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Bell-ringers' Visit to York.

ON November 17th a party of ringers from Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Thornaby proceeded to York by excursion train to have a pull on the bells of the famous Minster. Arriving about three o'clock, they were met at the station by Mr. W. H. Howard and other members of the Minster Company. A move was then made to the Minster, where the visitors were soon made aware that in Mr. Howard they had a the visitors were soon made aware that in Mr. Howard they had a guide, philosopher, and friend, who could fully explain the many features of interest in the grand Cathedral. At the close of the baautifully rendered service the party ascended the tower, and tried their hands on this colossal peal, which is far away the heaviest in the county of this colossal peal, which is far away the heaviest in the county of York. Unfortunately the 'go' of the eleventh and tenor bells rendered anything more than short touches out of the question, and the principal performance was a touch of 216 GRANDSIRE CATERS. A few rounds on the twelve enabled several of the visitors to have their first pull on this number, after which a short touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung on the front eight. In the evening the handbells were brought into requisition at the house of Mr. G. Breed, and courses were rung of GRANDSIRE CINQUES, CATERS, TRIPLES, and BOB MAJOR.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

AT S¹. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on November 10th, a peal of B)B WAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins.

D B WAJON COLLECTINE DIS. IT MINE.			
Arthur Arnell* 1 John Paice			
Harry Evans 2 Charles Hills			
Alfred W. Groves 3 Edmund Lin	dup	7	
George Norris 4 George Willi	iams.,	. 8	
Composed and conducted by George William	ms. [*]	First pea	il of

MAJOR.] AT Holy Trinity. Hurstpierpoint, on December 1st, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor,

13 cwt.

John S. Goldsmith	I Kobert J. Dawe	1997	5
William Burkin (Nutfield)*	2 Edward C Merritt	11	6
Arthur A. Fuller	3 George A. King	14	7
	4 George Williams		8
Composed by the Rev. H.	Earle Bulwer, conducted	by	Georg

ge Williams. [* First peal in the method.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, on November 28th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

George N. Price		1	John E. Baker'	*		5
Henry R. Newton			William Fox			6
John T. Kentish	4.1	3	W. E. Garrard	(condu	ctor)	7
Archibald F. Harris			Samuel How			8
C	First pe	al	of STEDMAN.			

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The Heavitree Society of Change-ringers.

At St. Michael's, Heavitree, Exeter, on November 22nd, Hollis's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

John Ford	1	Frank Murphy .		5	
Thomas Laver*	2	John R. Sandover		6	
Ferris Shepherd	3	William Mogridge		7	
William Shepherd	., 4	William Lowton*		8	
Conducted by Ferris	Shepherd	Rung for the	occasion	of	th

welcome home of General Sir Redvers Buller, K.C.B., from the South African war. [* First peal.

The Waterlos Society.

AT St. George's, Camberwell, on December 1st, Holt's Original peak of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins.

Ernest H. Oxenham	1	William Weatherstone 5
William Crockford	2	Thomas Langdon (condetr.) 6
Herbert P. Harman	3	Herbert Langdon 7
William Pickworth	4	Walter Longley*
Rung in honour of the	birthda	y of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales.

First peal.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- The annual meeting of the Newbury branch of this Guild took place on November 24th, when representabranch of this Guild took place on November 24th, when representa-tives from the towers in union—Thatcham, Newbury, Compton, and Midgham—attended. Evensong at St. Nicholas's was followed by tea in the parish room, to which the Rector and Churchwardens of Newbury, in addition to the ringers, sat down. The business meeting followed, over which Mr. Churchwarden Knight presided. The Rev. J. A. Thomas hop scretters and treasure properted bis annual concert and Thom is, hon. secretary and treasurer, presented his annual report and balance-sheet, the latter showing a balance on the right side of 61. 1s. 3d.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.-The consummation of the efforts of the Vicar and townsfolk of Clare, in restoring the fine old tower and rehanging the bells of their parish church, was attained on November 21st, when the bells of their parish church, was attained on revenuer 21.00, when the ceremony of reopening the tower and the dedication of a new clock took place. Part of the tower and the oldest of the peal of eight bells date back to the thirteenth century. The rehanging of the bells was done by Messrs. Day & Son, of Eye, and the cost of the work has amounted to about 16001.

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The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 19th.
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

A Box containing thirteen handbells has been left in the charge of the landlord at the 'Mitre,' Fish Street Hill, for the use of members meeting at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street. On Thursday,'December 6th, the first touch was rung there, being 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. T. H. Taffender, 1-2; C. F. Winney (condr.), 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; W. T. Cockerill, 7-8. These bells were presented to the Society by Mr. Pearce, a former proprietor of 'The Bell,' near St. Michael's, Corn-hill. They were for several years at the 'Goose and Gridiron,' in St. Paul's Churchward, where several peals and many touches were rung St. Paul's Churchyard, where several peals and many touches were rung on them, and it is hoped they may be equally useful at their present destination.

Sheffield Parish Church Bells.

In an interesting series of reminiscences of Sheffield in the eighteenth century, in the Sheffield and Rotherham Independent, Mr. R. E. Leader says: — 'It seems just possible, from the accounts of the Church Burgesses, that in the sixteenth century there was not a peal of bells, but only a "great bell" and a Sanctus bell. The earliest peal of which we have any record dates from 1686. To this the Cutlers' Company contributed another bell which, not being satisfactory, had to be recast. The Church Burgesses increased the number by three in 1695; and these The Church Burgesses increased the number by three in 1055; and these continued in use until 1745, when a new peal of eight was put up, the Cutlers' Company again contributing one bell, which recorded both itself and its predecessor by the inscription, "Donum Societatis Cutlari-orum. Anno Domini 1688. John Spooner, Master Cutler, 1745." This peal was in turn replaced by ten bells in 1799, but there were complaints that the weight of the tenor bell had been reduced, and it is evident that there were changes, or additional bells, in 1804, for in that year the town trustees contributed 100%. "towards purchasing the new bells," besides paying the ringers a donation of five guineas "on opening the new bells," on November 24th. Since that time there have been twelve bells. There had been trouble with the ringers in 1801, when they seem to have "struck." But Benjamin Tibbs got together a new they seem to have "struck." But Benjamin Tibbs got together a new set, the bargain with them being cemented with ale at Sam Peech's. The pendulum of the church clock is exposed to public view, and a singer in the choir once very cleverly availed herself of this, as a means of escape from an awkward predicament. Having fallen asleep during the service, she awoke to find everybody gone, and the church locked up and deserted. All attempts to attract attention from outside proving unavailing, she arrested the swing of the pendulum and so stopped the clock. The clerk, discovering this, went to search for the cause, and the girl, who afterwards became Mrs. William Cutler Nadin, was liberated. We get an interesting note of the manner in which churches were some-times used as places of assignation in an indenture dated 1712. By this times used as places of assignation in an indenture dated 1712. By this the interest of 180*l*. settled for life on a Mrs. Young, by her first hus-band, and invested in property held by her nephew, is to be paid to her in sums of 4*l*. 10*s*., at the south porch of the church in Sheffield upon

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'How it came to pass that, while the providing and maintenance of bells was the duty of the capital burgesses, on the town trustees was cast the cost of ringing them, is one of the mysteries handed down to us from the time when the Commissioners of Edward VI. appropriated to the Church the lion's share of the town's property, leaving to the burgery only such pickings as were saved then, and under Queen Mary's charter. The amounts paid through all the centuries for bell-ringing would, if capitalised, make a very considerable increase to the town's would, if capitalised, make a very considerable increase to the town's estate, but it is evident that our ancestors rejoiced in strident peals from the church belfry more than their degenerate descendants, one of whom expressed the pious wish that the "rascal ringers," the foes of repose, "for the good of the land, had, round their necks, what they pull with their hand." Slowly but surely the use of the bells has been decreased, and nobody ever now thinks of decorating the ringers wate neid 51, 55, for occasions of festivity. By 1749, when the ringers were paid 5*l*. 5*s*. for "Sundays, rejoicing days, and the usual occasions," the town trustees "Sundays, rejoicing days, and the usual occasions," the town trustees were tiring of the perpetual extras, and in 1801 the special occasions, or King's days, beyond Sundays, were specifically defined. In the reign of George III, the King's days were: January 18th, Queen's Birthday; January 30th, King Charles's martyrdom; May 29th, King Charles the Second's restoration; June 4th, King's birthday; August 12th, Prince of Wales's birthday; September 22nd, King George III. crowned; October, 26th, King's Proclamation; November 5th, guapowder plot. This list was, when George IV. came to the throne, considerably cur-tailed, and at the end of his reign the ringings on the anniversary of tailed, and at the end of his reign the ringings on the anniversary of the execution of Charles I. and of the restoration were discontinued.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 1st, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow	.,]	1	Henry S. Ellis		5				
Arthur G. Ellis	2	2	John W. Golding		6				
Charles T. P. Brice			Henry R. Newton		7				
Harry R. Pasmore	4	£	William H. Pasmore		8				
Composed by Henry Johnson, conducted by John N. Oxborrow.									

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

AT Holy Trinity, Guildford, on December 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Challis F. Winney	1	Frank Blondell	5
Ralph Wood		William Lightfoot	6
George Frankum	3	Charles Willshire (condr.)	7
John H. Grundy	1	Thomas Maynard	8

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Peter's, Brighton, on December 6th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

Albert D. Stone		1	Robert J. Dawe	 	5
George F. Attree		2	Frank Bennett	 	6
George Smart	Geo.	3	George A. King	 	7
George Baker		4	George Williams	 	8
Composed by C. Midd				ams	8.

DR. AND MRS. STRICKLAND, of Roe Lane, Southport, have promised to defray the cost of completing the tower of Emmanuel Church, North Meols, Southport, and to provide a peal of bells, in memory of Mrs. Strickland's father, Mr. Hincheliffe-Hincheliffe, of Cragg Hall, Yorkshire. The cost will be 3000%. or 4000%.

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The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.

BATTLE was chosen for the quarterly meeting of the Sussex (Eastern Division) Association of Change-ringers, which took place on the 8th inst., the visitors including representatives from Christ Church, Black-lands; St. Clement's, Hastings; Pevensey; St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells; Rye, Tenterden, and Faversham. There was also a good attendance of the Battle ringers. The afternoon was enjoyably spent in ringing touches of STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE, and BOB MAJOR, the con-ductors being Messrs. S. Saker, T. Card, W. Franks, and C. Carter. ductors being Messrs. S. Saker, T. Card, W. Franks, and U. Carter. The ringing was followed by a short service in the church, the Dean and the Rev. Spencer Day officiating. As a special lesson the Dean read a portion of Numbers x., which he afterwards referred to in his address, saying he had chosen it because in the time of the Jews trumpets took the place of bells. They were sounded in times of trouble and war, and in times of joy and rejoicing, in the same way that with us the solemn tolling of the bell speaks of sorrow, and the joyous peal speaks to us of rejoicing. But was not the true meaning that in their joy and handiness they were thanking God, since the sound of joy was used happiness they were thanking God, since the sound of joy was used from His House? But the chief reason that the bells were so hung and were sounded was for the calling of the people to church, and therefore the great object of the ringers was thus to summon the worshippers. In bell-ringing, as in other things, there was a tendency to forget its highest object, and to look upon it more or less as an amusement or pastime, healthy and invigorating, no doubt; and there was also the spirit of emulation amongst the various bands of ringers. This was very good. He would, however, remind them that it was not the highest view of all. They had a distinct work to do for God in calling people to His House.—The service closed with the hymn, 'We love the place, O Lord.

The members were afterwards entertained by the Dean and Church-wardens to tea at the 'George' Hotel, at which the Dean presided. After tea, Mr. S. Saker made a brief statement with reference to the quarter's work, and a discussion, initiated by Mr. C. J. Hyland, took place with reference to the supply of peal-boards by the Association. Mr. W. A. Raper was elected honorary member, and Messrs. Pittman and Prewett members of the Association. After another discussion, Mr. Saker proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Churchwardens of Battle for their kind hospitality that day. He made special reference to the Dean's address at the service, and thought that there was now a more religious feeling among the ringers. They did not overlook the fact that their first duty was to ring for the service on Sundays. Mr. Pittman seconded. The vote of thanks having been unanimously carried, the Dean and Mr. Raper replied. The former observed that, when the Association started he was afraid that it would have an when the Association started, he was afraid that it would have an effect on the Sunday ringing, but he was glad to say that the ringing had since been better, and he congratulated the Association upon the change it had brought about in the general arrangements of the belfry.

Mr. Saker was also thanked for his services that day. The ringers afterwards returned to the belfry, and after a well-struck 504 of STEDMAN TRIPLES, Mr. Tribe, on behalf of Messrs, Saker, Hind, Burden (2), and Johnson, presented the Battle Society with a

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neatly executed and framed peal-card, recording a peal of GRANDSLE TRIPLES rung in their tower, and in which the donors took part. Mr Franks expressed his pleasure in receiving such a gift on behalf of the Battle Society, and said they were very grateful to those gentlemen for their kind action. He could assure them the card would occupy a conspicuous place in the belfry. The proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable nature, the visitors expressing great pleasure at their visit to, and reception at, the historic town.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Mary's, Witney, Oxford, on December 11th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 18¹/₄ cwt.

Harry Brooks	 1	John Monk	ō
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn		Frederick Pounds	6
Francis P. Powell	 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (con.)	7
Thomas Bull	 4	Jesse Brooks	8

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY.

AT the residence of Mr. W. H. Pasmore, Southwark Street, S.E., on December 12th, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins.

Harry R. Pasmore 1-2 William H. Pasn Herbert P. Harman3-4 John W. Goldin		
Herbert Langdon 9-10.	6	

Composed by John P. Bradley, conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.

STOCKPORT.—At St. George's Church, on December 16th, for even-ing service, and as a farewell to Mr. E. Reader, who is leaving Stock-port for Carlisle, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 51 mins. by the following members of the Chester Diocesan Guild:— T. Jackson, 1; J. Booth, 2; H. Meakin, 3; G. Astbury, 4; J. W. Bailey, 5; T. Marshall, 6; E. Reader (conductor), 7; J. Hankinson, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt. Longest length in the method by G. Astbury. The St. George's Company sincerely regret Mr. Reader's removal, as they not only lose a safe ringer and conductor, but also a firm friend.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On December 8th, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 40 mins. C. Fenn, 1-2; R. Fenn, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor). 5-6; J. Dale, 7-8.

SANDFORD, DEVON.—The formal reopening of the restored bells of Sandford Parish Church took place on Sunday, December 2nd. Spe-cially arranged services took place at matins and evensong. On Christ-may Day, 1898, while being rung in the early morning for that festival, the tenor bell came to grief, and it was found to be beyond :epair, the whole peal being in a dilapidated condition, and quite unsele. Even-tually it was decided that the work of restoration should be proceeded with, and a committee was appointed to undertake the task of collecting the necessary funds. It was hoped that a sufficient sum might be raised to increase the peal by the addition of the sixth bell, but this was not realised, though it is hoped that the sixth bell will be forthcoming in to increase the peal by the addition of the sixth bell, but this was not realised, though it is hoped that the sixth bell will be forthcoming in the near future. The bells are light and sweetly toned, and were apparently cast in 1748. The following are the respective inscriptions fixed on them: (1) 'Come let us sing for Church and King. W. E., 1748.' (2) 'Prosperity to all our benefactors. W. E., 1748.' (3) 'Peace and good neighbourhood. W. E., 1748.' (4) 'Robert Snow and Richard Stoneman, churchwardens. W. E., 1741.' (5) 'William Evans made us all, 1748. Let my sound move thes to God's glory.'

