds ..	5-6
William H. Pasmore ..	3-4	John W. Golding ..	7-8

Conducted by George E. Symonds. Umpire, William S. Langdon. First peal in the method on handbells by all.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, on Tuesday, March 21st, Thurstans Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

James Scholes ..	1	William Truss ..	5
Edward Wallage ..	2	Henry Springall (condr.)	6
Thomas H. Taffender ..	3	Emanuel Hall ..	7
Samuel Hayes ..	4	Edward J. Webb* ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to S. E. Joyce, now resident in South Africa. [* First peal.]

The Worcestershire and District Association.

At St. Andrew's, Netherton, on March 11th, a peal of FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

William R. Small ..	1	William Micklewright ..	5
Arthur Spittle* ..	2	John W. Smith* ..	6
Harry Price* ..	3	John Smith* ..	7
John Goodman* ..	4	John Carter ..	8

Composed and conducted by John Carter. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

ALSO at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on March 18th, a peal of CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

James Prestidge* ..	1	Samuel Spittle ..	5
William Micklewright ..	2	Joseph Faulkner* ..	6
Samuel J. Hughes ..	3	John William Smith ..	7
Richard Round* ..	4	John Smith ..	8

Composed and conducted by William Micklewright. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a compliment to the Rev. S. J. Marriott on completing his twenty-first year as Vicar of Netherton. [* First peal in this method.]

BURMARSH, KENT.—Recently, the church tower and bells were reopened after restoration and addition. A new tenor and treble have been added to the three ancient bells, which are supposed to date from the end of the fourteenth century, and the work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of Whitechapel. A band of the Hythe Change-ringers attended to ring the first peal after the service of dedication.

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April Magazines.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED.—Mr. R. L. Pocock writes instructively on 'The Safest Form of Flattery,' i.e., mimicry in animals; Carlton Dawes tells the story of 'A Ride for a Maid.' Other stories include a sensational one called 'The Third Ovanoff,' by Ernest G. Henman, and an amusing sketch by W. Pett Ridge. An account of the London Missionary Society's Museum is given by Helen C. Gordon, and Australian sport is graphically described by F. G. Afialo.

THE ROYAL MAGAZINE.—There are five complete stories, and perhaps the best is Athol Forbes' 'A Bold Stroke in Diplomacy.' Roderick Grey's 'Art of the Camera' is interesting, and some of the photos are very pleasing. The 'Snap-shot Interview' is with Lord Russell of Killowen. G. A. Binnie has a capital article on 'Heroes of the Rail.'

CORNHILL.—One of the most interesting articles is the one by Sidney Lee, 'The Shakespeare First Folio.' George Calderon writes amusingly in respect to 'The Academy of Humour,' and the paper on 'Music and Matrimony,' by J. Cuthbert Hadden, is pleasant reading. 'Luther,' says Mr. Hadden, 'declared that it was no more possible to do without a wife than to do without eating and drinking.'

GOOD WORDS is as good as ever. 'Carnival-time in Russia' is described by A. Nicol Simpson; there is a capital article on 'George Frederick Watts, the Painter of Love and Life,' by Sir Wyke Bayliss, F.S.A., P.R.B.A.; and we have an address on Frederick Denison Maurice by the Rev. Canon Page Roberts, M.A., and an article on Rudyard Kipling by Neil Munro. 'The Play of the Dead Folk at Westminster,' by the Rev. W. J. Ferrar, M.A., is an admirable contribution.

THE WIDE WORLD MAGAZINE.—Seville, referred to as the 'home of dramatic religion,' is described by Herbert Vivian as it appears during Holy Week; R. H. Mackellar describes the experiences of Captain H. Cayley-Webster as 'A Naturalist in Cannibal Land'; A. B. Lloyd, of the C.M.S., gives the first of a series of papers relating to a journey 'Through Pigmy Land'; 'The Martyrs of Ku-Cheng' are touchingly written about by Henry Mostyn. The 'Short Stories' are interesting, and fiction is fairly strong in the number.

THE STUDIO.—Accompanying an article on 'The Work of Gaston la Touche, by Gabriel Mourey, are fine specimens of the artist's work. The leaves from the sketch-book of Wm. Thomson are nice, but we should like to see more of them. Mr. H. Baillie Scott has a well-written descriptive article on 'Decoration and Furniture for the New Palace, Darmstadt.' It would seem that there are some delightful apartments in the palace. A. L. Baldry tells us a good deal that we are pleased to be told about Mr. W. Goscombe John, the gifted new Associate of the Royal Academy. 'Studio Talk' is as full of interest as ever.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS frontispiece is 'Workers for Peace.' The death of President Faure and the substitution of President Loubet are dealt with in 'The Progress of the World.' The writer thinks that Loubet will 'stand no nonsense,' but that he will 'defend the Republic of which he is the chief magistrate.' The 'Character Sketch' also deals with the two Presidents, of whom striking portraits are given. Other subjects of much interest are touched upon in this number, including 'The Trouble in the State Church,' 'Combination and Monopoly invading British Trade,' 'Wanted—A People's University,' and so on.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE is crowded with good things. Dorothy Ellis's story, 'In the Hour of Need,' is very pathetic, and very true to nature; there are some excellent photographs in 'Our Photographic Corner'; 'A Chapel in the Fossil Woods,' an article describing a chapel hewn out of coal, is interesting; and the various stories are well up to the *Sunday* standard.

THE CAPTAIN is a new magazine for boys and 'old boys,' published by George Newnes, Limited. Sandow heads the list of contributors, and C. B. Fry, Rene Bull, and other well-known people have also written for it. The contents include an interesting 'Afternoon Talk with G. A. Henty,' war correspondent, and some capital advice on 'How to Train for Sports.'

The 'ecclesiastical' reporter has been getting matters slightly mixed again. In his report of a lecture, he stated the subject to have been 'Angelical Orders.' He gave a French twist to the first name of the lecturer, and called him 'Denis.' He referred also to 'the Edwardine Right of Ordination.' A correspondent wittily says: "'Right' is not written right, but rite is what he should write, to be right.'

The following is a curious transatlantic epitaph: 'Here lies the body of Deacon Pelatiah Higgins, who died suddenly, August 20th, 1816, in consequence of falling from an apple-tree. He and his brother Jacob were the first to introduce the large pumpkin sweet apples into the town of Standish. "By their fruits ye shall know them."—St. Matt. vii. 20.'

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Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 3rd.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 4th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on April 6th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on April 7th.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on April 7th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 5th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on April 5th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on April 6th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on April 6th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 7th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Waterloo Society.

At Christ Church, Epsom, on March 18th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Arthur Dean	1	Arthur Hardy	5
William Weatherstone	2	Reuben Charge	6
Albert E. Quaife	3	George E. Symonds	7
William H. Webber	4	Harry Barton	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by George E. Symonds.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, on March 20th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

William R. Small	1	Samuel Spittle	5
Samuel Reeves	2	Thomas J. Elton	6
William Micklewright	3	Adam H. Hill	7
John William Smith	4	John Smith	8

Composed by York Green, conducted by W. Micklewright.

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At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on March 18th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5060 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Charles Hopkins 1	William B. Manning .. 6
William Pye 2	George J. Smith .. 7
George R. Pye 3	Albert Coles 8
Robert Maynard* .. 4	Frederick A. Nunn .. 9
Ernest Pye 5	William H. Freeman .. 10

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The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, Herts, on March 21st, a peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Ernest Brown 1	Walter H. L. Buckingham 5
Frank Smith 2	William Hewell .. 6
William Jay 3	Ernest E. Huntley .. 7
William J. Oakley .. 4	Harry Mansfield .. 8

Composed by John Holt, conducted by Walter H. L. Buckingham.

The Hertfordshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At No. 5 Rudolph Terrace, Bushey, Herts, on March 24th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 32 mins.

Charles George 1-2	Herbert Martin 5-6
George N. Price 3-4	John B. Bates 7-8

Conducted by Herbert Martin. Umpire, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE. — At St. Andrew's, recently, before evening service, 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Coates, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; J. W. Chandler, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; A. Dubber, 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Also on subsequent Sundays: 532 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Coates, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. W. Shotton, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; R. Clarke, 8. 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; J. W. Shotton, 6; H. King, 7; F. Green, 8. 476 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; J. W. Chandler, 6; A. Dubber, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS. — Recently, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. M. Stopford, a quarter-peal of BOB TRIPLES, 1260 changes, was rung in 48 mins. G. Jeffs (conductor), 1; R. Loveday, 2; D. Redhead, 3; J. Nickerson, 4; J. T. Allen, 5; J. Guest, 6; R. Dunkley, 7; C. Swan, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. R. Dunkley, C. Swan, J. Guest are from Lowick; J. T. Allen and R. Loveday, Islip; J. Nickerson, D. Redhead, Thrapston; and G. Jeffs, Tichmarsh.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS. — A quarterly meeting of this Association was recently held at Long Ashton, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Deering). Ringers were present from Long Ashton, Bristol, Wraxall, Barrow Gurney, Twerton, Portishead, Abbot's Leigh, Minehead, and Old Cleeve. A short service, with appropriate hymns, was held in the parish church at four o'clock, when an address was given by the Vicar from Jer. xviii. 14. Previous to the service the bells (a fine ring of eight, with a tenor over 35 cwt., in capital going order) were raised in peal, and a short touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung. The ringers, numbering over thirty, were entertained at the Angel Inn to a meat tea, provided by Mr. A. M. Gordon, and there were also present the Vicar, Messrs. T. Dyke and C. E. D. Boutflower, the Revs. H. A. Cockey, of Oldland Vicarage; H. C. Courtney (master of the Association), of Minehead; H. E. Tilney Bassett, curate of St. Paul's, Bedminster; and Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Old Cleeve (hon. secretary and treasurer). The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed, and thirty new members were enrolled. The annual meeting was announced to be held at Taunton. Votes of thanks were accorded to the

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Vicar, churchwardens, and organist, and the former said he hoped the Association would again visit them. After tea the members returned to the church tower, where touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES and SUPERLATIVE and CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR were rung.

PENMARK, SOUTH WALES. — Of the six bells of Penmark Church, which the Bishop of Llandaff recently dedicated, three have been recast, the cost having been borne by Mr. D. T. Alexander. The inscriptions are:—No. 1, 'God save the Church and the King. A.D. 1721.' The name 'Oliver St. John' is upon No. 2. No. 3, 'Abe Rudhall cast us all.' No. 4, 'Richard Gregory, vicar.' No. 5, 'Peace and good neighbourhood. A.D. 1721.' No. 6, 'Thomas Love; Thomas Jan, churchwardens, 1721.' The bells which Mr. Alexander has had recast are Nos. 1, 4, and 6. In addition to the inscriptions borne by the original bells, which the new ones replace, there is inscribed on No. 1, 'Recast in memory of John Alexander;' on No. 4, 'Recast in memory of Mary Alexander;' and on No. 6, 'Recast in memory of Margaret Alexander.'

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THE MAGAZINE OF ART.—The illustrations include the 'Portrait of a Man,' from a painting by Rembrandt; 'Summer,' and a charming reproduction in colour of a design by Alphonse M. Mucha. Henri Frantz's article on 'The Buildings for the Paris Exhibition in 1900' is accompanied by no fewer than fourteen illustrations. Mr. Spielmann's series on Edwin Austin Abbey, R.A., is concluded.

PEARSON'S MAGAZINE.—'Pictures and their Painters,' an attractive series, is continued. An interesting account is given of Mrs. Main, 'The Champion Lady Mountaineer,' and Capt. Guy Burrows tells us about Central Africans who are cannibals. Levin Carnac, writing in reference to 'Horse and Man as a fighting unit,' describes, in an interesting manner, how horse-soldiers are trained in various countries. A wonderful Chinese 'Avenue of Animals' is described by Major Hanham, R.A. The magazine offers plenty of fiction, including 'The Haunted Gondola' (Max Pemberton), 'The Story of Konnor Old House' (W. L. Alden), and 'Dago Divers' (Cutcliffe Hyne). There is a useful article on 'The New Art of Self-defence.'

THE CHURCH MONTHLY.—The illustrated articles include one on the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, and the Church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool. The new Bishop of Bangor, of whom an excellent portrait is given, is the subject of the month's instalment of 'Representative Churchmen.' Mr. Fredk. Sherlock has an interesting article on the C.M.S. Centenary. The *Church Monthly* contains a large amount of excellent matter.

THE QUIVER.—The Easter number is a very good one. Amongst the noteworthy contributions are effectively illustrated articles on 'The Centenary of the C.M.S.,' 'Easter Egg-rolling in Washington,' and 'Temperance Notes and News.' The serials, by Scott Graham and Katherine Tynan, afford interesting reading, and there are several capital short stories.

CASSILL'S MAGAZINE.—Frank Banfield gives us a good account of 'The Choir of St. Paul's.' Sir George Martin was interviewed, and also Mr. Macpherson, the assistant organist. There is an instructive article on 'Notable Englishmen in Foreign Employ,' and W. B. Robertson writes divertingly on the subject of 'Shows and Roundabouts.' 'Plants as Food' is the title of a well-written article by Raymond Blathwayt. In the way of fiction we have Max Pemberton's serial, and contributions from the pens of Robert Barr, W. le Queux, and others.

OF THE WINDSOR MAGAZINE, we have only to say that Rudyard Kipling, S. R. Crockett, L. T. Meade, Cutcliffe Hyne, and Bret Harte are among the contributors, to convince fiction readers that they are well catered for. There is a graphic account of the launching of a battleship; an interesting talk with 'The Father of Modern Japan' (the Marquis Ito); 'The Wool Industry of South Africa' is ably described; introductions are given to 'Some Football Favourites,' and last, but not least, there are further statements from people of note on 'The Secret of Long Life.'

THE STRAND.—This is the 100th number, and, very appropriately, Sir George Newnes chats about the history of the 'good old Strand.' There are some charming letters of the late Sir E. Burne-Jones to a child; Grant Allen pursues his studies 'In Nature's Workshop,' Schooling's instalment of 'A Peep into Punch' is quite as interesting as any of the previous 'Peeps,' and there is a clever article on 'Liquid Air,' a 'new substance that promises to do the work of coal, and ice, and gunpowder, at next to no cost.' There are good stories by A. Conan Doyle and other appreciated writers. The illustrated interview is with M. Vassili Verestchagin, the great artist.

THE EXPOSITOR.—Professor A. N. Jannaris, M.A., quite an authority on the subject, writes learnedly on the subject of 'Misreadings and Misrenderings in the New Testament—Errors of Interpretation,' and there is a fine article on 'Repentance' from the pen of Dr. John Watson.

THE CHURCHMAN.—Two of the most notable contributors are the Archdeacon of Westmoreland and Chancellor Lias. The former deals with Unitarianism, the latter with 'The Authorship of the Pentateuch.' The Rev. D. Morris writes well on the subject of 'Pope Pius IV. and the Elizabethan Prayer-book.' 'St. Augustine of Hippo' forms the subject of an article by the Archdeacon of London.

IN THE LADY'S REALM the first article is devoted to the clever and amiable Queen of Portugal, who is said to take a great interest in the prevention of all cruelty and needless suffering in the animal world. Ladies will read with interest the article on 'Women's Dress in Many Lands,' and the 'Chat about Ear-rings' will no doubt be found edifying. There are several clever stories in the number.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.—We have received several of the Institute's publications, and find them all good. They include **THE CHURCH SUNDAY-SCHOOL MAGAZINE** (with a thoughtful paper on 'The Organization and Methods of Working Sunday-school Associations,' by the Rev. M. J. Cadman, M.A., vicar of St. Matthew's, New Kent Road, S.E.), **THE CHURCH WORKER**, and **THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' COMPANION**.

THE COMMONWEALTH.—'Our old friend, the Crisis,' says Canon H. S. Holland, 'is certainly a nuisance.' Many will agree with the Canon, but, at the same time, the article he has written on 'The Lesson of the Crisis' should be widely read. George Haw's third article on 'The Plight of Overcrowded London' reveals a fearful state of things. It seems that there are nearly 400,000 people dwelling in one-roomed homes.

THE RELIQUARY AND ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST has an interesting article on 'The Abbey of Timoleague' (Ireland), by H. Elrington, illustrated by beautiful photographs taken by A. J. Reid, LL.B. F. R. Coles has a nice contribution, 'On the Decoration of Scottish Spindles and Whorls.' The remaining contents, including H. P. Feasey's 'The Instrument of the Rosary,' are exceptionally good.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (April 7th).

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, on April 10th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 12th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 11th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on April 12th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on April 14th.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on April 12th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on April 13th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 14th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

By the kind permission of the Dean, an attempt will be made for a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, by members of this Society, at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Saturday, April 15th, at five o'clock.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing, see page 420.)

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INTERVIEW (No. 190)

With Miss N. DOWNES, North Street, Bourne,
Lincolnshire.

I found Miss Downes busily engaged, and so took up only a few minutes of her time. Referring to a letter she wrote in March, 1893, which contained the following statement: 'I was a patient of yours about four years ago. I took three large bottles of your Balsam, and it quite cured me. I have only had one cold since I got better.'

The lady said:—'That is quite true. It was in 1889 I went under Mr. Congreve's treatment. I had a bad cough, a great deal of expectoration, heavy night-sweats, and had got very weak and low. The doctor said it was Consumption, and that I should never be better. He wanted me to go to Hastings, saying I might then live a little while. I didn't go. Through the recommendation of some one we know, I applied to Mr. Congreve. Within a fortnight after commencing the medicine I began to improve, notwithstanding that I had had hæmorrhage two or three times. I took the medicine for five months—having been confined to my bed for eleven weeks—and got well again. I have not been bothered with my chest since, seldom have a cold, and enjoy generally good health. The lady who recommended the treatment to me was even worse than I was; but she recovered, is now in good health, and has had several fine children.

Miss Downes was quite willing that these facts should be made public. May, 1898.

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The Sussex County Association.

THE Annual Meeting was held at Brighton as usual on Easter Monday, April 3rd. A bright choral service was held at noon in the Church of St. Nicholas, which was fairly well attended by members of the Association. A cold luncheon was served in one of the rooms at the Royal Pavilion at one o'clock, the Mayor of Brighton being in the chair, supported by the Vicars of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas.

The agenda comprised—(1) Election of President and Vice-Presidents; (2) Election of Master, Hon. Secretaries, and Treasurers; (3) Election of Committee—five representatives from each of the three sections into which the County is divided, East, West, and Central; (4) Election of new Honorary and Active Members—Mr. Attree was responsible for an addition of nine Honorary Members, chiefly incumbents of churches containing rings of bells; (5) Adoption of the Report and Balance-sheet. The following is a copy of the Report:—

REPORT.—In presenting the Fourteenth Annual Report we are glad to announce that the Association has increased in numbers and in funds, and has moreover more than maintained its premier position in the Kingdom. From the painstaking and accurate analysis of our Master, we find that both in the number of peals and also in the points of value we stand first, but if we are to continue to do so the members generally must emulate the few bands and ringers who have, by their efforts, obtained this welcome result. Again we have to thank most heartily the various incumbents who have so freely welcomed the Association on the occasion of the District Meetings. The noble example of the Midhurst Branch, in giving hospitality and providing a day's enjoyment both in the matter of ringing and also in arranging a beautiful drive to Petworth, is worthy of imitation. In the name of the Association we offer them most cordial thanks. Mr. G. F. Attree, the Master, has, by his well-known energy, induced many of the Hon. Members to forward their subscriptions and has obtained some Life Members. We call the attention of the various bands to their duty of obtaining the support of Hon. Members, for with a little individual energy we might obtain a far larger number. The Peal Cards up to the end of 1896 are now being distributed, and those of the following two years will be put in hand at once. The Balance-sheet will no doubt be welcomed by the Members of the Association as a sign of progress, and as affording the means of adding to the advantages of the Association.

'J. W. G. LODER COTTER, Hon. Sec.'

The Balance-sheet shows a sum of 24l. 17s. in the Treasurer's hands, an increase of nearly 13l. on last year.

(6) Notices of motion:—(a) 'That Rule II. be altered in order that the Committee may be elected annually.' This was thought undesirable, as a yearly change of Committee would not add to the welfare of the Association. It was decided, therefore, that the Committee be elected every three years. (b) 'That an alteration be made in the present scheme of the Challenge Bell Competition.'

In order that a chance might be given to the country bands to win this trophy, the St. Peter's, Brighton, band last year agreed to withdraw from the competition, and have also decided on the same course in the present year. It was resolved that no band should hold the Challenge Bell longer than two years in succession; also that silver plates to record winning bands, with dates, should be affixed to the frame of the Challenge Bell. It was also resolved that a marble tablet should be provided from the funds of the Association to record the 9000 of SUPERLATIVE in the tower of Crawley Parish Church.

In a *résumé* of the progress of the Association since its commencement, Mr. Attree pointed out that in the first year seven peals were rung in two methods, in the past year eighty-nine peals were rung in sixteen methods; and he hoped that to maintain the high position which the Association had reached more bands would attempt peal-ringing. There are forty towers in the county where change-ringing is practised, but very few local bands score peals; he therefore expressed a wish that there should be more peals by more bands in more methods. After hearty votes of thanks had been accorded to the Chairman, the incumbents for use of bells, and the officers, the bells of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas were kept going in touches of various methods, the bells of the above churches having been kindly granted for the ringers' use until 9 p.m.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, Herts, on March 25th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Walter H. L. Buckingham	1	Charles George*	..	5	
Bertram Prewett*	..	2	Herbert Martin*	..	6
Francis A. Smith*	..	3	George N. Price	..	7
William G. Whitehead*	..	4	Ernest E. Huntley	..	8

Composed and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. [* First peal in the method.]

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

AT St. Hilda's, Middlesborough, on March 27th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John H. Blakiston	..	1	William H. Porter	..	5
John H. Jones	..	2	Frederick P. Howcroft	..	6
Robert Alcock	..	3	William Newton	..	7
Richard H. Fenwick	..	4	Thomas Metcalfe	..	8

Composed by W. Harrison, conducted by T. Metcalfe.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, on March 25th on handbells retained in hand, two 720's of BOB MINOR; also on April 1st, two 720's of BOB MINOR, all called differently. J. Dale, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, on March 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEPMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt. J. E. Smith, 1; J. Sharpe, 2; A. Gower, 3; G. H. Head, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 5; G. H. Howse, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Hookham, 8.

GRAPPENHALL, NEAR WARRINGTON.—The Ven. Archdeacon Barber, of Chester, recently dedicated the new bells at St. Wilfred's Parish Church in the presence of a large congregation. The Rector (the Rev. Richard Greenall) was granted the faculty at the November Chester Consistory Court to add two new bells—a tenor (weighing 13 cwt.) and a treble (4 cwt.)—to the present peal of six, and to have the fourth of the old bells recast, at a total cost of 170l. The work was placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, London, who have finished it to the satisfaction of all concerned. The ringers of Grappenhall have been through all the methods possible on the old bells. Only a few weeks ago the ringers, conducted by Mr. F. T. Spence, rang a peal of 5040 changes in 3 hrs. in seven SURPRISE MINOR methods, being 720 each of WELLS, LONDON, WORCESTER, YORK, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE, and CAMBRIDGE. The ringers were:—J. Mainwaring, 1; H. T. Moston, 2; T. Burrows, 3; S. Horsfall, 4; F. T. Spence, 5; R. G. Lewis, 6. The performance was the first SURPRISE peal ever rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild, and is supposed to be the first in Cheshire. The inscriptions and measurements of the old bells are as follows:—First bell, 'R.S., The Satton, The Merry, C.W., 1718,' 2 ft. 1 in. broad at bottom, 2 ft. high. Second bell, '1700, John Boardman, Rector,' 2 ft. 4 in. broad, 2 ft. 3 in. high. Third bell, 'Henricvs Bagley, nos fecit 1700,' 2 ft. 6 in. broad, 2 ft. 5 in. high. Fourth bell, 'Henricvs Bagley, of Eton, neare Northampton, made mee 1700,' 2 ft. 7½ in. broad, 2 ft. 7½ in. high. Fifth bell, 'Thomas Blackburn and Thomas Sutton, churchwardens, 1700,' 2 ft. 10 in. broad, 2 ft. 10 in. high. Sixth bell (tenor), '1700, I to the chvrch the living call, and to the grave doe symmon all,' 3 ft. 2 in. broad, 3 ft. 2 in. high.

THE BELLS OF BERKELEY PARISH CHURCH.—A public meeting, convened by the churchwardens, was recently held in the Town Hall, Berkeley, to ascertain the feeling of the parishioners in reference to having the bells in the church tower put in order. Mr. T. G. Matthews was voted to the chair. The bells, six in number, have been out of order for two years, and have recently been examined by Mr. Blackburne, who has undertaken to place the present bells in order at a cost of 202l., or to also place two additional bells in the tower for 302l. 7s. 6d. inclusive. It was resolved that a deputation be appointed to wait upon Lord Fitzhardinge, to ascertain his Lordship's views in reference thereto, and that a future meeting be held for the appointment of a committee.

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Reviews

BANNERS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. By the Lord Bishop of Stepney. (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co. 3s. 6d.)—This is a volume of excellent sermons, which for simplicity and earnestness can hardly be surpassed. Each discourse appeals to the reader as the living voice of one who has had considerable experience in dealing with religious difficulties of the present day, and speaks as from heart to heart. The language is plain and full of practical suggestions as to the manner of life under the Banner of the Christian Faith. Both clergy and laity will derive much help from the study of the book, and we heartily recommend it to all our readers.

THE PRECIOUS THINGS OF GOD. By the Rev. W. Milne, M.A. (Nisbet & Co. 1s.)—The theme of this little book is Christ the Sun of Righteousness, the sun and source of every precious thing. In a series of short papers, the author deals in a practical way with the Precious Things which proceed from God, showing how all of them are connected with Christ, and derive their worth and preciousness from Him. The tone of the addresses is deeply spiritual and very helpful.

ESSENTIAL POLITY OF THE CHURCH MILITANT. By a Barrister-at-Law. (London: Alexander & Shephard.)—The author reviews the position in which the Church stands with regard to the world, briefly explains its nature, and then passes on to make suggestions for improvements in Church methods. The author complains of insufficient visible union between true Christians, and regrets the incompetence of many of the preachers of the present day.

SALADIN AND THE FALL OF THE KINGDOM OF JERUSALEM. By Stanley Lane-Poole. (G. P. Putnam's Sons. Cloth 5s.; roxburgh, 6s.)—This volume is one of the 'Heroes of the Nations' series which has been so highly praised. The preface contains reference to the fact on which the popular knowledge of Saladin is mainly based, viz., his appearance in Sir Walter Scott's well-known novel, *The Talisman*. The biography—the first in English, we believe—'aspires to fill in from contemporary sources the details of the picture.' It appears that, 'from the essential facts of his life and the qualities of his nature, we have the best possible evidence, rich in extent and faithful in detail.' There are some interesting remarks about the two chief native historians who are the prime authorities for such a life. Among Christian authorities there was Archbishop William of Tyre, who is able to deal with events in the East from 1144 to 1188 from personal knowledge. The chief sources for the story of the life are contemporary, and a large part of it is told by actual eye-witnesses. The result is a volume which is scholarly without being ponderous, and which ought to be equally acceptable both to the student and the general reader. The story is told with admirable lucidity, and gives the most graphic picture of those affairs in the East in which Salah-ed-din—or in popular phraseology, Saladin—played so large a part in the twelfth century. The whole period passed under review is almost exactly 100 years, as after a brief sketch of Saladin's world the story commences with the first crusade in 1098 and ends in 1193. The twenty-third and concluding chapter is an interesting account of the parts assigned to Saladin in romances.

A PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY.—The third part of this work—of which there are six at 1s. each—has just been issued. The Rev. Jas. Smith, B.D., the author, conveys much valuable information, and many of the illustrations are very good indeed.

THE CLERGY DIRECTORY, 1899. (London: J. S. Phillips. 4s. 6d.)—This is the twenty-ninth annual issue of this Directory. There is a list of parishes and parochial districts, a Patrons' list, and a complete list of Chaplains.

Magazines.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER.—Several pages are naturally devoted to the Centenary: 'A. E. M.' for instance, gives us a 'Centenary Thought,' 'G. F. S.' writes a 'Centenary Review—The Supply of Men and Means,' and the Rev. H. Percy Grubb has an article on 'The C.M.S. Centenary, a Record of the Value of Souls.' The number altogether is an exceptionally interesting one. We have also received from the C.M.S. current copies of their well-edited *CHURCH MISSIONARY GLEANER*, *AWAKE*, and *CHILDREN'S WORLD*.

The contents of *GREAT THOUGHTS* are of the usual varied and useful character. The serial continues its course; there is a talk with Mr. Cutcliffe Hyne, and another with the authors of *The Vision Splendid*.

THE DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA QUARTERLY MAGAZINE is largely devoted to an account of the proceedings in connexion with the departure of the new Bishop of Calcutta from England and his arrival in India. This alone should be the means of considerably augmenting the circulation of this ably conducted quarterly. A good portrait is given of the Bishop-designate of Madras (the Rev. Henry Whitehead, M.A.).

KNOWLEDGE.—The current number contains instructive articles on 'The Acetylene Industry,' 'Secrets of the Earth's Crust,' 'The Karkinokosm, or World of Crustacea,' 'Microscopy,' and so on.

Mr. A. CLIFTON KELWAY, late editor of the *Sun*, has been appointed editor of the *Church Review*, and will assume his new duties early next month. Mr. Kelway is known as a Churchman whose sympathies are rather with the advanced school of thought, and it will be remembered that he is the first Chairman of the recently formed Church Guild of Journalists. He has secured an imposing list of contributors to the new series of the paper, including Lord Halifax, Earl Beauchamp, Canon T. T. Carter, Canon Newbitt, Mr. G. W. E. Russell, and practically all the best-known High Churchmen. We wish Mr. Kelway all success in his new venture.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 17th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 18th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on April 20th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on April 21st.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on April 21st.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 19th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on April 19th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on April 20th.
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The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 21st, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS, RUGBY.
 At St. Andrew's, Rugby, on April 3rd, a peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

John Coales	1	James George	5
Richard Watson	2	Albert Dubber	6
Alfred John Gillings	3	Henry King	7
John William Chandler	4	John William Shotton	8

 Composed by John Carter and conducted by James George. This is the first peal on these bells, also the first peal by the ringers of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 8th; and the first peal with a working bell by the ringers of the 7th. Mr. Coales is in his sixty-ninth year.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 440.)

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The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on April 3rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 15,072 changes, in 9 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Harry Flanders 1	Edgar Wightman 5
George R. Pye 2	John H. Cheesman 6
Charles Wilkins 3	Ernest Pye 7
Isaac G. Shade 4	William Pye 8

Composed by Edgar Wightman, and conducted by William Pye. This is the longest peal ever rung in the method.

The Sussex County Association.

At Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on April 8th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.

Alfred J. Turner 1	Edward C. Merritt 5
George Head * 2	John S. Goldsmith 6
Frank Bennett 3	Keith Hart 7
Robert J. Dawe 4	George Williams 8

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by George Williams. This is the first peal of MAJOR rung in the borough of Hastings. [First peal of SUPERLATIVE.]

The Hertfordshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.**THE OXHEY SOCIETY.**

In the belfry of St. Matthew's Church, Oxhey, on April 10th, on handbells retained in stand, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 25 mins.

Charles George 1-2	Herbert Martin 5-6
George N. Price 3-4	John B. Bates 7-8

Conducted by George N. Price. Umpire, Bertram Prewett.

PORTSEA.—On March 15th, for a Confirmation service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung by the following local members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild:—P. Hannam, 1; E. C. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. W. Pickard, 6; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. On April 4th, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. P. Hannam, 1; J. Gould, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Symons, 4; A. D. Stone, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; J. W. Whiting (Fareham—conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. Harris, 1; J. T. Matthews, 2; J. Symons, 3; A. D. Stone, 4; E. Newman, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. Also on April 8th, for Divine service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. And 259 STEDMAN TRIPLES as follows:—J. Harper, 1; E. Newman, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—In consequence of the death of the Rev. John Murray (late Rector of St. Andrew's, Rugby), which took place on March 23rd, the following touches were rung, with the bells muffled, by the St. Andrew's Society of Change-ringers, as a last token of respect to his memory:—On Sunday, March 26th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Coates, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Batts, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; A. Dubber, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. On March 27th, the whole-pull-and-stand was rung seventy-one times, indicating the age of deceased. J. George, 1; A. Coleman, 2; R. Watson, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; A. Dubber, 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Also, the same evening, with bells deeply muffled, 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; A. Dubber, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. And 280 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Coates, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; A. Dubber, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; H. King, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. And on March 28th, with bells half-muffled, 279 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Batts, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. W. Chandler, 5; A. Dubber, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; H. King, 8.

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GREENWICH, KENT.—On Sunday, April 2nd, for evening service, 1279 STEDMAN CATERS in 55 mins. W. Berry, 1; W. Pye, 2; F. W. Thornton, 3; J. J. Lamb, 4; E. Wightman, 5; W. Foreman, 6; I. G. Shade (conductor), 7; H. Hoskins, 8; E. Pye, 9; C. Langdon 10.

HULL.—The old ring of eight bells at Holy Trinity Church has been taken down to make room for a new one of ten, by Messrs. Taylo- & Co. The old bells were very poor, out of tune, and altogether unworthy of the tower which they occupied. It is hoped that the new bells will be in position for ringing on the Queen's birthday.

SOME people—not many—object to the ringing of church bells, and it would appear that a Mr. Sequay, of the parish of St. Botolph Without, Bishopsgate, is amongst those to whom bell-ringing is a 'nuisance.' He said as much at a recent Vestry meeting, and moved that bell-ringing on Sundays be discontinued. The motion did not find a second. Curiously enough, at Malpas, in Cheshire, bell-ringing is becoming a decadent art. Complaints were made at the Vestry meeting of the irregular attendance of the ringers; but here, again, a parishioner stigmatised the ringing of the bells as an 'intolerable nuisance.' The Vestry agreed that the wages of the campanologists should be raised.

* * A full account of the Hertford Association's Festival will appear next week. It is unfortunately crowded out.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (April 21st).

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, on April 24th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 26th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 25th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on April 26th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on April 28th.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on April 26th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on April 27th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 28th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Bedfordshire Association.

At the annual meeting of this Association, held in the All Hallows Mission Hall, Bedford, on Easter Monday, at noon, Canon Haddock presided, and there were also present the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (hon. sec.), Messrs. E. Ransom, Clarke, T. Hills (assistant secretary), and others.

The report for the past year, presented by the Hon. Secretary, stated: 'The Committee is glad to be able to report that the past year has not been lacking in events of interest and encouragement for the members of the Association, and all interested in church bells in the county. But, before proceeding to notice these, the Committee desires to place on record its sense of the loss sustained by the Association by the regretted death of Mr. George Hurst. . . . During the past year repairs have been carried out at Willington, Harrold, Leighton Buzzard, and Old Warden, and in each case the Association has either been represented at the reopening of the bells or has been requested to supply instruction for the ringers who desire to join our ranks. In the case of Leighton Buzzard, the Association was unable to supply an instructor, and the necessary tuition was obtained from a London ringer. The Committee recommends that, in the event of the Leighton Buzzard company joining the Association, the Treasurer be empowered to pay, towards the expense of their instruction, a sum equal in amount to that which he would have paid to an instructor belonging to the Association, had one been able to go. Successful quarterly meetings have been held at Thurleigh, Luton, and Leighton Buzzard. There was a good muster of members on each occasion, and some good ringing was obtained. It would be a great satisfaction to know that the Luton bells were likely to be rehung. They were greatly in need of attention, and the excellent work that has been done at Leighton Buzzard should be an incentive to the Luton ringers to persevere in their requests, until a like good result has been obtained.'

Mr. Baker brought up the question of getting preferential rates from the railway companies for members travelling to quarterly meetings, as was the case with some other societies, and said that the Central Council had sent copies of a petition to be signed by members. The difficulty with this Association was that the fares were paid from the funds, and not by the members as was stated in the petition. Some discussion took place on the matter, and in the end the Secretary was requested to support the petition with the necessary modification to meet the case of the Association.

The officers for the coming year were chosen as follows: Hon. Secretaries, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. Isaac Hills; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. Bull; Hon. Auditor, Mr. G. C. Walker.

The Hertford County Association of Change-ringers.

In accordance with their usual custom, the Hertford Association held their annual festival at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Abbey and St. Peter's Church were visited. At five o'clock a service was held in the Abbey, at which the Bishop of the diocese, the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence, and the Revs. P. Deedes and G. H. P. Glossop were present, and there was a satisfactory congregation, composed chiefly of members of the Association. Archdeacon Lawrence addressed a few encouraging words to the members, and said their presence at that simple service showed that they recognised what an important branch of Church work the ringing for service was.

After service the members adjourned to the Justices' Room of the Town Hall, where tea was served. Mr. Toulmin (in the absence of Canon Wigram, president of the Association) said he was delighted to have the honour of presiding over that gathering, and of extending to all those who were present a hearty welcome. He was glad to see so many young men with them. He was also glad to hear that the Association had had a very good year, and that Bushey had been doing wonderfully well. Mr. Toulmin, having to leave early, then vacated the chair, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to him for his presence, the Rev. E. S. Phillips took the chair and conducted the remainder of the business, several new members being proposed for election to the Association.

Mr. Debenham presented a comprehensive report of the work of the Association for the year, and in the course of that document he stated that it afforded him much pleasure to record the satisfactory progress the Association had made during the last twelve months. Nineteen new ringing members had been enrolled, which more than counterbalanced the shrinkage which occurred in consequence of old members—particularly non-resident ones—from various causes discontinuing their subscriptions, which in effect meant resignation. The balance in hand had been slightly reduced, the principal cause being the increased cost of printing. 'As regards the peals rung during the year,' con-

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tinued Mr. Debenham, 'I am not certain about being in possession of the full particulars. Those I know of number 29, 25 being on tower bells and 4 on handbells, and comprise 2 peals of CATERS, 7 of MAJOR, 19 of TRIPLES, and one in 7 MINOR methods. Turning to individual performances, it is with much satisfaction that I call attention to the progress which is being made at Bushey and Oxhey, due, it may be said, in no small degree to the influence of Mr. Buckingham, and Mr. Price, in conjunction with him, is in a large measure responsible for the proficiency which led to the accomplishment of several of the handbell peals, and to members of the Oxhey band taking part in the peal of DOUBLE NORWICH, and in some of KENT TREBLE BOB and STEDMAN. It will have been noticed that, whilst peals have been gained in different methods, the conductorship of them has been fairly well distributed, and some of our younger members have not been slow in coming forward to take their place in the ranks of conductors. Mention must be made of the little Munden band, which, notwithstanding numerous difficulties, has succeeded in doing capital work. I have to record, with regret, the loss sustained through the death of Mr. Richard Jackson, of Baldock, whose name appears in the list of members of the Association practically since the time of its formation, and I am sorry that Mr. Henry Lewis, through ill-health, will not be able to carry on for the present the work of Assistant Secretary. I have now only to thank him and also Mr. Cartmel for the assistance so ungrudgingly afforded me in the discharge of the duties of the office I have the honour to hold.' Concerning the financial aspect of the Association, Mr. Debenham said they started the year last Easter with a balance of 6l. 5s. 8d., and the subscriptions for the year had amounted to 17l. 5s. 8d. The expenses at the last annual meeting were 4l. 2s. 10d. less 1l. 8s. 6d. received from the members, leaving a deficiency to be met from the funds of 2l. 14s. 4d. After meeting expenses of meetings in various parts of the county, there remained a balance in hand of 3l. 19s. 4d., besides the little 'nest-egg' in the Post Office Savings Bank of 9l. with accrued interest.

Mr. A. T. King moved the acceptance of the report and balance-sheet. Mr. Winney seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The Chairman read a letter from Canon Wigram, stating that he was unable to be present at the meeting owing to indisposition, and added that he was sure their President would have been with them had his health permitted. Mr. W. H. Newell thereupon proposed that Canon Wigram should be re-elected as President of the Association for the ensuing year. Mr. T. Waller seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

Mr. Hallett moved that Mr. E. P. Debenham should be asked to continue his duties as honorary secretary. This was seconded by Mr. Lawrence, and was carried amidst applause. Mr. Debenham said that was the eleventh time he had been re-elected to the position of honorary secretary, and he therefore felt that he would soon have to lay down his pen and ask somebody else to take it up. Changes did good sometimes, and he asked the members if they would consider the advisability of making a change. ('No, no.') Continuing, Mr. Debenham said it would rest with the members how far the success of the Association should be assured, and, if they would rally round him and support him, it would be a great pleasure to him to continue the duties which he had had the honour of performing in the past.

On the motion of Mr. Newell, seconded by Mr. Waller, Mr. Huntley was re-elected auditor. The name of Mr. G. W. Cartmel was submitted by Mr. Debenham as assistant secretary, and the re-election having been unanimously agreed to, Mr. Cartmel expressed his thanks to the members for their renewed expression of confidence. He assured them it would give him great pleasure to help on the work of the Association, and to further promote the art of change-ringing in Hertfordshire.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Meara, seconded by Mr. Prowett, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence for the address which he delivered to the members, as well as for the use of the Abbey tower for the purposes of a peal: and a similar expression of thanks was conveyed to the Rev. R. A. Squires for the use of the bells of St. Peter's Church.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Rickmansworth.

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The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—An extra District Meeting (no allowances) will be held at Kennington on Saturday afternoon, April 29th, at 3 o'clock.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, on April 15th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 changes, in 4 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 62 cwt.

James Pettit ..	1	William D. Smith ..	7
Edwin Horrex ..	2	Challis F. Winney ..	8
Harry Hoskins ..	3	Walter S. Wise ..	9
George J. Smith ..	4	Ezra Carter ..	10
Thomas H. Taffender ..	5	William T. Cockerill ..	11
Joseph Waghorn, jun. ..	6	Walter Prime ..	12

Composed by the late Henry Haley, conducted by James Pettit.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Giles', Reading, Berks, on April 11th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

John Tucker ..	1	Alfred W. Reeves ..	5
George L. Boddington ..	2	Alfred E. Reeves ..	6
Frederick Sweetzer ..	3	Arthur W. Higgs ..	7
Arthur H. Evans ..	4	Albert E. Reeves ..	8

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Magazines.

THE CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW.—The long and carefully prepared article on 'Discipline in the English Church' will assuredly be read with great interest. There are also valuable contributions, entitled: 'The Psalms and the New Criticism'; 'High Crosses of Ireland'; and 'The Doctrine of the Atonement.' Dr. A. G. Mortimer's book, *Catholic Faith and Practice*, is very ably reviewed. The reviewer asserts that the author has 'rendered a signal service to the whole Anglican communion by the production of these volumes. . . . He has given to Anglican students of theology a compendious work, which covers the whole path of the procession of created life from God at the beginning to God at the close of all things.' Another excellent review is the one on Professor Samuel Dill's *Roman Society in the last Century of the Western Empire*. The *In Memoriam* notice of Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode is couched in sympathetic and appropriate terms. Two other articles, 'Lord Selborne's Memorials' (Part II.), and 'Edward Thring, of Uppingham,' afford capital reading.

THE STUDIO.—Some charming supplements accompany the current number. One is a reproduction in colours of a tasteful sketch by Alfred Parsons, A.R.A., to whom, in addition, an article is devoted, with a dozen illustrations. 'Notes on Country and Suburban Houses Designed by C. F. A. Voysey' is a capital article by Horace Townsend, in reference to the work of one of our leading architects; and 'Some Features of the Art of Sir Edward Burne-Jones,' by Malcolm Bell, is one of the ablest and most beautifully illustrated contributions in the number. 'Studio-talk,' with its numerous pictorial presentments, is as entertaining as ever.

THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS gives some particulars of the way in which our neighbours 'cross Channel' think they might succeed in invading England; gives facts in support of the contention that the inclination to make war is steadily declining; quotes 'Diplomaticus,' who, writing in the *Fortnightly Review*, has declared that he knows the true inwardness of Lord Salisbury's Chinese policy; alludes to the subject of 'Democracy in the Workshop'; dilates on 'Uncle Sam's Foothold in Africa'; and gives a cleverly written character sketch (with portrait and illustrations) of Rudyard Kipling, described, without intention to insult, as the 'Banjo-bard of Empire.'

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES for April is, as usual, full and helpful. The Editorial Notes on Canon Winterbotham's 'Kingdom of God,' on Professor Hort and the *Te Deum*, and on the late Dr. C. A. Berry, are very interesting and suggestive. Special attention should be paid to Dr. Masterman's article on the day of the Crucifixion.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW.—Three of the most valuable contributions are those by Professor Hunt, Ph.D., of Princeton, N.J.—'Greater Writers,' by the Rev. J. Spencer Kennard, D.D., Pittsburg—'Commanding the Attention,' and by the Rev. A. P. Atterbury, D.D., New York City—'Settlement Work.' Dr. Atterbury commences his article by stating his belief that 'Jesus Christ started the first Settlement.'

THE CHURCH ECLECTIC.—The portrait is that of the Right Rev. W. E. McLaren, D.D., bishop of Chicago. There is a good paper on 'The Clergyman Studying,' by Dr. W. W. Webb, president of Nashotah, and there is another able article on 'Papal "Americanism."' Considerable space is devoted to 'The Declaration of the E.C.U.,' and to the way in which the Declaration was adopted.

THE ECONOMIC REVIEW.—First in the list of contents comes 'The Organization of Industry,' a contribution from the pen of the learned Bishop of Durham. Dr. Westcott begins by pointing out the vastness of the subject; then he says he can do little more than propose questions for after-consideration; and then he points out that the organization of industry is the organization of national life. Speaking in regard to the men who are unable to find fixed and satisfactory work, the Bishop recommends a system of corporate colonisation. Other articles in the *Review* include 'English Wages and Foreign Competition,' 'Saving and Spending,' and 'The Foreign Policy of Collectivism.'

THE SCHOOL BOARD GAZETTE.—'School Boards and Advanced Education' forms the subject of an article, in reply to a statement made by the Duke of Devonshire last August, to the effect that the School Boards, with no statutory authority, extended the operations of elementary and evening schools, under the Evening Schools Code, into the region of science and art, and applied the rates to the purpose. The writer makes out a very good case in favour of advanced education—a question which, as he truly says, 'is one of vital importance to the great masses of the people.' The *Gazette*, which is under able guidance, has reached its fourth number, and continues to grow in popularity.

THE Life of Archbishop Benson, by his son, Mr. A. C. Benson, which was announced for publication next month, will not be issued till the autumn.

Two thousand copies of Mr. Mackenzie Bell's volume of poems, *Pictures of Travel*, have now been printed, including an American copyright edition.

We have been asked by the Cambridge University Press Warehouse to announce that they have just published, for the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press, the facsimile edition of the *Codex Bezae Cantabrigiensis*, in 2 vols., containing 830 pages, bound in buckram, bevelled boards, gilt top, price twelve guineas net. We have not seen the work, as we understand from Messrs. C. J. Clay & Sons that, owing to its very special character, they are not authorised to send out any review copies; but we feel sure that, in the hands of so eminent a firm of publishers, the production—carried out by M. Paul Dujardin in 'heliogravure'—will be of no ordinary interest.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 1st.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, St. Paul's Cathedral, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on May 2nd; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on May 4th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 5th.

Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on May 5th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 3rd.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on May 3rd.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on May 4th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 4th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on May 5th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

THE annual meeting was held on Easter Monday at Netherton, near Dudley. The towers of (St. Thomas) Dudley, Cradley, Clent, Hagley, Halesowen, Old Hill, Sedgley, and Tipton were open for peal-ringing; St. Andrew's, Netherton, being reserved for touches. A service was held in St. Andrew's Church at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Marriott, at which the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, vicar of Hagley, and some eighty members were present. Mr. Marriott delivered an interesting address from Romans, xii. i., 'Your reasonable service,' in which he spoke of bell-ringing as service done to God and for man. In England the first peal of bells was set up in 1435, and in 1665 ringing had become a science, as was proved by Fabian Stedman's complete method of change-ringing, which was then published, and showed the perfection which had been attained in the interval to make such practice possible. He gave the ringers a welcome to Netherton, and bade them remember that they were devoted to a 'reasonable service' to God and to man.

After service, tea was provided in the National Schools, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar. The minutes of the last annual meeting was read and confirmed.

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The Rev. W. C. Gibbs, in response to a request made at the last quarterly meeting, presented a Form of Service which he had drawn up for use at the meetings of the Association, which was unanimously adopted, he undertaking to ask the Bishop of the diocese to sanction its use. Several new members were enrolled. It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Pershore. All the Society's officers were re-elected, the Rev. Minor Canon Floyer, of Worcester, being elected in the place of the Rev. A. B. Timbrell, deceased. It was resolved that Mr. W. H. Smith, of Kidderminster, be appointed instructor to the Wolverley Society. Votes of thanks were given to the officers for their past services; to the Rev. S. J. Marriott for his address, and to the various vicars who placed the use of their bells at the disposal of the Association.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

A SPECIAL meeting was held at Cirencester on April 15th, attended by about thirty members. Service was held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., an address being delivered by the Rev. J. S. Sinclair, vicar. A meeting followed at the Town Hall, when a report was received from the Committee appointed to consider the desirability of dividing the Association into branches. The report, which recommended that three branches should be formed, in Gloucester, Bristol, and Cirencester as the centres, was adopted with slight modification. The branches will be managed by a chairman, secretary, and committee. Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, hon. secretary, who had desired to retire owing to ill-health, yielded to the general wish of the members, and consented to hold office until the next annual meeting, the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, curate of St. Paul's, Bedminster, being appointed to assist him. A question as to the appointment of a paid instructor was referred back to the Committee for further consideration. Tea was afterwards served at the Crown Hotel, the Rev. J. S. Sinclair presiding; others present being the Rev. H. A. Cockey (past master), G. L. Amphlett, and A. C. Stephens; Mr. F. G. May (master), and Mr. Boutflower (secretary). Touches were rung on the parish church bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Putney, on April 17th, a peal of WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

James Driver 1	Frederick Dench 5
William H. Pasmore .. 2	Samuel E. Andrews .. 6
Arthur G. Ellis 3	John N. Oxborrow .. 7
Henry R. Newton 4	Charles T. P. Brice .. 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, conducted by Charles P. Brice. This is the first peal in the method ever rung in the metropolis.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

At the house of Mr. Rowland Fenn, sen., St. Margaret's Road, Barking, on April 14th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins., on handbells retained in hand.

Albert C. Hardy 1-2	Thomas Faulkner 5-6
Rowland Fenn 3-4	Caleb Fenn 7-8

Composed by William Harrison, conducted by Thomas Faulkner. Umpires: George W. Faulkner and Ernest G. Fenn.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity, Guildford, on April 11th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Charles Willshire (conductor) 1	Thomas Attwell 5
Ernest Allen 2	James Hunt 6
Septimus Radford 3	William W. Thorne .. 7
John J. Jones 4	Frank Blondell 8

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Leonard's, Wortley, Yorks., on April 18th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

George Parkin 1	Thomas Robbins 5
Edward Robbins 2	George W. Dronfield .. 6
John Dronfield 3	John Parkin 7
Thomas McKegg 4	David Brearley 8

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The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association.

At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, Barking, on April 15th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Henry Springall 1	Rowland Fenn 5
Caleb Fenn 2	Samuel Hayes 6
York Green 3	Ebenezer Andrews .. 7
Thomas Faulkner 4	Albert C. Hardy 8

Composed by York Green, conducted by Thomas Faulkner. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Mary's, Shoreham, on April 18th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

William Palmer, jun. .. 1	Frank Bennett 5
Edward C. Merritt .. 2	Frederick Steele 6
Robert J. Dawe 3	Frederick Dearing .. 7
Lionel E. Sears 4	Keith Hart 8

Composed by James Barker, conducted by Keith Hart.

The Worcestershire and District Association.

At St. Andrew's, Netherton, on April 18th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Albert E. Parsons 1	George H. Pagett 5
William Micklewright .. 2	John W. Smith 6
Albert Brooks * 3	John Smith 7
Samuel J. Hughes † .. 4	Adolphus Roberts .. 8

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by William Micklewright. [* First peal. † First in the method with a bob-bell.]

ALSO, at the Parish Church, Dudley, on April 22nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Samuel J. Hughes * .. 1	John W. Smith * 6
William R. Small 2	Samuel Spittle 7
William Micklewright .. 3	John Smith 8
Harry Price * 4	William Page 9
Arthur Spittle 5	John Goodman 10

Composed by J. Reeves and conducted by William Micklewright. [* First peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL.]

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on April 15th, 720 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR, the first in the method on the bells. W. Nash, 1; W. Doran, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; J. Dear, 4; J. Moule, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

PORTSEA.—On April 23rd, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung by the following local members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild:—P. Hannam, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons, 4; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 5; A. D. Stone, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

YESTERDAY week the Archbishop of York dedicated a vestry and five bells at All Saints' Church, Hull. The bells, which completed the peal of eight, have been given by Mrs. Foster-Earle in memory of her late husband, and were cast by Messrs. John Warner & Co., of London. Each bears an inscription chosen from Tennyson's *In Memoriam*.

THE old bell of St. Michael Bassishaw, Basinghall Street, City of London, which was cast in 1679, has, through the kindness of the Bishop of London, been sold for a nominal sum to the church of St. Etheldreda, Fulham. The parish of St. Michael Bassishaw has been annexed to that of St. Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall, and the church, built by Sir Christopher Wren (1679), is to be taken down.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—At Twyford Parish Church on April 7th, the completion of the commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee was marked by a service for the dedication of the bells. The six bells have been retuned, and two new trebles (costing about 100l.) added, the work involving an expenditure of 140l., towards which about 100l. has been obtained. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who also supplied the additional bells.

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CATHOLIC REFORM ABROAD.

FOR some unknown reason the *Katholik* has not reached me for the last fortnight. I am therefore without intelligence from the Continent. The *Labaro* for last month has reached me. But there is now very little intelligence in it of the spread of Count Campello's movement, which is disappointing.

In a former number of the *Katholik* there is a remarkable cutting from the *Luzerner Tagblatt*, containing a communication sent by a penitent who, when making his usual confession to his priest, was suddenly interrogated as to whether he read the journal in question, and when he admitted having done so, was refused absolution unless he promised to do so no more. Eternal condemnation, the priest declared, was merited by those who read such blasphemous and atheistical publications. The *Tagblatt* added that on another occasion a priest was visiting a parishioner in trouble, and seeing a copy of the *Tagblatt* on the table, he remarked that its presence there was quite sufficient to account for the sorrow which had befallen the household. This side of the working of the Roman Catholic Church ought not to be forgotten by us, while we readily admit that there is another and a better.

I have had several communications about M. Bourrier. I will take this opportunity of replying to them. No definite organization has yet been formed for his support. When it is formed, I will make its existence known through CHURCH BELLS. M. Bourrier hopes to return to England about the end of this month, when I hope he will be able to visit some at least of those who have offered him hospitality. I omitted to state that his *Chretien Francais* is circulating among hundreds of the French clergy.

J. J. LIAS.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to day (May 5th).

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, on May 8th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 10th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on May 9th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on May 10th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 12th.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on May 10th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 11th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on May 12th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Japanese Bell-ringers.

SIR,—On Saturday, April 29th, the petty officers and crew of the new torpedo-boat destroyer, *Shiranui*, built by Thornycroft & Co. of Chiswick, were entertained to tea, followed by a concert in the parish hall, by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Isaacs) and Churchwardens (Messrs. Sich and Rouch). During the concert some touches were rung on the handbells, after which four of the Japanese crew were persuaded to go on the platform, and after a very little instruction and explanation through an interpreter (for not one understood or spoke a word of English) rang a touch of Rounds in good time. Though only 'rounds,' I believe it to be the first touch ever performed by Orientals. The names of the performers were: Shimura, 1-2; Tokuda, 3-4; Honjo, 5-6; Hashiba, 7-8.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Diss, on April 24th, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

George Archer ..	1	William C. Wiskins ..	8
John Buckenham* ..	2	William Kinsey* ..	8
Elijah Broome ..	3	John Smith ..	8
William Salter ..	4	Frederick Day ..	8

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, conducted by Frederick Day.
[* First peal in the method.]

Also at St. Nicholas', Yarmouth, on April 25th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Arthur Webber ..	1	George Orford ..	5
Robert Christian ..	2	Robert Tooley ..	6
Denison Hayward ..	3	James Matthews ..	7
George Read ..	4	John Souter ..	8

Composed by Henry J. Tucker, conducted by John Souter.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

At the house of Mr. Fenn, St. Margaret's Road, Barking, on April 26th, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8896 changes, in 4 hrs. 34 mins.

Albert C. Hardy ..	1-2	Thomas Faulkner ..	5-6
Rowland Fenn ..	3-4	Caleb Fenn ..	7-8

Composed by William Harrison, conducted by Thomas Faulkner. This is the longest peal in the method rung on handbells. Umpires: Messrs. A. J. T. Carter, E. G. Fenn, and G. W. Faulkner.

The Hertfordshire Association and the College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, on April 29th, Taurians Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 4 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William G. Whitehead ..	1	Ernest E. Huntley ..	8
Charles George ..	2	Challis F. Winney (condr.) ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	James George ..	7
Herbert Martin ..	4	William H. Newell ..	8

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells, the only previous performance being seven 720 MINOR, with 7-8 covering.

WINCHESTER.—The Dean and Chapter, having decided to re-constitute the Cathedral Band of Ringers, so that in future all stipendiary members shall be residents in the city or suburbs, at their meeting on April 6th appointed the following to be members of the Band:—Mr. Wilfred Andrews, captain (vice Mr. W. H. George, who has resigned and becomes an hon. member); D. Froome, deputy-captain; J. W. Elkins, secretary and steeple-keeper. The following ringers were also appointed:—Messrs. W. S. Lampard, W. C. Lampard, E. G. Lampard, Loveland, Russell, Smith, and Taylor. Learners may be admitted with the consent of the officers, to whom application should be made.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 15th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on May 16th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on May 18th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 19th.
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St. Thomas's Guild of Change-ringers, Dudley.

It has long been felt that a guild of change-ringers for the northern part of Worcestershire was much needed, so that a closer union might exist, and a freer intercourse prevail, for the better cultivation of the art of change-ringing, and the practice of the more intricate methods in all belfries in this part of the diocese. With this end in view, several preliminary meetings have been held, and a code of rules adopted, and officers appointed to carry them out. The new Guild is to be called the St. Thomas's Guild of Change-ringers, to consist of members of any recognised change-ringing association who reside within a radius of five miles from St. Thomas's Church, as ordinary members; life members, who reside outside the radius; and honorary members. The Rev. A. Gray Maitland, vicar of Dudley, is the president, and the Rev. S. J. Marriott, vicar of Netherton, vice-president; Mr. S. Spittle, ringing master; Mr. W. Micklewright, hon. secretary; and Mr. W. R. Small, hon. treasurer. The inaugural meeting took place on April 29th, upwards of thirty members being present from Coseley, Dudley, Halesowen, Netherton, Old Hill, Stourbridge, and Tipton. A short service was held in St. Thomas's Church; the form of service drawn up by the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, rector of Hagley (and sanctioned by the Bishop of Worcester for use at the meetings of the Worcestershire and Districts Association) was used for the first time, conducted by the Rev. S. J. A. Dean (curate), who also gave an address upon the privileges, duties, and responsibilities of church bell-ringers. After service, tea was provided at the Vicarage, by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Maitland, followed by a business meeting, when three honorary and thirty-two ordinary members were enrolled. Business ended, the church bells were set going, when GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN CATERS, PLAIN BOB, and KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES for the learners, were indulged in until nine o'clock.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Denham, Bucks, on May 6th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.
 Charles George 1 | Challis F. Winney (condr.) .. 5
 George N. Price 2 | John M. Hayes 6
 Herbert Martin 3 | William T. Cockerill 7
 Walter H. L. Buckingham .. 4 | James George 8
 This is the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers beg to thank the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Lathbury) for his kind hospitality.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.

At St. Andrew's, Netherton, on May 3rd, Taylor's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.
 J. Prestidge 1 | J. W. Smith 5
 H. Price 2 | W. Talbot (conductor) .. 6
 J. Faulkner 3 | J. Smith 7
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The Waterloo Society.

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 Henry Langdon 2 | William Langdon 6
 William Crockford 3 | William H. Webber 7
 Arthur Hardy 4 | William Hayle 8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Croydon, on May 6th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor, 26½ cwt.
 John Rice 1 | Thomas Card 5
 Robert J. Dawe 2 | John S. Goldsmith 6
 Frank Bennett 3 | George Williams 7
 Edward C. Merritt 4 | Keith Hart 8
 Composed by Charles Middleton, conducted by Keith Hart. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S, KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1260 changes, composed by John P. Bradley. T. H. Taffender, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; H. G. Miles, 3; H. Richardson, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; F. Richardson, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; T. Beadle, 10.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION is to be congratulated on the vigorous work set forth in its fourteenth annual report. Numerically and financially the Association is in a flourishing condition, and the past year has been a record one for peal-ringing. sixty-four peals in all having been accomplished, viz.—DOUBLES, 4; MINOR, 2; DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 2; GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 7; CATERS, 7; BOB MAJOR, 4; TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 3; DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR, 1; CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 1; ROYAL, 1; STEDMAN TRIPLES, 12; CATERS, 1; DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, 5; SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 4; CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, 8; LONDON SURPRISE, 2.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—At one time Chew Magna was justly proud of its magnificent peal of Bilbie bells, but after long years of use they became the worse for wear, and as a result four out of the peal were condemned, either as being cracked or dangerous. The inhabitants thought they could not more fittingly celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign than by having the bells recast and properly hung, and sufficient funds were soon in hand to allow of the contract being entrusted to Mr. Blackburn, of Salisbury, at the cost of 431l. On the tenor is a capital portrait of the Queen, and in addition it bears the following inscription:—'1837-1897. The work of recasting and re-hanging was undertaken in the year of our Lord 1897, to the glory of God and to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, and was completed in 1898. God save the Queen.—John Galbraith, M.A., vicar; William Agnew Fedden, Edward Colston, junior, churchwardens.' The Bishop of Bath and Wells dedicated the bells on May 3rd.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On May 2nd, the Assistant Bishop of Durham (Dr. Sandford) dedicated the four additional bells (cast by Messrs. Llewellyns and James) which have been placed in the tower of the Parish Church, Stockton, in commemoration of the Queen's sixty-year reign. This brings the number of bells in the tower up to ten, and is the only peal of that number between York and Ripon to the south and Newcastle to the north. Prior to the formal dedication, a short service took place in the Parish Church, attended by the Mayor and Corporation in state. An appropriate sermon was preached by Dr. Sandford, after which the dedication took place.