A BOOKLET entitled Spiro Spero has been issued by the Paul Weid-haas Hygienic Institute, 16 Buckingham Road, Brighton. There is much in it which may fairly be commended to the perusal of those who suffer from such complaints as asthma, bronchitis, and consumption, or to the perusal of those who, having such cases before them, are naturally anxious to bring about alleviation of suffering. The booklet may be obtained post free on application.



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SPECIAL APPEAL. THE Committee appeal to all who desire to defend the National Position of the Church for Contributions towards the present deficiency in the funds. Although the external strack on the Church was not promisent at the recent Election, owing to the special circumstance of the time, yet active preparations for defence had to be made by the Committee betorehand, in view of possible develop-ments. and -to mention one item alone -- much extra expenditure has been necessarily incurred in printing leaftets and other publications, of which a very large number were applied for and circulated during the contest. Contributions will be most thankfully received at the Offices, Church House, Westminster, S.W. Offices, Church House, Westminster, S.W. T. MARTIN TILBY, Secretary.

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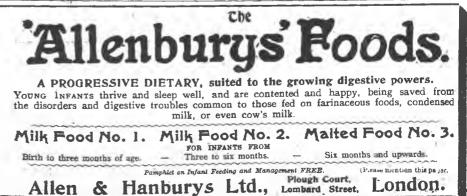
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The Australian Church's Mineteenth Century Thanksgiving Fund.

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THE General Synod of Australia and Tasmania has inaugurated a fund which has certain features distinguishing it from almost any other fund of the like character.

1. The Synod gave no directions to the appointed organizers with regard to the details of the scheme. The three organizers are the Bishops of Tasmania and Ballarat (Drs. Montgomery and Green) and Mr. W. R. Beaver, of Sydney. As power was given to them to add to their number, they elected the Rev. John Dixon, of Sydney, to aid them, Mr. Dixon having shown magnificent organizing powers during the late Jubilee meetings. These gentlemen have not only been given a free hand in Australia, but have been empowered to approach all other branches of the Church with a view to co-operation.

2. In the draft scheme now issued the object is a novel one. Briefty stated, it is any object whatsoever that aids in any manner the Church of

our forefathers. 3. The duty of the organizers consists solely in bringing all workers into conscious touch with each other, but without interfering in any way with the details or management of any scheme, waiting at the doors of dioceses to carry news to the brethren, or to aid in any way which is open to them.

4. Acting upon their instructions the organizers have now approached the heads of the Church in the United Kingdom, Canada, United States, India, West Indies, South Africa, and Japan, to ask whether Australia may be permitted to work out its scheme not only in the sight of, and in touch with, every Australian Churchman, but also in union with Churchmen everywhere.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

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CHANGE-RINGING,

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY.

AT the residence of Mr. W. H. Pasmore, Southwark Street, S.E., on December 17th, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of KENT on December 17th, on handbells retailed in fland, a pear of heart TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 25 mins. Herbert P. Harman . 1-2 | William H. Pasmore . 5-6 Harry R. Pasmore . 3-4 | John W. Golding . 7-8 Composed by Frederick Dench, conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.

First peal in the method on handbells by all the band and rung at the first attempt.

ALSO at St. Danstan's, Stepney, on December 22nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

James Fettis	14 A.	Samuel E. Joyce	. 6
Henry Springall		Arthur W. Barkus	. 7
William Truss	3	Emanuel Hall	. 8
Herbert P. Harman	4	Richard T. Hibbert	. 9
James Scholes		William T. Cockerill	10
Composed by the late	George	Menday, conducted by	William T.
Ccckerill.	-	-	

Th Waterloo Society.

Ar St. Peter's. Walworth, on December 22nd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt. 1 | Herbert Langdon . . 2 | George Charm Arthur Hardy 5 .. William Charge ... George Charge • • Cornelius Charge ... 3 Thomas Langdon (condr.) 7 • • 4 Walter Longley ... Frederick G. Perria



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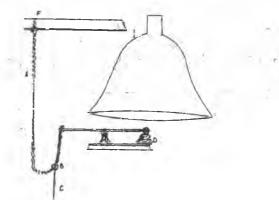
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HOUR AND QUARTER BELLS. SCHOOL BELLS AS SUPPLIED TO THE LONDON SCHOOL BOARD

Chiming Hammers.

SIR,-It may interest your clerical readers to hear of a simple and Sir,---lt may interest your clerical readers to hear of a simple and inexpensive method of arranging the chiming hammers of church belle so as to avoid the possibility of an inexperienced ringer cracking them. The ordinary method of pulling the clapper against the bell or striking with a chiming hammer is open to the serious objection that sconer or later some careless person is certain to keep the hammer or clapper in contact with the vibrating bell after the stroke, the consequence being that the vibration is arrested and the bell cracked. There are scores of hells that have suffered in this way in every county. In my own bells that have suffered in this way in every county. In my own church three bells in succession have been so damaged. By the method I have devised this accident cannot possibly happen.

It the diagram, A is a stout chain attached to a beam anywhere above the chiming hammer; B is a ring at the end of the chain, to which the chiming rope, C, is attached. The chain is continued beyond the ring till it reaches the chiming hammer, to which it is firmly attached. This portion of the apparatus has to be pretty strong to withstand the jar. The head of the hammer is arranged to rest on the



point, D (in my case, an ordinary spiral spring, such as upholsterers use for chairs, covered with a leather pad to prevent noise when the head falls from the bell). The hammer head should be three inches or so from the bell when the rope, c, is slowly pulled down as far as it will go. The ringer can then hang on to c if he likes without bringing the hammer in contact with the bell. At first sight it would seem im-possible to strike the bell at all, but this is not so. When the rope, c, is pulled smartly, the chain loops up, and an effective stroke is delivered; whereas, if it is pulled slowly, no blow is delivered. It is evident that the impact being caused by an overthrow, the hammer head must fall away from the bell by gravity instantaneously, so that cracking is out of the question. E. A. WELLEY,

Incumbent of Holy Innocents, Liverpool.

POWDER.

YORK MINSTEE.—Oa November 28th, being the day appointed for the opening of the Assizes for the North and East Divisions of York-shire, and on the visit of Mr. W. Greenleaf, a plain course of TREELE BOB MAXIMUS in 26 mins. T. Haigh, 1; T. Neill, 2; G. Worth, 3; J. W. Cundall, 4; F. T. Earnshaw, 5; G. Horner, 6; W. H. Howard, 7; A. Haigh, 8; J. Thompson, 9; T. Hodgson, 10; Wm. Greenleaf, 11; G. Breed, 12. Tenor, 54 cwt.

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What the Church Societies are Doing.

AT the December meeting of the Council for Service Abroad (Boards of Missions) held at the Church House, under the presidency of the Bishop of Stepney, the Council decided, on behalf of the Bishop of Natal, to offer the charge of St. Aidan's Mission, Durban, and the general superintendence of Indian Missions in Natal, to the Rev. A. H. Smith, vicar of Christ Church, Wolverhampton; and, on behalf of the Bishop of Brisbane, to offer to the Rev. H. L. Puxley, curate of Brighouse, Yorkshire, work in the diocese of Brisbane, the exact locality and nature of the work to be determined on his arrival. In both cases the offers of the Council have been accepted. Mr. Smith and Mr. Puxley will probably leave for their new fields of labour in May.

MR. C. GUISE MITFORD, the secretary of the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund, has received the following letter, which speaks for itself. The Q.V.C.F., which is the Church of England's memorial of Her Majesty's reign, is now appealing for funds, and it is hoped that many of those who have benefited by the great increase of commercial prosperity during the last sixty years will be moved to follow the noble example which has been set by 'Agricola':—'Dear Sir,—After forty-five years of hard work, the firm of which I am the principal partner has attained the chief place among the nurseries which are devoted to fruit and tree-culture and all difficulties seem to have hoor summounted. I decime culture, and all difficulties seem to have been surmounted. I desire therefore to offer the first cheque drawn in the new century for the benefit of the Church generally, as a thank-offering. I have always done my best for local funds, but I look on this as a special occasion, and desire to remain anonymous. Therefore enter the 25% I enclose as from "Agricola," Kent. Wishing you every success, I am, yours obediently _____. obediently

In the January number of Central Africa, the record of the work of the Universities' Mission, is an announcement to the effect that 2500%. have been received towards the 4000/ required for the Nyasa appeal. The total receipts of the Mission for 1899 to 1890, to November 30th of each year, compare as follows: 1899, 27,776l.; 1900, 19,210l. The large falling off was almost entirely connected with the special funds. diocese of Likoma: The Rev. H. G. C. Mackenzie, M.A. Oxon. (St. John's, Vassall Road); the Rev. D. Thomas, L.Div. (St. Katharine's, Rotherhithe); the Rev. T. R. Pugh (St. Mary's, Nelson). It is hoped that they will leave in March. The following clergymen have offered and been accepted for work in the

THE Army Scripture Readers' and Soldier's Friend Society has had twelve of its readers at the front in South Africa. Amongst the testimonies to the worth of their services is one which says :- ' My main object in writing is to tell you how sincerely grateful all our men are for the two readers we have with us, Ewing and Wood. It would do your heart good, and encourage all supporters of our Army Scripture Readers' Society, could they see the huge crowds who assemble to hear God's Word so faithfully proclaimed in the centre of the 4th Brigade.' The work of the Society has now been going on for over half-a-century.



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Chiming Hammers.

SIR,-There is no doubt that the ordinary hammer is quite wrong as it causes good bells to sound bad, and must be a source of dang= constantly. The modification suggested in last week's issue is open to objection on the following grounds: First, the ball goes through a quarter of a circle, which is too great, and the spring is useless, and would soon rust away. Second, chiming, to be satisfactory. must quick, and the balls, when at rest, as near as possible to the bell, with this in view.

I would suggest the following : A strong stop to exist at the aris the lever, and the arm next the ball to be cleverly hinged. By this means the blow on the stop would cause the ball to rise and fall immediately, a clear sound being the result. Morse, Holmes, and McKenzles hammer is the best thing, and cannot this be applied to act beneath the bell as in the common way? I have tried falling hammer outside the bells, but this failed in consequence of hard pulling up and difficulty of keeping time. I should be glad to see some other suggestions. FG

December 29th, 1900.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association.

AT St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on December 26th, H. . . Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt

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E. Leonard Taylor*	 		George Jordan*			
Thomas Jordan*	 		William Watts*		6	
Nathan J. Pitstow	 	3	William T. Prior†		7	
Walter Prior		4	Henry J. Tucker (c	ondr.)	8	

[* First peal in the method. + First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

The Midland Counties Association.

Ar the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary, Lutterworth, on December 26th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 15¹/₂ cwt.

Joseph B. Fenton (Rugby)	1
James George (Rugby)	2
T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton)	3
W. H. Barber (Birmingham))4

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- W. Granger (Westerham Jas. F. Clarke (Nuneaton) Harry Argyle (Nuneaton) Albert Dubber (Rugby) ... 8

The ringers desire to thank the Rev. Cauon Alderson and the Churchwardens for the use of the bells at such short notice, as it was intended to ring a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR at Rugby, which had to be abundant to be abandoned through illness near the church.

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St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

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10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Also on the following days :-Tuesday. January 1st (New-year's Day), 9 to 10 a.m

Friday, January 25th (Dedication Festival), 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13th (Queen Victoria Clergy Fund), 3 to 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8th (Sons of the Clergy Festival), 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 16th (Ascension Day), 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 to 3.15 p.m.

Friday, May 24th (Queen's Birthday), 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20th (Queen's Accession), 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to

7 p.m. Monday, October 14th (Harvest Thanksgiving), 6 to 7 p.m. and after

the service. Friday, November 1st (All Saints' Day), 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 9th (Lord Mayor's Day), 1 b im. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), 9 to 10 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day), 10 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31st (Centestinas 1997), 10 tail. Tuesday, December 31st (New-year's Eve), 9 to 10 p.m.; and on the following Tuesday evenings, at 7.45, for practice: January 8th, February 5th, April 30th, May 28th, June 25th, July 23rd, August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 12th.

Besides St. Paul's, the following is a list of churches at which members of the Ancient Society of College Youths are engaged to ring the bells, and the nights they meet for practice, 1901 :-

TWELVE BELLS,

St. Saviour's, Southwark : No practices ; restoration of bells contemplated.

St. Giles's, Cripplegate: No practices; tower to undergo repairs.

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St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside : Meetings will be resumed if the tower is found to be secure.

St. Michael's, Cornhill: Tuesday, January 22nd, and every four weeks.

These and the St. Paul's practices are the official meetings of the Society, when, after ringing, business meetings are held at the 'Coffee-pot,' Warwick Lane. Any alterations in the above dates will be pot,' notified in CHURCH BELLS.

TEN BELLS.

St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street: On Thursday, January 3rd, and every fortnight.

All Hallows, Lombard Street: Occasional.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney: On Monday, January 14th, and every fortnight.

St. Mary's, Walthamstow : Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m., and Sunday for morning and evening services.

EIGHT BELLS.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green : Every Sunday at 10 a.m.

St. John's, Hackney: On the first and third Tuesdays in each month. St. Paul's, Shadwell: Occasional.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton: Every Thursday evening. St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel: Wednesday, January

every fortnight.

St. Mary's, Bow, E.: Meetings resumed when restoration is completed.

Christ Church, Spitalfields : On Wednesday, January 9th, and every fortnight.

All Saints', Edmonton: On Mondays, at 8 p.m., and for Sunday services.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 5th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

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John N. Oxborrow	 1	Charles T. P. Brice		
Arthur G. Ellis	 2	Henry R. Newton		
Henry S. Ellis	 3	William H. Pasmore		
Henry R. Pasmore	 4	John W. Golding		
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This peal was rung strictly non-conducted. No word was spoken, and no sign was given. *Umpires*: Frederick G. Perrin, of the Royal Cumberland Society, and Frederick Dench, of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on December 31st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROXAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 36 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Albert Gillingham	 1	Henry Bowell	 6
William Roughton		Albert E. Durrant	 7
Henry C. Gillingham	 3	William Wood	 8
James Motts		William Motts	 9
William L. Catchpole	 5	Robert H. Brundle	
Composed an	 		

The St. James's Society and the St. Mary Abbot's Guild.

AT St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on January 1st, a peal of GRAND-SIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Samuel Davie* 1 William E. Judd 6	
William E. Garrard 2 William Fox 7	
George Brusht	
Robert A. Daniell 4 Archibald F. Harris 9	
John C. Kentish 5 John Judd 10	
Composed by William T. Elson, conducted by William E. Garn	card.
[* First peal. † First peal inside.]	

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Church Bells.

[Extract from an account in the Kenilworth Advertiser of December 15th.]

Tuneful and musical bells are soothing and enjoyable, but harsh and discordant ones are irritating and vexing. When a church has bells that are rung they ought to be as good as possible, not only to be effec-tive as a call to worship, for which they were principally cast, but because they should not be a source of annoyance to any one. The church bells should be kept in tune and in order as much as the church organ; they may not by some people be thought as much of, but they certainly are the older of the two servants, and perhaps have done as much good. It sometimes happens that a whole set of bells bear a rule, having a distinct motro of its own. When they are continuous, most of them are too long for quotation, but here is a brief one record-ing a dissension among the members of a vestry. It is a peal of six, six lines, one line each bell :--

- '(1) Though once but five, we now are six,
- (2) And 'gainst our casting some did strive,
- (3) But when a day of meeting there was fixed,
- (4) Appeared nine, against twenty-six;
 (5) It was William Kettle that did contrive
- (6) To make us six that were but five.

That is rather witty, and not such very bad poetry, and if the bells were as good as the rhyme, they were not a bad ring. Our forefathers seem to have regarded their church bells as animate

creatures. They endowed them with a personality of their own. They connected them with births, deaths, and marriages, with the worship on Sundays, holy days, and common days, with fires, harvests, and night-fall. They consecrated and even baptized their bells, in order that they might speak with something more than an inarticulate voice. They in-scribed on them text and motto. The bells really spoke to them. In one of the most beautiful of German ballads, a bell is represented as one of the most beautiful of German balands, a ben is represented as actually descending from its tower, and following a naughty child who was playing truant from church. Old English folk, and, it would appear, the Germans, too, really believed that their bells were more than mere lumps of metal. If you read Longfellow's 'Golden Legend' you will learn a great deal about the inscriptions most frequent on Continental holds mony of which are avceedingly quaint heautiful and. Continental bells, many of which are exceedingly quaint, heautiful, and, as a rule, reverent.

The Church Bells of Holderness.

THE Mayor of Hedon, in his interesting book on the Church Bells of Here mayor of frequent, in his interesting book on the Charlen Betts of Holderness, tells of the various occasions on which it was usual to ring them. One is struck by the omission of any reference to the ringing out of the old year and the ringing in of the new. It might have been supposed, from Tennyson's well-known lines, that among the uses to which church bells were generally put was to ring the old year out and the new year in. It would seem, however, that the custom is quite a modern one. We are so accustomed to associate the church bells with the culling of the concentration to available to the concentration of the second to associate the church bells with the calling of the congregation to public worship, and with marriages and funerals, that we learn with surprise that these were only secondary when first our country earned the name of the 'ringing island.' To to guide them across the trackless valleys and moors to market, and to let folk know when a soul was about to pass into eternity, were the original uses to which they were put far more than calling people to church. But among these uses the recognition of a new year or a new century does not seem to have a place. Perhaps the fact that the beginning and ending of the year was ordained by secular authority had something to do with their silence.—Eastern Morning News.



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CHANGE-RINGING. The Waterloo Society.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on January 12th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Arthur Hardy 1	Ernest F. Oxenham*	 ŏ	
William Weatherstone 2	William Shepherd	 6	
Thomas Langdon (condr.) 3	Ferris J. Shepherd	 7	
Frederick G. Perrin 4	Walter Longley	 8	
[* First peal w	vith a bob-bell.		

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE, -At St. Andrew's Church, on Monday, December 24th, 1900, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Coales, 1; A. B. December 24th, 1900, 000 GRANDSIRE IRIPLES. J. Coales, I; A. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dabber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. George (composer and Conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; R. Clarke, 8.—On December 26th, 672 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. A. Dubber, 1; J. B. December 2010, 072 KENT TREBLE DOB MAJOR. A. Dubber, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; W. H. Barber (Birmingham, conductor), 3; H. Argyle (Nuneaton), 4; J. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), 5; J. F. Clarke (Nuneaton), t; J. R. Sharman (London), 7; J. George, 8.—And on January 1st, 1901 (New-year's Day), 420 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, A. Coleman, 1; G. Petrie, 2; F. Sear, 3; J. Coales, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8.

BARKING, ESSEX .- At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, for evening service, on January 13th, a quarter-peal of CAMBRIDGE SUR-PRISE MAJOR, 1280 changee, in 48 mins. F. Tubb, 1; T. Faulkner (conductor), 2; T. H. Taffender, 3; R. Fenn, 4; S. Hayes, 5; A. Hardy, 6; E. Andrews, 7; C. Fenn, 8.

(conductor), 2; 1. H. Immener, 5; K. Fenn, 4; S. Hayes, 5; A. Hardy, 6; E. Andrews, 7; C. Fenn, 8.
RUGEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—At St. Andrew's Church, for the wedding of the Rev. William Fenwick Stokes (assistant master at Rugby, School), and Miss Caroline Olga Sergent, of Rugby, on Thursday, December 27th, 1900, 592 Bob MAJOR. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; G. Petrie, 5; J. George, (condt.), 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. H Barber (Birmingham), 8. Also 265 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Petrie, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; G. Petrie, 5; J. George (condt.), 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8. Also 307 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Petrie, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. George, 5; W. H. Barber (Birmingham, condr.), 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8. Also 307 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Petrie, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; J. George, 5; T. Holmes, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. Coales, 8. Also 144 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. George (conductor), 7; J. Coales, 8. Also 144 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. George, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. H. Barber (Birmingham, conductor), 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Holmes, 7; J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. H. Barber (Birmingham, conductor), 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Holmes, 4; J. George (conductor), 7; J. Coales, 8. Also 144 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. George, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. H. Barber (Birmingham, conductor), 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Holmes, 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Holmes, 5; M. H. Barber (Birmingham, conductor), 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Holmes, 4; A. Bramall, 5; G. Petrie, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8. And 252 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; J. B. Fenton, (conductor), 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. Bramall, 4; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 5; J. George, 6; G. Petrie, 7; T. Holmes, 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—Two new bells have been added in the tower of St. John's Church, Burgess Hill, and they were hung in time to ring in the new century. The bells were three in number, and formed the town's memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The cost The peal of the two new bells has been raised by public subscription. of five will undoubtedly prove a musical improvement on the trio that have done service during the past few years.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—Mr. F. L. Vaux has made a very handsome present to the church, having undertaken the entire cost of a peal of eight bells. At a well-attended vestry meeting, held on Monday, December 17th, this generous offer was most gratefully accepted, and a resolution was used directing the necessary to be taken to resolution was passed directing the necessary steps to be taken to obtain a faculty for the erection of the bells. The work has been entrusted to Mr. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, and will, it is hoped, be completed by Easter.

LOUTH, LINCOLN.-Owing to the unsafe condition of the bells of the Parish Church, Louth had to go without the usual peal on Christmas morning.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, January 25th, and the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, on February 6th.

January 20th, and the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, on February 6th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on January 28th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John's, Hackney, on January 29th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on January 30th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on January 31st; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 1st; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's. Chelsea. on January 30th

The St. Luke's Society : at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on January 30th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on January 28th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 30th. The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on January 31st.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on February 1st, at 7.45. All the others about 8 p.m.

The Hertford County Association of Change-ringers.

DIVISION OF ASSOCIATION INTO BRANCHES .- A Committee Meeting, DIVISION OF ASSOCIATION INTO BRANCHES.—A. Committee Meeting, to consider the above question, will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, 1901, in St. Peter's Belfry, St. Albans, at 4.30 p.m. As the question is of great importance to the welfare of the Association, it is earnestly desired that every band in affiliation will depute a representative to attend and lay their views before the meeting. After the business the bells will be at the disposal of the ringers, by kind permission of the Vicar of St. Peter's. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Secretary. St. Albane, Longary 18th 1901

St. Albans, January 18th, 1901.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

In accordance with arrangements made at Bedale meeting last October, an informal meeting of this Association was held at Whorlton-in-Cleveland on January 5th. For some time this musical little ring of six bells by Messrs. Warner has been getting out of order, and the task of putting them right was entrusted to Mr. T. Metcalfe of Middlesbrough. Some twenty members were present, representing Middlesbrough, Stockton, Stokesley, Thornaby, and Thirsk, by whom five 720's of MINOR were rung in different methods, a sixth failing to come out through a triffing mishap to one of the ropes. At 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an exclient tea had been provided by the Vicar (an Hon. Member of the Association). The members present thoroughly appreciated this act of kindness, and on the motion of the Secretary, Rev. W. P. Wright, passed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. J. C. Fowler, and the ladies who assisted in helping at the tea. The Vicar, responding, welcomed the visitors, and hoped before long to see a change-ringing band established in the parish, the desirability of which was strongly urged by the President, Mr. Clarkson.

The St. Andrew's Society of Change-ringers, Rugby.

ON Thursday evening, January 10th, the above Society gave a fare-well dinner at the Bull Hotel, to Mr. George Petrie, Clerk of Works at the new Post Office, who is about to remove elsewhere.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Coleman presided, with Mr. James George, Ringing Master, in the vice-chair. The Chairman called upon Mr. James George to give the toast of the evening, and also a small present, viz., a silver-mounted pipe and case, on behalf of the members of the Society, as a token of esteem and good-fellowship to their departing friend.

Mr. Petrie in returning thanks, said that, with regard to the art of change-ringing, he believed in a man, when he takes up the art, putting his whole heart into it, and not going about it in a half-hearted way. Afterwards GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR were rung on the handbells, interspersed with songs.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Waterloo Society.

AT St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, on January 19th, with bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Bishop of London, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Arthur N. Hardy 1	Ferris J. Shepherd		5
Frederick G. Perrin 2	Ernest Brett*		6
	Herbert Langdon	++	7
Thomas Langdon (condr.) 4	Walter Longley		8
	st peal.]		

usual congratulations after the peal.

AT St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex, on January 19th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Peter's, Brighton, on January 14th, a peal of LONDON

Edwin Bristow				Edmund Lindup	111	5	
John Smart			2	James George		6	
James Matthews			3	George Williams	100	7	
Edwin Rapley			4	George Gatland		-8	
Composed and conducted by George Williams.							

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

AT Holy Trinity, Guildford, on January 15th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

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Arthur Frankum		John H. Grundy 5
George Foster		William T. Lightfoot 6
Alfred H. Pulling	. 3	Charles Willshire
George Gunner	4	Frank Blondell 8
Composed by Arthur T.	King,	conducted by Frank Blondell.

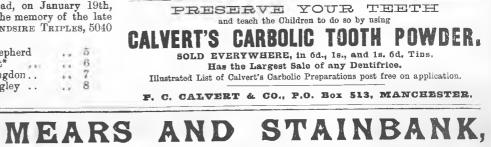
The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Mary's, Reading, on January 16th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Henry Tucker	1	Charles Chapman	5
Frank Hopgood	2	Alfred E. Reeves	6
Ambrose Osborne	8	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Charles Giles	4	A. Whatmore	8

WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On January 5th, by members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association:—720 BOB MINOR. R. Greenwood, 1; Rev. M. B. Bird, 2; C. J. Clarkson, 3; J. Waller, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. 720 BOB MINOR. J. Titchener, 1; T. Beckwith, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; J. Wrightson, 4; A. Barrett, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. W. C. Hardy, 1; W. J. Titchener, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; T. Kelly, 4: Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. W. Newton, 1; J. W. Newton, 2; N. Kidd, 3; T. Beckwith, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. 720 CXFORD TREBLE BOB. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; J. Waller, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; W. Newton, 6. WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND .- On January 5th, by members of the

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE .---- At the Parish Church at Exhall an interesting service was held on Friday afternoon, December 21st. The bells have been recently recast, whilst, at the same time, a new frame has been erected to hold six bells, the intention of those interested in the work being to add three larger bells at some future time. ested in the work being to and onles anget some Bishop of Coventry The bells and belfry were rededicated by the Bishop of Coventry (Dr. Knox). The usual service, authorised for use in the diocese on the receiver of the dedication of new bells, was used. The Rev. C. (Dr. Knox). The usual service, authorised for use in the dideese of the occasion of the dedication of new bells, was used. The Rev. C. Simmonds, vicar, conducted the service, and a special lesson, 1 Cor. xiii., xiv., was read by the Rev. T. H. Morris. The sermon was based upon the words, 'Be not faithless, but believing' (St. John, xx. 22). The preacher spoke of the doubts of St. Thomas, and said that often a preacher thore hore hore his faith when dear down in his heart he had man seemed to have lost his faith when, deep down in his heart, he had some faith left in him still. So to any one in that church who was in doubt or difficulty he said : 'Do not make up your minds you have lost your faith. You probably have more faith than you are aware. When they heard their bells ringing from time to time, if there was some doubt in the their hearts, let their bells say to them, "Become not faithless, but believing." When the bells rang in the time of sorrow, and spoke of one who had been taken away, however dearly loved, they must try and not let that sorrow drive them from their heavenly bond.



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Hertford County Association of Change-ringers.

THE Committee meeting has been postponed to Saturday, February 9th, at 4.30 p.m., at St. Peter's Tower, St. Albans, in consequence of the funeral of the late Sovereign.

G. W. CARTMEL, Assistant Hon. Secretary.

Yorkshire Bell-ringers' Annual Meeting.

THE Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers held its twenty-fifth annual meeting at Sheffield. Full choral service was held in the Parish Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Nolloth, of Beverley. Tea was afterwards served in the Wostenholme Hall, and subsequently the annual business meeting was held in the same place, Mr. W. Snowdon (Leeds), president, in the chair. The report showed a total membership of 1040, and funds amounting to 2341. 2s. 7d. An invitation to hold the next meeting at Oxenhope was accepted, and thanks were tendered to the clergy and friends of Sheffield for the use of the bells and the generous arrangements. At the close of the business meeting, Archdeacon Eyre, on behalf of the Association, presented to Mr. Snowdon a handsome solid silver set, comprising three-light candelabra and side candlesticks to match, in recognition of his services as president during the past fifteen years.

The St. Andrew's Society of Change-ringers, Rugby.

THE sixth annual meeting of this Society was held at the Campbell Coffee Tavern on Monday evening, January 21st. The Rector, the Rev. A. V. Baillie (President), was unavoidably prevented from taking the chair on account of illness, to the great regret of all present. Mr. Frank Thompson, rector's warden, was unanimously voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. William Brooke, parish warden, and also Mr. Richard Over, ex-churchwarden.

The balance-sheet and membership were reported to be in a satisfactory condition. Amongst other business, some new rules were incorporated with those of the Society. Mr. James George was unani-mously elected ringing master, and Mr. Arthur Coleman, hon. secretary and treasurer. Messrs. R. Watson and A. Dubber were re-elected on the Committee, with Mr. A. Bramall in the place of Mr. C. J. B. Cooke, resigned.

Mr. George, after returning thanks for his re-election, gave a brief review of the year's work, which was very satisfactory; although the Society had not rung a peal, it had made great progress in other methods. Several quarter-peals of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES had been rung on the bells within the year, a number of long touches in the same method and BOB MAJOR, including a few short touches of STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Mr. R. Over proposed, and Mr. J. George seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding. Thanks were also unanimously voted to the ringing master and hon. secretary for their services and untiring energy in the past towards the welfare of the Society.