MEMORIAL PEAL.—On Sunday, April 30th, the ringers of St. James's Church, Whitfield, Glossop, rang, with muffled bells, memorial peals in memory of the Vicar's son, who died the previous week and was interred in the adjoining graveyard. The Vicar and his family sincerely appreciated the sympathy shown by the ringers.

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The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on May 24th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 25th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on May 26th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Central Council.

THE Ninth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 23rd, 1899, at the Conservative Club Hall (entrance from White Lion Street), Norwich, at 1.30 o'clock, punctually. The Standing Committee will meet at 11 a.m. at the Royal Hotel (top of Prince of Wales' Road, opposite the Post Office). From 9 to 11 p.m. there will be a social gathering of members and friends at the Royal Hotel.

AGENDA.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
- 3.—The Treasurer's statement.
- 4.—To receive a further Report of the Committee on Rail fares.
- 5.—To receive a further Report from the Committee on the Glossary of Technical Terms.
- 6.—To receive a further Report from the Peal Collection Committee.
- 7.—To receive an interim Report from the Committee on the condition of Rings of bells.
- 8.—To receive any further Report of the Peal Values Committee.
- 9.—To discuss the following subjects:—
 - (a) The conditions and features which constitute a legitimate method of change-ringing.
 - (b) The advantages, or otherwise, of paid ringing: (A) for Sunday services, (B) on Special occasions.
 - (c) The desirability, or otherwise, of prize-ringing in any form.
 - (d) The best mode of instructing beginners in the art of Change-ringing—on the formation of a new company; on the introduction of one or more new members to an existing company.
 - (e) How to keep up the supply of qualified conductors; and the number of such that ought to be attached to each company.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

A PEAL of CINQUES will be attempted at St. Peter Mancroft, on Whit-Monday, starting at 5.30 p.m. sharp. A peal will also be attempted at Aylsham, the band leaving Norwich at 8.30 a.m. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft will be rung at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Whit-Sunday, and before and after the meeting on Tuesday.

10 Chester Street, Norwich. CHAS. E. BORRETT.

The Kent County Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Ashford, on Whit-Monday, May 22nd. Service at the Parish Church at 10.30 a.m.; address by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Tindall. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. in the Church House. The following towers will be open for ringing:—Ashford (8), Wye (8), Mersham (8), Willesborough (6), Kennington (6), Great Chart (6), and Eastwell (6). Application for dinner tickets to be made to—
 Canterbury, May 16th. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

AN amalgamated meeting of the four existing associations of church bell-ringers in the diocese of Lincoln was held at the Chapter House, Lincoln, on April 29th, to consider the desirability of amalgamating and forming a Diocesan Guild. The Bishop of Lincoln presided over a large attendance, and said he believed bell-ringing to be a powerful instrument for good, if rightly used. If there was any good in man—and he believed there were very few in whom there was really no good—there was something about the sound of the church bell which touched

and moved their good instincts wonderfully. He hoped the meeting would be able to form a united society, and that in some way a Diocesan Society might also be got together. The Rev. H. Law James, of Surfleet, moved that a society be founded, to be called the Lincoln Diocesan Church Bell-ringers' Guild, by the amalgamation of the four associations now working in the diocese, each branch to have complete freedom in the management of its own affairs, provided that all be subject on certain matters to the Diocesan Guild rules. This was seconded by Mr. F. F. Linley, of Gainsborough, and carried unanimously. The Bishop was elected patron of the Guild; the Dean of Lincoln, president; the Rev. H. Law James, master; Mr. N. E. Snow (of Sleaford), hon. sec.; and Mr. Linley, hon. treasurer. Afterwards about 200 members and friends partook of tea in the Co-operative Hall. During the afternoon and evening touches were rung on the Cathedral bells and the bells of St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's churches.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Mary's, Putney, on May 8th, a peal of WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 16 cwt.

James W. Driver .. 1	William H. Pasmore .. 5
Charles T. P. Brice .. 2	John W. Golding .. 6
Henry R. Newton .. 3	Frederick Dench .. 7
Arthur G. Ellis .. 4	John N. Oxborrow .. 8

Composed and conducted by Frederick Dench. Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles T. P. Brice.

ALSO, at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on May 13th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Thomas Faulkner .. 1	Frank Buck .. 5
Henry R. Pasmore .. 2	William H. Pasmore .. 6
Henry S. Ellis .. 3	Charles T. P. Brice .. 7
James Willshire .. 4	John W. Golding .. 8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by Charles T. P. Brice.

AND at St. Mary-Matfelon's, Whitechapel, on May 13th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brook's Variation), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William Truss .. 1	Henry Torble* .. 5
Emanuel Hall .. 2	Henry Springall .. 6
James Scholes .. 3	Thomas H. Taffender .. 7
Samuel Hayes .. 4	Edward J. Webb .. 8

Conducted by Henry Springhall. [* First peal in the method.]

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—The new tower of Fenton Parish Church with a ring of eight bells, was dedicated on May 4th by the Bishop of Lichfield. The erection of the tower completes a scheme of rebuilding, which was begun in 1839. In the tower, which is 98 feet high, there is a ring of eight bells, six of which bear inscriptions to the effect that No. 1 was presented by the present churchwardens, Mr. S. Radford and Mr. G. Derry; No. 4, by Dr. and Mrs. Griffiths, in commemoration of their silver wedding; No. 5, to the memory of the late Rev. H. C. Turner, who was vicar of the parish for fifteen years; No. 6, presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall Downace, Hendon, Middlesex, as a mark of their friendship for the present Vicar, the Hon. and Rev. L. F. Tyrwhitt, hon. chaplain to the Queen; and No. 8 (the largest) by the widow and family of the late Mr. Charles Carr, who was a resident in Fenton for thirty-one years, and who established the firm of Messrs. Charles Carr, Limited, the founders of the bells.

IRISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—On May 6th the Association held their first annual meeting in Dublin, when a good muster of the ringers from the various towns assembled at Christ Church Cathedral for a short ring, after which St. Patrick's Cathedral was visited, in the school-house of which Mr. William Chamney had kindly provided refreshments. The business meeting followed, with Mr. R. R. Cherry in the chair, when the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Patrick gave an interesting address to the ringers, who then adjourned to the belfry of the Cathedral and spent the remainder of the evening in various methods of change-ringing.

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Marriage Statistics.

THE recent Report of the Registrar-General of births, deaths, and marriages gives the returns for 1897, the last year for which figures are available. Of the marriages in England and Wales in that year, 68·6 out of every hundred were solemnised according to the rites of the Church, 4·1 by Roman Catholic priests, and 12·1 by ministers of other Christian denominations, while 14·6 were civil marriages, these proportions being practically identical with those of the preceding three years.

The late Mr. Gladstone attached some importance to such official figures as a set-off to misleading estimates compiled by Liberationist partisans—'one,' he said, in his famous reply to Mr. Miall in 1873, 'may be very usefully employed to correct the other.' There can be no doubt, however, that, at the time when Mr. Gladstone spoke, and for many years before and since, the total of Church marriages was swollen by a number of marriages, usually by licence, between Nonconformists, for the gross Church percentage at 87 per cent. in 1848, at 82 in 1857, at 77 in 1867, at 73 in 1877, at 70 in 1887, and (as we have seen), at 68 in 1897. On the other hand, the proportion of marriages after banns—the form of marriage preferred by real Church people—shows an increase during the half-century, the percentage being 62 in 1848, 84 in 1857, 62 in 1867, 62 in 1877, 62 in 1887, and 64 in 1897.

These figures probably represent the Church population with some approach to accuracy, but no trustworthy test of the relative strength of religious bodies will be available until we have an official religious census such as is taken in Ireland and in the rest of the civilised world, though the political Dissenters have successfully opposed one for Great Britain. There is, however, one denomination of whose numerical strength the marriage returns may be regarded as a tolerably exact measure. As the Roman Catholics are required by their Church to be married according to her rites, and do not celebrate the marriages of outsiders in their places of worship, any increase in their numbers must be shown here, as indeed happened in the years following the Irish immigration. Since 1853, however, when they reached the high-water mark of 51 in the thousand, there has been a falling-off in the proportion of Roman Catholic marriages. They numbered 46 in the thousand in 1857, 44 in 1867, 43 in 1877, 43 in 1887, and 41 in 1897. In days when people are talking as though Roman Catholicism were advancing by leaps and bounds in this country, these figures deserve to be borne in mind. To some extent they bear witness to losses through 'leakage,' which is a subject for sorrow without as well as within the Romanist ranks, but they at least prove conclusively that among us Romanism is now not an advancing but a receding force. It increases its number of ministers and its plant, but, in spite of the zeal devoted to proselytism during recent years, it loses more adherents than it gains.

THE Bishop of St. David's dedicated on Friday the new church at Talgarreg, situated in the parish of Capel Cynon, Cardiganshire. The church has seating accommodation for 150, and has been built in accordance with the requirements of the Incorporated Church Building Society, which contributed 25*l.* towards the building fund.

A CHANCEL-SCREEN has been erected in the parish church of Narborough, Leicester, as a memorial of the eighteen years' ministry of the former Rector, the Rev. W. Langley.

At Rackenford, North Devon, the restored parish church was reopened on Friday. The Bishop of Exeter preached the sermon, and the church was crowded. This ancient edifice has undergone a complete transformation.

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The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 22nd.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on May 30th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on June 1st; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 2nd.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on June 2nd.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 31st.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on June 1st.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 1st.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 2nd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 20th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.
Arthur G. Ellis .. 1 William H. Pasmore .. 5
John W. Golding .. 2 Frederick Dench .. 6
Henry R. Pasmore .. 3 Samuel E. Andrews .. 7
Henry S. Ellis .. 4 John N. Oxborrow .. 8
Composed by the late Henry Johnson, conducted by John N. Oxborrow.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

AT St. Martin's, Tipton, on May 15th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins.

James Hall 1	William Rock Small .. 5
Frederick Bywater .. 2	George James .. 6
Thomas Horton 3	Adam Hickman Hill .. 7
John Goodman 4	Reuben Hall .. 8

Conducted by Mr. A. H. Hill. Tenor, 12 cwt. 25 lbs. The peal contains the extant of the six combinations of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6; 2nd and 3rd never in 6th place at the course-ends; and was composed by Mr. S. Jesson, of Tipton, and is now rung for the first time.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on May 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

William Pelling* .. 1	Robert J. Dawe .. 5
Keith Hart 2	Alfred J. Turner* .. 6
Frank Bennett 3	John S. G. Goldsmith .. 7
George Head* 4	George Williams .. 8

This is the conductor's 400th peal, and his 300th as conductor. [* First peal in the method.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

AT the Parish Church, Bushey, Herts, on May 15th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Ernest Holloway* .. 1	William I. Oakley .. 5
Ernest E. Huntley .. 2	Francis A. Smith .. 6
Bertram Prewett 3	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 7
William G. Whitehead .. 4	Frederick Edwards .. 8

Composed by W. H. L. Buckingham, and conducted by Ernest E. Huntley. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

The Hertfordshire Association and the College Youths.

AT St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on May 16th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

George N. Price (conductor) .. 1	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 5
Bertram Prewett 2	Herbert Martin .. 6
William G. Whitehead .. 3	Ernest E. Huntley .. 7
Charles George 4	Frank A. Smith .. 8

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on May 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 1259 changes. E. C. Pennefather (first quarter-peal of CATERS), 1; W. E. Judd, 2; G. Brush, 3; H. Richardson, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; A. F. Harris (first quarter-peal of CATERS as conductor), 6; W. S. Pennefather, 7; W. E. Garrard, 8; W. Fox, 9; J. Judd, 10.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (June 2nd).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, on June 5th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 7th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on June 6th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on June 7th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 9th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on June 7th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 8th.
The St. Alfeg's Society: at St. Alfeg's, Greenwich, on June 9th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Central Council Conference.

THE Ninth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers was held on May 23rd at Norwich. In the morning the Standing Committee met at the Royal Hotel; after which a company of ringers went to St. Peter Mancroft, and rang touches of STEDMAN CATERS, TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and MAXIMUS.

The General Meeting of the members took place in the hall of the Conservative Club, under the chairmanship of the President, Sir A. P. Heywood. The delegates present numbered about fifty, prominent among them being the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Bedford), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Wokingham), the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (hon. secretary, Stanhoe), the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Bolton, Lancs.), the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton, Berks), the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. T. L. Papillon (Writtle, Essex), the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Rev. R. C. Harvey (Portsea), the Rev. H. A. Cockey (Oldland, Bristol), Mr. G. F. Attree (Brighton), Mr. G. Williams (Brighton), Mr. N. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), Mr. F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Essex), Mr. H. Dains (London), and Mr. J. Carter (Birmingham).

After some formal and introductory business, interim reports were presented by the Peal Collection Committee, by the Committee on the Condition of Rings of Bells, by the Committee on the proposed Glossary of Technical Terms, and by the Committee on Rail Fares, the object of this last committee being to bring such influence to bear on the Railway Clearing House, by means of petitions from ringers, as to secure a reduction of fares in the case of all ringers who journey by rail in order to fulfil ringing engagements. A report of the Peal Values Committee led to a lengthy discussion on the peals of DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS rung by the Ipswich company. The agenda paper set down for consideration the question of the conditions and features which constitute a legitimate method of change-ringing, a subject of great interest and complexity. On the suggestion of the President, however, it was resolved to postpone it to the London meeting, the agenda paper being somewhat overcharged. The principal discussion arose over the question of paid ringing. The majority of the delegates upheld the principle of payment. Some expressed the view that it was best, where possible, to keep a company on an amateur footing, but admitted that in large centres men who lived a long way from the town could not be expected to leave their work on special occasions, Corporation peals and the rest, without some kind of remuneration. This appeared to be the view of the Council generally; but the delegates did not record any resolution on the subject. The majority of the delegates held the view that church bells should not be used for competitive purposes, but there were a few who argued that, as in other pursuits, there was no better means of promoting care and skill. The delegates, having sat four hours, resolved to postpone to the next meeting the remaining items on the agenda, which included: The best mode of instructing beginners in the art of change-ringing, how to keep up the supply of qualified conductors, and the number of such that ought to be attached to each company.

In the evening there was a social gathering of the members.

The Kent County Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Ashford on Whitsun-Monday, May 22nd, and was attended by about 125 members from all parts of the county. The bells of St. Mary's (8) were raised shortly before 10 a.m., and ringing in the usual methods were kept up, except during the service and dinner, until the evening. The other towers open were Wye (8), Mersham (8), Kennington (6), Willborough (6), Great Chart (6), and Eastwell (6). The annual service was at 10.30 a.m., and was well attended. A small choir led the singing, and the organist, Mr. A. Legge, Mus.Bac., accompanied the psalms, hymns, and responses. The prayers were intoned by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. W. Helmore (precentor of Canterbury Cathedral), the lesson was read by the Rev. O. R. Dawson (curate), and

the address was given by the Vicar, Canon Tindall, from Heb. viii. 5: 'See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the mount.' The offertory, for the Belfry Repairs Fund, was 15s. 7d.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held in the Church House at 11.30 a.m., at which, among other business, a grant of 2l. 2s. was made towards the rehanging at Maidstone. The dinner was in the Parish Room at 1.40 p.m., the Vicar presiding. The toast of the Queen and Royal Family was given by the chairman, the company present rising and singing the first verse of the National Anthem. The toast of the Archbishop and clergy, together with thanks to the preacher, was proposed by Mr. C. H. Duke (Ospringe, Faversham). The Hon. Secretary read his report for 1898, from which it appeared that in point of numbers, funds, and progress in change-ringing, the Association was flourishing. Canon Dyke, rector of Mersham, who kindly invited every ringer, who liked to visit his church that afternoon, to partake of tea provided for them at the village inn, proposed the adoption of the report; which was seconded by Mr. G. Finn (Brabourne), and carried. Mr. W. Harper (Swinscombe) proposed the re-election of various officers, substituting the name of the Rev. C. E. Escreet, rector of Woolwich, on the Committee for that of Mr. C. L. Graham (Faversham), resigned. This was seconded by Mr. F. W. Thornton (Greenwich) and carried. The present representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. Carpenter, Hilman, Haigh, and Thornton, were re-elected. The two Peal-books were on view during the day. A Peal-board was 'opened' in the Ashford belfry to commemorate a peal of TREBLE BOB rung in February by the Edenbridge band.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Central Council of Church Bell-ringers.

At St. Michael's, Aylsham, on Whit-Monday, a party of Council delegates rang a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 29 mins.

C. E. Borrett (Norwich) .. 1	R. S. Story (Newcastle) .. 6
W. Walmsley (Macclesfield) .. 2	W. L. Catchpole (Ipswich) .. 7
G. Howchin (Norwich) .. 3	H. Dains (London) .. 8
H. Hoskins (Greenwich) .. 4	J. Motts (Ipswich) .. 9
F. R. Borrett (Pulham) .. 5	G. Williams (Brighton) .. 10

Composed by the late John Reeves, conducted by G. Williams.

At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, the peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, to the regret of all taking part in it, came to an abrupt termination after an hour's ringing, over a quarter of the total number of changes having been rung. The representative of one of the London societies was unable to stay for the attempt, and a member of the local society took his place. The ringers were J. Motts (conductor), 1; W. L. Catchpole, 2; G. Williams, 3; C. E. Borrett, 4; S. Reeves (West Bromwich), 5; J. Griffin (Burton-on-Trent), 6; N. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (Oxford), 8; R. S. Story (Newcastle), 9; H. Dains (London), 10; W. Wakley (Burton-on-Trent), 11; E. P. O'Meara (London), 12.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At All Hallows-Barking, Great Tower Street, E.C., on May 27th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Henry Springall .. 1	William Truss .. 5
James Scholes .. 2	Samuel Hayes .. 6
Edward Wallage .. 3	Henry Torble .. 7
Emanuel Hall .. 4	Thomas H. Taffender .. 8

Composed by Thomas Day, conducted by Henry Springall.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on May 22nd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 11,563 changes, in 7 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

George Burrows .. 1	Thomas J. Elton .. 6
Robert Pickering .. 2	Rowland Cartwright .. 7
Hugh J. Balcombe .. 3	Reuben Hall .. 8
James Pagett .. 4	James E. Groves .. 9
John C. Adams .. 5	Herbert Knight .. 10

Composed and conducted by James E. Groves. Owing to the disposition of one of the band, the bells were brought round; the attempted peal contains 17,117 changes.

NOTICE.—In order that peals may be reported without delay, conductors should send particulars to Mr. W. T. COCKERILL, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, immediately after the events.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on June 13th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on June 15th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 16th.

Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on June 16th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 14th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on June 15th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 15th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 16th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Hertfordshire Association.

DISTRICT MEETING at Rickmansworth on Saturday, June 24th. Further particulars next week. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association was this year held at Northampton, and, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, was well attended, representatives from the following belfries being present:—Northampton, Wellingborough, Kettering, Broughton, Castle Ashby, Desborough, Earls Barton, Ecton, Finedon, Great Doddington, Grendon, Mears Ashby, Raunds, Ravensthorpe, Rothwell, Stoke Albany, Whiston, Wilby, Wollaston, Wootton, and Yardley Hastings. By special permission, the bells of the churches of St. Giles (ten), St. Sepulchre, St. Peter, and St. Edmund (eights) were placed at the service of the ringers. At one o'clock a special service was held in St. Sepulchre's Church, conducted by the Rev. H. P. Holmes, and the lesson was read by the Rev. E. C. Channer. A short sermon was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Brookes, who took for his text St. Matt. vii. 22, 23: 'Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.' Having welcomed the ringers to the grand old church of St. Sepulchre, the preacher gave them a word of warning—a warning which all church officials alike needed. It was a warning against being taken up with the outside routine of their work so much as to forget the inner meaning and the inner sacredness of it. It applied to the choir-boys, the clergy, and the ringers alike. Those present who made the bells speak were prophets in Christ's name, and performed a great duty in many ways, and he trusted they would all bear that in mind. He warned them of the danger, and urged them as a remedy to enter heart and soul into their work—to enter into the spirit of it. They were, in their bell-ringing, calling people to church and to Christ, but did they all come themselves? They must not, as it were, be only a machine for bell-ringing, but they should attend the service, and show they desire to serve God in all ways, or otherwise their ringing was a sham.

After the service, dinner followed at the 'Peacock' Hotel. In the absence of Archdeacon Lightfoot, the president of the Association, the Rev. C. Brookes presided. Dinner over, the Rev. Chairman said he regretted the absence of Archdeacon Lightfoot, but still it was a great pleasure to him to preside over their gathering that day. He had, he said, spoken plainly to them that morning, and he hoped they would act upon what he had said, and not in any way take offence at his remarks. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. Dunn, vicar of Higham Ferrers, the hon. treasurer, Mr. Dennes, read the financial report, which showed there was a balance to the credit of the Association of 26l. 4s. 3d. He also reported an increase both of honorary and ringing members during the past year. They had, however, to regret the loss of several members by death. The income for the year amounted to 18l., and the expenditure 15l. 19s. 9d., leaving a balance in hand of 2l. 0s. 3d. Whiston, or some place in that district, was selected as the locale for the holding of the summer quarterly-meeting.

The late Rector of St. Martin's, Birmingham.

ON Trinity Sunday, special services were held at St. Martin's, Birmingham, when the preachers—in the morning, the Rev. Canon

Sutton, vicar of Aston, and in the evening the present Rector of St. Martin's, the Rev. A. J. Robinson, M.A.—paid high tributes to the character of the late Canon Wilkinson, former Rector of St. Martin's, who died on the 24th ult. To the ringers at St. Martin's, as to every other section of Church workers, he had ever been a most genial friend, identifying himself with their duties and aspirations. At the services on Sunday, and again at a special funeral service on Monday, held at the same time as the funeral at Kensal Green, besides the usual whole-pull-and-stand, the following muffled touches were rung:—575 GRANDSIRE CATERERS: W. Ellis, 1; T. Russam, 2; A. Smith, 3; H. Withers, 4; W. Short (conductor), 5; A. Flowers, 6; A. Walker, 7; H. Middleton, 8; T. Reynolds, 9; W. Painter, 10.—503, 209, and 97 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: J. Day, 1; W. Ellis, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; W. H. Godden, 4; A. Walker, 5; H. Middleton, 6; T. Reynolds, 7; W. Painter, 8.—529 STEDMAN CATERERS: W. Short (conductor), 1; W. Ellis, 2; A. Flowers, 3; A. Walker, 4; W. H. Godden, 5; W. R. Small, 6; J. Barber, 7; H. Middleton, 8; T. Reynolds, 9; W. Painter, 10. And 528 STEDMAN CINQUES: W. Ellis, 1; J. Joynes, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; J. Day, 4; A. Walker, 5; A. Flowers, 6; W. H. Godden, 7; W. R. Small, 8; W. Short (conductor), 9; H. Middleton, 10; J. Barber, 11; W. Painter, 12. There was a peculiar appropriateness in the touch of STEDMAN CINQUES as a final one, inasmuch as a touch of STEDMAN CINQUES was rung at the late Canon Wilkinson's induction service in 1866.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 3rd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE

SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

William H. Pasmore .. 1	Henry S. Ellis .. 5
John W. Golding .. 2	Frederick Dench .. 6
Frederick G. May .. 3	Samuel E. Andrews .. 7
Frank Buck .. 4	Charles T. P. Brice .. 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, conducted by Charles T. P. Brice.

At 11 Peabody Buildings, Southwark, on May 29th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 24 mins.

Harry R. Pasmore (condr.) 1-2	George E. Symonds .. 5-6
William H. Pasmore .. 3-4	John W. Golding .. 7-8

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Yorkshire Association.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on May 31st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins.

Thomas Hattersley .. 1	Samuel Thomas .. 5
John Mulligan .. 2	Thomas Sylvester .. 6
William Lomas .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) .. 7
Arthur Brearley .. 4	William Bugar .. 8

Also at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on June 1st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, on the front eight bells—in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

Thomas Hattersley .. 1	Edward Woodward .. 5
Samuel Thomas .. 2	Thomas Sylvester .. 6
John Mulligan .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) .. 7
Arthur Brearley .. 4	David Brearley .. 8

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Kidlington, Oxon, on May 22nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 17,024 changes, in 11 hr. 12 mins. Reputed weight of tenor, 26 cwt.

Harry G. Judge .. 1	William Bennett .. 5
Alfred E. Reeves .. 2	Frank Hopgood .. 6
Charles R. Lilley .. 3	Edwin Hims .. 7
John Tucker .. 4	James W. Washbrook .. 8

Composed and conducted by James W. Washbrook. This is the longest peal hitherto accomplished by one set of men.

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- The Royal Cumberland Youths*: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (June 16th).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, on June 19th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 21st.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on June 20th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on June 21st, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 23rd.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on June 21st.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 22nd.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 23rd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, June 24th, when the tower of the parish church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to notify same on or before Wednesday, June 21st, to
 E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.
 St. Albans.

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE annual gathering of the members was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Service was conducted at St. Mary's Church by the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Lake), assisted by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, of Writtle (hon. secretary and treasurer); and the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. S. Paynter (rector of Springfield). The annual business meetings was afterwards held at St. Mary's Schoolroom, the Rev. T. L. Papillon presiding. The officers and General Committee were re-elected; Mr. E. Wightman, Woodford, was appointed on the Peal Committee, and the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Messrs. B. Keeble, N. J. Pitstow, and W. Nevard were elected representatives upon the Central Council. Several new members were elected; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, vicar of Great Totham, and assistant hon. secretary, was elected a life member. The annual report showed the income to have been 54*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*, including a credit balance of 1*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*, and the year ended with a balance in hand of 1*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.* The amount invested in the Post Office Savings Bank was 65*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Three new companies had joined the Association—Langham, Goldhanger, and Rayleigh, but Halstead had been lost. The work of rehanging at Dagenham, Goldhanger, and St. Mary's, Maldon, had been accomplished during the year.

The Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

At the annual gathering of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers at Paignton, on May 22nd, visits were paid to the towers at St. Leonard's (Newton Abbot), Kingsteignton, Totnes, St. Marychurch, Kingskerswell, and Paignton, where change-ringing was accomplished. The annual meeting followed, the President (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) in the chair. The report for the year ended March 25th, 1899, stated that 'the policy adopted last year of appointing additional instructors had been fully justified, and the band of Broadclyst, Heavitree, and Sowton were making satisfactory progress under the able tuition of the instructors. The recognition of ringers as a body of Church workers by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on June 28th last, when a ringer from each parish was invited to the Palace and hospitably entertained by the Bishop and Mrs. Bickersteth, was a matter of congratulation to all who had the cause of bell-ringing at heart.' The accounts showed a balance in hand of 23*l.*, against 17*l.* last year. The Rev. M. Kelly was re-

appointed President. Mr. W. E. Pittfield Chapple resigned the offices of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, owing to want of time, and the Rev. F. Molineaux (Harpford) was appointed. The Rev. M. Kelly and Mr. F. Shepherd were re-appointed representatives on the Central Council. Service followed at the parish church.

The Towcester and District Association.

THIS Association held its festival at Blisworth on June 1st, by kind invitation of the Rev. H. T. Barry (rector). The church was filled with an attentive congregation of ringers and friends at the morning festival service, which was fully choral. The prayers were read by the Rector, and the lessons by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway. An admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke on the text, 'To every man his work' (St. Mark, xiii. 34). The service was followed by a business meeting, and, later, 120 persons sat down in the schoolroom to luncheon. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Rev. W. H. Deane (Towcester, hon. sec.), the Rev. Dr. King, the Rev. Canon Coxo (Stoke Bruerne), the Rev. J. B. Harrison (Paulerspury), the Rev. W. S. Andrews (Wicken), the Rev. S. Smith-Heriz (Braddon), &c. The Chairman gave 'The health of the Queen,' which was loyally received. 'The health of the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke' was submitted by Mr. J. E. Gudgeon, who thanked the rev. gentleman on behalf of the Association for going among them and so kindly giving them such a good sermon. The toast having been heartily received, the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke returned thanks, and said he was delighted to see the success of the Association, for when they could present such large numbers at the service and such earnest attention to the words of the preacher, it was evident that they were an Association whose work must be progressing, and was being blessed by seeing the interest in spiritual things, which alone could bring success to their ordinary occupations of life. Mr. Blucke then proposed 'Success to the Towcester and District Bell-ringers' Association.' Suitable response was made by the President, who remarked that last year they had 135 members—37 honorary, 10 subscribing, and 88 ringing; and since then 21 ringing and 2 honorary members had joined, their members altogether representing 18 parishes. The health of the Rector was given by the Rev. W. H. Chapman, and suitably acknowledged. The Rev. A. J. Wake toasted 'The Officers of the Association,' and the President and Mr. R. T. Gudgeon responded. The whole of the officers were re-elected *en bloc* as under: President, the Rev. R. A. Kennaway; Vice-Presidents, the Rev. J. B. Harrison and the Rev. W. H. Chapman; Hon. Secretary, the Rev. W. H. Deane:

(For remainder of Bell-ringing, see page 628.)

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By MR. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER

With Mr. EDWARD SHORT, Minister of the Particular Baptist Church, Swavesey, Cambs.

Mr. Short appears to have suffered with his chest almost from his birth, probably through some hereditary tendency, for I learnt that two or three of his sisters died of Consumption. While chatting with him at his home in December, 1898, Mr. Short gave me the following particulars of his own case, with his full permission to make them public.

'While pastor of a church at Blunham, in Bedfordshire,' Mr. Short told me, 'I was taken very ill one night with what I was told was a fit of asthma. A doctor who examined me told me that although there was no disease of the lungs, they were very weak. I sent to Bedford for some of Mr. Congreve's medicine, and took it with good results. Since that time I have often resorted to it before preaching or speaking, and derive much benefit from it. Quite recently I have had a bad cold, but a few doses put me all right again. My chest is stronger now than it has been for years.'

I had reason to believe Mr. Short had some personal knowledge of another case, more serious than his own, so I asked him about it.

'The case you mention,' he replied, 'was that of a young woman living at Chalton, near Sandy. She had every appearance of being in a ~~state~~—was very weak, with a bad cough, sore throat, and some spitting of blood. I strongly recommended Mr. Congreve's treatment to her, and through the kindness of a friend of my own, she was supplied with the medicine. After a few bottles she quite recovered her health, went to service, and has remained at work ever since. She is now in Bedford. If necessary I could tell you of several other people who have, at different times, taken the medicine with benefit. At the present time a young woman in Swavesey—daughter of one of my deacons—who has returned home with a terrible cough, has been under Mr. Congreve's treatment for a few weeks, and is already showing considerable signs of improvement.'