CHANGE-RINGING.

The Waterloo Society.

AT St. Peter's, Walworth, on January 25th, Holt's Original						
GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.	_					
Thomas Langdon (condr.) 1 William Shepherd	. ő					
Frederick S. Perrin 2 William R. Crockford	. 6					
	. 7					
Ferris J. Shepherd 4 Ernest H. Oxenham	. 8					
Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the m	emory of					
Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.	·					

The Midland Counties' Association.

AT the Parish Church, Wirkworth, recently, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

George Thompson	1	John Wardinan 5	
William Fox		John W. Thompson 6	
Rev. Reginald Stowell			
		Albert E. Thompson 8	
Composed by John Carter, of	В	rmingham, and conducted by A. E.	

Thompson. The first peal of MAJOR on the bells.

Walkden, Lancashire.

At the Parish Church, on January 26th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins., with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Queen.

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	William Denner	1.4.6	+	John Denner	-1	
	John Worthington		2	Alfred Potter	6	
	Joseph Potter		3	John Potter (conductor)	7	
	William Lever			Matthew Berry.	8	

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. -- On Thursday evening, January 17th, the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang the whole-pull-and-stand funeral peal in memory of the late Bishop of London, who was buried in St. Paul's that day. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; W. Jones, 2; W. Cooter, 3; R. French, 2; W. Langdon, 5; H. Springall, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; C. F. Winney, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; E. Horrex, 10; J. W. Golding, 11; W. T. Cockerill and G. A. Muskett, 12. This was followed by two courses of Support W Chause This was followed by two courses of STEDMAN CINQUES 12.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On January 15th, for practice, 2160 of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. R. J. Greenwood, 1; T. Beckwith, 2; A. B. Barrett, 3; N. Kidd, 4; T. Alcock, 5; J. Waller, 6: G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 7; J. W. Newton, 8; W. Newton, 9; T. Metcalfe, 10.

SMETHWICK .- At the Old Church the following touches have been rung, with the bells half-muffled, for morning and evening services, as a token of respect for the late Mr. W. Downing, J.P., and Mr. Henry Chance. For morning service, 236 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by Joseph Pigott; also 420 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by by Joseph Pigott; also 420 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by Ernest Brown. For evening service, 350 changes of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by Ernest Brown. After service an attempt was made for a quarter-peal, consisting of 1260 changes, and was success-fully brought round in 45 mins. The ringers were arranged as follows: George Wiggins, 1; Thomas Pigott, 2; Albert Hughes, 3; Joseph Pigott, 4; Ernest Brown, 5; Alfred Joyner, 6; Hatry Mills con-ductor), 7; William Murray, 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung upon the bells by a Smethwick band, and W. Murray's longest touch.

720 BOB MINOR AT FROCESTER. - Mr. H. W. Fussell, of Dursley, 20 BOB MINOR AT FROMESTER. — AIT, II. W. Fussel, of Database, ever ready to lend his valuable assistance in the cause of campanology, journeyed to Frocester to help his brother-strings pull off a 720 BOB MINOR. The first attempt collapsed at about three treble leads from home, and a second start was made, which came round successfully in $28\frac{1}{2}$ mins. This peal consisted of 21 bobs, 12 singles. H. Curzon (first 720), 1; R. T. Prout, 2; F. G. Prout, 3; C. East, 4; A. Summers, 5; H. W. Eussell (conductor) 6

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Muffled Bells.

SIR,—Muffled peals have just been rung all over the country in memory of our late Queen. It would be interesting to know how the bells have been muffled. Here we always fasten something on one side of the clapper to deaden the sound, but I am told that in some places they muffle the clappers on both sides.

They multiple the Chappers on boon sides. It seems to me that the objection to this is that the bells would not be heard at any distance. There would be only a faint and subdued sound. Perhaps some of our great bell-ringers would tell us the correct way to do it. Redmarley Rectory, Gloucester.

MUFFLED PEALS IN MEMORY OF THE QUEEN. The Sussex County Association.

At the Parish Church, Brighton, on February 2nd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6720 changes, in 4 hrs. 14 mins.

George Baker	1	Frank Bennett	5
George F. Attree	2	Robert J. Dawe	. 6
Arthur A. Fuller	3	George A. King	. 7
George Smart	4	George Williams	. 8
Composed by W. Harrison,	and	l conducted by George	William

Composed by W. Harrison, and conducted by George Williams. Longest length by all, also on the bells. This composition is the extent with tenors together.

ALSO at St. Paul's, Brighton, on February 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

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George A King			L George F. Attree	5
George Baker			2 William Al.frey	., 6
John Jay, sen.			B George Williams (condi	r.) 7
Frank Bennett			4 Henry Stalham	., 8
The above two	peals	were	ang with the bells half-mu	iffied.

The Kent County Association an the Ancient Society of

College Youths.

AT Westerham, on February 2nd, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 234 cwt. Bro. H. J. Selby 1 | Bro. J. Heath*

	H. J. Selby .		1	Bro. J. Heath*	
17	S. A. Wright	*	2	" R. Stone (Sec.)† 6	
33	G. B. Selby .		3	" D. Wright (condr.) 7	
29	M. Whatley.		4		

First peal of STEDMAN by an entirely local band, all of whom belong to the Court West Kent 3420, Order of Foresters. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect for Queen Victoria; also for the late Miss M. K. Warde, the Squire's eldest daughter. Bros. S. A. Wright and J. Heath were elected members of the College Youths previous to starting. [* First peal of STEDMAN. + First peal of STEDMAN away from tenor.]

Whitfield, Glossop, Derbyshire.

AT St. James's Church on February 2nd, for the late Queen's Memorial service, a muffled peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

Frank Garside*	44	11	1	Eli Garside		1.4	5	
T. Jackson			2	J. Lawton			6	
W. Hadfield			3	E. O'Rostron			7	
J. Marsden		44	4	J. Dewsnap			8	
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Composed by J. J. Brierly, conducted by E. O'Rostron. Tenor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. [* First peal.]

The Midland Counties' Association.

AT St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, on February 2nd, Holt's Six-part peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, $25\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in D.

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John M. Barnes	1 Albert V. Potter	5
Charles Dalby	2 Walter James	6
Ernest J. Gale	3 Charles R. Lilley (condr.)	7
Richard H. Bartram	4 William Spiley	8
ing half-muffled in memory	of Queen Victoria, being the qu	lickes

Rung half-muffled in memory of Queen Victoria, being the quickest peal upon the bells, and the first in the method by a Melton band.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On January 26th, with the bells half-muffled, a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS. W. Spiley, 1; T. Gillett, 2; J. M. Barnes, 3; E. J. Gale, 4; C. Dalby, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6; W. James, 7; J. Goodacre, 8; R. Bartram, 9; R. Young, 10. For evening



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DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on January 27th, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (26 singles), in 30 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells muffled (tenor open at back stroke) in loving memory of Queen Victoria. And on February 2nd. for the Memorial Service, with bells muffled, 180 and 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs), in 31 mins. A. Nicholas, 1 J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. After the Proclamation of King Edward VII. in the Market Square, the muffles were taken off and several volleys fired on the bells and 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (26 singles) was rung in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On February 3rd, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Queen, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (18 bobs, 2 singles) in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. The ringer are members of the Lancashire Association.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, January 27th, eight members of the St. George's Society of Change-ringers rang the bells whole-muffled for morning and evening service. Also on Saturday, February 2nd, the bells were 'fired,' whole-muffled, the age of her late Most Gracious Majesty, and were afterwards rung half-muffled wholepull-and-stand. G. Woodage, 1; H. Green, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; E. E. Clements (conductor), 4; C. H. Dear, 5; W. Humberstone, 6; F. Clements, 7; W. G. Cobbett, 8. Also, with T. H. Taffender, 5 (conductor), 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. The large bell was tolled on the night of Her Majesty's death from ten p.m. until midnight; also on the day of the funeral.

MR. EDWARD BELL, parish clerk of Calverton, Notts, tolled one of the church bells on the occasion of the death of William IV., and again acted as one of the ringers when the news of the death of Queen Victoria was received. Can any other parish clerk claim a similar record?

A NOTABLE BURNLEY BELL-RINGER.—Mr. John Pollard, one of the bell-ringers at the Burnley Parish Church, has had a most remarkable experience in connexion with the reign of the late Queen. Born in the same year as Her Majesty, he rang on her accession to the throne, on her Coronation Day and marriage, and since then has never failed to take his accustomed place in the belfry on the occasion of her birthday celebrations, making his experience perhaps a record one by taking part in the ringing of a muffled peal at the church on the recept of the news of the monarch's death on Tuesday night. In addition, the veteran ringer ' pulled the rope' at the Queen's Jubilee, and again at her Diamond Jubilee. Then he has also rung on every Christmas Eve, and has helped to 'ring out the old ' and 'ring in the new' during the whole of the time Queen Victoria occupied the throne with but one exception, and that was owing to a severe illness. Notwithstanding his advanced age, Mr. Pollard is still hale and hearty, and hopes to be present in the old church tower to ring many another merry peal.

ANOTHER VETERAN BELL-RINGER.—Mr. Thomas Bown, bell-ringer, Gainsborough. rang at the old parish church there on the occasion of the funeral of William IV., at the coronation of her late Majesty, the Jubilee, and the Diamond Jubilee. He rang the bells for the Queen's funeral and hopes to ring them at the coronation of King Edward VII. II e is still hale and hearty, and can walk his eight or ten miles with ease, though now eighty years of age. About two years ago he married his second wife.

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The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on February 22nd.

The Ancient Society of College Youths : at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and The Ancient Society of Course at St. Michaels, Cornnil, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on February 19th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 22nd. The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on February 20th.

A Notable Salisbury Bell-founder.

LECTURING in the Iron Room, Fisherton, on behalf of a fund which is being raised to put the bells of Fisherton in a proper condition, Mr. J. R. Jerram gave some interesting particulars about William Purdue, perhaps the most important of all the Salisbury bell-founders. This man (said Mr. Jerram) was the son of George Purdue, bell-founder, of Bristol, who had three sons, all bell-founders—Roger, who carried on business at Bristol; Thomas, who did the same at Closworth, Somersetshire; and William, who succeeded Wallis & Danton at Salisbury. Nathaniel and Robert Bolter, two other bell-founders, seem to have assisted William Purdue in his business, and their initials appear on many bells in the district. The whole of the peal of six at St. Edmund's, which was put up in 1656, after the rebuilding of the tower, was cast by them. Several of these have since been recast, and in 1884 the peal was increased to eight. It may be remembered, with regard to St. Edmund's bells, that they were cast during the Common-wealth. Rather an uncommon case. The seventh bears the name of 'John Strickland, minester.' This man was a Nonconformist, and was expelled at the Restoration; hence he is described as 'minister,' not as 'rector.' In April, 1661, William Purdue received an order from the vestry of St. Thomas to recast the six old bells then hanging in that tower, and to make a peal of six in the same key as those of St. Ed-mund's, which he cast five years before. None of these now remain, for the tenor cracked, and was recast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1716, and is the tenor of the present peal, and the rest were recast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, in 1771, and made into the front seven bells of the present peal of eight at St. Thomas's. In 1661 William Purdue recast the sixth bell of the heavy peal of eight then hanging in the old campanile of the Cathedral. This is the only one of that noble peal which is left, and now hangs in the central tower, and is used as the service and clock bell. When the campanile was demolished in 1776, the other bells (several of which were cracked) were sold to Robert Wells, the bell-founder of Aldbourne. who, five years before William Purdue died at Limerick, and was buried in the Cathedral there in 1673.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 9th, a peal of CAM-BRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow		1	Harry R. Pasmore	4.10	à.
William H. Pasmore		2	John W. Golding		6
Henry S. Ellis		3	Charles T. P. Brice		7
Arthur G. Ellis		4	Henry R. Newton		8
Composed by Charles M	liddletc	on,	conducted by Henry R.	New	ton.

MUFFLED PEALS IN MEMORY OF THE QUEEN.

The Yorkshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Marie's, Sheffield, on February 4th, with the bells muffled, 5040 BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 33 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

W. Midgley			1	H. Ward			5		
T. G. Sarel	• •			J. A. Dixon			6		
J. Mulligan				G. O. Dixon			7		
F. Burgar			4	R. Harrison			8		
Composed by J. Reeves, conducted by R. Harrison.									

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—At St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on January 27th, the local members rang, in memory of Queen Victoria, Reeve's



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G. E. Rollerson	1	G. H. Hargreaves	5
J. Rollerson	. 2	H. H. Shaw*	6
T. Collinge*	3	John Smith (conductor)	7
J. H. Nuttall		A. Newman	8
The above is the first	peal cond	ucted by J. Smith. 📑 F	irst peal in
any method.	-		-

St. Paul's Cathedral.

A MUFFLED peal, in memory of Queen Victoria, was rung on Saturday, February 2nd, by Messrs. J. Pettit (conductor), J. R. Haworth, W. Cooter, R. French, H. Langton, G. A. Muskett, G Dorrington, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, J. W. Golding, W. C. Cockerill, T. H. Taffender, and A. Clark. Afterwards two courses of STEDMAN CINQUES, in which Mr. Horrex took part.

Rugby, Warwickshire.

AT St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, January 27th, 503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; J. Coates, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7 W. West, 8. Also on Saturday morning, February 2nd, 952 GRAND-SIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; G. Petrie, 4; A. Bramall, 5; A. Dubber, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; T. Holmes, 8. These touches were rung deeply mutiled, except the tenor, which was open one way, as a mark of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria.

Majesty, Queen Victoria. On Saturday evening, February 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES with the bells deeply muffled, but after ringing 2352 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. the conductor called 'stand' at the desire of the authorities, in consequence of a service being held in the church. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; G. Petrie, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; A. Dubber, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Composed by John Carter, Birmingham.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.-The bell in the central tower of the Cathedral, known as 'Bell Harry,' was tolled at every half-minute from 8.15 to 10 o'clock on the night of the Queen's death by Mr. H Andrews, the Clerk of the Works to the Dean and Chapter, who performed a similar duty on the deaths of Archbishops Longley, Tait, and Benson, the bell only being tolled at the death of the Sovereign or the Archbishop, although it is used for the early morning bell and for the curfew, and chimed before each service. This bell was cast in 1635. and succeeded a bell which bore the same name, and was traditionally said to have been brought from France and given to the Cathedral by Henry VIII.

MAIDENHEAD.—The annual meeting of the ringers of All Saints^{*}. Boyn Hill, has been held, the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Drummond) in the chair. Mr. W. Walker was elected foreman, in place of Mr. F. Dentry, resigned, and Mr. G. Martin was chosen deputy-foreman; in place of ski, 1. J. Martin, Bissley was elected treasurer. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. F. Dentry. The balance-sheet showed a balance of about 6*l*., an increase on the year previous. The Vicar, on behalf of the ringers, asked Mr. Dentry to accent a walking-stick as a token of respect and in recover Dentry to accept a walking-stick, as a token of respect and in recog-nition of his services to the belfry.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—The bell-ringers have again partaken of Mr. and Mrs. Day's hospitality. A most enjoyable evening was spent. In addition to the ringers, several friends were present, including the Vicar (the Rev. H. Wilkinson) and Mr. and Mrs. Beck (Moor). After supper selections on the handbells were given.

LEOMINSTER RINGERS' SUPPER.—At the annual supper to the churchwardens, sidesmen, bell-ringers, and members of the Leominster Priory Church, given by the Vicar of Leominster (the Rev. J. H. Charles), the company numbered nearly fifty.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on February 25th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on February 26th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on February 27th; at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on February 28th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 1st.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Evangelist, Waterloo Road, on February 27th.

The St. John's Society : at St. John's, Wilton Road, on February 28th.

MUFFLED PEALS IN MEMORY OF THE OUEEN.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Peter's, Henfield; Sussex, on February 2nd, Thurstans' Fourpart peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

William A. J. I	ves		1	William Hillman,	5	
Lazarus Payne	1.1		2	Charles Tyler (conductor)	6	
Samuel Birt	1.1			Albert Heasman, sen.*	7	
George Payne			4	Arthur Hodges	8	

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Queen Victoria. * First peal from the tenor.

Tipton, S affordshire.

Ar St. Martin's Church, on February 11th, by members of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, with the bells muffled on each side, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

W. R. Small			1 J. Jagger 5	
S. Reeves.			2 R. Hall 6	
Thomas Horton			3 James Groves (conductor) 7	
W. H. Godden			4 F. Harris 8	
Tenor, 12 cwt. 0	grs. 25	lbs.	The above is a Ten-part peal co	om

posed by Mr. John Carter of Birmingham. Rung in memory of the late Queen.

The Cheltenham and D strict Gu d of Ringers.

AT St. Mary's; Cheltenham, on February 2nd, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the bells muffled both sides, was rung in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

W. Compton		1	F. W. Wade		5
W. T. Pates		2	F. E. Ward		. 6
A. W. Humphris		3	T. Pendry		7
C. Pockett		4	J. Ballinger		8
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Composed by the late J. Taylor, and conducted by W. T. Pates A copper tablet is in course of erection to commemorate the above event, and is being subscribed for through the instrumentality of the Rector, churchwardens, and his Worship the Mayor of Cheltenham.



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W. T. PATES, Master of St. Mary's Society of Ringers.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley, Sussex, on February 10th. a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

George Thompson			11	George Paice		5
John Rice		4.1		Edwin Jordan		6
Frank Bennett				Frederick W. Rice	100	7
Alfred D. Mills				George Williams		8
Composed by J.	Parker	and	l co	nducted by George Will	iams	

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Lindfield, on February 16th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, $2\overline{1}_4^3$ cwt.

Frederick W. Rice		1	John Rice	ā.
Henry Stalham		2	Frank Bennett	6
George Tomsett*		3	George Williams (condr.)	7
Edward Dewey			Edmund Patching ⁺	8
First peal	l on a		b-bell. † First peal.]	

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers.

AT St. Matthias's, Burley, lately, a peal of 5040 changes was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. It consisted of 720 each LONDON SCHOLARS, CITY DELIGHT, ARNOLD'S VICTORY, COLLEGE PLEASURE, DUKE OF YORK. VIOLET, and OXFORD.

F. Hullah (Burley)	1	John Thackray (Armley).	$\underline{4}$	
H. Gaythorpe (conductor,	20	Walter Chapman (Roth-		
Bramley)	2	well)	5	
J. W. T. Holgate (Bram-		James Barraclough (Hud-		
ley)	3	dersfield)	6	

MORECAMBE.-At the time of the Queen's funeral the ringers of the Morecambe Parish Church rang a muffled peal for service of PLAIN BOB MINOR, 720 changes. R. S. Hirst (conductor), 1; Robert Grise-dale, 2; J. Willis, 3; A. Gerrard, 4; C. Wilding, 5; R. Cocking, 6. After the service, a half-muffled peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR, 720 changes.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church, the bells being muffied for the memorial service for our late Queen, the ringers rang a quarter-peal the memorial service for our late Queen, the ringers rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. H. Fever, 1 C. Scott, 2; G. Halksworth, 3; H. Marwood (conductor), 4; H. Brock, 5; C. Armitage, 6; H. Wilson, 7; S. Holmes, 8. Also a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1901 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. H. Fever, 1 : H. Wilson, 2; G. Halksworth, 3; H. Marwood, 4; C. Scott, 5; C. Armitage, 6; R. Bayles, 7; W. Howard, 8. The above touch was composed and conducted by H. Marwood.

DEATH OF AN OLD WIMBORNE RINGER .- The death has taken place of John Bennett, of Wimborne, at the home of his son at Pokesdown. The deceased, who was about seventy-four years of age, was for many years one of the ringers at Wimborne Minster, the tenor bell being his favourite. It was the deceased who was ringing the bell on the occasion of a wedding when a portion of the woodwork gave way and the bell fell, much to the consternation of the ringers, who at once stampeded, thinking the western tower was giving way. Fortunately the heavy bell fell against the woodwork, which saved it from crashing through the floor into the belfry below.

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- March 7th.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 23rd, a peal of STEDMAN

INQUES, OUT CHANGES, IL			
James Pettit	. 1	Thomas Langdon	7
Herbert Langdon	. 2	William E. Garrard	. 8
Henry Springall		William T. Cockerill	. 9
Herbert P. Harman	4	John W. Golding	10
William H. Pasmore	. 5	Walter Prime	11
George R. Fardon	. 6	Edward P. O'Meara	12
Composed by the late He	nry W.	Haley, conducted by Jan	nes Pettit.

Dalton-in-Furness,

Dalton-in-Furness. At the Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on February 7th, for practice, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 26 singles, in 25 mins. J. Huddleston, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; A. F. Hardy (Barrow-in-Furness), 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 4 bobs and 26 singles, in 27 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; T. Suart, 2; A. F. Hardy, 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On February 10th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 4 bobs and 14 singles, in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; W. H. Dennison, 6. And on February 17th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 18 bobs and 18 singles, in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; W. H. Dennison, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. At the Parish Church, on Feb. 21st, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 27 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; A. F. Hardy (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also a 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, 38 bobs and 22 sitgles, in 26 mins, A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; A. F. Hardy, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (con-ductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. First of GRANDSIRE MINOR for A. F. Hardy. On Feb. 24th, for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE, 14 singles and 4 bobs, in 25 mins. W. H. Dennison, 1; F. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Normerventart — At All Saints' Church eight members of the Burrows, 6.

NOTTINGHAM.--At All Saints' Church, eight members of the Midland Counties' Association attempted a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, over 5000 changes, and took 3 hrs. 9 mins. in accomplishing. Although the company were successful in ringing the full number of changes, this achievement did not constitute a 'true peal,' owing to a changecourse, which occurred five minutes before the ringers completed their task. But for this error the performance was noteworthy as the first peal of STEDMAN ever rung in Nottingham. T. Woolley, 1; T. Horton, 2; E. Robinson, 3; W. H. Inglesant, 4; J. Hickman, 5; — Newham, 6; H. W. Albott (conductor), 7; W. Clifton, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in E. The bells were rung half-muffled.

DEWSBURY .- The ringers at the Parish Church rang a muffled peal previous to the memorial service to the Queen, and also after the service; and on Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., a date touch, 1901 changes, in honour of the accession of His Majesty the King. J. Gar-forth, 1; F. Bailey, 2; W. Ainley, 3; C. Senior, 4; I. Idle, 5; G. H. Hardy (conductor), 6; J. H. Dixon, 7; G. Taylor, 8.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—In response to an invitation from the Baglan bell-ringers, the ringers of S^t. Mary's, Aberavon, recently made an attempt to ring 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR on the musical ring of six bells hung in Baglan Church tower, by Taylor, of Loughborough. The result was a well-struck 720 in 27 mins, being the first 720 on the bells. Touches of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were also rung, including 360. Mr. E. Clarke (tenor) was the conductor. The tenor bell, in G, weighs about 13 cwt.



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JARROW .- MEETING OF BELL-RINGERS .- A general meeting of La members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocese of ringers was held in the Ben Lomond Hotel, Jarrow, there being a large attendance. Mr. R. S. Storey, of Whitley, presided over the gathering, and there were also present the Rev. George Pybus, vicar of Jarrow Grange; the Rev. J. M. Cook, of Gosforth; Mr. C. L. Routledge, secretary; and Mr. T. Hedgson, vice-chairman. The Chairman intimated that bells were being erected in Gosforth, Newcastle, and West Hartlepol. Four new honorary and eight active members were enrolled, and the meeting terminated. St. Peter's and Christ Church bells were used during the afternoon, seven bells of 720 changes being rung in various methods.

BROCKWELL, ST. ANDREW'S.—For nearly a year the bells of this church have only been rung occasionally, owing to the opinion of an expert that frequent ringing was dangerous, the woodwork being in a bad condition. Some three months ago it was decided to have the bells retuned, and one of them, which was damaged, recast. When they were taken down it was discovered that the beams and joists were in a very rotten and dangerous state; the spindle of one of the bells was almost broken through. Consequently it was determined to have new woodwork wherever necessary, including three new floors, new beams, joists, and doors. That the parishioners were heartily in favour of the work has been clearly demonstrated, as more money was subscribed than was at first thought needful, but the unexpectedly large outlay on the work in the terms. the work in the tower has to be met. At the service for the rededica-tion of the bells, the Bishop of the Falkland Islands (assistant bishop for the diocese of Bath and Wells) officiated, assisted by the Rector, the Row. R. H. B. Warren (curate of Wraxall) also being present.

SAXMUNDHAM RINGERS.—For many years there has been in Six-mundham a lack of bell-ringers. The church tower possesses a very good peal of six bells, but, unless visited by followers of the art from other parishes, they were very spasmodically rung. Meetings were held last year, and by the energy of Mr. H. E. Jolly (who undertook the duties of hon. secretary) and others a company was formed, and by assiduous practising great progress has been made. A dinner was recently held, at which the Rector (the Rev. G. F. Richardson) pre-sided. The company also gave an exhibition of skill on the handbells. A dinner was

YORK MINSTER BELL-RINGERS .- The Annual Dinner (postponed owing to the death of Her late Majesty the Queen) was held at the Lowther Hotel. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Breed (one of the York Minster band of ringers). Mr. Cundall took the chair, and Mr. W. H. Howard the vice-chair. A very pleasant evening was passed.

ALPHINGTON : ANNUAL SUPPER .- The members and friends of the local Society of Bell-ringers had their annual supper at the 'New Inn,' Mr. C. Coles catering in a most satisfactory manner. In the absence of the President (the Rev. E. J. G. Dapuis), the Bev. H. James presided. The usual loyal and other to sits were drunk, including the 'Host and Hostess,' Mr. and Mrs. Coles. Som; capital songs were sung. Mr. T. H. Smith was the pianist. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

DEATH OF A WAKEFIELD RINGER.-There has passed away, after a short illness, an old Wakefield ringer, in the person of William Firth. at the age of forty-eight. Mr. Firth had been a bell-ringer for about thirty years, and came of an old family of ringers, his father having been a ringer at the old Parish Church over for y years ago. He was also very intimately acquainted with the bells at Holbeck Parish Church, and had rung several long peals at the above and other places in the district. The interment took place at the Cemptery. The Cathedral ringers attended, and rang a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS at the graveside, afterwards proceeding to the Cathedral and ringing a short muffled peal as a last token of respect to their deceased comrade.

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A Ringer's Birthday.

ON Monday evening, February 25th, a most enjoyable evening was spent at the Cafe de Paris Restaurant, Ludgate Hill, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of the birthday of Mr. H. S. Thomas, an influ-ential and highly respected member of the Royal Cumberland Youths. About twenty-four were invited, and these included some of Mr. Thomas's oldest personal friends and representatives of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Ancient Society of College Youths. This gathering in honour of Mr. Thomas had been arranged by two very old friends, Mr. H. A. Hopkins and Mr. Raftery, and their efforts were rewarded with unbounded success. In the absence of Mr. Mason (though illner) Mr. Burg Colling provide a marginal and comble

(through illness), Mr. Percy Collins proved a very genial and capable chairman, and the vice-chair was also ably filled by Mr. R. E. Daniell. After dinner the Chairman submitted the toasts 'King, Queeu, and Royal Family' and 'The guest of the evening, Mr. H. S. Thomas.' In proposing the latter, he spoke of the unfailing geniality and generosity of Mr. Thomas and of these many ather good guilties which ourse all to of Mr. Thomas, and of those many other good qualities which cause all to admire and respect that gentleman wherever he is met. As a souvenir of this his fiftieth birthday, Mr. Thomas was then presented with a gold pen and pencil-case, which he suitably acknowledged, and spoke in kindest terms of all those who were giving him such real pleasure on this occasion. He also told of the difficulties he had to contend with at this occasion. He also told of the dimcuttees he had to contend with at St. Mary's, Battersea, in establishing a change-ringing band in that tower twenty-nine years ago, and of the first peal there rung by him in 1884, conducted by Mr. W. Baron. The other toasts were 'The arrangers of the gathering,' 'The chair and vice chair,' and 'The accompanist' (Mr. H. Gadsby). Songs were excellently rendered by Messrs. Marsh, C. Durrant, Beveridge, Collins, Daniell, H. S. Thomas, W. Baron, and H. R.

Newton, and much laughter was evoked by Mr. Spicer's recitation, 'The Brahmin's Paradise.' Solos on the piano were given by Mr. Gadsby and Mr. H. G. Thomas, and a course of GRANDSTRE CATERS was rung on handbells by Messrs. Daniell, Baron, Newton, Hepkins, and Cockerill. The latter four also rang a course of STEDMAN TRIPLES.

The gathering was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld lang syne.

CHANGE-RINGING.

St. James's Society.

ON Saturday, March 2nd, 1901, at St. Clement Dane's, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins.

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16.6	2	Herbert Langdon		7	
	3	A. Jacob	• •	8	
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Composed by J. Cox, conducted by H. Langdon (first peal as conductor). St. Lawrence Church, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, February 23rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, was rung here in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

Wilson Bateman		44	1	T. Latimer.	12.2	1.1	ā	
William Birks			.0	G. Bolland.	1.0		6	
J. Cecil Booth*			3	Harry Ward*	1.4		7	
William Bolland		11	4	P. Cordingley (conduct	or)	8	
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Exe olland (trom Tong), the rest are of the local company. [* First peal.]

ON Friday. evening, March 1st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, was rung in 3 hrs. 14 mins. with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect and esteem for Mrs. Copeland, the wife of the Vicar of Dudger (the Part of Data Gradent PD). of Pudsey (the Rev. G. Dale-Copeland, B.D.), who was interred at the cemetery in the afternoon.

G. Bolland	1	T. Latimer	1.1	5
	2	Frank Birks		6
C. Pratt (Calverley)			12.6	7
W. Bolland (conductor)*	4	P. Cordingley	11	16
Tenor, 16 cwts.	[His fiftieth peal.		