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association

ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIOR SOCIETY.

At St. James's, Quedgeley, Gloucestershire, on May 20th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Jesse Gillett	1	Charles R. Lilley	5
John Austin	2	Ernest Davis	6
William T. Peglar	3	Robert A. Barrett	7
Ernest Bishop	4	Arthur E. Peglar	8

Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by John Austin.

Also at St. James's, Quedgeley, on May 25th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

Thomas Newman*	1	Robert A. Barrett	5
Jesse Gillett*	2	Charles R. Lilley	6
John Austin	3	Ernest E. Davis	7
William T. Peglar	4	Arthur E. Peglar	8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by John Austin. [* First peal of TREBLE BOB.]

At St. Michael's, Gloucester, on May 22nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt. 48 lbs., in E.

Jesse Gillett	1	Francis E. Hart	6
Ernest E. Davis	2	Ernest Bishop	7
John Austin	3	John H. Shepherd	8
Francis E. Ward	4	William T. Peglar	9
William Page	5	Arthur E. Peglar	10

Composed by G. Hayward, conducted by J. Austin.

Also at St. Michael's, Gloucester, on May 24th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

Frederick G. May	1	Charles R. Lilley	6
Ernest E. Davis	2	Robert A. Barrett	7
William T. Peglar	3	Francis E. Ward	8
Jesse Gillett*	4	John Austin	9
Thomas Newman*	5	Arthur E. Peglar	10

Composed by J. Carter, conducted by Francis E. Ward. Rung in honour of the Queen's eightieth birthday. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

At Stroud, on May 22nd, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

R. A. Judd	1	William Hale	6
Charles Williams	2	William Page	7
John H. Shepherd	3	Ernest Bishop	8
John Austin	4	Ernest E. Davis	9
Thomas Newman	5	Arthur E. Peglar	10

Composed by J. Carter and conducted by John Austin.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk, on June 3rd, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

James Tann	1	Charles Baker	5
Herbert Mathews	2	Henry Adcock	6
James Boughton	3	Charles Tann	7
Robert Whiting	4	Frederick R. Borrett	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by James Tann.

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Great Bentley, on June 5th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt.

Harry E. Bowers	1	George Lancaster	5
William J. Nevard	2	Charles Clark	6
George A. Andrews	3	Ernest W. Beckwith	7
Wilby J. Hazel	4	David Elliott	8

Composed by John Reeves, conducted by David Elliott.

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SIR,—Two most interesting performances have recently taken place in this method, viz., a 15,000 and upwards rung in Kent, and a 17,000 rung in Oxfordshire. I may at once say I am not yet engaged in getting up a band to go for a 20,000, so there is no cause for any immediate alarm.

But, Sir, I think, after such wonderful performances, the gentlemen concerned ought to well afford a little time and send me the composition of these peals, with some others they are known to possess. I shall esteem such an act as a great favour.

HY. DAINS.
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PORTSEA.—On May 2nd, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild—W. J. Pickard (conductor), 1; F. S. Bayley, 2; J. T. Matthews, 3; P. M. Hannan, 4; H. Reynolds (Gosport), 5; A. D. Stone, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On Whit Sunday morning, May 21st, for Divine service, 336 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. S. Wilson (Devizes), 1; C. Groves, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; A. D. Stone, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; E. Reynolds (Portsmouth), 8. And on Whit Sunday evening, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. S. Wilson, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; E. Reynolds, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also on May 24th, to commemorate the Queen's eightieth birthday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. F. S. Wilson, 1; J. Harris, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; A. D. Stone, 6; J. Harper, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. And 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. S. Wilson, 1; A. D. Stone, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harris, 6; E. Reynolds, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On Sunday morning, May 28th, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES, with the bells fully muffled, on the death of the Rev. Canon E. P. Grant, vicar of St. Thomas's, Portsmouth. P. M. Hannan, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. D. Stone, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. And the same evening, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 47 mins., with muffled bells, the members standing in the same positions.

HEMPSTEAD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Swithin's, on May 26th, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, 720 OXFORD BOB, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR. J. Gillett, 1; E. E. Davis, 2; W. T. Peglar, 3; J. Austin, 4; A. E. Peglar, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in F.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on May 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1260 changes, in 53 mins. C. F. Winney, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; T. H. Taffender, 3; F. Richardson, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; Rev. H. C. Courtney (first quarter-peal of CATERS), 7; W. Fox, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; J. Judd, 10. Composed by J. P. Bradley, conducted by W. E. Garrard.

BRIXTON.—At St. John-the-Divine's, Vassal Road, on June 4th, for evening service, 1212 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 48 mins. John W. Rowbotham, 1; Henry Springall, 2; Samuel Hayes, 3; Thomas Faulkner, 4; Thomas H. Taffender, 5; Ezra Carter, 6; William T. Cockerill, 7; John M. Hayes (conductor), 8.

HULL.—The new ring of bells for Holy Trinity Church have arrived from Messrs. John Taylor & Co.'s foundry at Loughborough, and are in progress of being hung in the tower. There are ten altogether: F sharp, E, D, C sharp, B, A, G, F sharp, E, and D. They vary in weight from 6 cwt. to 26 cwt., the tenor having a diameter of 4 ft. 5 ins. The bells each bear the following inscription:—'Joshua Hughes-Games, D.C.L., vicar; W. H. Wellsted, C. R. Moxon, churchwardens; Alderman P. T. Crook, Mayor 1898, chairman of the Restoration Committee; H. W. Whittick, Sheriff, 1898. To the glory of God the peal of eight bells in this church were re-cast and two added, making a peal of ten bells, 1899.'

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 28th.
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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on June 7th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

Robert J. Dawe 1	George Howse 5
Thomas Price 2	Alfred J. Turner 6
George Williams 3	John S. Goldsmith (condr.) 7
George Head 4	John F. Steadman 8

AND at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Ringmer, Sussex, on June 10th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Lionel Sears 1	Edward C. Merritt 5
Frank Bennett 2	John S. Goldsmith 6
Robert J. Dawe 3	George A. King 7
Keith Hart 4	George Williams 8

Composed by John Washbrook, conducted by Keith Hart. This was the first peal of LONDON SURPRISE on these bells.

At St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex, on June 17th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

John Smart 1	Edward C. Merritt 5
Keith Hart 2	James Hunt* 6
Frank Bennett 3	George Payne 7
Robert J. Dawe 4	George Williams 8

Composed by Frank Bennett, conducted by George Williams.
 [* First attempt for DOUBLE NORWICH.]

The Midland Counties Association.

At St. Peter's, Nottingham, on June 8th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

Harry Robert Cobbin .. 1	John W. Thompson .. 5
Albert E. Thompson .. 2	George H. Johnson .. 6
Joseph Woolley 3	John Hickman 7
John H. Grundy 4	Charles R. Lilley 8

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, conducted by Charles R. Lilley. It is seventy-nine years since a peal of BOB MAJOR was rung in Nottingham.

AND at All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire, on June 10th, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 34 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

Louis L. Lomas 1	William Hickling 6
Charles R. Lilley 2	Benjamin Sugden 7
John H. Grundy 3	John Newbold 8
George Dawson 4	John Flower 9
John W. Thompson .. 5	Albert E. Thompson .. 10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, conducted by Albert E. Thompson.

The Essex Association.

On June 17th, in the tower of St. Andrew's, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of BOB MINOR (being seven differently called 720's).

John Dale 1-2	Ackland J. Perkins (condr.) 3-4
William Nash 5-6	

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PRITTLEWELL.—At the Parish Church, on June 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes), by members of the Essex Association. W. Hunt, 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 2; W. Dowsett, 3; W. Dudley, 4; J. Dale, 5; C. Anderson, 6; W. H. Judd, 7; J. Berry, 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, on June 17th, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes. C. F. Winnev, 1; H. Springall, 2; C. Green, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; W. Truss, 5; S. Hayes, 6; S. Lawrence, 7; E. J. Webb, 8.

THE eight bells in H.M. Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, are to be restored by Messrs. Aggett, Church bell-hangers, of Chagford.

WYCOMBE BELL-RINGERS.—The *Parish Magazine* says: 'The bell-ringers do not seem to be known to the congregation as a voluntary society of Church workers; but, as a matter of fact, their services are as regularly and unselfishly given as those rendered every week by the choir. This should be remembered when the bells are wanted to be rung for weddings, &c. At least two days' notice should be given to the Parish Clerk (for it takes a considerable time to arrange for a team to get off their ordinary work), and the minimum fee has been fixed at 3l. 3s. This, after defraying the necessary expenses incurred by ten men quitting their work, leaves only a small margin to go to the belfry fund, which, at present, hardly amounts to sufficient to pay the annual subscription to the Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, to which the parochial society is affiliated.'

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—Prominent amongst the manufactures of the rapidly developing town of Loughborough is that of bells, for which the well-known firm of Messrs. John Taylor & Co. is justly celebrated. It follows as a natural sequence that the principal church of the place should be thoroughly well equipped in the matter of bells. To lovers of the art of campanology the fine tower of All Saints' parish church has frequently in the past afforded much enjoyment by the splendid peals rung therefrom, and, if possible, this in the future will be enhanced. During the last few months Messrs. Taylor & Co. have been engaged gradually recasting the whole of the ring of ten bells at All Saints' Church, Loughborough, one or two being taken at a time. The founders have just finished the work by taking down the old four largest bells and erecting the four new ones. The tenor bell now weighs 30½ cwt.; the total weight of the ten bells being 6 tons, 7 cwt.

SALISBURY BELL-FOUNDING.—Visitors to the Agricultural Show at Salisbury may be curiously attracted by an item of the general exhibition somewhat unusual in such a place—a collection of *newly cast bells*, standing in the name of Mr. Blackbourne, of Exeter Street and the Friary Lane Works, Salisbury. The exhibit is specially interesting, inasmuch as it represents the revival of what was once a staple trade in Salisbury. It is many years, even centuries, ago that we find the earliest record of the trade, for against the date of 1491 appears the name of Henry Penker as a bell-founder. From then onwards for more than two centuries may be found various records of a similar nature. In nearly every case the name of the bell-founder is coupled with the casting of some bell used in one or other of the local churches, or even the cathedral itself. Penker himself is said to have cast the original peal which hung in the old tower of St. Edmund's Church before it fell in 1653. John Danton, who died in 1640, is credited with the production of the tenor bell at St. Martin's. The name of Purdie is perhaps the most famous in the Salisbury bell-founding connection. William Purdie cast the bells for the new St. Edmund's tower, which was rebuilt in 1655, and also the bell now in the Cathedral tower, which was originally the sixth in the peal of eight formerly in the campanile. The industry seems to have died out about the year 1731, and to have remained extinct till quite recently.

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Meetings for Practice.

- The Royal Cumberland Youths*: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on July 11th.
- The Waterloo Society*: at St. John's, Vassal Road, on July 3rd; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 5th.
- The Ancient Society of College Youths*: at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on July 4th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on July 5th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on July 7th.
- The St. Luke's Society*: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on July 5th.
- The St. John's Society*: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on July 6th.
- The St. Alfege's Society*: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on July 7th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Cattistock, Dorset.

It is a questionable point whether there is such a carillon of bells in England as that at Cattistock. In the first place, Cattistock possesses a remarkably beautiful church, the tower being particularly fine and striking, built especially for the reception of a carillon. It is one of the most beautiful towers in the country, rising to 100 feet in height, and pinnacled and worked out in the style of the Somerset towers. The Rev. Keith H. Barnes was Rector of Cattistock from 1863 to 1875, and in that time he did an enormous amount of work in the parish, but owing to ill-health he has since been compelled to live abroad. The tower was completed in 1876, and on October 19th, thirty-three of the bells, cast by the famous Severin van Aerschodt, were brought to England and hung in the new tower, where, on the 10th of October, 1882, eight of them, composing the peal, were dedicated by the Bishop of Honolulu. The present carillon consists of thirty-five bells, so that, for twenty-three years, thirty-three of them have been in the tower lying idle for the want of the necessary apparatus for playing them, and it was left for the Rev. R. P. Stickland to complete the work of Mr. Barnes in this respect. The art of carillon-playing is so little known in England that to obtain satisfactory results it was essential that machines, made and arranged by Belgians, should be used. So, at Mr. Barnes's request, Mr. Stickland paid visits of inquiry to Belgium in 1894, 1896, and again last year, when he made arrangements with Messrs. Denyn & Somers to undertake the work, the tunes selected for the barrel being Reuben's March, by Peter Benoit, and an air of Rossini's, with variations, by M. De Denyn, to be played at the hour alternately after the chimes. The completion of the work, however, was unavoidably delayed until the present year, when two more bells were added to the carillon, and in April the machinery was at last safely brought to Cattistock and placed in the tower.

The bells consist of three octaves from E to E, and, if complete, there would be thirty-seven instead of thirty-five; but two of the lowest sharps are omitted, as they are practically not required. The automatic playing-barrel consists of a steel cylinder, having 120 measures and 7200 square holes destined to receive notes. These are divided into two sets, by which arrangement one of the tunes selected is played at the even hours of the clock and the other at the odd hours. Upon the above notes work sixty hardened steel levers, having wrought-steel nibs. At the end of the barrel is attached an iron drum, with geared wheels for winding. To the drum is fastened a weight sufficiently heavy to set in motion the barrel by means of a steel rope. The barrel is ruled by a fly-wheel, and is enclosed by an iron frame, having four cast-iron columns. Opposite the thirty-five bells are seventy-two new hammers, together with the necessary springs, rods, and bolts. Of these, sixty are for immediate use for playing the tunes selected, and twelve in reserve for future tunes, which from time to time will be arranged on the barrel. The keyboard consists of thirty-five keys, which are of wood, with plate and screw for adjustment. The eleven pedals are also of wood. The keys are contained in a wrought-iron frame. The keyboard is adapted for hand-play with pedals for the feet, the pedals being connected with the greater or bass bells. Square iron

bars, with levers and wires, transmit the movement to the clappers, of which there is one to each bell, which it strikes on the inside, whereas the hammer strikes on the outside. The automatic playing-barrel can be started or stopped by pulling a wire in the belfry below. A special arrangement allows for the continuance of the ringing or chiming of the peal of eight bells, the peal having been rung and the chimes having played in connexion with the clock since 1882. The list of thirty-five bells, with the weights, is as follows: E, 19 cwt. 87 lbs.; F sharp, 12 cwt. 53 lbs.; G, 10 cwt. 21 lbs.; G sharp, 9 cwt. 17 lbs.; A, 8 cwt. 49 lbs.; B, 5 cwt. 110 lbs.; C, 5 cwt. 23 lbs.; C sharp, 4 cwt. 23 lbs.; D, 3 cwt. 36 lbs.; D sharp, 3 cwt. 20 lbs.; E, 2 cwt. 49 lbs.; F, 2 cwt. 11 lbs.; F sharp, 1 cwt. 83 lbs.; G, 1 cwt. 67 lbs.; G sharp, 1 cwt. 50 lbs.; A, 1 cwt. 18 lbs.; A sharp, 1 cwt. 5 lbs.; B, 82 lbs.; C, 71 lbs.; C sharp, 82 lbs.; D, 66 lbs.; D sharp, 45 lbs.; E, 50½ lbs.; F, 40 lbs.; F sharp, 36½ lbs.; G, 35½ lbs.; G sharp, 33½ lbs.; A, 33 lbs.; A sharp, 22½ lbs.; B, 24 lbs.; C, 23½ lbs.; C sharp, 23½ lbs.; D, 24½ lbs.; D sharp, 23 lbs. 14 ozs.; E, 23 lbs. 1 oz.

These bells have inscriptions on them as follows:—

1. 'Mark well the passing hour,
The tolling Bell
Life's end doth tell.
To the Glory of God.
 2. 'Saverin van Aerschodt cast me the Tenor of a peal of eight, at Louvain, and JANET KEITH BARNES gave me to the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Cattistock, 1872.'
 3. 'There is no speech, nor language, but their voices are heard among them.'
 4. 'In manifold melodious chime, we waft a fair good-night, from God's high love.
'Saverin van Aerschodt, of Louvain, cast this Carillon of 33 bells. A.D. 1872.'
 5. 'O Christ, the King of Glory,
Come in Peace.'
 6. 'All Thy works shall praise Thee,
O Lord.'
 7. 'Let those who ring us here,
Do so in Godly fear.'
 8. 'Harmonious Bells below,
Bring musick from above.'
 9. 'MARY CONSTANCE BARNES gave me.'
 10. 'Ring out the false,
Ring in the true.'
 11. 'GEORGE DIGBY WINGFIELD DIGBY, Lord of the Manor, gave me.'
- The above bells are hung for ringing.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—At St. Michael's, on June 24th, 720 KEY TREBLE BOB MINOR. S. Hayes, 1-2; E. Radley, 3; E. Carter, 4; W. T. Cockerill, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6.

BOCKING.—At St. Mary's, on June 24th, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; S. Hayes, 3; C. Bearman, 4; W. T. Cockerill, 5; E. Carter (conductor), 6. And at the conclusion of afternoon service on June 25th, 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MARCH. S. Sargeant, 1; S. Hayes, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; E. Radley, 4; W. T. Cockerill, 5.

HULL.—The opening of the new ring of ten bells in Holy Trinity Church, which was to have taken place on June 20th, was unavoidably postponed by the architect. It has been thought advisable to strengthen the upper part of the tower with tie-rods before the bells are rung in peal. This work is now being carried out.

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CANADA.

THE Bishop of Niagara, Canada, speaking at a recent meeting of the Synod of his diocese, said, in reference to the observance of the Lord's Day: 'It cannot be denied that, in our time, the Lord's Day is losing its hold upon multitudes of people whose occupation and circumstances make this all the more deplorable. It is not the careless, godless Sabbath-breaker that we have in mind when now we speak, but the children of the Church.'—During the same Synod it was mentioned that some of the clergymen who were married had to get along on less than \$300 a year. The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe advocated that the Church should introduce a system something like the Civil Service plan, under which a clergyman serving a certain number of years and giving faithful service would be entitled to an increase of stipend. The Synod had all sorts of funds, in connexion with which every church was assessed for a certain amount. His idea was that there should be a fund to assist in the preaching of the Word of God. Mr. Whitcombe deprecated the attractive baits hung out by the wealthier churches for clever and pleasing preachers.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on July 10th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 11th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on July 13th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on July 14th.

Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on July 14th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 12th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 13th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on July 13th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on July 14th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, Brightling, Sussex, on June 25th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

George R. Pye	1	James George	5
John H. Cheesman	2	Ernest Pye	6
William Latter	3	Thomas Groombridge ..	7
Isaac G. Shade	4	William Pye	8

Composed by A. Craven, conducted by William Pye.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Barnet, Herts, on June 26th. Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

John R. Sharman	1	Arthur H. Belton	5
Arthur J. Chidwick	2	Frederick Richardson ..	6
Sidney Wade (conductor)	3	George Smith	7
William Pickworth	4	Arthur T. King	8

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

IN response to the kind invitation of Miss Macalpine-Leny, thirteen members of this Society met at Cannon Street Station on Saturday, July 1st, at eight a.m. The 8.8 train managed to reach Tunbridge Wells about 10.40, where a four-horse brake was waiting, with Miss Macalpine-Leny and her sister, Mrs. McKinnon. A start was made for Cranbrook in the charge of Messrs. Spittal and Walter Clark, of the Tunbridge Wells Omnibus Company, the drive being much enjoyed, in spite of the frequent heavy showers. A halt was made at Goudhurst, and the church, famous for its fine Colepeper monuments, inspected. As there was no time to spare, ringing here was out of the question: but Mrs. McKinnon's card, with a short note to the Vicar, being left for delivery with the steeple-keeper, there were 'great expectations' for a touch or two on the return journey. Arriving at Cranbrook, luncheon was the first order at the Limes, and shortly after two o'clock the eight bells of St. Dunstan's Church were heard in well-struck touches of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, and DOUBLE NORWICH. It is to be hoped that this ring of bells will shortly be put into thorough good going order; they appear to want rehanging, with new fittings and frame. After ringing a course of GRANDSIRE CINQUES on handbells at the Limes, the brake started back for Goudhurst. On arrival at the church of St. Mary-the-Virgin our trusty messenger, the steeple-keeper, seemed to derive a certain amount of pleasure in stating that the Vicar had refused to grant permission for any ringing, as he had not received any formal notice. From some mysterious cause, however, this official relented so far as to open the ringing-room for inspection. This is commodious and well fitted with seats and means of ventilation, but here its charms abruptly end. Its walls are adorned with three or four rules, the maximum fine being 1d. for smoking, or swearing, or wearing the hat. This latter item was the steeple-keeper's failing; he was the only person in the tower who broke these said rules. Then on a plastered wall on the east side of the tower were many names and scrawls in lead pencil, which would disgrace a thoughtless schoolboy's aspirations. It was proposed that a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES should be rung on the handbells, as it seemed impossible to do so on the tower bells; but at sight of the bag being opened, a direct veto was put upon it by this very officious custodian of the Goudhurst tower. Now, this seemed to be against all rules of common sense, so a deputation was sent to the Vicar, who, on hearing that members of the College Youths were asking for permission to ring, not only gave permission, but expressed the pleasure it would give him to listen to their ringing. (Query: How was that message and card delivered?) In a very few minutes after hearing this, the bells were raised and set going to GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES. The tenor is stated as 27 cwt. Here, again, the bell hanger is wanted for a general renovation, and more especially to flatten the fourth, which is little more than a semi-tone below the third. Altogether, this seems a very fitting place to which the salutary work of the County Association should be directed.

Speldhurst Rectory was the next stage, where, after dinner, our hostesses were heartily thanked for their great kindness in providing once more an excellent day's enjoyment.

At 9.50 p.m. the party waited on the Tunbridge Wells platform for such a long time that it is evident the recent amalgamation has not yet made any wondrous improvement in the punctuality of the trains.

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ON THE REVERENCE DUE TO THE ALTAR. (Oxford and London: Mowbray & Co. 1s.)—This, as the Rev. Vernon Staley explains to us, is simply a 'rendering into modern English, with some slight abbreviation and rearrangement and the addition of explanatory notes, of a work attributed to Bishop Jeremy Taylor. The work is simple, and well repays thoughtful perusal.

LORE AND LEGEND OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH. By the Rev. Geo. S. Tyack, B.A. (London: W. Andrews & Co. 7s. 6d.)—In the first chapter of this interesting book the author contends that all religions are largely concerned with the supernatural and the mysterious. He then proceeds to deal with churches and church buildings, with church steeples, churchyards, graves and funerals, alms and offerings, and folk-lore and customs of marriage (some very curious wedding customs are cleverly described). Other entertaining chapters are also devoted to the nave, pulpit and lectern, font, and chancel and choir. Mr. Tyack—who acknowledges his indebtedness to the excellent library of works on folk-lore, which his friend, Mr. Wm. Andrews, of the Hull Press, has placed at his service—has produced a distinctly acceptable book, one in whose company the reader may pass many a profitable and edifying hour.

A THANKSGIVING FOR SHAKESPEARE. By the Dean of Ely. (Birmingham: Cornish Bros. 1s.)—This, as we are informed on the title-page, is the 'birthday sermon' preached in the Collegiate Church of Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, in the month of April, 1899. It is an admirable discourse. The Dean says that 'we cannot afford wantonly to lose sight of our great men and memorable lives,' and he is quite right. We cannot, more especially in these days of comparative literary mediocrity.

TWO ASPECTS OF EDUCATION, by Lucy H. M. Soulsby (Longmans, Green & Co. 4d.), is a little booklet which we commend to the perusal of parents. The authoress gives good advice pleasantly.

Magazines.

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES.—Three at least of the items are worthy of the most careful perusal. We refer to 'Professor Dalman on "The Son of Man,"' 'The Responsibility of Self-assertion' (a very sensibly written paper), and 'The Temptation of Christ.' These, however, are only a few of the interesting subjects dealt with in the pages of this magazine.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY ASSOCIATES' JOURNAL.—This is a special number, and a specially interesting one in that it contains an intimation that a full report of the anniversary service and meetings, including the Bishop of Newcastle's sermon, will be published next month.—Also received, those pleasing G.F.S. publications, *Friendly Leaves* and the *Girls' Quarterly*.

BIBLE LANDS.—This is the first issue of the quarterly paper of the Jerusalem and the East Mission, a Mission which is doing, and is sure to continue to do, on an ever-increasing scale, such an important work in the Holy Land. *Bible Lands* affords a great deal of information, and is prettily illustrated. It should have many readers.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW.—The various sections in this admirably conducted magazine are exceedingly well filled, the sermonic section being, in fact, very strong indeed in teaching and general interest. There are some useful 'Hints at the Meaning of Texts.'

THE RELIQUARY AND ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST.—The contents of this beautifully got-up magazine will assuredly prove exceptionally interesting to the sections of the community for whom it caters. The articles include 'Antiquities of Bolsterstone and Neighbourhood,' 'The Instrument of the Rosary' (2), 'Two Midlothian Souterrains,' and 'The Grinlow Barrow, Buxton.' The 'Notes on Archæology and kindred Subjects' include one on the 'Discovery of a fragment of a Pillar with Celtic Ornament at Llantwit Major.' (The interesting church at this place was the subject of an illustrated article in a recent number of CHURCH BELLS.)

A SPECIAL article on 'The Archbishop of Canterbury at Work,' accompanied with a portrait, appears in *Cassell's Saturday Journal*, dated the 19th instant.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (July 14th).

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Vassal Road, on July 17th: and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 19th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on July 18th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on July 19th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on July 21st.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on July 19th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on July 20th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on July 21st at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Bells of St. Margaret's, Ipswich.

THE ringing of the augmented peal of bells at St. Margaret's Church, Ipswich, was commenced on Saturday, July 1st, with a course of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, by the following: William Motts, 1; William L. Catchpole, 2; Robert Hawes, 3; Alfred Howell, 4; Edgar Pemberton, 5; Henry Howell, 6; James Motts, 7; Robert H. Brundle, 8. The bells were then fired, followed by the QUEEN'S CHANGES, TITMUS, and WHITTINGTON'S. During the day several visitors were present, including Mr. William Harvey, of London (who started from Liverpool Street Station at five a.m. in order to be present with his old friends on this occasion), and Mr. John Fosdike, the Woodbridge veteran, who is in his eighty-third year, and rang in a touch of STEDMAN. Mr. Charles Ward and Mr. William A. Arnott were present from Woodbridge: Mr. Nevard, from Great Bentley, Essex; Mr. Wilby Hazell and Mr. George Thompson, from Kelsale; Mr. Stephen Martin, from Monewden: Mr. Charles Mee and Mr. Frederick Mee, from Sproughton. It is worthy of note that Mr. Henry Howell, father of Mr. Alfred Howell, the bell-hanger, rang during the day, this veteran still retaining some good old English pluck. All appeared surprised at the excellence of the augmented ring of eight bells, which surpassed the most sanguine expectations of all the ringers who knew the old ring of six. The new trebles are fine bells from the Whitechapel Foundry.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing, see page 708.)

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With Mrs. EDWARDS, Shrubland House, Fincham,
Downham, Norfolk, in November 1893.

The patient in this case was Mr. Edwards, the husband of the lady I saw and from whom I gleaned the following particulars.

'My husband,' Mrs. Edwards said, 'had a severe attack of congestion of the lungs some years ago; his life was despaired of for six or seven weeks. Under medical treatment he somewhat recovered his health, but a very troublesome, short, hacking cough remained, so he went to Coombe Lodge to consult Mr. Congreve. He took the medicine prescribed for him for a considerable time, and derived great benefit from it. That was in 1891. In appearance he is not a strong man, but you may tell how much better he is from the fact that he is able to attend to business regularly, to drive the ten or eleven miles to Lynn—he did so yesterday (the first wintry day this year), and to-day he is out shooting. We have recommended the treatment to many others, and always keep the medicine in the house for use in case of coughs and colds. My mother has also taken it with good results.'

I asked Mrs. Edwards about a patient in the neighbourhood for whom she had written, describing her as 'a woman who lives in this parish, who has all the appearances of decline; she has six young children; her cough has been fearful. I accidentally met with her a few days since, and at once sent her some of your Balsam, which gave relief at once. She is much better, but I want her to persevere with your medicine for a time, as she belongs to a Consumptive family.' Mrs. Edwards was in a position to assure me that this woman—whose sister had died of Consumption—had found great relief from Mr. Congreve's treatment, and was now much better in every way. She also gave me permission to reproduce, for the benefit of others, the facts herein set forth.

The practice of the late Mr. Congreve is still carried on at Coombe Lodge by Mr. J. ALEXANDER BROWN, who for many years was Mr. Congreve's qualified Medical Assistant and Manager.

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The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

THE annual festival of this Association was held on July 1st, at Taunton. About seventy members from all parts of the diocese were present, and the following towers were open for ringing during the day:—St. Mary Magdalene and St. James (Taunton), Norton Fitzwarren, Wilton, Trull, and Bishop's Hull. After luncheon, which was presided over by the Rev. Prebendary Askwith, at the 'Fleur-de-Lis' Hotel, the toast of 'Her Majesty the Queen' having been loyally honoured, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. W. Tomkins, read the annual report, which stated that a successful year's work had been accomplished. Financially, there had been a gain of nearly 5*l.*, notwithstanding that the expenses of the year had been rather heavier than usual. The work of the Association had been gradually extended, the following towers having joined the Association:—Selworthy and Wiveliscombe in the Dunster Deanery, Yeovil in the Merston Deanery, and Nunney, Midsomer Norton, and Paulton in Frome Deanery. Thirteen peals had been rung, including one of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, which was rung by the St. James's band, Taunton, and was the first in the method by the Association. Four successful and well-attended meetings had been held at Chard, Wells, Dunster, and Weston-super-Mare. The Wells meeting was by far the largest in the history of the Association, nearly 140 ringers being present, and was presided over for the first time by the esteemed President, the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Special thanks were accorded his Lordship for his very excellent and helpful address in the Cathedral, and for the sympathy and practical interest which he took in the work of the Association. Reference was made to the good work that is being done by the local branches and to the valuable aid rendered the executive by the local secretaries. Satisfaction was expressed at the work of restoration of old and the inauguration of new rings of bells in various parts of the diocese, and the report concluded by pointing out that, although much good work had been accomplished, much still remained to be done. The balance-sheet having been read, the Hon. Secretary said that he could not allow that opportunity to pass without congratulating the Norton Fitzwarren band on their recent successes in peal-ringing. He hoped it would stimulate them to further efforts and that soon they would all have the pleasure of hearing that two new trebles were to be added to complete the octave. The Chairman moved the adoption of the report, which was agreed to unanimously. The President and Vice-Presidents were re-elected. Mr. J. Maddock proposed, and Mr. J. Burge seconded, the re-election of the Rev. H. C. Courtney as Master. The Rev. H. C. Courtney said that before they proceeded further, he thought it right to inform the members that he should shortly be leaving Minehead for Clifton. He very much regretted having to leave the West country, where he had been received with the utmost kindness and courtesy by every band of ringers with whom he had come in contact. The Hon. Secretary supported Mr. Courtney's re-election, and the motion was carried by acclamation. The Chairman said it was now their duty to elect an Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. He thought they could not do better than re-elect their old Secretary and Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. I. Creed and carried unanimously, and the Hon. Secretary thanked the members for their renewed confidence. The next business was the election of new members, twenty-four being proposed, seconded, and duly elected. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Midsomer Norton. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business. The members then adjourned to the church of St. Mary Magdalene, where a short service was held, and an address was delivered by the Vicar. Subsequently the members sat down to tea at Mr. Wickenden's (generously provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Askwith), after which they dispersed to the various towers for ringing.