POSLINGFORD.—At the usual practice meeting of the local Company several six-scores of St. SIMONS, CANTERBURY, and BOB DOUBLES were rung by W. Dains, 1; W. Atkinson, 2; A. Richardson, 3; C. Howe, 4; D. Grindley (conductor), 5. After falling the bells, a capital 720 of BOB MINOR was rung upon handbells by W. Danes, 1; O. Evans, 2; C. Howe, 3; A. Richardson, 4; D. Grindley, 5; W. Atkinson (conductor),



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6. Great credit is due to Messra. Dains and Evans for the way which they rung their bells, the above being their first 720, also the first 720 as conducted by W. Atkinson. The local ringers desire to gratefully thank their instructor from Clare for his untiring efforts to develop the art of change-ringing here.

WADDESDON.-In ringing to celebrate the matriage of Mr. Bliss to MADDISJON.—In ringing to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Bliss to Miss Fowler on February 19th, the ringers accomplished their first 120 changes of Bob Doubles. This is supposed to be the first time they have been rung by Waddesdon ringers. The following took part:—E. Thorn, 1; E. Saunders, 2; C. Skinner, 3; T. Saunders, 4: T. Wakenell, 5; E. Slade, 6.

NEW BELL FOR NAIRN PARISH CHURCH .- A new and very handsome bell, presented by Mr. Alex. Mann, Guayquil, S.A., has been hun-in the tower of this Parish Church. It weighs about half a ton, and it-tone is remarkably sweet and pleasant to the ear. It was supplied by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

NORTHAMPTON.-Mr. W. Lord, saddler, has kindly presented a complete set of leather muffles for the Parish Church bells, for the purpose of ringing muffled peals.

CROYDON.—The Ancient Society of Croydon Bell-ringers dined at the 'Rose and Crown,' Church Street. The attendance was not so large as could have been desired. The Rev. Canon H. H. Pereira pre-sided, and was supported by the Rev. A. Reeve. At the conclusion of the toast list, a programme of vocal and instrumental items was rendered by members and friends.

ST. NICHOLAS' BELLS, ABERDEEN.-At a meeting of the Churches Committee of the Aberdeen Town Council, Mr. John Kirby, organist of the West Parish Church, was asked to give his opinion as to the ad-visability of hanging only an octave of bells on the St. Nicholas' spire. Mr. Kirby replied that he was of opinion that there was sufficient material in the spire to form a good octave. He was requested to pre-pare a written report on the subject pare a written report on the subject.

ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.—For the 112th time 'Edwards's Farewell Peal' has been rung on St. Michael's bells. The ringers were Messrs. F. Owen (in charge), F. Charley, W. Woodhouse, A. Charley, T. Owen, J. Court. Mr. William Edwards died on December 12th, 1789, and he left 1001. in trust to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being, 21. 10s. of the interest 'to go to the man who rang the six and nine o'clock bell, and the remainder to be equally divided between the sexton and ringers, who should ring the bell in remembrance of him.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER .- An interesting presentation to a bell-ringer has been made at Heywood. Mr. James Miliett, who has been associated with the bells in St. Luke's Church since they were first hung, retired from service at the end of last year, and the ringers, with a few friends, presented him with an umbrella and walking-stick to show their appreciation of his services and their esteem for him personally.

OADBY PARISH CHURCH BELLS .- Mr. G. H. Hodges, J.P., Oadby Frith, has offered to present a new peal of six bells to replace the four old ones now in the church, providing that certain alterations and repairs to windows, floors, clock, &c., necessary before the new bells can be put in, are carried out by public subscription. In a circular to the Vicar and churchwardens, Mr. Hodges points out that the bells are in a very bad state, one or two being broken or cracked, and out of tune. From 50% to 60% is required for the alterations preparatory to the reception of new bells, and he undertakes to start the subscription with a donation of five guineas. Accepting Mr. Hodges' offer, the Rev. I. Raine (vicar) and Messrs. E. A. Laundon and T. Todd (churchwarden's) have issued an appeal, and remark that, should the liberality of the parish result in a large and then the necessary 50% or 60% and they trust it will the a larger sum than the necessary 50%. or 60%, and they trust it will, the balance will form a nucleus of a fund for chimes for the clock.

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Lincoln Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE EASTERN DIVISION.—The quarterly meeting was held at Burgh, and was attended by ringers from Boston, Skirbeck, Kreiston, Friskney, and was attended by ringers from Boston, Skirbeck, Kreiston, Friskney, and Burgh. The company journeyed from Boston by rail to Burgh Station, and then had a walk of two miles to the church, where they were met by several members of the local company, who gave them a hearty welcome. Everything being in readiness, the bells (which are a nice ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt.) were raised in peal, and 504 of GRAND-SIRE TRIPLES was brought round. The company then started for a longer touch, viz., 1008 in the same method, which was successfully brought round, the men standing as follows: E. Clayton, 1; F. Devoto, 2; A. O. Barber, 3; J. M. Rylatt (conductor), 4; T. Boyer, 5; W. F. Harwood, 6; F. Blakey, 7; G. Sevil, 8. Evensong was held at four p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. D. White), after which an adjourn-ment was made to the White Hart Inn, where tea was provided, to which full justice was done by those assembled. The business meeting, which was of the usual character, was held immediately after, presided which full justice was done by those assembled. The business meeting, which was of the usual character, was held immediately after, presided over by the Rev. J. Cheales, of Friskney (the president of the society). A move was then made to the church, when the ropes were again handled, and several peaks of GRANDSIRE and BOB DOUBLES were rung by mixed companies on the front five bells, with 7, 6, 8 covering, until near eight p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. Then, what was strange to most of the visitors, the Curfew bell was rung; and, upon inquiry, the visitors were informed that this custom has been observed in Burgh since the time of the Normans, and that the bell is also rung at five a.m. during the summer and at six a.m. during the winter months. There is also, we are informed, a sum of money left for pro-viding a silken rope for the tenor bell, but years back this was invested in a plot of land, called the ringers' pasture, which the local company have for gardens at nominal rent.

Hon, Society of St. Patrick's Bell-ringers, Coleraine.

THE members of this Society held their eighth annual general meet-ing in the Rectory, the Rev. F. N. Dudley, M.A., presiding. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the Chairman addressed the members, and asked the Secretary to read his report as follows: 'Since our last general meeting the usual peals for service have been regularly attended by the conductors yie Miss Girgen and Messre regularly attended by the conductors, viz., Miss Giveen, and Messrs. J. Irwin and F. M'Elgunn. On the occasion of the death and funeral of Her late Majesty the Queen, special funeral peals were rung, and a joy peal on the date of the proclamation of His Majesty King Edward VII. in Coleraine. The bells have been maintained in good order, but it is to be regretted that the membership is not increasing, thereby necessitating additional attendances on those who are active members. The bells have been maintained in good order, but it is to

The Bells of Church Eaton.

THE Church Eaton parish magazine for the current month contains the following :

We think parishioners will wish to have some information about the bells, and the reasons for leaving off the ringing, before any attempt is made to put things right. There are five bells in the tower with the following inscriptions and dates on each :---

Treble.—'God save His Church, our King, and realm, 1631.' 2nd.—'When you me ring, I'll sweetly sing.'

2nd.—' When you me ring, I'll sweetly sing.' 3rd.—' Prosperity to all our benefactors, 1718.' 4th.—' Jesus be our speed, 1610. Walter Gyffard, Esquire.' Tenor.—' Jonas Asteley, Richard Hill, Gtnt., Churchwardens, 1670.' The tenor weighs just under 10 cwt. From this it will be seen that two of the bells were given by indi-viduals, the oldest by the then owner of High Onn, the tenor by the then owners of Orslow and Little Onn. The other three were probably the result of public subscriptions to commemorate some notable event. Allowing for the slowness of communication 200 years ago, it seems quite likely that two, if not three, of the bells were put in to celebrate the accession of a new King to the throne.

quite likely that two, if not three, of the bells were put in to celebrate the accession of a new King to the throne. The four oldest bells are hung together on one level in a wooden frame with the end of the beams let into the tower walls. The last bell could not be so provided for, and was put above them by itself. As time has gone on, the tenons and pins, and the ends of the beams themselves have decayed, and the ringing of the bells now makes the beams act as a battering ram against the tower walls. When it is remembered that the weight of the bells is just under two tons, it will be understood how great the danger of this is. A slight crack has again appeared in the tower above the west belfry window. The bells themselves now having been rung over two hundred years.

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in the same way have become very worn where the clappers strike the bell. We are advised that it would be quite impossible to rehang a five bells on the same level in an iron frame with place for a sixth bell if one might later be given, which would not touch the wall anywhere, and so avoid the dangers of vibration, and that the bells can be 'quarter turned' so that the worn places may be spared, and the prospect of

cracking the bells prevented. The Rector and churchwardens propose to take the inhabitants of the parish into their confidence at the annual parish meeting for the election of parish councillors. The bells were last rung to commemorate the death of Queen Victoria, and it is suggested that it would be in accordance with the past history of the church and the parish if the bells could be rehung and the peal completed by the addition of a sixth bell, and rung for the first time at the coronation of Edward VII.

Cheltenham Bell-Ringers and the King's Accession.

ON behalf of the bell-ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Chelten-ham, the master (Mr. W. T. Pates) forwarded last month an address to the King, most respectfully offering to His Majesty 'our deep sympathy in the overwhelming sorrow that has befallen your Majesty and the other members of the Royal Family, and the incalculable loss sustained by the whole nation and empire in the death of our late beloved Sovereign, Lady Queen and Empress Victoria,' and adding, 'it has given us the greatest pleasure in the past to ring joyful peals on St. Mary's Parish Church bells for our dearly-loved Queen; but now it is our sorrowful duty to perform our last tribute to her beloved memory. We also humbly beg leave to offer to your Majesty our solemn and earnest congratulations on your accession to the throne.' Mr. Pates has now received the following reply from the Home Secretary :---Home Office, Whitehall, March 4th, 1901.

SIR, -I am commanded by the King to convey to you hereby His Majesty's thanks for the loyal and dutiful message of the Church bell-ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheltenham, expressing sym-pathy on the occasion of the lamented death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria; and congratulation on His Majesty's accession to the throne. -I am Sir, your obedient Servant, CHAS. T. RITCHIE.

New Bells for Broughton Church.

New Bells for Broughton Church. THE new peal of bells has been hung in the new tower, recently completed, which has been given by Lord Cross. The bells have been given by residents in the district for the most part. On the first bell the following words have been cast:—'To the glory of God, and as a thankoffering to Him for recovered health. This bell is presented to St. Mary Magdalene Church by E. Haynes, 1900.' The second bell has been presented by Mr. John Clarke, churchwarden, 1900. The trird bell, by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, has on it the following in-scription: 'My lips shall praise Thee, John Garner gave me when he was churchwarden here in the 1900th year.' On bell No. 4 is 'Te Deam Laudamus, 1900. Miss Myers' gift.' Bell No. 5 is inscribed, 'Ad majorem Dei gloriam. In memory of William Henry Cross, died 1892.' On No. 6 bell is, 'This is presented by Mr. T. Butler, 1900.' The seventh bell has on it, 'Venite exultemus Dominc.' The eighth bell is inscribed, 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London. Given by Lord Cross. Arrived at Broughton March 4th, 1901.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

Horbury.

THE Horbury Society of Change-ringers rang a peal of BOB MAJOR.								
5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 57 mins. The ringers were as follows:								
Arthur A. Fothergill 1	Geo. F. Pickles							
Eli Brooks.	James Smith 6							
Herbert Rowley 3	George Hunt							
James Woffendon 4	Ernest Carr							
The peal was composed by the late Mr. Henry Hubbard, of Leeds,								
and conducted by Mr. George Hunt.								

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The Hertfordshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, THE Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monuay, April 8th, when the Cathedral tower and that of St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine service at 5 o'clock at the Cathedral, when a special address will be given by the Dean of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45; business meeting to follow for election of officers. The report of the representatives of the various towers in union with the Association on the proposed division of the county into districts will come on for consideration, and adoption if thought desirable. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with me by Wednesday, April 3rd, in order that arrangements may be made for their convenience.

St. Albans.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

On Monday, March 11th, 1901, in 3 hrs. 3 mins., at the Church of St. Giles's-in-the-Field, W.C., a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes. Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor, 18 cwt.

J. R. Sha	rman		100		I. G. Shade			5
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E. Pye				4	Arthur T. King		40 6	ś
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The Middlesex Association.

On Saturday, March 16th, 1901, at the church of All Saints, Poplar, in 3 hrs. 11 mins., a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes.

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Ernest Pye		$1 \mid$	Isaac G. Shade	6
William Pye			Frederick W. Thornton .	
John R. Sharman.		3	William Berry .	8
Bertram Prewett.		4]	Cornelius Charge	9
John II. Cheesman		5	Arthur T. King	10
Composed by Arthur			conducted by Wm. Pye.	
25 cwt.	0 ,		5 *	,

Carshalton, Surrey.

In 2 hrs. 55 mins., at the Church of All Saints', a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes (Holt's Six-part) was rung.

George W. Heat	her		1	Edwin Matthews			5
William S. Smith	a	110	2	Lewin C. Ferrige		11.	6
Alfred Boxall			3	Frank Holder			7
Alfred Clayton			4	William Gray			8
Frank Holder conducted.							

The Gloucester and Bristol Association of Bell-ringers.

AT Lydney eight members of the above Association met at the belfry of St. Mary's Church, and, at the second attempt, rang a peal of GRAND-SIRE TRIPLES, of 5040 changes. After a capital start, an unfortunate slip occurred 40 mins. from the start, but, nothing daunted, the band started again, and got through in the capital time of 3 hrs. 2 mins. The ringers and their stations were as under -F

F. Blanton (Newnha	m)	1	R. Thompson (Chepstow)	 1
J. Prickett (Chepstoy	w)	1	J. Jones (Newport)	 10

Prickett (Chepstow) =	J. Jones (Newport)	
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J. Morley (Chepstow) 3 J. Davies (Lydney) J. Austin (Gloucester) . 4 J. Thomas (Lydney) . 8 The original peal of six bells has lately been augmented to eight the original peat of six bers has lately been augmented to eight bells by Taylor, of Loughborough, and are a pretty ring in F. The two treble bells were added chiefly through the generosity of Mr. J. F. Barnard, who very kindly bore the expenses of one bell and its fittings in memory of his brother, the late Mr. S. F. Barnard. The old bells were cast by the old and well-known Gloucester firm of Rudhall, and are of very fine tone indeed. After the peal the ringers were, by the forethought of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. E. Besant, entertained to tea, which was much appreciated, and for which hearty thanks were accorded the pro-vider of the good things set before them.

Bolsover, Derbyshire.

IN 2 hrs. 50 mins., at the Parish Church, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, being three 720's of CANTERBURY PLEASURE and four 720's of BOB MINOR, each called differently.

F. Wagstaff	14	1.4	1	J. T. Butler		 4	
W. Builer			2	J. Severns	14.4	 6	
J. Goodwin				J. Flint		 - 6	
	Peal	cond	ucte	ed by J. Flint.			



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Change-ringing at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

THE ringers of St. Peter's recently rang a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLE-5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

E. Nicholls		4.4	11	R. W. Burrow			5	
J. E. Groves			2	E, S. Hodges		22	6	
R. Pickering			3	H. Knight			7	
J. Jaggar			4	T. O'Connor			8	
Conducted by U	anhant	Zniah	+ [']	Chart andit is	June to	the min.	04	

Conducted by Herbert Knight. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is within a few days of his seventy-fifth birthday, and it is his first peal in this intricate method. It is also the first peal in the method by the ringer of the fifth and the tenor man's first peal in any method.