The Hereford Diocesan Guild.

THE annual festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers was held at Leominster on June 21st, and there was an unusually large attendance of members. The proceedings opened with a service in the Priory Church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. A. Pope, vicar of Upton Bishop. Luncheon was provided at the 'Royal Oak' Hotel. The Rev. A. C. Lee, hon. secretary of the Guild, presided in the absence of the Master, Mr. Buchanan. A pleasing feature of

the occasion was the presentation to the Rev. A. C. Lee of a salver, suitably inscribed, and a number of books, on the occasion of his marriage. The presentation was made by Mr. R. Marston, of Ludlow, and aroused considerable enthusiasm, giving abundant evidence of the fact that the services of the Hon. Secretary had been greatly appreciated. After luncheon, some of the members visited the Priory Church tower, whilst parties were conveyed by brake to the towers of Bodenhams, Eye, and Aymestrey.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Peter's, Brighton, on July 3rd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Charles E. Borrett ..	1	George A. King ..	5
Keith Hart ..	2	Frank Bennett ..	6
Edward C. Merritt ..	3	James N. Frossell ..	7
Robert J. Dawe ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by George Williams. This peal was arranged for C. E. Borrett, of Norwich.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

AT St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on July 3rd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

John Jagger ..	1	William G. Hall† ..	6
Herbert Knight† ..	2	Elmer S. Hodges* ..	7
Hugh J. Balcombe† ..	3	Rowland Cartwright† ..	8
Benjamin Dalton* ..	4	James E. Groves ..	9
Robert Pickering† ..	5	Isaac Purser* ..	10

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by James E. Groves. This is the first peal of CATERS in the method by the St. Peter's Society. [* First peal of STEDMAN. † First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Nicholas', Yarmouth, on July 7th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt., in C sharp.

G. Jackson ..	1	D. Hayward ..	5
R. Christian ..	2	G. Read ..	6
P. Sadler ..	3	T. Souter ..	7
A. Webber ..	4	J. Matthews ..	8

Conducted by C. Jackson, who came from Hull; P. Sadler, from Norwich; the others are local men.

The Sussex County Association and Winchester Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Mary's, Portsea, on July 8th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

John Whiting ..	1	John S. Goldsmith ..	5
Robert J. Dawe ..	2	Frederick S. Bayley ..	6
Henry White ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by George Williams. This was the first peal of LONDON SURPRISE in the County of Hants, also first by the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

TUDDENHAM.—On May 30th, the restored bells of the ancient church of Tuddenham St. Martin were rededicated by the Bishop of Ipswich. The restoration consisted in the recasting of two of the bells, and rehanging, by Messrs. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich, of the whole peal of five. The service was one in which the parishioners felt deep interest, and the church was crowded. The prayers were read by the Vicar, the Rev. H. F. Banham; the first lesson by the Rev. S. Hooke, rural dean and rector of Clopton; and the second by the Rev. F. D. Brown, rector of Winsteadham. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, a short peal was rung. The earnest and impressive sermon by the Bishop was listened to with marked attention, and the appeal for more funds met with a liberal response.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

THE nineteenth annual meeting was held on July 10th at the Portsea Parish Institute. After the meeting and dinner the members of the bands of Portsea, Fareham, Basingstoke, and Havant went to Petersfield for change-ringing, which was contributed as follows:—576 TREBLE BOB: E. C. Newman, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. White, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; W. J. Pickard, 5; G. Grafham, 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 8. Also 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: J. Harper, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; Rev. W. H. Gordon, 4; S. Pullen, 5; A. Lantry, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. 216 STEDMAN TRIPLES: F. S. Bayley (conductor), 1; E. J. Heathorn, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; W. J. Pickard, 5; H. White, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. W. Whiting, 8. 576 TREBLE BOB: P. M. Hannam, 1; C. Groves, 2; E. Reynolds, 3; J. J. Seymour, 4; E. C. Newman, 5; W. J. Pickard, 6; G. Grafham, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8. And 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: W. J. Pickard, 1; J. Gould, 2; P. M. Hannam, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. F. Matthews, 5; E. C. Newman, 6; E. Reynolds, 7; W. Downe, 8. Messrs. Bayley, Gould, Groves, Hannam, Harper, Matthews, Newman, Pickard, and Symons belong to Portsea; the Rev. W. H. Gordon, G. W. Grafham, and J. W. Whiting belong to Fareham; H. White, to Basingstoke; A. Lantry and S. Pullen came from Havant; E. J. Heathorn, from Woolston; E. J. Reynolds, from St. Thomas's, Portsmouth.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At Chester Cathedral, on July 8th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 41 mins. Tenor, 33½ cwt.
 Charles Price .. 1 William F. Hartshorne .. 5
 Philip W. Davies .. 2 Samuel Wood .. 6
 George Caldwell .. 3 William H. Barber .. 7
 James Moulton .. 4 James George .. 8
 Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by William H. Barber.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Westerham, on July 8th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 28½ cwt.
 Henry J. Selby .. 1 Ernest Pye .. 5
 Isaac G. Shade .. 2 John H. Cheesman .. 6
 Alfred W. Brighton .. 3 Thomas Groombridge .. 7
 Charles Wilkins .. 4 William Pye .. 8
 Composed by Arthur Craven, conducted by William Pye.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on July 8th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.
 Farrington Jones .. 1 James Hall .. 6
 William G. Hall .. 2 John C. Adams .. 7
 Hugh J. Balcombe .. 3 Reuben Hall .. 8
 Benjamin Dalton .. 4 Herbert Knight .. 9
 Robert Pickering* .. 5 James E. Groves .. 10
 Composed by James E. Groves, conducted by R. Pickering. [*First peal of CATERS as conductor.]

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LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on July 12th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 47 mins. A. Coleman,* 1; C. Fowler, 2; F. Betts,* 3; C. J. D. Cooke,* 4; J. George, 5; A. Dubber, 6; A. Bramall, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Composed and conducted by James George. C. Fowler came from Leicester, the rest from Rugby. [*First quarter-peal.]

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on July 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes. W. E. Judd, 1; H. Richardson, 2; H. G. Miles, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; A. F. Harris, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; W. J. Miles (first quarter-peal), 8.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on July 16th, for service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES, by the following members of the Winchester Guild:—C. Groves, 1; Miss Alice White (Basingstoke), 2; J. Harris, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. G. Morris (Heene), 5; A. D. Stone, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

BATH ABBEY RINGERS.—The sixth annual outing of the Bath Abbey Company of Change-ringers took place to Portsmouth, on July 8th. Portsmouth was reached about eleven o'clock. On arrival, a start was made for St. Mary's Church, Portsea, where Captain Pickard, a member of the Bath and Wells Association, had kindly made arrangements for the company to have use of the bells, permission being kindly given by the Rev. C. J. Lang, the vicar. A quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 44 mins. J. S. Flower, 1; G. Temple, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; J. Fussell, 4; W. Lanham, 5; C. Bell, 6; W. H. Brown (conductor), 7; James N. Wake, 8. The ringing chamber of the tower is admirably fitted up and the bells are in capital ringing order. Dinner was partaken of at the Speedwell Restaurant, after which a move was made to Southsea for a short cruise on the Solent. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, Canon Quirk, the clergy, and friends who helped to defray the expenses of the outing. Leaving Portsmouth at 8.25, Bath was reached at 12.30, the company having thoroughly enjoyed their day's outing.

WHITBY.—[In future, the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church will be taken in hand by the members of the local Bell-ringers' Association, which was inaugurated about sixteen months ago, for the purpose of giving all who wished an opportunity of learning the art of bell-ringing. Mr. G. W. Alexander, late of Bungay, Suffolk, was engaged as tutor, and sufficient progress has now been made to enable the band to take charge of the full peal of eight bells. Sunday morning last was the first occasion on which members of the new band entirely took the place of the old 'hands,' whose services have now been dispensed with. It is gratifying, however, to learn that two of the oldest bell-ringers have received a present of 2l. each in recognition of their past services; whilst on Friday afternoon, last week, Mr. James Warnock, who had previously tendered his resignation, and who had been a regular ringer for thirty-six years, and in full charge of the old band for twenty years, was presented by the Rev. Canon Austen, on behalf of several subscribers, with the sum of ten guineas. Canon Austen spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Warnock's long service, and the valuable work he had rendered in connexion with the church, and his remarks were heartily corroborated by Mr. J. Stevenson, J.P., and Mr. C. Marwood, the two churchwardens. Mr. Warnock suitably returned thanks. The local Association, of which there are ten members, is affiliated to the Cleveland Amateur Bell-ringing Association.

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Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE annual festival of the above Guild was held in Wycombe on July 17th, when a large number of ringers attended from various parts of Berks, Bucks, and Oxon. The proceedings commenced with a service in the Parish Church at 11.30. The prayers were said by the Rev. E. P. Baverstock, while the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Drayton) read the lessons. The Vicar (Rev. E. D. Shaw) was the preacher, and took for his text, 'Lest by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected or should become a castaway' (1 Cor. ix. 27).

At 12.30 the business meeting was held in the Town Hall, presided over by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (master of the Guild). The minutes of the previous annual and quarterly meetings were read by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (hon. secretary and treasurer). The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of the Rev. F. E. Robinson as Master. Owing to the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis being unable to again undertake the office of secretary, the meeting elected Mr. A. H. Cocks, of Marlow, in his stead, leaving him the choice of selecting an assistant. Two committees of twelve elected members and twelve change-ringing members were also elected. An appeal from Kimbley for assistance resulted in the Guild making a grant of three guineas. Mr. Cocks proposed, 'That any duly-qualified member nominated by a Branch to act as instructor shall, with the approval of the Master, be reckoned as duly appointed, subject to such appointment being confirmed by the Guild Committee.' Mr. R. P. Routh seconded, and it was agreed to. It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Newbury, and for the next annual festival Oxford was selected. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge gave an interesting *resumé* of the Central Council meeting held at Norwich. The eighteenth annual report had been printed and circulated, which showed that the Guild

membership was still increasing, being at present 1357, as contrasted with 1283. The Master's report was as follows:—'General activity has prevailed and good results have been attained. Surprise peals in three methods have been rung at Caversham and a peal of London at Hughenden. The Reading men have scored their first peal of Double Norwich. We hope to see them making progress in Superlative. The Oxford men, being debarred from the use of the light eight at St. Peter's, have devoted their energies to the twelve at the Cathedral. One peal of Treble Twelve has been rung. Farnham Royal bells have been augmented to eight, and a new branch of the Guild has been formed for the Henley district.' The number of peals rung in 1898 reached the unprecedented number of eighty. After meeting expenses there was a balance of 49l. 12s. 5d. in hand.

The party then adjourned to the Central Hall, where luncheon had been provided. The Chairman (Lord Carrington) having proposed the toast of 'The Queen,' which was heartily received, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said he rose, as every one was aware—except, perhaps, the Master himself—to ask him to accept a small tribute of their gratitude to him for having been at the head of their Guild for the last nineteen years. The book which he held in his hand would tell the reason why they had asked him to accept the present at their hands. The speaker then read the address, which was beautifully illuminated, and bound in a case of morocco leather, as follows:—

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The address, which bore close upon 600 signatures, also notified the particulars of peals rung in different parts of the country, in which the Master had distinguished himself. The service presented included a silver teapot and salad bowl, which bore the following inscription:—'Presented to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers since its institution in 1881, during the nineteenth year of his mastership, in appreciation of his services by many members of the Guild.'

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in reply, said he wished to assure them of th

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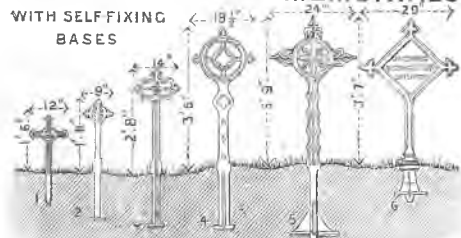
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great gratitude he felt for the handsome testimonial they had presented to him, and for the kind expressions of approval contained in the address. By God's help he would continue his duties so long as they allowed him to remain in the office, and he should feel very much stimulated and very much encouraged by their kindness to do even more than he had already done.

Earl Carrington proposed the toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild,' coupling with it the name of their reverend Master. The toast was heartily drunk and responded to by the Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), who afterwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. E. D. Shaw for allowing them the use of the church, also to the organist and choir for their services. Lord Carrington having vacated the chair, his place was taken by Mr. C. W. Deacon (Mayor of Wycombe). The Rev. J. L. Challis, in proposing the health of 'The Mayor and Corporation,' said the Guild was very grateful for the welcome accorded it by the prosperous town of High Wycombe, and the Mayor returned thanks. The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Cole-ridge seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Secretary, and expressed regret at his retirement. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis suitably acknowledged the vote, and the proceedings terminated.—Touches were afterwards rung at the parish church and neighbouring churches.

Crothorne, Worcestershire.

AFTER a silence of between ten and fifteen years the ring of six bells in Crothorne Church tower are at present in ringing order, a project for the refitting of the frame, recasting two of the bells, and the re-hanging of the whole peal having recently been brought to a successful issue. The tenor weighs about 10 cwt.

The dedication of the two new bells took place on July 11th, when the interesting ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Worcester (Dr. Perowne) in the presence of a large congregation. The special Psalm was the 150th. The special lesson was taken from 1 Corinthians, xiii. and xiv., and, after the customary prayers, the Bishop proceeded to the belfry, and, taking the ropes in his hands, formally dedicated the bells. This was followed by a short touch and the hymn 'We love the place, O God.'

His Lordship, in the course of an appropriate address, delivered from the chancel steps, said they were met that afternoon in order that they might set apart to the service of Almighty God the two new bells, and he thought it would be an evil day when they did not thus recognise God's goodness towards them, and dedicate to Him whatever gifts they had to offer to His service. They were all aware that there was no service provided in the Prayer-book for occasions of that kind, but from time to time holy men of God had framed certain services for the dedication of peals of bells, pulpits, organs, or other instruments intended to promote the worship and fear of Almighty God. They were sometimes told that they had no right to have those extra services, and that they ought to confine themselves strictly to what they found in the Prayer-book. In one sense he thought they ought to restrict themselves to this, and they ought to be very careful that whatever they introduced into the worship of Almighty God was at least in perfect harmony and accordance with what they found in the Prayer-book, but he thought it would be a maiming of the Church's life and a denial of the good gifts of God if they were to refuse to have a special service for such occasions. The bells spoke to them in many ways. First of all, they summoned them to the House of God for united worship, and he sometimes thought they did not sufficiently value united worship, or people would not keep away as they so often did on the smallest pretext—a little threatening of weather, or a little uneasiness of feeling. Every time they heard those bells ringing, their worldliness, selfishness, and carelessness would be rebuked, and they would be called away from the business, pleasures, ambition, follies, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and all those things which held such a terrible mastery over many of them. The bells would call them away from their earthly pursuits and bid them join in the congregation of God's saints upon earth, in the hope that they might hereafter join in the congregation of God's saints in Heaven. Then the bells reminded them that God's service should be a joyful service, a willing service, and a service gladly rendered except on one occasion—the occasion of their departure out of

this life. The bells had a joyful sound, and that was what God's service ought to be, not a gloomy, unhappy, constrained, forced service, but a glad surrendering of their hearts and consciences, and all that they had to God's service, feeling that they could never thank and praise Him enough for all His goodness towards them. The bells reminded them not only of common worship, but that common worship ought to be a joyful worship. The voice of the bells entered into and consecrated all their life. When at the birth of an heir to a kingdom, or the birth of an heir to some great estate, those bells pealed joyfully forth, they claimed that young life for Christ; the glad peal did not go forth from royal turret or stately hall, but from the tower of the parish church. So at their baptism, confirmation, and marriage, the bells chimed in as it were with their gladness. Then at last there came another occasion very different from occasions of joy and gladness, and then the bell sounded forth in solemn and pathetic tone, and told them that one whom they had loved and cherished in their hearts had been taken away, and that he would be borne shortly to his last earthly resting-place. Then, with their hearts full of sorrow, the bells seemed to chime in, as it were, with their feelings, to help them in their sorrow and to lift up their hearts to that Paradise of God into which, as they hoped, the dear departed one had entered. In this way the bells claimed all their lives to the service of Almighty God, and they ought to avail themselves of it and be glad it was so.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and the Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on July 12th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

William Motts ..	1	Robert Hawes ..	5
William Catchpole ..	2	Henry Howell ..	6
Isaac S. Alexander ..	3	Robert H. Brundle ..	7
James Motts ..	4	Alfred Howell ..	8

Composed and conducted by James Motts. This is the first peal on the recently augmented ring of eight bells.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on July 16th, for evening service, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

Ernest Pye ..	1	George R. Pye ..	5
William Pye (conductor) ..	2	Charles Wilkins ..	6
John H. Cheesman ..	3	Harry Flanders ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Joseph Hoare ..	8

HULL.—The new peal of ten bells, cast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, for Holy Trinity Church, were opened on July 14th. The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Hughes-Games, assisted by the Revs. Jarvis Makepeace and J. Davies. The following band had the first pull on the bells in peal: H. Tyler (Loughborough), 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. Highfield, 3; G. T. Miller, 4; W. Southwick, 5; G. T. Marshall, 6; T. Neill (York), 7; C. Jackson, 8; D. W. Brown, 9; J. W. Dale, 10. The under-mentioned also took part in the day's ringing, viz.: J. Taylor, jun. (Loughborough), F. Morrison, H. W. Needham (Hull), and Messrs. Fuller and Skinner (of Grimsby). Various touches of GRANDSIRE CATERS were rung, being conducted by Messrs. Taylor, Jackson, and Needham. The weight of the tenor is 26 cwt., in D. At 5.30 p.m. the ringers sat down to dinner, at the 'Britannia Hotel,' kindly provided by C. R. Moxon, Esq., churchwarden, who has taken an active part in getting the new bells hung. The ringers of Hull and Yorkshire generally are most thankful to him for his labours.

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THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE—JUDGES, with Introduction, Notes, and Map, by the Rev. H. F. Stewart, M.A., vice-principal of Salisbury Theological College (Rivingtons. 1s. 6d.), is a welcome addition to this useful series of small manuals of Bible history, now so universally used in the forms of our public and other schools. The notes are clear, full, and scholarly, and the plan of compilation follows that of the earlier published manuals, *Kings, I. and II.*, by the Rev. W. O. Burrows, principal of Leeds Clergy School.

THE FASTING DAYS. By the Rev. Vernon Staley. (Mowbray & Co. 1s.)—This little book sets forth the list of Fasting Days appointed to be observed in the English Church, with notes and appendices. While recognising the obligation thus enjoined by the Church's rule, the author thinks it desirable that the number of fast days should be diminished, rather than retain a rule which it is beyond the average man's ability to keep.

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The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 10th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 11th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Sussex County Association.

THE Central Divisional Meeting was held at Buxted on July 22nd. The first visitors to arrive at the church were Messrs. T. and G. Card and E. Mankelow, of Tonbridge. They were soon joined by Messrs. Bennett and Dawe, of St. Peter's, Brighton, and Goldsmith, of Lewes, while not long afterwards Mr. E. Butler, of St. Nicholas', Brighton, put in an appearance. After an inspection of the church and bells, some touches of TREBLE BOB and BOB MINOR were rung. With the arrival of teatime other ringers came upon the scene, including the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. Williams); Mr. H. Dains, of London; Mr. A. Turner, of Lewes; Messrs. Thompson, of Lindfield, &c. At tea, which was served at the White Hart Hotel, the party were joined by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. and Miss Bennett.

The subsequent business meeting was quite a formal affair, Mr. F. Bennett being in the chair. Several new members were elected, and a vote of thanks for granting the use of the bells was accorded to the Rector, the Rev. G. S. Pownall, who was unavoidably absent, on the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The walk back through the park to the church in the cool of the evening was most delightful, and to those who were able to listen to the various touches as they were knocked off, the bells sounded very sweet. The methods rung included CAMBRIDGE and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE, DOUBLE NORWICH, BOB MAJOR, GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, the last touch being brought round just as the candles flickered in their sockets, for candles are the only artificial means existing at present to illuminate the belfry.

The church, dedicated to St. Margaret, which adjoins the mansion that was once the seat of the Earl of Liverpool, is a spacious building (For remainder of Bell-ringing, see page 768.)

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of the Early English and Decorated styles. The tower, built of a kind of sandstone, contains a peal of eight bells, of varying dates. Three of them, the 4th, 5th, and 7th, were cast in 1686. They bear the following inscriptions:—

- (4.) 'WILLIAM HULL MADE MEE 1686 I H. ROGER. WICKING.'
 (5.) 'WILLIAM HULL MADE MEE 1686. DAVID AYSTIN THOMAS PARKS CHVRCHWARDENS I H. T. R.'
 (7.) 'WILLIAM HULL MADE MEE 1686. DAVID AYSTIN THOMAS PARKS CHURCHWARDENS. I H.'

This William Hull, it is interesting to know, was a Sussex bell-founder, and was at first a subordinate of John Hodson, a great bell-founder of London during the latter half of the seventeenth century. His initials occur on many of John Hodson's bells in Surrey, Kent, and Middlesex, between the years 1654 and 1671. His name occurs in full on some of the bells at Hailsham in 1663, which have also upon them 'John Hodson made me.' These bells were, no doubt, cast at Hailsham, at the spot called Bell Bank, William Hull being sent down by his master to do the work. About the year 1672, William Hull left his place as foreman to John Hodson, and next appears in the same relation to a founder named Michael Darbie, a founder whose home was in the Eastern Counties. The latter was, however, of a very itinerant nature, and in 1654-6 he set up a temporary foundry at Oxford and recast many bells in that city and its neighbourhood. In 1676 William Hull set up for himself at South Malling, in Sussex, where for the next eleven years he continued to exercise his craft. There were more than twenty of his bells still in existence in the neighbourhood, the biggest of which was Catsfield tenor, at the middle of the present century. From the inscriptions given above, it will be seen that he cast the bells for Buxted church in 1686. In the following year he died, for in South Malling register is the entry: 'Buried William Hull, of this parysh, ye 13th day of August, 1687.'

On most of William Hull's bells cast after 1683 the initials I H occur. These are the initials of his son, John Hull, who is mentioned in his father's will, and to whom William Hull left all his 'bell mettle that is really mine,' and the use of his workshop. There was, we learn, one, and only one, bell made by this John Hull after his father's death, and that is at Kingston. It will be noticed that upon the three bells cast for Buxted by William Hull, the initials I H also occur.

Of the remaining five bells which complete the ring, three came from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1761, when the firm traded in the name of Lester & Pack. The tenor, besides bearing the founders' name, is inscribed:—

'At proper times my voice I'll raise,
 And sound to my subscribers' praise.'

As to the two remaining bells, they are of later date and call for no comment.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Mary's, Battle, on July 22nd, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

W. H. Eldridge ..	1	W. Thomas ..	5
S. Saker (conductor) ..	2	C. Carter ..	6
L. J. Stapley ..	3	W. Franks ..	7
F. Lock ..	4	J. Sinden ..	8

[* First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, on July 24th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

William Weatherstone ..	1	Staff-Sergt. A. Pye ..	5
Bertrand Prewett ..	2	John R. Sharman ..	6
Charles Wilkins ..	3	Harry Shaders ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Alfred W. Brighton ..	8

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ROMFORD, ESSEX.—Recently, on handbells retained in hand, 406 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. R. Pye, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; L. Copsey, 7-8. Also, in the tower of St. Edward's (after an attempt for a peal), a course of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. G. Pye, 1-2; A. Brighton, 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; A. J. Perkins, 7-8; W. Pye, 9-10.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—Recently, on handbells, Penning's 720 BOB MINOR, with 46 calls. J. Dale, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.—The members of this Society held their annual outing on July 8th. Starting from Paddington by the 9 a.m. train, Reading was reached in good time, where a friendly ringer from Caversham was met, and a quiet stroll brought the party to their headquarters, the Crown Hotel, Caversham, where refreshments were partaken of. A visit was then paid to the tower, and a peal of LONDON SURPRISE attempted, which came to grief after an hour. Joined by Mr. T. Newman and friends, the principal parts of Reading were visited before proceeding to the station to meet those who were unable to get off in the morning. Dinner was served and due justice done to it at 3.50, and then boating on the river and touches on the bells, with tune-playing on handbells by the Caversham friends, concluded the day. On Sunday morning a visit was paid to Sonning, but unfortunately only about ten minutes' ringing could be obtained upon this fine peal of bells. The members wish to thank Mr. Newman for so kindly making arrangements, also all the friends who assisted in making the outing so pleasant and successful.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The members of the Horley Branch held their annual outing on July 17th, and it proved to be one of the most pleasant they have ever experienced. This year their choice fell upon Westerham, Kent. The ringers started from Horley at 9 a.m. in a large brake provided by Mr. Peek, and proceeded by way of Smallfields, Godstone, and Limsfield, to Westerham, arrived there at noon, and put up at the Crown Hotel, whose proprietor, Mr. G. Whitmore, is a native of Horley. The Vicar, the Rev. H. T. Lewis, arrived soon after the ringers. After luncheon a start was made for the church tower, where several touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung, the following taking part:—Messrs. W. Edwards, A. Longhurst, T. Post, G. Staplehurst, S. Kenward, J. Kenward, F. Voice, E. Taylor, A. Taylor, G. App, A. Jennings, jun., H. Chart, T. Whitmore, F. Wickens (Charlwood), E. Dewey (St. John's, Redhill), and Mr. Wright, foreman of the Westerham ringers. The Rev. H. C. Bartlett was not sufficiently well to meet the ringers himself, but Mrs. Bartlett and the Rev. Mr. Stubbs (senior curate) welcomed the ringers to the church. The bells being lowered, the party returned to the hotel for tea, after which a start was made for home, all having spent a most pleasant day.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The members spent a pleasant day at Chepstow and Tintern on the 22nd ult. To the number of twenty-eight they left the G.W.R. station at half-past eight, and at Chepstow were met by the Vicar (Rev. E. Hensley) and the captain of the local ringers (Mr. Morley). Soon after one o'clock there was a foregathering at the Bush Hotel, where dinner was partaken of. The ringers then made their way to the church tower and raised the bells in a peal, the methods used being STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE. Afterwards a visit was made by some to the Castle, while others went on to Tintern Abbey. Before starting on the return journey, the Vicar and Mr. Morley were heartily thanked for the pains they had been at to make the day in every way a success. It may be added that the Guild, which was founded in 1892, comprises ringers at the Parish Church, Cheltenham; St. Mark's, Charlton Kings; Leckhampton, and Prestbury.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.—The bells of the parish church have been thoroughly restored, and a new bell added, to the memory of the late Rev. T. H. Simpkin, late Rector, by his son Mr. O. R. A. Simpkin. The bells were a ring of five, but the second was of very poor tone, and a new one takes its place. The tenor (largest) bell was found to be cracked in the crown and has been recast—it now weighs 9 cwt.—note, A flat. The additional bell completing the ring of six is a smaller (treble) bell. All the bells have new fittings, and are hung in a new iron frame on steel girders. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the Grundisburgh ringers rang the opening 'touches.'

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are in the Archdeaconry (not reckoning the City of London) 187 parishes, with an average population of between 6000 and 7000 each. But these parishes are of most unequal size. There is one with over 21,000 inhabitants, one over 20,000, one over 19,000, three over 18,000, one over 17,000, two over 15,000, six over 14,000, three over 13,000, five over 12,000, eight over 11,000, ten over 10,000, sixteen over 9000, and thirteen over 8000. It would, adds the Archdeacon, 'be idle to pretend that these parishes are not deplorably deficient in church accommodation and in ministerial supply.' This article should be carefully read and studied.

CHURCH MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER.—The Bishop of Worcester's anniversary sermon on 'The Paramount Claims of Foreign Missions'—preached at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on the 100th anniversary of the C.M.S.—is a very powerful piece of advocacy. 'D. H. D. W.' draws attention, in a thoughtful paper, to the 'Urgent Needs for Clergymen in the Missions,' and some interesting information is given in regard to the Uganda Mission.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW.—W. S. Lilly, of London, writes a striking article on 'The Use and Abuse of Anger,' and points out that 'one of the most deplorable signs of the times is an increasing repugnance to the idea of moral responsibility.' It seems to Mr. Lilly—as, indeed, it must seem to all right-minded people—that, 'without the idea of moral responsibility, society and moral education cannot exist.' The remaining contents of the *Homiletic* are quite up to the usual standard of this excellent magazine.

THE ECONOMIC REVIEW.—The Rev. A. J. Carlyle contributes a scholarly and important article on 'The Political Theory of the Ante-Nicene Fathers' to this magazine. The writer refers to the 'great conception of Irenæus that all order and rule in society is derived from God,' and says, very truly, 'The conception remains one of the most important in the region of political thought, for it invests ordered human society with a sacred character.' Other capital papers in the *Review* are those entitled respectively 'Democracy in New Zealand,' 'Old-age Pensions,' and 'Christian Social Work in Denmark.'

THE PHOTO-MINIATURE.—This, the fourth number, is quite as good in every way as any of its predecessors. It contains much useful information, is beautifully got up, and should assuredly find its way into the hands of all photographers, whether professional or amateur.

G. F. S. PUBLICATIONS.—We have received the *G. F. S. Associates' Journal* and *Friendly Leaves*, both being very good numbers. In the latter we have an excellent account of the Rostrevor G. F. S. Home of Rest, and the former contains a full report of the anniversary service and meetings, together with a report of the fine sermon preached by the Bishop of Newcastle.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

- The Royal Cumberland Youths:* at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (August 11th).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 16th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on August 15th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on August 16th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 18th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 7th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on August 16th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 17th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 18th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

St. Dunstan's Church Bells, Stepney.

A most interesting ceremony took place on Wednesday, August 2nd, at old Stepney Church, when the fine ring of ten were reopened after restoration, which has been effected through the munificence of Mr. Spencer Charrington, M.P. Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry, have practically placed these bells in the condition of a new peal. They have all been quarter-turned, which with new fittings, restored frame, &c., cost 260l.

The service, conducted by the Rev. A. E. Dalton (the Rector), was well attended, a goodly number of ringers being present. After service

the district ringers, assisted by several old members, rang various touches of *GRANDSIRE CATERS*, conducted by H. Springall. Mr. Charrington was persuaded to ascend to the ringing-chamber—a rather difficult matter for a gentleman over eighty years of age—and his presence was the signal for a general outbreak of enthusiasm, and he quite enjoyed what he saw and heard. He then formally declared the bells open for ringing. At 5.30 the ringers, by invitation of the Rector, repaired to the Rectory, where dinner was provided for some twenty-five guests. During the progress of the repast Mr. Charrington had to take his departure, but before doing so, Mr. Ernest Richards (Secretary) rose, and in a few well-chosen words thanked him on behalf of the Stepney Society, also on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for the great kindness he had conferred upon them that day; he assured him that, by his munificent gift to the church, he had most nobly assisted the cause of change-ringing; Mr. Charrington would carry away the heartfelt thanks of every ringer throughout the country for this good act. In response Mr. Charrington thanked all for their presence and their appreciation of what he had done in the matter of the bells' restoration. Dinner over, the party enjoyed a walk upon the lawn, and at 7.30 another visit was paid to the belfry to ring for service.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Drayton, Berks, on July 29th, a peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* (a Variation of *Thurstan's Four-part*), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt. 20 lbs.

Charles Giles	1	Arthur W. Higgs	5
Frank Hopgood	2	William Newell	6
Albert E. Reeves	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Alfred E. Reeves	4	Ernest Bruce	8

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Hagley, Worcestershire, on July 29th, a peal of *KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR*, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 9 cwt.

William H. Smith	1	Thomas J. Salter	5
John Barber	2	Joseph Waghorn, sen.	6
Henry Middleton	3	Afred Flowers	7
Noah Davis	4	William Short	8

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and conducted by William Short. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Noah Patrick, of Hagley. J. Waghorn came from London, and was proposed a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

The Lancashire Association.

At the Parish Church, Deane, Lancashire, on July 29th, a peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* (J. Carter's No. 10), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.

Thomas Peers	1	Titus Barlow	5
Joseph Lowe	2	Frederic Derbyshire	6
Edward Cash*	3	James H. Ridyard (condr.)	7
John Welsby	4	William Barlow	8

[* First peal in the method.]

THE Society of Change-ringers attached to St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, had their outing on July 29th, starting at 6.30 by train. The towers visited were Framlingham, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, and Ufford, where touches in various methods were rung, by the kind permission of the respective incumbents. Dinner was served at Grundisburgh, and tea at Ufford.

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THE LAMBETH HEARING.—Messrs. Macmillan & Co., London and New York, have just published, in neat form, at the price of one shilling, the recent pronouncement of the Archbishops in regard to the 'Liturgical use of incense and the carrying of lights in procession.'

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on August 21st. *The Ancient Society of College Youths:* at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on August 22nd; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on August 24th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 25th. *Royal Cumberland Society:* at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on August 25th. *The Waterloo Society:* at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 23rd. *The St. Margaret's Society:* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 7th. *The St. John's Society:* at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 24th. *The St. Alfege's Society:* at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 25th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Essex Association.

AN expedition was organized on Bank Holiday under the auspices of this Association to visit some of the out-lying churches in the neighbourhood of Ongar, and which are very inaccessible from the centre of the county. A brake started with a party of ringers from Chelmsford at 10.0 a.m., and was joined by others at Writtle. The Rev. H. Eyre, of Great Totham, assistant-secretary, planned and carried out the undertaking. At the last moment the Rev. T. L. Papillon, vicar of Writtle and Hon. Secretary of the Association, was prevented from going, and his place was taken by the Rev. W. Norris. High Ongar was reached at 11.30. An endeavour was made to ring out a welcome upon the five bells from the Association in the parish, but it was found that they were not in good ringing condition, so a move was made to see the most interesting church at Greenstead, which was within walking distance. An excellent dinner was served at the 'Red Lion' at one o'clock, and was thoroughly enjoyed. At two we took up our carriage and made for Fyfield, a village which has lately come into notoriety for its bicycling services. We found a nice-toned ring of five modern bells in the ancient Norman tower, but the ringing-chamber left much to be desired. The next stage was Moreton, where we found a kind and hearty welcome from the rector and his family. The bells here were in good order, but being in a minor key, did not give out such a glad some sound as if they had been pitched in an ordinary key. Before leaving we were ranged in position to enable the rector to take a photograph, which, if successful, will prove an interesting souvenir. Our last tower to visit was North Weald, and we arrived in time for tea, which was most kindly provided by the Vicar under the trees on his lawn. The church is a very interesting one, and in excellent order. The six bells hang in an ancient tower of brick similar to those at Ingatestone and Frierning. We had time to ring a few touches on the bells, and to conclude our visit with some tunes on the hand-bells, which we had brought with us. As 7 o'clock approached it was necessary to make tracks for home, which meant for some of us a drive of twenty-five miles. We had a most enjoyable day, and endeavoured at the same time to spread the influence of the Association in villages, where not only scientific change-ringing is unknown, but where, through the constant migration of the rising generation, it has become almost impossible to get the bells rung even in the most rudimentary manner.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Drayton, Berks, on August 7th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes (unconducted), in 2 hrs. 42 mins.

A. W. Pike	1	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	5
C. Giles	2	W. J. Smith	6
F. Hopgood	3	E. Hims	7
J. W. Washbrook ..	4	Rev. F. G. Coleridge ..	8

First time of performance on the bells.

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The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, on August 7th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5184 changes, in 4 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

John W. Rowbotham ..	1	George Howchin ..	7
Charles E. Borrett ..	2	Frederick R. Borrett ..	8
Henry R. Newton ..	3	Albert G. Warnes ..	9
Robert Hawes ..	4	Frederick Day ..	10
James Motts ..	5	William L. Catchpole ..	11
William Motts ..	6	George Smith ..	12

Composed and conducted by James Motts.

The above is the first peal rung upon this recently augmented ring of twelve. The band wish to thank Mr. Denison Hayward, the master of the local Society, for making the necessary arrangements.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At St. Michael's, Minehead, on August 7th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	James Jones ..	5
Henry J. Poole ..	2	Rev. H. C. Courtney ..	6
George Atkins* ..	3	Joseph Maddock ..	7
James Grabham ..	4	Henry Moore ..	8

Conducted by Challis F. Winney. * First peal of STEDMAN.

Also, at St. George's, Dunster, on August 8th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Rev. H. C. Courtney ..	5
Thomas A. Elliott ..	2	James Jones ..	6
Robert Hole ..	3	James Grabham ..	7
Arthur Long ..	4	John Payne ..	8

Conducted by Challis F. Winney.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing, see page 808.)

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And, like all grateful people, Miss Webb very willingly gave her consent to these facts being made public.

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The Kent County Association.

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks, on August 2nd, Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

John Cox ..	1	William G. Granger ..	5
George B. Selby ..	2	James Stevens ..	6
Harold Marchant ..	3	Thos. Groombridge (condr.)	7
Herbert J. Ford ..	4	Sidney Avon ..	8

* First peal of TRIPLES.

Also at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Headcorn, on August 6th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Thomas Groombridge ..	1	John H. Cheesman ..	5
John R. Sharman ..	2	Edgar Wightman ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
George R. Pye ..	4	William Pye ..	8

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

At the church of St. John the Baptist, Mersham, on August 7th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Edgar Wightman ..	1	George R. Pye ..	5
John H. Cheesman ..	2	Thomas Groombridge ..	6
John R. Sharman ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Pye. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

At the church of St. Mary and Eanswythe, Folkestone, on August 7th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Thomas Groombridge ..	1	Edgar Wightman ..	5
Ernest Pye ..	2	William Pye ..	6
George R. Pye ..	3	John R. Sharman ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	John H. Cheesman ..	8

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley and conducted by John R. Sharman. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

AND at Christ Church Cathedral, Canterbury, on August 8th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

George R. Pye ..	1	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore ..	6
Henry G. Fairbrass ..	2	Alfred Palmer ..	7
Ernest Pye ..	3	John H. Cheesman ..	8
George M. Sayers ..	4	William Pye ..	9
Charles F. Turner ..	5	John R. Sharman ..	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Pye. This is C. F. Turner's first peal, and G. M. Sayers' first peal of Stedman.

THE REIGATE SOCIETY.—On Wednesday, July 19th, the Society held their annual outing, Reading being the place selected. Leaving Reigate at 8.19 a.m. Reading was reached at 10.15. On arrival we at once adjourned to the Mitre Hotel, where we were joined by Mr. W. Newell, who was formerly proprietor of this hostelry, and after partaking of slight refreshment we separated, some going to view the seed grounds and nurseries of the well-known firm of Sutton & Sons, while others were conducted to St. Mary's Church by Mr. Newell, he having obtained permission for us to ring. However, owing to a funeral, we were informed that we could not ring till after four o'clock. We then agreed to meet there later in the day, and then journeyed on to St. Giles', where we were successful in obtaining the key, and on ascending the tower we found a little splicing necessary before raising the bells. However, this was soon done and put right by Mr. Newell, during which a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the handbells. F. Linter, 1-2; G. Hoad, 3-4; F. Hoad, jun., 5-6; H. Reeves, 7-8. The bells were then raised, and a well-struck 420 STEDMAN TRIPLES was brought round. P.

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Knight, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; F. Linter, 3; G. Thompson, 4; G. Hoad, 5; H. Reeves, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; J. Steadman, 8. Also 288 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR and 224 BOB MAJOR, Messrs. Newell and Higgs taking part in the latter touch and others of our own band in the former (they having rejoined us). The bells were then lowered, and we adjourned to a refreshment house near the Mitre, where Mr. Newell had kindly arranged for dinner, and justice having been done to the good things provided, we again separated, some, being led by Mr. Newell, went on the river as far as Pangbourne, while others, with Mr. A. W. Higgs, went to Tilehurst, where they found a splendid peal of eight, tenor, 20 cwt., which were soon raised and set going to the tune of STEDMAN TRIPLES, and a 420 was brought round. G. Thompson, 1; F. Hoad, sen. (conductor), 2; A. W. Higgs, 3; J. Ansell, 4; H. Reeves, 5; G. Hoad, 6; F. Hoad, jun., 7; J. Steadman, 8. Also 386 BOB MAJOR. T. Sparks, 1; F. Hoad, sen., 2; G. Thompson, 3; J. Ansell, 4; F. Hoad, jun., 5; H. Reeves (conductor), 6; G. Hoad, 7; A. W. Higgs, 8. We then retraced our steps to Reading, where we rejoined the remainder of our party who had just returned from Pangbourne by train, and after partaking of tea, we again went to St. Mary's, where we had arranged to meet at 6.30, but, however, for some unknown reason the steeple-keeper could not be found, he having gone out and taken the keys with him, and after waiting three-quarters of an hour we gave it up, as train time was drawing near, which was all too soon, so after taking a walk through the gardens to the station, and after bidding our friends, Messrs. Newell and Higgs, farewell, we were soon *en route* for Reigate, which was reached at 9.45 p.m., and which brought to a close one of the most enjoyable and successful outings of the Reigate Society. In conclusion, the ringers wish to thank the various Vicars for their kindness in granting permission to ring, and also Messrs. Newell and Higgs for so kindly making arrangements, and showing us to various places of interest, thereby enabling us, one and all, to spend a pleasant day.

BERE FERRERS, DEVON.—The bells of St. Andrew's, the parish church, have been rehung by Mr. Harry Stokes, Woodbury, Exeter. They have been completely restored, and rehung in entirely new frames and fittings. The tower, which is very narrow, makes it necessary to hang them in three pairs over each other, and by an ingenious contrivance Mr. Stokes has placed metal receivers against the uppermost pair—the first and second—with pipes to convey the sound down to the ringers. They are a good ring of six, the tenor about 10 cwt. Inscriptions were found on them, giving the names of the rector and churchwardens of the time, with the initials of the bell-founders, and the date 1775. Old parish accounts show that they were recast by the Penningtons at that time. After special evensong on August 2nd, the first peal was rung by the village band, and afterwards a company of the Devon Guild rang a 720 of BOB MINOR, and 220 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, under the leadership of Mr. E. Taylor, of Plymouth.

HOOR, SURREY.—A meeting of bell-ringers took place in the school-room last Wednesday evening. The Vicar occupied the chair, supported by Mr. R. W. Hayward, churchwarden. The Vicar commenced proceedings by a statement of the circumstances which had brought about the meeting. He referred to the Archdeacon's remarks at the dedication service on the sacredness of the office of a bell-ringer, and expounded the rules which had been drawn up. In his remarks he corrected the false notions of some that the bell-ringers had absolute authority over the bells. With the assistance of Mr. Maynard, the Vicar showed that no person could ring, chime, or toll a bell without his sanction, and that if he chose no bell should be rung at all. All present agreed to accept the rules, and unanimously elected their captain and vice-captain. The following, who were present, and six others were elected bell-ringers by the Vicar: Mr. Chas. Collins (captain), Mr. Alfred Stevens (vice-captain); and Messrs. G. Carey, J. Collins, A. Dawes, H. Moore, W. Sargent, Hy. Taylor, Charles Vitler, jun., George Vitler, and George Vitler, jun. The rules require every bell-ringer to be elected by the Vicar, to obey the captain and vice-captain, and to attend Divine service.

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on both days. It is almost needless to add that a hearty vote of thanks to the Earl of Carysfort was passed for his kindness and hospitality to the ringers. On the return journey a halt was made at Bray on Monday, and in the evening St. Patrick's Cathedral was visited, when, with the assistance of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, six courses of STEDMAN CATERS were rung on the noble peal of bells, as well as a course of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, a course of DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, and a course of STEDMAN TRIPLES, with one of St. Patrick's young ringers at the treble.

The following are the inscriptions, with the addition, in each case, of the words: 'Donor, William 5th Earl of Carysfort,' and 'John Taylor of Loughborough me fecit, 1898.'

No. 1. 'William 5th Earl of Carysfort. B. Jan. 18th, 1836. D. —. Donor, William 5th Earl of Carysfort.'

No. 2. 'Theodosia Gertrude Baillie. B. Jan. 10th, 1833. D. —.'

No. 3. 'Isabella Proby. B. Novr. 19th, 1830. D. Jan. 10th, 1866.'

No. 4. 'Hugh Proby. B. Aug. 27th, 1828. D. Aug. 30th, 1852.'

No. 5. 'Granville Leveson, 4th Earl of Carysfort. B. Sept. 14th, 1824. D. May 18th, 1872.'

No. 6. 'John Joshua Lord Proby. B. April 3rd, 1823. D. Novr. 19th, 1858. Catherine Proby. B. April 3rd, 1823. D. April 9th, 1827.'

No. 7. 'Elizabeth Emma Hamilton. B. March 10th, 1821. D. —.'

No. 8. 'Francis Proby. B. Aug. 3, 1819. D. May 15th, 1863.'

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James George of Pinner.

ON August 13th this happy event was commemorated at Rose Villa, Pinner, Middlesex. Before luncheon some good touches were rung on the handbells in the front garden, which was gaily decorated. Shortly after two o'clock the bells of the Parish Church went off for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (5040 changes), in which two noted ringers took part, viz., Mr. W. H. George (Eastleigh) and Mr. J. George (Rugby), the peal being ably conducted by the latter, and was the first peal ever conducted by a native of Pinner. After the peal the ringers were hospitably entertained by the worthy host and hostess at Rose Villa, in company with their family and a large number of relatives.

Mr. W. H. George gave a short account of his father's career, in which he said he was a very old and respected inhabitant of the parish, having been born there seventy-nine years ago. He had been a ringer there over sixty years, and rang on the occasion of the death of William IV. and the accession of Queen Victoria. Some fifty years since he was connected with a band of change-ringers in the district, and on one occasion rang in an attempt for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES at Pinner, besides taking part in other peals. He also said he was pleased to think that his brother, Mr. James George, of Rugby, had been fortunate enough to conduct his 200th peal on such a memorable occasion.

Mr. James George, sen., said he thanked his friends, one and all, for the high tribute they had paid him and his dear wife by ringing the peal.

Mr. James George, jun., then said how pleased he was to have a band there that day that could strike a good peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and he should think more of it than any other peal he had rung, and concluded by giving the health of the visiting brother ringers.

Mr. C. F. Winney, in responding, spoke in very high terms of the striking and ringing of both his old friends, viz., W. H. George and J. George, and said he was sure that they had all spent a most enjoyable day.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Pinner, Middlesex, on August 13th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Walter H. L. Buckingham	1	James George	5
Charles George	2	Thomas H. Taffender	6
Challis F. Winney	3	William H. George	7
George H. Price	4	Ernest C. Huntly	8

Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and conducted by James George. This is the conductor's 200th peal, and was rung in honour of the golden wedding of his parents. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. C. E. Grenside and the churchwardens for the use of the bells on such a special occasion.

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AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on August 9th. Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

George Williams (conductor)	1	Alfred J. Turner	5
John Mulligan (Sheffield)	2	George Head	6
Thomas Price	3	C. R. Lilley (Loughboro')	7
Frank Bennett	4	John S. Goldsmith	8

The Midland Counties Association.

AT St. Saviour's, Arklow, Ireland, on August 13th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins.

John Grundy	1	Sam. Smith	5
Arthur Matthews	2	Richard F. Lane	6
John Smith	3	Ernest Cartwright	7
Jos. Hardy	4	John W. Taylor, jun.	8

Composed by W. Royle and conducted by John W. Taylor, jun.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On July 14th, a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR by the following members of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association:—J. Clarkson, 1; C. Hall, 2; T. W. Waller, 3; W. Newton, 4; G. J. Clarkson, 5; T. Metcalf, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; A. P. Goddard, 8. Also a course of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL: G. J. Clarkson, 1; J. Clarkson, 2; J. Carter, 3; C. Hall, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; A. P. Goddard, 6; F. P. Howcroft, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalf, 9; T. Stephenson, 10. And on Sunday morning, August 5th, 720 BOB MINOR: J. W. Newton, 1; J. Clarkson, 2; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 3; T. W. Waller, 4; W. Newton, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Tenor, 27½ cwt.

HULL.—At Holy Trinity Church, on August 15th, for practice, a touch of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 1367 changes, in 61 mins. W. Southwick, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; W. Verity, 3; J. Highfield, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; D. W. Brown, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8; W. T. Cockerill, 9; J. Dale, 10. Tenor, 26 cwt. This is the longest touch on the fine ring of ten, which has been recently erected by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

MITFORD, NORTHUMBERLAND.—A serious accident lately occurred at Mitford Church, when the largest bell fell with a fearful crash, the noise being heard all over the village. Fortunately it was half an hour before service, and no one was injured, though much damage was done to the belfry. The bells are thirteen in number, and are hemispherical, having the appearance of gigantic inverted bowls. They are fixed in pairs, and are struck by hammers, each faced with wood, so as to produce a softer sound, each bell having two hammers, in order to allow more frequent repetition of the same note than would be possible were only one employed. On the floor, below the bells, is a machine with a keyboard consisting of twenty-six keys, one for each hammer. When the machine is put in motion, which is done by means of a weight, a lever is displaced, and a hammer falls on a bell, the lever being fixed in position again by means of a cam. The machine contains four barrels, by means of which fourteen tunes can be played or changes can be rung. The bells were placed in the church upon its restoration by the late Colonel Osbaldeston Mitford, whose munificence converted a venerable, though decayed, old Norman fabric into one of the stateliest churches in the county.

MR. THOMAS HUSSEY, who died at Leigh, Lancashire, on August 12th at the age of eighty-seven years, was reputed to be the oldest bell-ringer in England, having commenced in 1827 at the Leigh Parish Church, where he took the seventh bell for forty-one years. Since then he had taken part in ringing peals for the funeral of George IV., the coronation and burial of William IV., and the ascension, coronation, jubilee, and diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria. Up to a short time ago he was a hand-loom weaver, and was one of the scholars who attended the first Sunday school connected with Leigh Parish Church. He had resided for fifty-four years in the house where he died, and had been a tenant of the same landlord for sixty-three years.

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Two excellent new Anthems for the Harvest season are, THE WOODS AND EVERY SWEET-SMELLING TREE, an artistic setting of some little-used words, by John E. West, for soprano and tenor soli and chorus; and THE PARABLE OF THE HARVEST, by Dr. F. J. Sawyer. This is written for soprano solo and chorus, and may be said to be divided into four sections, treating respectively of the Promise, the Fulfilment, the Lesson of the Harvest, and the Thanksgiving for the Harvest.

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MARCHE FUNEBRE (Op. 40, No. 3), by P. Tchaikowsky. No. 53 of Organ Arrangements, edited by George C. Martin.—Organists will welcome an arrangement of this fine march. Its sombre strains remind one of the last movement of the same composer's 'Pathétique' Symphony.

MEDITATION, for Violin and Organ, by Herbert Bunning. No. 278 of Original Compositions for the Organ.—A clever piece of work; the writing for the violin is distinctly good.

THE VILLAGE ORGANIST. Edited by J. Stainer and F. Cunningham Woods. Books 17 and 18.—We have had occasion before to speak of the value of this series of easy arrangements. It will be sufficient now to say that the latest numbers contain wedding and funeral music respectively, and are fully equal to their predecessors.

PRELUDE IN C SHARP MINOR, for the Pianoforte. Composed by S. Rachmaninoff. This now famous Prelude has been edited and revised, with special instruction for the use of the sustaining pedal, by A. Rosenkranz; this takes the form of a line of small notes and rests placed below the ordinary notation, indicating the length of time the pedal should be down.

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The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on September 4th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on September 5th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on September 7th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 8th.

Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on September 8th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 6th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 7th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on September 7th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on September 8th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Worcestershire and District Change-ringing Association and the St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.

At St. Andrew's, Netherton, Worcestershire, on August 19th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Albert E. Parsons (condr.)	1	Adolphus Roberts	5
Samuel Hughes	2	Harry Price	6
William Micklewright	3	John Smith	7
William Talbot	4	Joseph Faulkner	8

Rung as a compliment to Master Reginald Guy Langley Marriot, youngest son of the Vicar, on the attainment of his fifteenth birthday; also to the ringer of the second on his thirty-fifth birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, on August 19th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

George Williams	1	William Palmer	6
Edward C. Merritt	2	Thomas Price	7
John Jay, sen.	3	John Jay, jun.	8
Frank Bennett	4	Keith Hart	9
Robert J. Dawe	5	Richard Fentiman	10

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by George Williams. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Jay, sen., who received the usual congratulations after its completion. This composition has the sixth fixed in second's place throughout, with the first twenty-four courses at home, and twenty-two courses in treble's place.

At Christ Church, Eastbourne, on August 23th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins.

Keith Hart	1	Thomas Price	6
George H. Howse	2	Joseph Sharp	7
George Head	3	George Williams (condr.)	8
John Hack	4	John S. Goldsmith	9

This is the first peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

The Midland Counties Association.

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on August 21st, Tardiff's Bob-and-Single peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

B. W. Van Tromp*	1	William Short (conductor)	5
William Ellis	2	Thomas J. Elton	6
Harry Withers†	3	Albert Walker	7
Henry Middleton	4	Charles Mackenzie*	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Ellis and Withers. B. W. Van Tromp (aged 15), came from Taunton; and he and Messrs. Withers and Mackenzie were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal. [* First peal. † First peal with a bob-bell.]

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassal Road, on September 11th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 13th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on September 12th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on September 13th, and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 8th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 21st.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on September 13th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on September 14th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on September 15th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, the 16th instant. Tower open at 3; Committee meeting at 5.30; tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the secretaries of their bands before Thursday next. Half railway fares (but not exceeding 2s. and 1s. extra for driving over) will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Dist. Hon. Sec.

Hythe, Kent, September 5th, 1899.

The St. Peter Mancroft Society, Norwich.

THE members of the above Society had their annual outing on Monday, August 28th. London was chosen as the happy hunting-ground, the success of a previous excursion in 1893 evidently accounting for the decision. Leaving Norwich at 6 a.m., Liverpool Street was reached at 9.30, where the party were met by Messrs. Winney, Brighton, and Taffender, who piloted them to the headquarters of the College Youths' Society. St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was afterwards visited, where a touch of GRANDSIRE CINQUES and three leads of TREBLE TWELVE were rung. After luncheon a boat was boarded for Chelsea, and some STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE CATERS were rung at St. Luke's Church. This concluded the day's ringing; the remainder of the time was devoted to the attractions of Earl's Court, finishing up with an enjoyable hour at the Collegians' headquarters. Messrs. Newton, Cockerill, Rowbotham, Horrex, Gibbs, and Trollope, as well as other London confreres, were there to greet their Norwich brethren, a kindness which the latter greatly appreciated. The visitors tender their best thanks to all those gentlemen who helped to make their outing a success, and trust an opportunity may present itself of returning their hospitality.

The St. Margaret's Society, Barking, Essex.

THE members of this Society, accompanied by the clergy and churchwardens, held their annual outing on September 2nd. Dorking had been chosen as the rendezvous, and excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. E. A. Davies for the enjoyment and comfort of the visitors. On arriving at the station, a short walk terminated at the Parish Church of St. Martin, where the courteous steeple-keeper, Mr. Dodd, was in waiting. The bells—a fine ring of eight, with a 25 cwt. tenor—were soon manipulated through touches of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, TREBLE BOB, and DOUBLE NORWICH, and by their tone and easy 'go' they gave much pleasure to the ringers. After tea, which was served in the parish room, another touch of STEDMAN was rung; others of the party enjoyed rambles over the hills in the neighbourhood of Dorking, all meeting at the station at 8.15, and arriving safely at Cannon Street at 10 p.m. During the journey handbells and songs enlivened the proceedings each way, which drew together little crowds round the carriage doors at the stations stopped at.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

AT St. James's, Bushey, on August 28th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.
 Ernest E. Huntley (condr.) 1 William G. Whitehead .. 5
 Hubert Eden (first peal) .. 2 Francis A. Smith .. 0
 Bertram Prewitt .. 3 W. H. L. Buckingham .. 7
 Frederick Edwards .. 4 William I. Oakley .. 8

The Essex Association.

AT St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, on August 29th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.
 Henry J. Tucker .. 1 Frederick J. Pitstow .. 0
 Arthur F. James .. 2 Rev. F. E. Robinson .. 7
 Frederick Pitstow .. 3 John F. Penning .. 8
 Ernest Pitstow .. 4 Nathan J. Pitstow .. 9
 Alfred E. Pitstow .. 5 Cornelius Charge .. 10
 Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This is the first peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

The Midland Counties Association.

AT the Parish Church, Loughborough, Leicestershire, on August 29th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 30½ cwt., in D.

John Smith ..	1	Wm. A. Masters ..	6
Wm. H. Inglesant ..	2	Jos. Hardy ..	7
Arthur W. Matthews ..	3	James Hutchby ..	8
Ernest W. Cartwright ..	4	W. R. Hensher (Kettering) ..	9
Samuel Smith ..	5	John W. Taylor, jun. ..	10

Composed by John Cox and conducted by John W. Taylor, jun. Mr. W. R. Hensher was elected a member of the Association before starting the peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by John Taylor & Co.

The St. Margaret's and Waterloo Societies.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 2nd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.
 Herbert Langdon .. 1 John W. Golding .. 6
 Harry Barton .. 2 William Langdon .. 7
 Harry Pasmore .. 3 George Symonds .. 8
 Frederick G. Perrin .. 4 William H. Pasmore .. 9
 William Crockford .. 5 Arthur Hardy .. 10
 Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by George Symonds.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, on August 19th, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB by members of the Essex Association. I. Dear, 1; W. Miller (conductor), 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Dale, 5; H. Beams, 6. Also two 120's of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G natural.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On August 23rd, 720 WOODBINE TREBLE BOB, by the following members of the Essex Association:—G. Hayden, 1; W. Keeble, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; J. Moule, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; J. Mardell, 6. Also 720 WORCESTER SURPRISE. G. Hayden, 1; W. Keeble, 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6.

TIDESWELL, YORKSHIRE.—William Bennett, of Tideswell, who was in his seventy-ninth year, died very suddenly on August 1st. Deceased went to bed apparently in his usual health, and shortly afterwards he was heard to make a peculiar noise, and he expired almost immediately. Deceased had been a bell-ringer at the Parish Church for about sixty years, and was one of the trustees of the old Sick Club.

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- The St. Alfege's Society:* at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on September 22nd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

- At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, on August 31st, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.
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| Ernest E. Huntley .. 1 | Herbert Martin .. 5 |
| Francis A. Smith* .. 2 | William Pickworth .. 6 |
| W. H. L. Buckingham .. 3 | William Hewitt .. 7 |
| William G. Whitehead .. 4 | Thomas Waller .. 8 |
- Composed by W. H. L. Buckingham, and conducted by Francis A. Smith. Rung as a compliment to Lord Aldenham on his eightieth birthday. [* First peal as conductor.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

- At St. Michael's, Framlingham, on September 2nd, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.
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| William Ostler .. 1 | Albert E. Read .. 5 |
| Rev. J. Holme Pilkington .. 2 | William Flory .. 6 |
| John C. Self .. 3 | Samuel Garnham .. 7 |
| John J. O'Neill .. 4 | Charles Revell .. 8 |
- Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by William Flory.

The Sussex County Association.

- At St. Peter's, Brighton, on September 4th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.
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| John Hack* .. 1 | George Williams .. 5 |
| John Steddy* .. 2 | Frank Bennett .. 6 |
| George Baker .. 3 | Edward C. Merritt .. 7 |
| Robert J. Dawe .. 4 | James N. Frossell .. 8 |
- Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by George Williams. [* First peal of SUPERLATIVE.]

The Middlesex Association.

- At All Hallows Barking, Great Tower Street, on September 9th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.
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| Harry Flanders .. 1 | John H. Chesman .. 5 |
| Rowland Fenn .. 2 | Charles Wilkins .. 6 |
| I. George Shade .. 3 | Ernest Pye .. 7 |
| Caleb Fenn .. 4 | William Pye .. 8 |
- Composed by Charles Middleton, and conducted by William Pye. First peal in the method in the City of London.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on September 3rd, for Divine service, 1008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR and 168 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Hewett, 1; B. Prewett, 2; F. Smith, 3; F. Whitehead, 4; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 5; G. N. Price, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; W. H. L. Buckingham, 8.

FULHAM.—On August 31st, in the belfry of All Saints' Church, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1330

changes (being the first and last parts of Holt's Original), in 40 mins. E. H. Adams, 1-2; H. Barton (conductor), 3-4; J. W. Driver, 5-6; R. Charge, 7-8.

BUSHEY.—At St. James's, for evening service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. E. E. Huntley, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Whitehead, 3; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 4; W. J. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. H. L. Buckingham, 7.

A VETERAN Suffolk bell-ringer has just passed away at Woodbridge in the person of Mr. John Fosdike, who had entered his eighty-third year. The deceased was an ardent campanologist for seventy years, having been a chimera at the early age of twelve, and continued his interest in change-ringing throughout his long life. The most noteworthy circumstance in his ringing career is found in the fact that he rang in a dumb peal on the death of William IV., and also assisted in the merry peal which signalled the Queen's accession. He inherited his taste for ringing, for his father and grandfather were noted campanologists at Woodbridge, and records in St. Mary's belfry show that Andrew Fosdike was pulling the ropes in 1753, and that 'he went up and down the steeple seven times in twenty-seven minutes, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, March 15th, 1753.' As the tower is over 100 feet high, and there are 132 steps, this was no mean feat for the nimble old gentleman.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On August 12th, the wedding of Mr. F. Tindall (late of Old Windsor), who has acted as captain of the company of ringers, with Miss F. A. Ashdown, of Portslade, took place at St. Leonard's, Aldrington, when his brother-ringers met to ring a wedding peal. During the afternoon and evening some touches of BOB MINOR were rung, assisted by F. Banks (Ringmer), and F. Dearing (Shoreham).