Helmingham, Suffolk.

A PEAL of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes (Brook's Variation), was rung at St. Mary's Church, conducted by G. Wightman.

Alfred S. Wight	man	 1	William Wightman	22.5	-5-	
George Perry		 2	John J. Creasey		-6	
Edgar Hicks		 3	George Wightman		7	
George Thurlow		 4	Stephen Wightman, jun		8	
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Helmshore, Lancashire (Rosendale Branch).

IN 2 hrs. 51 mins., at the Church of St. Thomas, a peal of DARLAS-TON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes.

Henry J. Steff 1	James H. Banks 5
	Robert Wallwork . 6
	Thomas Wallwork 7
	John H. Entwistle 8
Composed by J. Carter and co	nducted by Robert Wallwork.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.- Recently, at SS. Peter and Paul, 720 KENT TREELE BOB (15 bobs). I. Dean, 1; R. Fenn, 2; E. Lucas, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Neale, 5; J. Dale, 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; A. J. Carter, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale, 5; C. Fenn (conductor), 6. Also several six-scores of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN, in which Mr. E. A. Davies, Mr. Hardy, and others took part.

ROMFORD, ESSEX .- In the tower at St. Edmunds, on hand-bells. 1008 GRANDERRE TRIFLES. W. Watson, 1-2; W. Nash, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; H. Dawkins, 7-8. Also 720 Bob MINOR. W. Watson, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6. Ale: 720 with 22 singles, in which Mr. B. Keeble rang 5-6.

120 with 22 singles, in which Mr. B. Keeble rang 5-5.
ILENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday evening, March 18th, 1901.
welcome home from South Africa Major-General Gordon, son of Lieut-General Sir B. Gordon, K.C.B., a 504 of STEDMAN TRIPLES was run-by J. Lish,* 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; L. Payne, 3; S. Burt, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; W. Markwell, 8. And another 504 by W. Markwell, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. E. Lish, 3: S. Burt, 4; G. Payne, 5; W. A. J. Ives, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. First 504.]

CHURCH BELLS AT LINCOLN.-The collections at St. Mary's (Parish) and Holy Trinity Churches on Sunday amounted to 107.13s. Of this sum 67.1s. $1 \pm d$, was given to the churchwardens' fund, and 12s. 1d. was allocated to alms for the poor. The remainder of the sum collected, viz., 3l. 19s. 102d., was given to the church bell-ringers. Whilst making the announcements during service in the parish church, the Rev. A. E. Moore remarked that we should all of us feel it was a great loss if our bells were not rung on Sundays.

NEW BELLS FOR LISKEARD .- The Rev. J. Norris, vicar of Liskeara. has received from an anonymous donor a gift of two bells, a second and treble, to be placed with the others in the new tower when erected. The generous donor presents these as a thank-offering for the relief of Ladysmith.

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HOUR AND QUARTER BELLS. SCHOOL BELLS AS SUPPLIED TO THE LONDON SCHOOL BOARD

Ely Diocesan Association Annual Meeting.

THE annual meeting will be held this year at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 8th. It is hoped that the following bells will be avail-able for ringing: St. Mary-the-Great, ring of twelve; St. Benet's, ring of six; Roman Catholic Church, ring of eight; Old Chesterton (one mile distant), ring of six; Fen Ditton (two miles), ring of six. The bells at St. Andrew's Church are reserved exclusively for an attempt at a peal of MAJOR, which is being arranged for that morning. In the afternoon a substantial meat tea will be provided at the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, in St. Edward's Passage, at 3.30, after which the business meeting will be held. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 2nd. (REV.) WALTER W. CRUMP, Hon Secretary.

Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

Finsthwaite (Lancs.) Bells.

THE church bells of St. Peter's, Finsthwaite, Lancs., are about to be overhauled and put into proper order by the makers, Messrs, Harrington, Latham, & Co., Earlsdon, Coventry. Almost simultaneously with the fall of one of the bells (the occurrence being reported in these columns at the time), Messrs. Harrington & Latham, in a circular addressed to the Vicar, expressed their doubts as to the stability of the bell-suspenders, and asked that, with a view to preventing accidents, they might be allowed to inspect the bells and do all needful repairs to them, their estimate for painting, scraping, reroping, &c., being about eight guineas. A lady named Miss Lewthwaite, who presented the bells some nine years ago at a cost of 200 guineas, has generously undertaken to defray all the expenses incurred by the proposed repairs.

THE following verses are to be found on the Church-Eaton bell, which was referred to in our issue of March 15th :-

'GOD SAVE HIS CHURCH, OUR KING, AND REALM, 1631.

'Ring out ! sweet bell, with clarion tongue, The prayer thou erst didst sing

- In olden days, when thou wast young, "God save His Church, our King!"
- ' Nor in thy melody forget The realm which owns his sway, Which suffered much, but triumphs yet Over that darker day.

'When Christ the Lord's own chosen Bride Sectarian hands laid low, And God's anointed monarch died, A martyr's faith to show.

'Ring out! old bell, in happier times, "King Edward's at the helm!" And bear to distant lands and climes "God's Church, our King, his Realm !"

'A. BALDWIN.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

ON Friday, March 22nd, 1901, in 3 hrs. 9 mins., at the Parish Church of St. Peter, Brighton, a peal of BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes. Tenor, 10¹/₂ cwt.

Changes. Ichor, roy on or			
Arthur A. Fuller	1	Frank Bennett	5
George T. Attree	2	Robert J. Dame	., 6
George Baker	., 8	George A. King	7
George Smart	4	George Williams	8
Composed by H. Dains,	conducte	ed by George Williams.	This is the
first peal ever rung in this	intricat	e method, the author of	which is the
Rev. G. Banks-James, of G	loucester	• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Suart, 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE

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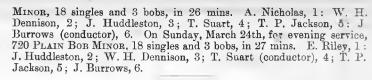
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The Chester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers visited Market Drayton The Chester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers visited Market Dravton on Saturday, the 16th, and rang a number of changes on the bells of the parish church, consisting of PLAIN BOB, GRANDSIRE, and STEAD-MAN TRIPLES, and a course of BOB MAJOR, conducted by R. J. Houlding, Crewe. The party were afterwards photographed at the entrance to the church. An excellent tea, at which twenty-four ringers were present, was provided by a number of ladies in the parish, in-cluding Mrs. Unsworth, Mrs. Robinson (Longslow), Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. J. Harding, Miss Myatt, the Misses Adams, and Mrs. Goodall. The Vicar and the Rev. T. H. Rabone presided, and there were present Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Glennie, Miss Goodall, and the Misses Adams, who also arranged the tables for tea. Several interesting speeches con-cluded a very enjoyable afternoon, and the Crewe ringers played several cluded a very enjoyable afternoon, and the Crewe ringers played several selections on the handbells before leaving.

AMBLESIDE CHURCH BELLS.—A meeting has been held in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, with reference to the provision of a new peal of bells. The vicar presided, and there was a good at-tendance. A report on the state of the old bells was read, and an estimate for a new peal of eight, the total to weigh 84 cwt., at a cost of 5887. Fitting and alterations would bring the amount up to 8807. 10s. It was announced, however, that seven out of the eight bells had been promised by various parishioners, and the expenditure at present in sight was short of 100%. In obtaining the necessary resolutions to apply for a faculty, it was resolved to take out the present six bells, and put in a new peal of eight, weighing 84 cwt. It was also resolved that, if possible, the present clock be taken out, and a new one inserted capable of strifting the Cambridge chimes. of striking the Cambridge chimes.

In the picturesque village of Allesley, Warwickshire, an ancient custom is still observed. The church bell is rung at five o'clock every morning in the summer, and at six o'clock in the winter, in order to arouse the sleeping villagers and enable them to start work in good time. The curfew bell is also tolled at eight o'clock each evening.

LOUTH PARISH CHURCH BELLS. - This fine peal of bells. after having been in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. are now in a thoroughly good state. The bells have been rehung with entirely new fittings, elm head-stocks, steel gudgeons, oak wheels, rollers, stays, sliders, and wrought-iron clappers, working on an improved joint. It-bearings are of hard gun-metal with massive cast-iron carriages. The wheels are rigidly stayed with iron rods to keep them true, and to pre-vent the casting-off of the ropes. The oak framework carrying the bells has been strengthened with massive cast-iron angle-brackets and braces where required. The clappers now strike the bells in fresh places. The ringers found their work much easier than before the repairs.

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The above Quarter-peal is the first in the method ever published with such a small number of calls without singles.

HIS Majesty the King has been pleased to continue his patronage of the City of London Truss Society. The Lord Mayor has consented to preside at the ninety-fourth annual festival, to be held at 'The Albion,' Aldersgate Street, E.C., on June 21st next.

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About Bells.

THE Rev. J. T. Lawrence, M.A., lecturing at Accrimation recently, said that the first church bell was used A.D. 400 in the Campania, whence the term campanile for a belfry. For a long time the Low Countries enjoyed a monopoly of bell-casting. The art was a mystery, handed down from father to son. The casting of a big bell was an event which all the notabilities of the town came to witness. The bishops used to come to give a benediction, and wealthy ladies threw in their bracelets, rings, &c. There was much competition for the post of godfather to a bell, as its influence was supposed to be able to see its sponsor through any scrape he might get into. Mr. Lawrence then gave sponsor through any scrape he might get into. Mr. Lawrence then gave a detailed description of the processes of the foundar and the methods of hanging. There was no exact formula for the composition of the metal. Usually there were twenty-two parts of copper to seven of tin, and for some occult reason these proportions were based on the ratio of the length of the circumference to the diameter of a circle. Silver could be added ad bb, and wealthy people were allowed to have their names on a bell on condition of contributing a certain amount of the precious metal. Mr. Lawrence explained why the bell could not take its place in the ordestral hierarchy. First there a certain amount of the precious metal. Hr. Lawrence explained why the bell could not take its place in the orchestral hierarchy. First there was the difficulty of tuning. It was never known until actually cast what the exact note would be. It could be approximated to. In the case of a large bell, weighing some tons, accurate tuning was practically impossible. By filing, a small bell could be brought into its proper place in a peal, but the big bell, or 'bourdon,' was always a law to itself. Then, again, that which constituted the chief charm of a bell constituted the chief objection to its being used with other instruments-the rich profusion of overtones or harmonies. A tenor C bell struck near the top gave a sound an octave above middle C; a little lower down it gave G; lower still E; and, at the point where struck by the clapper, it gave tenor C and all the rest, producing an indescribable clang. A curious method of tuning a big bell was to invert it and fill with water till the required tone was obtained. Of course, in this position a bell could only be struck or chimed, not rung. In England and Flanders bells were generally hung in the church steeple, but in Italy and China separate campaniles were generally found. Mr. Lawrence then gave some interesting particulars of some of the largest bells in existence, beginning with the cracked bell at Moscow. Bells for special purposes were then described, including the glockenspiel, carillons, tubular bell, tam-tam, and Burmese gong, of which the lecturer exhibited a fine specimen, as well as a small triangular specimen.

A Veteran Bell-ringer.

ONE of the oldest bell-ringers in the country (says the Peterborough ONE of the oldest bell-ringers in the country (says the Peterborough Advertiser) took part in the celebration of Wyldebore's Day at Peter-borough Parish Church on Friday, in the person of Mr. C. W. Holdich, of Werrington. Mr. Holdich, who, though an octogenarian, is hale and hearty, and visits Peterborough nearly every day, has been an amateur ringer since a boy. The claim to be the oldest ringer was recently put forward on behalf of a Bethnal Green campanologist, who rung on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Accession; but Mr. Holdich can beat that record, for he was one of a team of eight ringers who, in Lincolnshire, celebrated the anniversary of her late Majesty's birthday on May 24th, 1837, when she was 'Princess Victoria' and of course before she ascended the throne. He assisted in ringing at her Coronation and at her wedding, and, having been an active ringer throughout her glorious reign, he had for a short time a hand in the balf-muffled ringing at St. reign, he had for a short time a hand in the half-muffled ringing at St. John's, Peterborough, on the 2nd of last month, on the mournful occa-sion of Her Majesty's funeral. He has assisted in ringing on very many of the birthdays of the members of the Royal Family and other State occasions in the last sixty-four years, and amongst other occasions of rejoicing on the termination of the war with Russia in 1856, and the Victorian Jubilees of 1887 and 1897. He has for the last seventeen years (except in 1898, when, although in the helfry, he was too unwell to take part) assisted in the ringing on 'Wyldebore's Day,' and he speaks with pleasure of the many happy hours he has had in the belfry, and of the many friends he has met there. His record will be hard to beat, and, we should think, is probably unique. Mr. Holdich is a retired solicitor.

A Peal of Bells for the Collegiate Church St. Buryan, of West Cornwall.

MR. J. H. DENNIS, of Liverpool, who has promised 13,0007. to build the central tower of Truro Cathedral, as a memorial of Queen Victoria, has offered, at a cost of 80007., a peal of bells and a set of chimes, and an organ to the old Collegiate Church of St. Buryan, West Cornwall, of which the rector, the Rev. R. J. Martyn, is his brother-in-law.



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On Saturday, March 30th, 1901, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, by members of the Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the Worcester and Districts Association, and the Dudley Guild of Change-ringers, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

W. R. Small 1 James Small	. 5
Samuel Baker * 2 Edward Jones *	. 6
William Micklewright 3 Edward Goodreds	. 7
William Fisher * 4 Reuben Hall	. 8
Conducted by William Micklewright.	

[* First peal.] The ringers of the treble, 5, and 6 are local; 2, 4, and 7, of Coseley; 3, of Dudley; and 8, of West Bromwich.

CHANGE-RINGING AT DARLASTON .--- On a Sunday evening recently CHANGE-KINGING AT DARLASTON, --On a Sunday evening recently for Divine service, aquarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) was rung on the bells of the Parish Church, in 46 minutes, by the following: John Mark, 1; George Morgan, 2; Titus Lowe, 3; James Adams, 4; John A. Brown, 5; Edward Unitt, 6; William Smith, 7; Joseph Lowe, 8. Conducted by J. A. Brown. J. A. Adams belongs to Willenhall, J. A. Brown to Bilston, and the remainder to Darlaston.

IIENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday evening, March 26th, in 47 mins... 30 of STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Markwell,* 1; S. Burt, 2; W. A. J. 11ENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday evening, March 20th, in 47 mins... 1260 of STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Markwell,* 1; S. Burt, 2; W. A. J. Ives, 3; L. Payne, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Hensman, 7; C. Tyler, 8. [* First quarter-peal from the tenor. Rung as a parting touch for W. A. J. Ives, who is leaving the neigh-bourhood.