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, New Shoreham, on August 31st, of Mr. F. R. Dearing, late member of the Shoreham and Aldrington branch of the Sussex County Association, and Miss E. F. Artlett, of Shoreham. The Aldrington ringers (with the assistance of Mr. P. Allfrey, of St. Paul's, Brighton) rang 720 BOB MINOR, with 6-8 covering, in 29 mins., as a wedding peal. P. Allfrey, A. Cherrymann, M. Broomfield, G. Steele, F. Tindall, F. Steele, L. E. Sears, G. Dray. In the evening 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung, when the ringers journeyed to St. Leonard's Church, Aldrington, and rang another 720 of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, F. Wader ringing the treble, and F. Tindall, captain of the Aldrington ringers, conducting. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. M. A. Tower, for the use of the bells, and the Verger for making arrangements for the ringers.

LANLIVERY, CORNWALL.—Owing to the defective condition of the seventh bell of the peal in Lanlivery Church, it became imperative to have it recast, and the work of rehanging has been satisfactorily carried out. The bell weighs about 10 cwt. 2 qrs. The total cost has been about 50l., and the proceeds of a jumble sale organized by Mrs. Kendal of the Vicarage, formed the nucleus of a fund raised for carrying out the work.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTER.—The Church Bells Fund Committee, whose efforts to raise funds to purchase a peal of bells for the Parish Church have so far met with success, held a meeting on August 21st in the Parish Room (the Rev. H. E. Broughton presiding), and decided to have a garden party at an early date. The Committee has only been in existence about four months, and during that time has realised about 40l.

THE LARGEST CLOCK AND BELLS IN CANADA.—The tender of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon, has been accepted for the largest clock and bells in Canada, to be put into the Toronto Town Hall. This clock will be similar in size to Big Ben, having four illuminated faces, twenty feet in diameter, at an elevation of 250 feet, and will strike the hours and quarters upon bells several tons in weight.

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassal Road, on September 25th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 27th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on September 26th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on September 27th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on October 5th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on September 27th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on September 28th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on September 29th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.
Braintree, Essex: The dedication of the two new trebles will take place on Thursday, September 28th, at 3 p.m.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The Annual District Meeting was held on Saturday last at Tenterden. About thirty members from Brabourne, Charing, Folkestone, Hythe, Mersham, Rolvenden, and Willesborough attended, and some excellent touches in various methods were rung on the beautiful-toned ring of bells (tenor, 32 cwt.). An excellent tea was provided at Miss Cassingham's Temperance Hotel, to which the members did ample justice and the return journey was fortunately accomplished without rain under a brilliant moon. It was many years since a meeting was held at Tenterden, and it is hoped that so long a period will not again elapse before the next.

The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE September meeting of the above Association was held at Keighley on Saturday last. The eight bells at the Parish Church (tenor, 14 cwt.) were rung by various bands from two to nine, with slight intervals. At five o'clock the ringers and friends, numbering slightly over a hundred, sat down to tea at the National School. Before commencing tea, the President of the Association (Mr. Snowdon) thanked the Rector and Wardens for the use of the bells and schools, the Rector responding and welcoming the Association in a very appropriate speech. After tea the general meeting took place in an adjoining room, the President presiding. During the meeting the President described briefly the work done by the Central Council in London. After the election of auditors and other work being done, the proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to the Keighley ringers and the President.

The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The place selected for the meeting of the above Branch fell, on September 16th, to the lot of Helmsore, a small, though picturesque, village in the heart of the county; and the light, though musical ring of eight, by Mears, were manipulated by ringers from various parts of the branch, in addition to the home team, and the full force from the neighbouring town of Accrington, who paid an often-promised visit. Before ringing commenced, one of the home team was elected a member of the Matrimonial Association, and the bells were set off in a few Minor methods, a 240 of DUKE OF YORK and the same number of LONDON SURPRISE being brought round. The trebles were then raised, and 576 KENT MAJOR secured. It was the wish of the Accrington friends to have their first pull in a body, and their 720 of BOB MINOR was a good performance.

The business meeting was held in the church vestry, with the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Oldroyd) presiding. A new member was elected, and Bacup chosen for the next meeting. A friendly talk on ringing affairs, and the usual votes of thanks, with an encouraging response from the Vicar, brought the meeting to a close. The rest of the evening was

mainly spent in the belfry: mixed bands continuing the ringing in various methods, until 9.30, the last touch being 336 DOUBLE NORWICH, which was the first in the method by two of the Bacup friends.

The Late Mr. James Hewett.

ON Wednesday, September 6th, there passed away one who in his youth and vigour was one of the most accomplished ringers both of handbells and church bells. Latterly, owing to increasing years, Mr. Hewett's name had not been very prominent, but whenever he could get to a quarterly meeting of the Winchester Guild he always did, and on July 11th last he duly attended the annual meeting of this Society at Portsea. At all times he was ready to help young ringers on in the art he loved so dearly, and he will now be greatly missed at Holy Trinity, Gosport, which he attended regularly, rarely missing the Sunday morning service. With him the art loses one of its ablest exponents, and the Winchester Guild loses its oldest member.

He was laid to rest in St. Ann's Hill Cemetery, Gosport, on Saturday afternoon, September 9th. The funeral was a very simple one, and no doubt many more ringers would have been present had there been more time to inform them of the date and hour. The opening sentences and the committal prayers were said by the Rev. W. Lee, vicar of Holy Trinity, Gosport, and the Psalms and Lessons were taken by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. As the funeral left deceased's house, the Holy Trinity bells (half-muffled) rang the whole-pull-and-stand. On Sunday, September 10th, half-muffled touches were rung at St. Thomas's, Portsmouth: St. Mary's, Portsea; and Holy Trinity, Gosport.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

AT St. Thomas's, Dudley, on September 11th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Herbert Sheppard†	1	Joseph Brettell*	6
Henry Goodman†	2	Samuel Spittle	7
William Micklewright	3	Joseph Faulkner*	8
Harry Price*	4	John Goodman	9
Arthur Spittle	5	Charles Rollason*	10

Composed and conducted by William Micklewright. [* First peal of CATER. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal with a bob bell.]

The Kent County Association.

AT St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on September 16th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt., in F sharp.

Walter Ingham*	1	John H. Cheesman	5
Alfred W. Brighton	2	Thomas Groombridge*	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	Harry Flanders	7
Ernest Pye	4	William Pye	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. [* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. David's, Bangor, on September 16th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Richard Nichols	1	James H. Midwinter	7
Rev. T. Lewis Jones	2	Joseph Gayton	8
Samuel Taylor	3	Philip W. Davies	9
William H. Barber	4	Thomas G. Miller	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William H. Barber. First peal by the College Youths in North Wales. This composition has the sixth its extent at home.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE Annual Dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 11th.

The Essex Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held on Saturday, September 23rd, at Mistley, a village between Manningtree and Harwich, at which a new peal of six bells has been erected in commemoration of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign. About twenty-five members were present from Colchester, Ipswich, Harwich, Great and Little Bentley, Hadleigh (Suffolk), and Colne, with some of the local ringers. The chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Norman, of Mistley Place, vicar of the parish, and a munificent benefactor to the church, supported by the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. T. L. Papillon) and the Assistant Secretary (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre). In replying to a vote of thanks for his reception of the Association, Canon Norman called attention to a leading article in the *Times* of that morning upon 'Church Bells and Campanology' as a welcome evidence of the growing claim of ringers and the ringing art upon public attention. The new bells were rung during the afternoon, but, owing perhaps to some unlooked-for weakness in the frame, were found to go much too heavily for a light ring with a tenor of only 12 cwt. This defect, however, will probably soon be remedied.

The Bells of Shoreditch.

THE bells of St. Leonard's have long been silent. The people who spent 500*l.* on fixing the machinery of a carillon in the belfry forgot that a considerable annual outlay would be necessary to pay experts for keeping the carillon in order. Unskilled men were given charge of the machinery, with the result that it got out of repair, and the voices of the bells were silenced. But Messrs. Dent, of the Strand, will take care of the carillon in future. The twelve fine bells, varying in weight from the 30 cwt. tenor to the 6 cwt. treble, will play fourteen tunes, a fresh tune a day, or rather every three hours a day, for a fortnight: then they begin their selection again.

The first Sunday is given up to the Easter Hymn; to this follow the 'Rose of Allandale,' 'My Lodging's on the Cold Ground,' 'Sicilian Mariners,' 'Lass o' Gowrie,' 'Minstrel Boy,' and on Saturday the time-honoured but little-known 'Mermaid.' The second Sunday begins with 'Rock of Ages,' and on the following days of the week will be heard in order 'Annie Laurie,' 'Ring the Bell, Watchman,' 'Last Rose of Summer,' 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' 'Nae Luck About the House,' and Home, Sweet Home.

The bells cannot be rung at present, but, if funds are forthcoming, these also, like the carillon, will be restored to speech. While hoping that the outside public will lend their aid towards paying for the restoration of the bells and the church generally, the poor parishioners have given a splendid example of self-denying generosity. One poor seamstress has collected 6*l.* 12*s.* for her church. A woman in an almshouse has given 1*l.*; the same amount comes from a deaf man, and 25*s.* from a watchman, while choir-boys and Sunday scholars have contributed.

St. Leonard's is a venerable church, well worth restoring. In the crypt are curious memories of old times, most curious of all, the combined whipping-post and stocks, which were in use not so very long ago.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Mary's, Pulborough, on September 16th, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Robert Jordan	1	John R. Sharman	5
Sydney Wade	2	George Paice	6
John Rice	3	James Parker	7
William Ward	4	Frederick W. Rice	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by James Parker. First peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH** on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, on September 18th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

I. George Shade	1	Edward Wells	5
George J. Taylor	2	Harry Flanders	6
William Watchorn	3	Staff-Sergeant A. Pye	7
Henry G. Hill	4	William Pye	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by William Pye. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Watchorn and Hill. [* First peal in the method.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Bushey, Herts, on September 19th, Thurstans Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Ernest E. Huntley (cond.)	1	Francis A. Smith	5
Bertram Prewett	2	Herbert Martin	6
Charles George	3	W. H. L. Buckingham	7
William G. Whitehead	4	William T. Oakley	8

The Yorkshire Association

At Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on September 23rd, a peal of **GRAND SIRE CATERS**, 5057 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

William Southwick	1	Thomas Haigh	8
Tom Stockdale	2	William Morrill	7
Thomas F. Earnshaw	3	George Breed	8
Thomas Neill	4	Charles Jackson	8
George T. Marshall	5	John W. Dale	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by Charles Jackson. This is the first peal on the bells. Messrs. Earnshaw, Neill, Haigh, Morrill, and Breed came from York. [* First peal of **CATERS**.]

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—Friday, September 1st, being the first anniversary of the reopening of the new peal of eight bells at the Parish Church, eight members of the Midland Counties Association rang a half-peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 2520 changes. F. Stevens, 1; J. H. Taylor, 2; C. Briggs, 3; F. W. Howe, 4; J. Noble, 5; W. Briggs, 6; H. Briggs (conductor), 7; W. Jones, 8. The total cost of rehanging and augmenting the bells (350*l.*) has been defrayed.

HULL.—At Holy Trinity Church, on September 19th, for practice a quarter-peal of **GRANDSIRE CATERS**. W. Southwick, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; W. T. Verity, 3; J. Highfield, 4; G. T. Marshall, 5; R. Chaffer, 6; J. W. Stickney, 7; G. T. Miller, 8; C. Jackson (conductor), 9; J. W. Dale, 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, September 10th, at St. Matthew's, Bathurst Green, for Divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** in 45 mins. W. J. Williamson, 1; M. A. Wood, 2; J. Bonney, 3; C. Lee, 4; A. Hughes, 5; J. Scholes, 6; H. Alford, 7; G. Dorrington, 8. Rung on the fifty-third anniversary of Mr. W. J. Williamson's birthday.

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The Hertfordshire Association.

DISTRICT MEETING at Bishey, Saturday, October 21st. Farther particulars next week.
 E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

ON September 22nd, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year: *Master*, R. A. Daniell, Esq.; *Secretary*, Mr. A. Jacob; *Treasurer*, Mr. W. Birron, sen.; *Senior Steward*, Mr. Stubbs; *Junior Steward*, Mr. T. Langdon.

The Norwich Diocesan Association at Ipswich.

ON Wednesday, September 27th, the Suffolk capital entertained the Association at the coming-of-age celebration, and the bells of six churches were placed at the disposal of the members. At 12.45 a short service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower Church. The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, vicar of Crowthorne, Berks, in a short address from Ezek. i. 9, 'Then went every one straight forward,' said that, with the exception of one instance, he had heard nothing but TREBLE BOB rung that morning—a method hardly worth ringing, compared with other methods. He urged them to be straightforward in their spiritual life, conduct themselves as servants of the Lord, and to dedicate themselves, body, soul, and spirit, to God. The men joined heartily in the singing. The Rev. Y. A. Barrington presided at the organ.

A luncheon followed at the Co-operative Hall. During conversation, some of the members deprecated the remarks of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge in his address derogatory to the TREBLE BOB method, for, as one veteran remarked, 'Try what method you like, there's nothing like good old TREBLE BOB for music,' a statement which was acquiesced in generally. The usual loyal toasts were honoured, and General Martin (Nayland) gave 'The health of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese, with thanks to the clergy of Ipswich for the use of the bells, and special thanks to the morning's preacher.' The Rev. G. F. Coleridge returned thanks. 'Prosperity to the Association' was proposed by the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer), who said the Association wanted recruits. There were multitudinous rings of bells in the diocese which had no connexion with the Association, and he asked the members to endeavour to alter this state of affairs. He read the annual report, which stated that two new companies had joined the Association during the year. Finances were satisfactory. Ancient prejudices against the ringer and all his works were steadily vanishing, but they did exist here and there, and it was for the ringer to live those prejudices down. Dr. Raven (the president), who was not able to be present through ill-health, was provisionally re-elected. Messrs. C. Vee, J. Motts, W. Catchpole, and the Rev. J. Earle Bulwer were elected delegates to the Central Council. The Association agreed to visit Banham in February and Eye in May. Several new members were elected, after which the church towers were again visited.

Dedication of New Bells at Farnworth.

A DEDICATION service in connexion with the new ring of bells in the belfry of St. John's Church, Farnworth, was held on the afternoon of September 23rd. The following clergy were present: The Revs. H. S. Butler (vicar), H. E. Burgess, H. J. Elsee, R. H. Lyall,

and T. Woodhouse. The order of service was the form arranged for the dedication of church bells, and during its progress the clergy and church officers ascended the belfry to formally accept the bells from the donors on behalf of the church, after which a short peal was rung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. (vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Change-ringers' Association), who took as his text 'Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel' (1 Cor. ix. 16). At the close of the service the 'Hallelujah Chorus' was played, and a quarter-peal was rung by members of the Lancashire Change-ringers' Association. It may be of interest to add that the old bells, a peal of six (which have now been replaced by eight bells), were cast in 1844, and first rung on Candlemas Day, 1845. The new bells have been fixed in the tower belfry in two tiers. The treble weighs 4 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., and tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. The cost of the peal, including the frames and hanging, is about 650l. It is proposed placing a tablet in the church recording the names of the donors of the new bells as well as of the old. The following presented the new peal: Treble, Messrs. W. and A. Morris; second, the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pickford; third, Mr. James Yardley; fourth, William and Rachel Porritt; fifth, the Choir; sixth, Mr. George Coope; seventh, Mr. Joseph Watson; and tenor, Joseph and Jane Leach. Tea was provided for the visiting ringers, who numbered about sixty, from the following places: St. George's, All Souls', Holy Trinity, Bolton, Deane Halliwell, Walkden, Worsley, Pendleton, Preston, Stockport, Eccles, Heywood, &c. After tea the bells were kept going in various touches. The bells and the hanging gave every satisfaction, the work being done by Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Waterloo and St. Margaret's Societies

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 30th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5020 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.
 Harry Barton .. 1 | Frederick G. Perrin .. 6
 William H. Fussell .. 2 | Thomas Langdon .. 7
 William H. Webber .. 3 | Reuben Charge .. 8
 Arthur Hardy .. 4 | George E. Symonds .. 9
 Victor W. West .. 5 | Charles Ward .. 10
 Composed by George E. Symonds, conducted by Harry Barton.

BRINGTON.—At St. John-the-Divine's, on September 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. E. Gibbs, 1; C. F. Winney (conductor), 2; E. P. O'Meara, 3; J. W. Rowbotham, 4; E. Horrex, 5; G. Wild, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; A. E. Davies, 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on October 1st, for evening service (Harvest Festival), 1277 GRANDSIRE CATERS. S. Davey, 1; W. E. Judd (conductor), 2; H. Sear, 3; H. Richardson, 4; A. V. Selby (first quarter-peal of CATERS) 5; G. R. Fardon, 6; A. E. Bradley, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. E. Garrard, 9; J. Judd, 10.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.—On August 20th, 720 BOB MINOR by the following members of the Cleveland and North York Association. W. C. Hardy,* 1; J. H. Pinkney, 2; A. Burrett,* 3; T. Kelly, 4; W. Newton, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. Also on September 20th, 720 BOB MINOR. T. Beckwith,* 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Newton, 3; T. Metcalf,* 4; E. Usher, 5; W. J. Wright, 6. And on September 27th, 720 BOB MINOR. T. Beckwith, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; W. C. Hardy,* 3; T. H. Jones, 4; N. Kidd,* 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. [* First 720.]

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on September 24th, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish,* 4; C. Tyler, 5; H. Markwell, 6; G. Payne (conductor), 7; W. Markwell,* 8. Also on October 1st, for evening service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. Payne, 1; L. Payne (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; C. Tyler, 5; H. Markwell, 6; A. Heasman,* 7; W. Markwell, 8. And another 504: W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; G. Payne, 5; H. Markwell, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. [* First 504.]

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Reviews.

THE ANGLO-CATHOLIC POSITION. By Earl Nelson. (Church Newspaper Company, Limited. Price 2d.)—This important pamphlet consists of a reprint of five 'Home Reunion Notes,' contributed, by the respected author, to CHURCH BELLS during August and September, and deals with the Archbishops' decision on lights and incense. It should be carefully studied by all Church people at the present time.

THIRTY HYMNS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. By the Warden of Glenalmond. (Skeffington & Son. 1s.)—These hymns were composed for the boys of Glenalmond and Uppingham, and are admirably adapted for those on whose behalf they were composed, and deserve a ready sale. We heartily recommend the book to all schoolmasters and pupils.

We have received the first part of the LONDON CHURCH DISTRICTS' DIRECTORY. This part treats of the Archdeaconry of London, and has been compiled by the Rev. F. H. Reichardt, M.A., as a contributor to the London Church Congress. It contains lists of all ecclesiastical parishes in the archdeaconry. The publishers are Messrs. J. Wright & Co., of Beverley.

THE GENTLEWOMAN, in its interesting series of articles on 'Gentlewomen at Home,' gives a brightly written account, well illustrated, of Mrs. Basil Wilburforce, whose active support of her husband in the duties of his arduous parish is graphically described.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on October 16th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John's, Hackney, on October 17th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on October 19th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 20th.

Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on October 20th.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

MEMBERS are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at Warwick Lane on Tuesday, October 17th, after ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, when an important discussion will be raised. The 262nd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, Hughes, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Rowbotham, Sharman, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, Winney, and

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THE 700th Anniversary of the foundation of the Parish Church, Braintree, which was founded by Bishop William de Sancta Maria, A.D. 1199, was held on September 28th, the eve of St. Michael the Archangel, to whom the church was dedicated, and to mark the event two new treble bells, cast by J. Warner & Sons, have been added to the old peal to complete the octave. They bear the following inscriptions:—Treble: 'Set: Michael; Arc: Braintree. To celebrate ye 700th Anniversary of the Foundation of this Church by Bishop William de Sancta Maria, A.D. 1199.' Second: 'St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Braintree. By the loving gift of the people this octave of bells was completed. Dedicated Michaelmas, 1899. J. W. Kenworthy, Vicar, 15th year. H. Pryke, W. F. Pilcher, Churchwardens. C. H. Howard, Ringing Master.' The cost of the bells and hanging them, and the chiming apparatus, was 121l. 4s. 6d., which has been raised by voluntary subscriptions through the exertions of Mr. C. H. Howard.

The day's proceedings commenced by ringing on the back six at 12.30 p.m., and at 3 p.m. the special service for the dedication of the

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bells was held, commencing with the 'Old Hundredth' as a processional hymn. The bells were dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Kenworthy), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, vicar of Writtle and Hon. Sec. of the Essex Association. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, vicar of Totham, and the Rev. E. G. Norris, curate of Writtle, were also present. At 7 p.m. there was choral evensong, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. The offertory (4l. 1s. 1½d.) was for the belfry fund.

Upwards of sixty ringers from the neighbouring parishes, together with the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and the local Company, sat down to tea at the Masonic Hall at 5 p.m. During the day touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES, KENT TREBLE BOB, and DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR were successfully brought round by mixed bands.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on October 3rd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

William H. Barber	.. 1	John R. Sharman	.. 5
Sidney Wade	.. 2	Gabriel Lindoff	.. 6
I. George Shade	.. 3	James Parker	.. 7
William Ward	.. 4	William Pye	.. 8

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[The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of the above Society was held on Saturday, September 23rd, at Kidderminster, members being present from Areley Kings, Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Clent, Dudley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Little Comberton, Netherton, Old Hill, Pershore, Stourbridge, Stoke Prior, Tipton, Wolverley, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Wollaston, and Worcester, to the number of fifty. The bells were started about 3.30, deeply muffled on both sides, several touches being brought round; the muffles were then removed from one side, and full pull-and-stand was rung, and another touch, as a tribute of respect to the late Thomas Walters, who for many years had been connected with the Kidderminster Society and this Association.

The special service approved by the Bishop of Worcester for use by this Association was said in church, and an address was given by the Rev. Sidney Phillips, vicar, who afterwards explained to the members the objects of interest in the church. Tea was kindly provided in the schoolroom, where the business meeting was afterwards held, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, when the question being asked, the Secretary explained why the meeting was held at Kidderminster, instead of at Malvern, or, as an alternative, Areley Kings, according to the minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas J. Salter, seconded by Mr. W. Short, Mr. R. Nicholls, of Bangor, was elected a life member. Mr. John Smith, in the absence of the Rev. W. D. Lowndes, proposed, and Mr. B. S. Hill seconded, that the Revs. H. B. S. Fowler (vicar of Elmley Castle) and Hugh Bennett (rector of Pirton) become performing members. Resolved, on the motion of Mr. T. J. Salter, that the next meeting be held at Selly Oak in 1900. Mr. A. Parsons (Old Hill) and Mr. W. Micklewright (Dudley) were re-elected auditors. Resolved that the appointment of representatives to the Central Council take place at the next meeting. Mr. Hubert Salisbury (Little Comberton) was appointed Instructor to the Pershore Society. Cordial thanks were given to Mr. Harry Mason (Old Hill) for presenting the Association with 300 copies of the form of service to be used at the meeting, fifty copies to be reserved for use by the St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley. On the motion of Mr. A. E. Parsons, seconded by Mr. S. Spittle, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. S. Phillips for his address and for the use of the bells and schoolroom and providing tea, coupling with this part of the resolution the name of Mr. R. E. Grove, which being suitably responded to, the meeting was closed. Touches in various methods were indulged in during the evening.

The Middlesex County Association of Change-ringers.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this Association was held at Hillingdon on September 23rd, about sixty ringers being present. From three to five o'clock, there was ringing at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, and St. John's, Hillingdon East, including short touches of STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, DOUBLE NORWICH BOB MAJOR, and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. At 6.15 choral evensong was held at St. Andrew's, when the Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, the President of the Association, gave an address. After tea in the schoolroom, the officers were chosen for

the year. Mr. King (hon. sec.) presented his report, which showed that during the year eighty new members had joined, bringing up the total to 420. Thirty-two peals had been rung since the last annual meeting, as follows:—BOB MINOR, 1; BOB TRIPLES, 1; OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 1; GRANDSIRE, 8; STEDMAN, 7; BOB MAJOR, 6; DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 1; SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 3; CAMBRIDGE, 1; STEDMAN CATERS, 2; and KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 1. They were conducted by—Mr. Wade, 8; Messrs. A. W. Brighton, W. Pye, 4 each; Messrs. J. Basden and J. R. Sharman, 3 each; Mr. J. Parker, 2; Messrs. J. J. Pratt, J. Pettit, C. H. Martin, W. P. Abraham, W. B. Manning, H. A. Chandler, George B. Lucas, and E. E. Huntley, 1 each. In addition to the above peals, twenty-six quarter-peals had been rung, mostly of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, viz., 3 at Tottenham, 9 at Southgate (including 2 of BOB MAJOR), 4 at Isleworth (including one of OXFORD BOB and one of STEDMAN TRIPLES), 1 at Denham, 4 at Edmonton (including one of STEDMAN TRIPLES), 1 at Hunsdon, 2 at Barnet (including one of STEDMAN TRIPLES), 1 at Hillingdon East, and 1 at Hillingdon West; also at Hendon, the first 720 of HENDON BOB, composed by Mr. C. H. Martin. The finances of the central fund will require some attention. There was an apparent balance on last year's account of 5*l.* 17*s.*; but against this there had to be set the cost of entering the remaining peals and the cost of the reports for 1898. These two items, amounting together to 9*l.* 8*s.*, really create a deficiency of 3*l.* 11*s.* on the working of the first year. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. King) has cheerfully undertaken to meet the deficiency on the first year, but he thinks it would be well to set the finances of the Association in a proper position, and the Committee cordially agree with him. The expenditure of the past year has been very moderate, and may be taken as the measure of what must be met for future years. About 2*l.* 10*s.* a year is what is now required, taking into account the increase of membership, to secure an equilibrium, and it ought not to be difficult to raise this sum. The report concluded: 'Let us be true to ourselves, loyal to one another and to the Church, and as we endeavour to keep in mind the aim of our special vocation, let the time-honoured bell-inscription help us with its simple eloquence—*Non clamor, sed amor cantat in aure Dei*—"In God's ear not rivalry soundeth sweet, but charity."

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Andrew's, Steyning, on October 3rd, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

John Smart	1	W. W. Gifford	5
Edwin Rapley	2	N. J. Pitstow	6
James Matthews	3	Geo. Williams (conductor)	7
Keith Hart	4	George Gatland	8

AT St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on October 4th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

W. W. Gifford	1	George A. King	5
Keith Hart	2	Edward C. Merritt	6
Robert J. Dawe	3	N. J. Pitstow	7
Frank Bennett	4	George Williams	8

Composed by Frank Bennett, and conducted by George Williams. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the composition now rung for the first time.

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W. W. Gifford	1	Keith Hart	5
Robert J. Dawe	2	James N. Frossell	6
Frank Bennett	3	N. J. Pitstow	7
George A. King	4	George Williams	8

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on October 30th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on October 31st; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on November 2nd; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 3rd.

Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on November 3rd.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 1st.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 2nd.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on November 2nd.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on November 3rd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

MEMBERS are earnestly requested to attend the meeting at Warwick Lane on Tuesday, October 31st, after ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, when an important discussion affecting Rule XIV. will be raised. The 262nd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, Hughes, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Rowbotham, Sharman, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, Winney, and WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association took place at Preston on September 30th, when there was a large attendance. By kind permission of the authorities, the towers of Preston Parish Church, St. Mark's Church, and Walton and Penwortham Churches were open for ringing. The proceedings commenced with service in the Parish Church, at which the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Rawdon. The meeting was held in the Church schools. This was preceded by a tea, at which many sat down. Over the after-proceedings the Rev. H. J. Elsee, of Bolton, presided, supported by Canon Rawdon. Representatives were present from Manchester, Bacup, Rochdale, Bury, Bolton, Blackburn, Newchurch, Waterfoot, Worsley, Eccles, Prestwich, Reddish, Walkden, Burnley, Chipping, Heywood, Ashton-under-Lyne, Church, Pendlebury, Rawtenstall, and Southport.

The Chairman, in his presidential address, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a representative gathering. He proceeded to read the report of the Committee of the Association, which stated that the number of (For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 1040.)

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RECENT INTERVIEW (No. 210)

By MR. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER

With WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Great Wigston, Leicestershire, with reference to the case of his son, March, 1899.

(This case was published in the Weekly Journals, March 7th, 1899).

PERMANENT CURE.

Thomas Franklin who, like his father, is now a postman at Great Wigston, was recommended to apply to Mr. Congreve by Mr. Thomas Frith, a school-master, at that time residing at Oadby Road, Great Wigston, but now of Coalville. The patient had been pronounced to be in the last stage of Consumption. The best medical aid had been obtained, but the case was reported to be hopeless, and it was supposed the patient could not live many hours. 'Friends watched me anxiously, expecting every night that I should not see the morning.' This was the condition of things when Mr. Congreve was applied to, but after days of anxious waiting signs of improvement were shown, and as a result of a regular perseverance with the medicine the patient steadily progressed, and gained strength.

In January, 1899, Mr. Franklin wrote thanking Mr. Congreve for 'the wonderful cure your medicine has accomplished. I never felt better in my life.' Mr. Frith also added his testimony, saying, 'A worse case I never knew.'

And in March, 1899, over ten years after, I had a short chat with Mr. William Franklin, the patient's father, who told me:

'My son, like myself, is a postman. I have seen the account which was published some years ago of his illness and recovery. It is quite correct. From the time he was cured in 1888 he has never had a relapse. He is now quite well, and able to do his work.'

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members was 921. This included 62 honorary life members, 30 honorary members, 53 life performing members, 723 performing members, and 53 non-resident members. The membership was distributed as follows:—Manchester, 151; Rossendale, 113; Liverpool, 112; Bolton, 94; Blackburn, 92; Preston, 83; Rochdale, 72; and the Fylde, 59. The Treasurer's statement showed that the income was 74*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*, and the expenditure 61*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.*. These figures included income and expenditure on the Redford Memorial Fund. The total amount of money belonging to the Association at present was 77*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, and the year's working showed a net gain of 2*l.* 1*s.* 7½*d.*. The list of peals rung during the year was a gratifying one as to quality, but in quantity did not approach that of last year.

The officers were elected as follows:—President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee; Vice-President, Mr. J. Eachus; Ringing Secretary, Mr. J. Shepherd. Committee: Manchester Branch, Mr. H. Chapman; Rossendale, Mr. E. B. Shaw; Liverpool, Mr. J. Aspinwall; Rochdale, Mr. J. Jacques. Central Council representatives: The Rev. H. J. Elsee, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Mr. J. Eachus, and Mr. R. Ridyard. Auditors, Messrs. J. H. Haydock and R. Leach. Oldham was selected for the next annual meeting.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

A QUARTERLY MEETING in connexion with this Society was held on Saturday, September 30th, at Walsall, when members were present from West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Tipton, Handsworth, Tettenhall, Rushall, Penn, Lichfield, &c. At the Parish Church some touches in the GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN methods were brought round. A short service was held in St. Matthew's Church at 5 p.m., and was well attended by the members, the Vicar giving the address. A Committee Meeting was afterward held in the vestry, the President (Archdeacon Hodgson) in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, several new members were elected. It was resolved that Mr. S. Reeves, of West Bromwich, and Mr. R. Cartwright, of Wombourn, represent the Society at the next Central Council in London. It was also resolved that Mr. D. Chapman, of Rushall, be no longer a member of the Society. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the President for presiding, and also to the Vicar of St. Matthew's for giving the address and for the use of the bells. The next meeting will be held at Rushall early in January, 1900. Tea in the schoolroom followed, the members then dispersing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex Association.

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, on October 7th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

George Williams	1	John S. Goldsmith	5
Henry Dains	2	James N. Frossell	6
Frank Bennett	3	William W. Gifford	7
George A. King	4	Keith Hart	8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by Keith Hart.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on October 9th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Isaac Emery	1	George J. Taylor	5
Thomas Groombridge ..	2	Walter Ingham	6
Richard Hims	3	George Durling	7
Joseph Craft	4	Walter J. Smith	8

Composed by Henry J. Tucker, conducted by George Durling. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Groombridge.

Also at St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, on October 9th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

William J. Aldridge ..	1	Staff-Sergeant A. Pye* ..	5
John H. Cheesman ..	2	Alfred W. Brighton ..	6
George R. Pye	3	Harry Flanders	7
Isaac G. Shade	4	William Pye	8

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PORTSEA.—On September 3rd, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild:—E. C. Newman (conductor), 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; E. Reynolds (Portsmouth), 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; J. Gould, 7; A. D. Stone, 8. On September 10th, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. J. Hewett, of Gosport, who was buried at St. Anne's Cemetery the previous day, 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. P. M. Harman, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. C. Newman, 6; A. D. Stone, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On October 1st, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Harper, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. J. Symons, 3; C. Groves, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; A. D. Stone, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Rung as a compliment to Albert D. Stone, who has removed to Brighton. On October 3rd, for practice, 252 STEDMAN TRIPLES. F. S. Bayley, 1; J. Harper, 2; P. M. Harman, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; A. C. Collins, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. And 252 STEDMAN TRIPLES as follows:—F. S. Bayley, 1; J. Harper, 2; P. M. Harman, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; E. C. Newman, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; J. Harris (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. Also on October 8th, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Groves, 1; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 2; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 3; J. J. Symons, 4; E. C. Newman, 5; J. Harper, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

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- The Royal Cumberland Youths*: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (November 3rd).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on November 6th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 8th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John's, Hackney, on November 7th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on November 8th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 10th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on November 4th, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on November 8th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on November 9th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on November 10th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING was held at Bushey on October 21st, when about thirty members were present from St. Albans, Ware, Braintree, Oxhey, Bushey, and London. At 5.30 tea was served in the Parish Room, and was followed by the usual business meeting. The Rector, the Rev. Montagu Hall, kindly presided, and was supported by Mr. J. Field, churchwarden. The Rector, replying to a vote of thanks, expressed his pleasure at meeting the members, who were fulfilling an important branch of Church work. He had to thank his own band of ringers for ringing the peal on the occasion of his wedding, and for the illuminated record they presented to him. In the evening the towers of Bushey and Oxhey were visited.

The Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE fourth quarterly meeting of the year was held at Reigate on October 14th. Soon after three o'clock the bells of St. Mary Magdalene's were raised, and were rung from time to time to the tune of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN CATERS, Mr. F. T. Hoad, sen., conducting the first 500 of the latter on the bells.

At the business meeting, the Rev. C. G. Lynn Fryer presided. There was an attendance of sixty-four, including Messrs. Saker, Waghorn, and Pickworth, who were welcomed as visitors. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. It was reported that peals had been rung as follows:—

April 15th, at Mitcham, STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. S. Smith, conductor.

May 24th, at Redhill, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Reeves.

September 18th, at Croydon (St. Peter's), GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. C. R. Lilley.

September 23rd, at Reigate, GRANDSIRE CATERS. F. T. Hoad, sen.

September 30th, at Ashted, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Wyatt.

September 30th, at Mitcham, STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. S. Smith.

October 4th, at Merstham, peal of DOUBLES. H. Reeves.

It was resolved that the same be recorded. The election of William Stanford, Albert Ellis, George Wickens, T. Beadle, and F. Goddard was ratified. Mr. Thomas Ades (Leatherhead) was elected a performing member, and Mr. S. F. C. Saker was elected a life performing member.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. G. L. Fryer for presiding, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, brought the business to a close.

The Bedfordshire Association.

THE adjourned summer meeting of this Association was held at Harrold on the 30th ult., and was well attended, members from Bedford, Copal, Odell, and the local company (about twenty-three) sitting down to tea. The business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. Churchwarden Manton. Several new members from Harrold and the adjoining village of Odell were elected. Mr. Clarke proposed that the next meeting be held at Turvey on the first Saturday in the new

year. The ringing during the afternoon comprised: 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR.—J. Hills, 1; F. Webb, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. Low, 4; C. Chasty, 5; A. Robinson, 6. 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR.—J. Church, 1; A. Robinson, 2; S. Low, 3; F. Webb, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Barker, 6. Also some 120's of STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE, and BOB DOUBLES, in which some of the local ringers took part.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

THE October meeting of this Association was held at Guisborough and Skelton on Saturday, the 7th ult., when upwards of forty members were in attendance from Darlington, Middlesbrough, Guisborough, Stokesley, Stockton-on-Tees, Thirsk, Thornaby, and Whitby. Several peals and touches were rung on the Guisborough bells (tenor, 9 cwt.), and at Skelton-in-Cleveland (tenor, 23 cwt.). Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which eighteen new members were elected, including the Skelton ringers, the Rector of Skelton, and Mr. A. J. Walker, donor of the Felixkirk bells, after which a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. F. H. Morgan (Guisborough), and the Rev. R. J. Ellis (Skelton), for the use of the bells. Mr. T. Wrightson, M.P., donor of the Thornaby bells, has expressed his intention of joining the Association. The February meeting will be held at Whitby, and the annual meeting on Whit Monday of next year at Middlesbrough, Thornaby, and Stockton.

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The Sussex County Association (Eastern Division).

A MOST successful meeting of the above Association was held on September 30th at Mayfield, when a goodly number attended from Brighton, Eastbourne, Hastings, Lewes, and Hailsham. After tea (the Rev. J. H. R. Kirby presiding) the usual business meeting was held, and the members of the Mayfield Society were made members of the Association, and John Easton, of Eastbourne, was also elected.

The formal business being ended, the Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the hearty welcome he had accorded the Association upon their first visit to Mayfield, and during the course of his remarks stated that he was very pleased to find the local band had made such a good start in change-ringing. He was sorry to find that the 'go' of the 4th and tenor was not quite what it should be, and he hoped they would be able to improve this.

The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to welcome the Association to his church. With reference to the bells, he was sorry they were not quite satisfactory, as he had taken a great deal of trouble to have them so. They had spent about 220*l.* in restoring the bells, and he hoped in time to be able to add two more.

The bells are a heavy ring of six, the weight of the tenor being given as approximately 20 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Mary's, Harrow, on October 14th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

Francis Hedges* ..	1	George R. Fardon ..	5
William E. Moss ..	2	William Fox ..	6
Albert V. Selby ..	3	W. E. Garrard (condr.) ..	7
Sidney H. Godfrey ..	4	Valentine Sear* ..	8

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. F. W. Joyce for permission to ring his bells; also for the interest he took in the peal, and his kind words to the band at its conclusion. [* First peal.]

At St. David's, Bangor, on October 28th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5988 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

William Crane† ..	1	James H. Midwinter ..	5
Samuel Taylor ..	2	Robert Watson* ..	6
Rev. T. Lewis Jones ..	3	Richard Nichols ..	7
William H. Barber ..	4	Thomas G. Miller ..	8

Composed by Frank Bennett and conducted by William Barber. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving Bangor for Birmingham. [* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks, on October 14th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

William H. Fussell ..	1	John C. Truss ..	5
George Martin ..	2	Thomas H. Taffender ..	6
Harry Barton* ..	3	George E. Symonds* ..	7
Frederick Richardson* ..	4	John Evans ..	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, conducted by George E. Symonds [* First peal in the method.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on October 23rd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

George F. Attree ..	1	George A. King ..	5
George Baker ..	2	Edward C. Merritt ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	George Smart ..	7
Robert J. Dawe ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by G. Williams. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lieutenant W. Hannah, 1st Leicester Regiment (son of the Vicar of Brighton), who was killed in South Africa, October 21st, 1899.

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The Waterloo Society.

At St. John-the-Divine's, Kennington, on October 21st, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 3056 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George W. Wild ..	1	William H. Webber ..	5
William H. Fussell ..	2	Thomas Langdon* ..	6
Arthur Hardy ..	3	Cornelius Charge ..	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	4	George E. Symonds ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by George E. Symonds. [* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells.]

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on October 25th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

F. W. Wade ..	1	Frederick Musty ..	5
G. H. Phillott ..	2	Thomas Pendry ..	6
William Dyer ..	3	Francis E. Ward (condr.) ..	7
William T. Pates ..	4	J. F. Ballinger ..	8

ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST, LONDON.—On September 26th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes (from Holt's Original), in 49 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt. W. Truss, 1; H. Alford, 2; E. Wallage, 3; J. Scholes, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrell, 8.

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Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on November 17th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 15th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 16th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on November 16th.
The St. Alfège's Society: at St. Alfège's, Greenwich, on November 17th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 262nd Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, to-morrow (Saturday, November 11th), at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each), may be bought of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham Cockerill, E. A. Davies, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, Hughes, Newton, O'Meara, Pettit, Prime, Rowbotham, Sharman, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, and Winney. The tower of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be open to members and friends at 4 o'clock.—As there will be no ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on November 14th, it has been decided to commence the business meeting that evening at 9 o'clock. The chief item on the agenda will be the election of officers, and it is hoped that all members who can possibly do so will attend.

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The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY meeting in connexion with this Association was held at Midsomer Norton on October 28th. Twenty ringers attended, the places represented being Bath (five towers), Bristol, Frome, Buckland Dinham, Twerton-on-Avon, Marston Biggott, Midsomer Norton, Minehead, and Old Cleve. At 3.30 p.m. there was a short service in the Parish Church at Midsomer Norton, the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Newling) officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. C. Taylor, curate. The latter delivered an appropriate address, based on Ps. xc. 17. After service, the members adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where they partook of tea. The usual business meeting followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and eight new members from St. Decuman's (Watchet), Midsomer Norton, and Marston Biggott were proposed and duly elected. It was decided that the place of the next quarterly meeting should be left in the hands of the Master and Hon. Secretary. Hearty votes of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the church and bells, the Rev. A. C. Taylor for his address, and Mr. Hayward for the local arrangements. Each suitably replied, and the members then adjourned to the church tower, where touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and MAJOR, BOB MAJOR and MINOR, and a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were brought round.

Ringers' Meeting for the Deanery of Ottery St. Mary.

'AN Old Ringer' writes in the *Devon Weekly Times*, of November 3rd:—'I received a courteous invitation to attend a gathering of ringers in the different parishes comprised in the Deanery of Ottery; and I went. The headquarters were to be at Feniton, but the bells of Ottery, Payhembury, and Talaton were also placed at the disposal of visitors. Feniton, indeed! I didn't see any *fens*, but a picturesque village nestled among the hills and dells. . . . Soon after two o'clock the home team rung peals to welcome the visitors; and as various clergymen and their ringers arrived, it was evident they came to enjoy themselves; to hear each other ring, and to offer and receive friendly criticisms. The ring of six at Feniton is considered a light peal, the tenor being about 10 cwt.

in G; but small bells, like many other small things, do not admit of being treated as trifles; quicker revolution and quicker reply often put an unwary ringer about. . . .

'The treble bell at Feniton was cast in 1835 by Warner, and was added in memory of the Rev. W. F. Gore, sometime a resident at Feniton Court, an ardent ringer and a munificent contributor to the fund for the restoration of the church. The other five bells were cast A.D. 1707, in the reign of Queen Ann, from three heavier bells previously in the tower, by Thomas Wroth, a bell-founder of Exeter, who also cast about sixty other bells, chiefly in the east of this county.

'Among the clergy present were the Revs. M. Kelly, Ottery; Dr. Hart, Feniton; F. Molineux, Harford; R. Jenkins, Talaton; G. T. M. Messiter Terry, Payhembury; F. Knight, Ottery; E. H. Hay, Plymtree; and C. L. James, Broadhembury.

'A capital tea was served in the Schoolroom, after which the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the President, suitably addressed the ringers, and proposed hearty votes of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Hart for welcoming the ringers, to the ladies for kindly providing the tea; to Mr. Randall Johnson for kindly throwing open the grounds of Feniton Court to the visitors; to Mr. George Toogood, churchwarden, for genial assistance, and to the Rev. F. Molineux, the hon. sec., for so ably organizing the day's gathering. In the evening a service was held in the Church, and an address delivered by the Rector from St. Luke, xix. 46.'

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 1080.)

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(This case has not been published before.)

Quite by accident, in the course of ordinary conversation, a tradesman in Congleton told me, one day last March, that a gentleman living outside the town, had had considerable experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment, and often recommended it to sufferers with affections of the lungs. Enquiries resulted in my seeking out Mr. Mounsdon, from whom I received the following testimony.

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The Bells of Eridgewater.

THE Bishop of Bath and Wells visited Bridgwater recently for the purpose of dedicating the bells of St. Mary's Church after renovation and rehangings. The thoroughness with which the task has been completed is very apparent to any one who mounts the winding stairs and sees the peal as it now hangs, supported on cast-iron standards resting on massive wrought-steel girders, and braced together with a framing of angle steel. Fortunately, the old beams were removed before their decaying condition led to a serious accident, and the bells are now safely housed and admirably hung. When the bells were taken down, they were sent to the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, the eminent firm of bell-founders to whom the recasting of the tenor bell was intrusted thirty years ago. Here they were carefully examined, and as the treble was found to be a bad one, and the fifth was cracked, these two were recast. All the bells were cleaned with sand-blast, and fitted with new clappers and new hollow-cast headstocks of a special pattern peculiar to this firm, pivoted on mild steel gudgeons. The stays are of an improved pattern, in which what is known as the 'Hastings tongue' replaces the old-fashioned wooden slider. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Taylor, and the whole of the subscriptions have been obtained by the energy of Mr. Geoffrey Leigh, of Bridgwater. It is interesting to add that a presentation has been made by the townspeople to Mr. Leigh in recognition of indefatigable services rendered in collecting the amount (£300) required for the work. The presentation, which took the form of a handsome oak chair, was made at a meeting presided over by Mr. Good, the mayor of Bridgwater.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

AT St. Mary's, Rusper, Sussex, on October 29th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Charles Taylor	1	George T. Hoad	5
John Akehurst	2	Albert Ellis	6
George Thompson	3	James Worsfold	7
Francis T. Hood, jun. ..	4	Frederick Wickens	8

Composed by Thomas Day, conducted by Frederick Wickens.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on November 4th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks' Variation), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins.

George Williams (condr.)	1	Alfred W. Grooves ..	5
John Paice*	2	Reuben Standing* ..	6
Frank Bennett	3	Edmund Lindup* ..	7
George Norris*	4	Alfred Tulett*	8

The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th belong to the local band. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

LEIGH, ESSEX.—On September 30th, at the Parish Church, Penning's 720 BOB MINOR (46 calls). W. Hills, 1; S. Bingham, 2; I. Dear, 3; J. Dale, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; W. H. Judd, 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On October 8th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1280 changes, in 50 mins. A. Hardy, 1; E. Fenn, 2; G. W. Faulkner, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; A. J. Carter, 5; E. Andrews, 6; R. Fenn, 7; C. Fenn, 8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On October 10th, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, by members of the Cleveland and North York Association. R. Alcock, 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 4; J. Waller, 5; T. W. Waller, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; W. Newton, 8. And on October 24th, 1040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. C. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. J. Titchener, 2; R. Alcock, 3; W. Newton, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; R. H. Fenwick, 6; F. P. Howcroft, 7; J. H. Blakiston, 8; T. Metcalf, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

BATH.—At St. Michael's Church, on October 10th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. W. Simmonds, 1; W. J. Prescott, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; J. D. Mathews, 4; J. Fussell, 5; J. Taylor, 6; C. W. Bell (conductor), 7; C. Cambridge, 8. First on the bells for over twenty-five years.

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WHITECHAPEL, LONDON.—On Wednesday, October 11th, at St. Mary Matfelon, the last 742 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original), by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. T. Bernardin, 1; W. Truss, 2; H. Alford, 3; J. Scholes, 4; E. Wallage, 5; E. Hall, 6; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 7; G. Barrell, 8. Also on Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 48 mins. T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1; H. Springhall, 2; J. Scholes, 3; W. Truss, 4; H. Torble, 5; E. Wallage, 6; H. Alford, 7; G. Barrell, 8.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.—On October 11th, the course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR. T. Beckwith,* 1; W. C. Hardy,* 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; R. Alcock, 4; W. Newton, 5; T. Metcalf, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; N. Kidd,* 8. And on October 14th, 1088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. R. Alcock, 1; W. Newton, 2; T. Metcalf, 3; T. Burdon, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; T. W. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; T. Stephenson, 8. Rung to afford the donors of the bells (Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson, of Neasham Hall), their first opportunity of hearing them. [* Members of the Thornaby band and first attempt beyond MINOR.]

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, on October 14th, 720 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR. J. Daar, 1; W. Miller, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Moule, 5; J. Dale (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On October 29th, at the Parish Church, 840 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives,* 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish,* 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; H. Markwell, 6; G. Payne, 7; W. Markwell,* 8. [* First 840.]

SOUTHWARK.—The contract for the rehangings of the bells of St. George's Church, Borough High Street, has been signed, and the work, which will cost 130L, has been taken in hand. The Bishop of Southwark has consented to rededicate the bells at the evening service on November 26th.

BADWELL ASH, SUFFOLK.—The five bells in this tower are now undergoing restoration. The tenor, about 13 cwt. (a black-letter from the Norwich foundry), has long been cracked, and is now in the founders' hands.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.—At a recent parish meeting the question of the dilapidated condition of these bells was under consideration, the fifth and tenor having been broken for several years. It was announced that Mr. Martineau would undertake the entire cost of the restoration, which offer was gratefully accepted. The tenor is about 14 cwt. Badwell Ash and Walsham-le-Willocks are adjoining parishes in the diocese of Ely.

AYLESBURY.—On September 28th, the ringers of St. Mary's Church rang a merry peal, under the leadership of Mr. G. Stranks, in honour of the eightieth birthday of Mr. Rickard Lovegrove, who has been a ringer for about forty-five years. Mr. Lovegrove during the whole period has enjoyed fairly good health, and attended regularly to the duties of his office, ringing for many years under the leadership of Mr. J. Simpson, and also of Mr. H. Hitchcock. He has lived to be the only ringer remaining of those who were associated with him when he entered upon his duties. He has won the esteem of all his brother Church officials. The ringers also gave Mr. Lovegrove a present, on the receipt of which he was much affected.

DEATH OF AN OLD CURFEW-RINGER.—Newport, Isle of Wight, has lost by death its old curfew-ringer, Edwin Snow, and the observance of the old Norman custom of the curfew now comes to an end there. Mr. Snow was seventy-four years of age, and for upwards of half a century he rang the curfew, and also the early morning bell, at six in summer and seven in winter, with such regularity and punctuality that the local people are reported to have set their timepieces by the first notes struck on the bells. In 1892 Mr. Snow, on the completion of his jubilee as a ringer, received a testimonial consisting of a purse of gold and an illuminated address. His funeral was of a public character, the churchwardens of St. Thomas's Church carrying their official wands. The curfew-bell was rung at the parish church, where the remains of Princess Elizabeth, daughter of Charles I., lie buried.

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ends either with an invocation or a prayer.' Upon these original lines of thought Dr. Matheson conducts us in a masterly fashion through the many scenes and incidents of the earthly life and work of Jesus. Simplicity with deep reverence are prevalent throughout his studies, for studies they really are, and so are helpful to the general reader, as well as student or teacher searching for new light on this great subject. From the opening sentences, 'In the gallery of human souls there is one pre-eminent figure; it has been the study of all artists, of all thinkers,' where the author displays the portrait of Jesus in comparison with those of Confucius, Buddha, Zoroaster, and Epictetus, all along the line he entrances us with his pure thoughts and reverential tone. He uses the argument of gentle persuasion through love, which must tell far more than the blustering winds of controversy, and as we read we are convinced by his earnestness and strict walking in the truth. Among many gems of original thought we have culled the following as a few specimen passages to show the deep religious tone of this book. When describing the portrait of Jesus, he writes: 'It wants, not the annotist, but the spectator. It wants the eye of the child, the eye that has no yesterday, no preconception, no image of the past to read into the picture.' Or again: 'Son of Man, before Whose portrait I stand to-day, Thou art still unique, alone; Thou art never so unique, Thou art never so alone, as where others touch Thee.' In Chapter IV., 'How was Jesus to realise His Mission?' he adds, 'And now, as Jesus stands upon the threshold of His mission, let us stand beside Him. Let us try to look at the scene with His eyes, to see it as it floated before Him in the old world. Three possible roads are before Him—the Democratic Way, the Imperial Way, and the Ecclesiastical Way.' And once more: 'The mission of Jesus, then, began with an aspiration, a yearning to be the Holy One of God. . . . Upon the subject of *Prayer* Jesus lingers longest. No wonder! The root of a man is not his deed, but his wish.' In this way the book speaks for itself. Dr. Matheson possesses a rare gift of portraiture, and we sincerely hope he may be induced to 'pursue the narrative to its close' by the suggestion of a second volume.

THE COUNTER-REFORMATION IN EUROPE. By Canon Pennington. (Elliot Stock).—The author's object, as set forth in the preface, is to 'give in a popular form a history of the Counter-Reformation from about 1558 to the Peace of Westphalia in 1648.' He shows that the Jesuits, who were stated by Lord Macaulay to have rendered important assistance to the Papacy, in reality played only a subordinate part in the great drama. He also affirms—and we are inclined to think that few historians will question his conclusions—that the destruction of the Spanish Armada was the means of saving Europe from subjection to Rome. Canon Pennington has made careful researches into the literature on the subject, and has marshalled his facts clearly and forcibly, and the result of his labours is a book which gives very valuable information concerning a memorable and important epoch in the religious history of Europe.

THE ANDREW MURRAY YEAR-BOOK, compiled by Mr. J. Shepper-son (Nisbet & Co. 2s. 6d.), needs but little commendation to our readers, who already may know the many books upon religious and doctrinal thought by this gifted author. This book is beautifully bound in white and silver, and there is an excellent frontispiece portrait of the Rev. Andrew Murray, with a brief sketch of his life and work, which, it is of some interest to know at this present time, has been spent chiefly among the Boers in Africa, 'the present two Republics of the Transvaal and the Free State being his parish.' The passages are well selected, and they are 365 in number, to suit the days of the year. Any person seeking a presentation book upon Evangelical lines will do well to obtain this dainty volume.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM. By the Rev. Alfred E. Lait. (London: E. Nisbet. 6d., post free).—This is an interesting and well-told story of childhood and early manhood. 'Little Georgie,' is born 'amidst squalor and degradation' in Walworth. Georgie is lovingly influenced by a Sunday-school teacher, and grows up to be a true Christian.

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The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (November 17th).

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on November 20th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 22nd.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John's, Hackney, on November 21st; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on November 22nd; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 24th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on November 18th, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on November 22nd.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on November 23rd.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on November 24th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 1104.)

A STRAWBERRY PICNIC.

The *Morning Leader*, July 13th, 1898, says:—'Messrs. S. Chivers & Sons, the well-known jam and jelly manufacturers, understand the art of entertainment no less than the art of jam-making. On Tuesday they invited a number of Pressmen to a picnic at their farm at Histon, Cambridge. The wondering pickers were delighted with the sight of two-score top-hatted visitors bending their backs to the willing task of finding large strawberries. It is just twenty-five years since Messrs. Chivers started jam-making. They now have a thousand acres of land under cultivation, and employ, when busy, eight hundred hands. The jam factory is within the circle of the fruit fields, and the fruit can therefore be handled without delay.'

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 262nd anniversary was celebrated on Saturday, November 11th. The bells of Christ Church, Southgate; St. Stephen's, Westminster; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, were at the disposal of members and friends. At the former, the Ipswich band, with the assistance of Messrs. Pye and O'Meara, secured a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH; at St. Stephen's a peal of LONDON SURPRISE was attempted by the Caversham band, but was unfortunately lost; and at St. Michael's, touches of TRIPLES, CATERs, and CINQUES were rung by mixed bands between four and six o'clock.

The dinner, presided over by the Master of the Society, Mr. H. R. Newton, was held at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge; the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, Miss Macalpine Leny, and Colonel MacKinnon supporting the Master, while members attended from King's Norton, Loughborough, Lichfield, Rugby, Ipswich, Caversham, and other districts, and Barking (Essex) was well represented by the Rector, churchwardens, members of the choir, and most of the ringers from St. Margaret's. In all, 138 were present at the dinner.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Wace, the Rev. T. R. Hine-Haycock, the Rev. Montague Fowler, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., and Mr. J. George, all of whom sent kind wishes for a successful gathering. The toasts honoured were (1) 'The Church, Queen, and Royal Family'; (2) 'The Ancient Society of College Youths'; (3) 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies'; (4) 'The Press.' The first two were proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by the Ven. the Archdeacon of London and the Hon. Secretary respectively. No. 3 was proposed by the Vice-Chairman (Mr. F. E. Dawe), and responded to by Mr. R. A. Daniell, master of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of King's Norton. No. 4 was proposed by Mr. W. D. Smith, and responded to by Mr. Taylor, of Barking.

Handbell-ringing and songs were the other items of a very successful programme; Messrs. D. S. Prime, Anderson Baillie, W. H. Judd, E. Prime, Eric Dane, F. Horrex, A. Deards Mason, and J. Pryer each contributed songs, which were highly appreciated, and Mr. George Winney very ably presided at the pianoforte.

At a meeting held on November 14th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. E. P. O'Meara. Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill. Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit. Senior Steward, Mr. J. R. Sharman. Junior Steward, Mr. W. H. Pasmore. Trustees, Messrs. W. Prime and C. F. Winney.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on November 11th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Stephen Cook ..	1	William Pye ..	5
William Motts ..	2	James Motts ..	6
William L. Catchpole ..	3	Edward P. O'Meara ..	7
Albert E. Durrant ..	4	Robert H. Brundle ..	8

Composed by William Shipway, conducted by James Motts.

The Kent County Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Headcorn, Kent, on November 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Charles Wilkins ..	1	Thomas Groombridge ..	5
John H. Cheesman* ..	2	George R. Pye ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
William Pye ..	4	John R. Sharman ..	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, conducted by John R. Sharman. [* 100th peal.]

Also on November 5th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Thomas Groombridge ..	1	John R. Sharman ..	5
George R. Pye ..	2	Charles Wilkins ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
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The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Mary Abbot's Guild.

At St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on November 7th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERs, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 33 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

William E. Golby* ..	1	Arthur E. Bradley ..	6
William E. Judd ..	2	Archibald F. Harris ..	7
Henry G. Miles* ..	3	William Fox ..	8
Albert V. Selby ..	4	William E. Garrard ..	9
Sidney H. Godfrey ..	5	Harry Sear ..	10

Composed by James George, conducted by William E. Garrard. First peal of CATERs by all except the conductor, and first peal ever rung at St. Mary Abbot's by a local band. [* First peal.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Upper Beeding, on November 11th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

John Smart ..	1	Robert J. Dawe ..	6
John S. Goldsmith ..	2	Charles Smart ..	6
John J. Jones* ..	3	George Galland ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed and conducted by George Williams. [* First peal in the method.]

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- The Ancient Society of College Youths:* at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on November 28th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on November 30th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 1st.
- Royal Cumberland Society:* at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on December 1st.
- The Waterloo Society:* at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 29th.
- The St. Margaret's Society:* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 30th.
- The St. John's Society:* at St. John's, Wilton Road, on November 30th.
- The St. Alfege's Society:* at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on December 1st, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

A QUARTERLY meeting was held at Weybridge on Saturday, November 18th, only sixteen members being present, from York Town, Hawley, Fareham, Basingstoke, Bournemouth, Hursley, and Guildford. The Hon. Sec. (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) presided in the absence of the Master, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and passed. The question of a suitable memorial to the late Mr. James Hewett, of Gosport, was brought forward, and it was decided that the Committee be empowered to place the matter on a proper basis, and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Cumberland Society, inviting that body to co-operate in the matter with the Diocesan Guild. Touches of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, were rung at the parish church, by kind permission of the Rev. W. B. Money, vicar.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, on November 18th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Samuel Hayes 1	Henry Torble 5
Edward Wallage 2	John M. Hayes 6
William Truss 3	Henry Springall 7
James Scholes 4	Emanuel Hall 8

Composed by Tom Lockwood, conducted by Henry Springall.

The Waterloo and St. Margaret's Societies.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 18th, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

Herbert Langdon 1	Frederick G. Perrin 6
Harry Barton 2	Frederick Richardson 7
William H. Fussell 3	Walter C. Hasted 8
Arthur Hardy 4	William E. Garrard 9
William R. Crookford 5	George E. Symonds 10

Composed by Henry Tucker, conducted by George E. Symonds.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on November 18th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERPS, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 34 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

James Pettit 1	Ernest E. Huntley 6
George J. Smith 2	Charles H. Martin 7
Matthew A. Wood 3	Ebenezer Andrews 8
Walter H. L. Buckingham 4	John R. Sharman 9
Albert Coles 5	Arthur T. King 10

Composed by the late Mr. John Nelms, conducted by James Pettit.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Giles's, Reading, on November 14th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Charles Giles 1	Henry Tucker (50th peal) 5
G. L. Boddington 2	Albert E. Reeves 6
Frederick Sweetzer 3	Arthur W. Higgs 7
Alfred W. Reeves 4	Alfred E. Reeves 8

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At St. Mary Magdalene's, Bolney, Sussex, on November 18th, a peal of NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

George A. King 1	Edward C. Merritt 6
George F. Attree 2	George Smart 7
Robert J. Dawe 3	Keith Hart 8
Frank Bennett 4	George Williams 9

Composed by Frank Bennett, conducted by George Williams. The first peal of NEW CUMBERLAND on the bells.

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ASHILL, NORFOLK.—The Hingham company of ringers recently paid a visit to St. Nicholas' Church, in order to try the bells which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Warner & Sons. 720 BOB MINOR was rung by the following: William Muffet, 1; G. Whitehand, 2; Rev. D. Hamer, 3; J. Sadd, 4; Edward Egling (conductor), 5; W. Tuttle, 6. Some short touches were also rung, in which some of the local ringers took part. Afterwards the Rector, the Rev. R. M. Gawne (late of Rymerstone), entertained the visitors, together with the local ringers, to supper.

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