A PAPER was read before the Society of Arts, by Mr. A. A. Johnston, on 'Clocks, Carillons, and Bells.' He remarked that the quarter bells of the clock of the Royal Courts of Justice, although weighing five tons in all, were often imperfectly heard, unless there was a lull in the traffic. It was only within the last thirty years, remarked Mr. Johnston, that any attempt had been made to introduce machinery to play tunes automatically with any success. On six bells such tunes as 'Lead, kindly Light and 'Rousseau's Dream' can be played; on eight the number is increased a hundred-fold; add a semitone, a B flat in the key of C, and the number is legion.

DISCUSSION AT BLACKPOOL.—At the weekly meeting of the St. John's Mutual Improvement Society, Mr. C. Emby read an interesting paper on 'Church Bells.' Mr. T. Fielding presided over a good attend-ance of members. At the conclusion of his paper Mr. Emby moved that 'Church bells ought not to be abolished.' The opposition was led by Mr. W. Priest, who, after criticising the paper, said he objected to church bells because they did not form any part of divine service. Church bells, he contended, were unnecessary. The ringing of them was work, and to do unnecessary work on the Sunday was a breach of the Fourth Commandment. He believed that as many people would come to church without the bells being rung as with them, and, besides this, the continuous bell-ringing when the ringers were practising was a source of annoyance to the surrounding neighbourhood. A discussion followed, which resulted in the resolution being accepted by a majority of seven votes.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR CHURCH BELLS .- For some time past the church bells have been in a very shaky state, and were deemed unsafe for ringing, and were by no means musical when they were chimed The churchwardens have taken the matter in hand, and Messrs. Bond & Son, bell-founders of Burford, have contracted for the restoration of the bells, as well as the bells at Tidmington, for the sum of 150/. The sid cumbrous wooden frame has been removed from the beirry, and ----cumprous wooden traine has been removed from the derivy, and will replaced by a steel frame. There are six bells at Shipston. according to the date, were cast 140 years ago. Therefore they be very much worn, and require new clappers and other improvements. The money will be raised by subscription. Mr. R. Badger, late to Learnington, has contributed 50%, towards the bells, and 1000, the science proved for Shipston. the cost of the water supply for Shipston.

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The St. James's Society : at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 15th. The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 15th. The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 17th. The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on April 18th. The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. John at Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 16th; at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on April 17th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on April 18th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster,

on April 19th.

Sussex County Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers was held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday. At noon a special choral service was held at St. Nicholas Church by permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Bone), who took part in the service and read the lesson. The hymn before the sermon was 'Jesus lives!' and the preacher was the Rev. C. H. Ridsdale (curate of the Brighton parish church), who based his remarks on the 96th Psalm, 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tell out among the heathen that the as church-workers, and he drew lessons from their duties to exemplify the harmony of life and the praise of God. At one p.m. the members the harmony of life and the praise of God. At one p.m. the members sat down to luncheon at the Royal Pavilion.

The Rev. Prebendary Hannah presided over the business meeting, and the sixteenth annual report and balance-sheet (which were adopted on the motion of Mr. A. B. Bennett) showed the Association to be in a prosperous state. Nine commemorative peals had been rung in the county on the occasion of the funeral of Queen Victoria, and it was stated that the 1000th peal had been rung that morning on St. Nicholas' bells, and the members decided to affix a tablet in the church commemorating this event. The financial statement showed a balance commemorating this event. The financial statement showed a balance of nearly 164, in hand, in spite of the Association having had to meet some extra expenses. The report and accounts were adopted. On the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. George F. Attree was unani-mously elected Master, and Mr. A. B. Bennett was also reappointed hon. secretary; Mr. F. B. Tompkins, hon. treasurer; and the following divisional hon. secretaries were re-elected : Brighton, Mr. G. Williams; Hastings, M. S. Saker; Worthing, Mr. H. Evans. Considerable dis-cussion took place in regard to motions for the alteration of the rules cussion took place in regard to motions for the alteration of the rules, and it was decided, with a view to encouraging other branches, that no tower shall in future hold the Challenge Bell for more than two years in succession.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

On Saturday, March 30th, 1901, in 2 hrs. 50 mins., at the Church of St. Andrew, Steyning, Sussex, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes (Holt's Original).

George Phillips			1	Edward Rapley	Sec. 1.	100	ā.	
George Gatland			- 22	Robert J. Dawe	1.01		6.	
James Matthews			3	George Williams			7	
Frank Bennett			4	George Lloyd	2.6		8	
	Conduc	ted	by	Frank Bennett.				

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

On Saturday, March 30th, 1901, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., at Christ Church, Swindon, Wiltshire, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes. Taylor's Six.part. Tenor, 13¹/₄ cwt.

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James L. Wells	14.4		Thomas Robinson		9	
George C. Iles			Thomas Ricketts	12.	6	
Alfred Lawrence		3	Charles J. Gardiner		7	
Owen W. Layng			Sidney Palmer		8	
Conduc	ted b	y TI	homas Ricketts.			

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30th, 1891, in 3 hrs. 2 mins., at the Parish Church, Birkenhead, Cheshire, a peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 changes.

Change Chart								
Samuel Breeze		1.0	1	Joseph Cliffe	4	۰.	4	
Frank Jones	44	3.61	2	Edwin Breeze		• •	5	
Henry Marsh			3	James Dillon		4.4	6	
5	Co	nduct	ed l	by J. Dillon.				



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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

[April 12, 1901.

On Saturday, March 30th, 1901, in 3 hrs. 20 mins., at the Church of All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SCRPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes. Tenor, 19 cwt.

George R. Holmes	1	William T. Robson	5
Joseph A. Gofton	2	John J. Leighton	6
Joseph W. Parker.	3	Robert S. Story	7
Robert C. Hudson	4	Thomas T. Gofton	8
Composed by N. J.	Pitstow, an	d conducted by W. T.	Robson.

Chester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.-St. George's Company, Stockport,

On Easter Sunday, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion Service, a full peal

ON Easter Sunday, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion Service, a full peal of Bob MINOR (720 changes) was rung in 28 minutes. RINGERS: J. Booth, 1; T. Marshall, 2; G. Astbury, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; J. Mottershead, 5; E. Reader (conductor), 6; For 10.30 Morning Service, 533 STEDMAN CATERS. J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; T. Marshall, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakins, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8; E. Reader (conductor) 9; G. Marshall, tenor. For 6.30 Evening Service, 509 STEDMAN CATERS, conducted by the same conductor, the ringers standing the same as in conducted by the same conductor, the ringers standing the same as in the 533. A very fair proportion of the ringers received the Holy

Communion during the day. STEDMAN CATERS are frequently rung at this church for both Morning and Evening Services, and ringing brethren are always made welcome. Tenor, 30 cwt.; practice night, Monday.

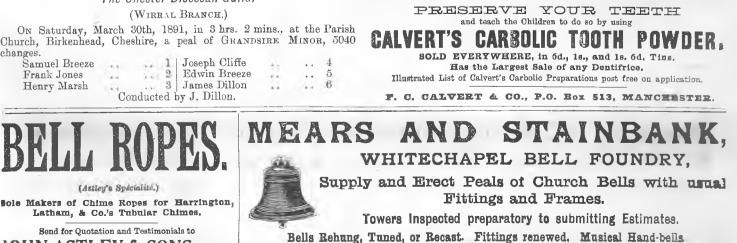
DALTON-IN-FURNESS .- At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March Slst, for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 26 singles, in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Monday evening, April 1st, for the Confirmation service, held by the Bishop of Carlisle, two 720's of PLAIN BOB MINOR, each called dif-ferently, in 52 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Denni-son, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. After the service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 26 singles, in 26 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor). 5: J. Burrows, 6. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

A MEMORIAL tablet with the following inscription has been unveiled at the church of St. John the Baptist, Stanford-on-Soar: 'Midland at the church of St. John the Baptist, Stanford-on-Soar: 'Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers. On Monday, February 4th. 1901, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Carter twelve-part) was rung by an entirely local band at this church by the following members of the above association:—G. Wilson, treble; A. Trigg, 2; H. Whittle, 3: F. Pervin, 4; W. Pervin, 5; J. Wilson, 6; G. Doughty, 7; J. Yates, tenor. Conducted by H. Whittle. Rector, Rev. C. L. V. Baker. Church-wardens, J. Gibson, H. Atkins. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to her late Vajest Queen Viotorie A. p. 1901.' token of respect to her late Majesty Queen Victoria, A.D. 1901.

ONE of the bells at Little Bowden Church, Northampton, has been in use for nearly four hundred years. As it is now considered too old to be recast, an effort is being made to retain it in the parish as a relic. Two other of the Bowden bells, which have just been recast, are each over two hundred years old. They are said to be as good as new ones.

A LITTLE booklet, entitled *Pictorial London*, has been published by Simpkin, Marshall, & Co., at the remarkably low price of one penny. There are no fewer than thirty one views of public buildings. xc., esca being accompanied by a brief descriptive account. Visitors to the metropolis will find this book interesting and useful.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on April 22nd; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 23rd; St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on April 24th; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on April 28th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on April 26th.

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

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE Annual Meeting of this Gauss in the day, April 27th. Full particulars by circular. REV. W. T. BULPIT Hon. Secretaries. THE Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Sefton on Satur-

W. BENTHAM

The Hertford County Association.

THE Annual Festival of the Hertford County Association of Change-THE Annual Festival of the Heritord Coulty Association of Change-ringers was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and was in every respect the most successful held for years. The attendance was large, and the variety of methods employed in ringing in the towers of the Cathedral, St. Peter's, and St. Michael's, together with the quality of the ringing, was somewhat exceptional. The screet lay in the fact that able ringers were strongly represented, and were therefore capable of ringing At five o'clock the usual service was held in the Cathedral. anything. In an admirable address the Dean offered a hearty welcome both to the city and to the Cathedral. In conclusion, the Dean wished them all happiness in their career as ringers, and especially in their career as Christians.

The ringers, with a few friends, then adjourned to the Town Hall, where, by kind permission of the Mayor, an excellent meat tea was laid in the Council Chamber.

Mr. E. P. Debenham presented the annual report, which dealt Mr. E. P. Dependant presented the annual report, which dealt with the last year's gathering and the various meetings held and peals rung by members of the Association during the year. The report then proceeded: 'The question of the division of Hert-fordshire into districts has had earnest attention during the past twelve months, and at the district meeting at Hatfield a com-mittee was formed to deal with it, and to make recommendations At a meeting held at St. Albans on Saturday, February 9th, thereon. when all the officers and representatives from nine towers were present, the following resolutions were passed: That the county be divided into districts, each with its secretary, who should be responsible for the collection of the subscriptions of members, and the arranging of district meetings within its area, and that at least three meetings be held in each district during the year, the present system of having a tea provided, and the Association defraying part of the cost, being discontinued. It was further resolved that, with a view to encouraging change-ringing, the meeting to-day should be asked to sanction the admission of pro-bationers upon payment of one shilling; probationers, as such, will be entitled to be present and speak at the annual and district meetings, but not vote.

The statement of accounts showed that the year began with a balance in hand of 4'. 16s. 4d., and that the receipts amounted to 131. 4s. 4d. The expenditure reached a total of 91. 1s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of 41. 2s. 10d.

The report was adopted. The following officers were elected: President, Canon Wigram; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. P. Debenham; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr G. W. Cartmel; Auditor, Mr. E. E. Huntley.

Ely Diocesan Association.

The Annual General Meeting of members of the above Association was held this year at Cambridge on Easter Monday, and was attended by about fifty members from different parts of the diocese. The bells at most of the local churches were kindly placed at the service of ringers during the day. The business meeting was held in the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, under the genial presidency of Mr. F. Pitstow (Saffron Walden).

The annual report, which was read by the Secretary, the Rev. W. W. Crump (Haddenham), showed that the condition of the Association continues fairly satisfactory. During the past twelve months meetings had been held at Sudbury, Huntingdon, Glemsford, and St. Neots, the average attendance being good, besides the annual meeting held last Easter (1900) at Bury St. Edmunds. Seven peaks had been obtained by the Association, and several date touches. Stress was laid in the report upon the desirability of ringers doing all in their power to incite the interest of the clergy and others who have the Church's welfare at



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heart, towards the work of the Association, by their assiduous personal ance of their duties on Sundays. In parishes where the only actuating motives to ringing are apparently pleasure or profit, it is almost useless expect sympathy and financial help from clergy, who naturally and rightle expect their ringers to be influenced by far higher considerations. The Threport concluded with an expression of regret that the railway corpanies have decided to withdraw the privilege of travelling at reduced fares from members attending meetings of the Association. This arbitrary and unexpected action must result in seriously lessening the attendance of members who have long distances to travel, and are usually only labouring men with very scanty means. It was telt by every one present to be a piece of mistaken economy in a comparatively insignificant detail by a great company which relies so exclusively in meeting the public convenience.

The Revs. K. H. Smith and W. W. Crump were unanimously z=-The Revs. K. H. Smith and W. W. Crump were unanimously in-elected Treasurer and Secretary for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were appointed Secretaries for the four Archidiaconal Districts: Isle of Ely, Mr. R. M. Croft (Wilburton); Archdeaconry of Ely, Mr. P. Webb (Ickleton); Huntingdon, Mr. O. G. Home (Ramsey): and Sudbury, the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Bury St. Edmunds). It was arranged that the next annual meeting should be held at Huntingdon, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and also to those local clergy who had kindly granted the use of their bells for the occasion for the occasion.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT the Church of St. Magaus, Lower Thames Street, on April 13th. a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

	James Pettit		1	Matthew A Wood			6	
	Edwin Horrex		2	Herbert Langdon			7	
	Edward P. O'Meara		3	Thomas H. Taffender			8	
	William E. Garrard		4	William T. Cockerill			9	
	Challis F. Winney		5	Walter Prime			10	
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Composed by the late Henry W. Haley, conducted by W. T. Cockerill. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Sepulchre's Church, Snow Hill, on April 13th. a peil : STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins. Tener. I are 14 lbs.

	Edwin Barnett		1	John R. Sharman		10
	Charles Wilkins		2	William Pye		5
	Bertram Prewett		3	Ernest Pye	1.1	1
	George N. Price		4	John H. Cheesman	2.1	× .
	Isaac G. Shade		5	Arthur S. King		10
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Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by John H. Cheesman.

The Kent County Association.

AT the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, on April 6th. a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins Tenor, $13\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

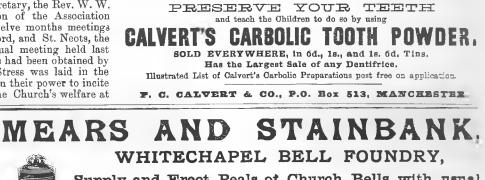
Charles Willshire		.1	Thomas Groombridge		5
John P. Sharman		2	John H. Cheesman		0
George R. Pye		3	Ernest Pye		1
		4	William Pye		8
Composed by Gabriel Lin	ndof	f, ar	id conducted by William	Pye.	TŁ
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is the first peal of SUPERLATIVE on these bells.

At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, on April 7th a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins.

Thomas Groombridge	1 Iss	ac G. Shade	6
William Pye	2 Ch	arles Willshire	41.0
George R. Pye	3 Jo	hn R. Sharman	
Harry Barton	4 Er		
John H. Cheesman		omas J. Lees	
Composed by the late	George New	son, and conduct	ed by John H.
Chaseman			

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Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society : at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 29th. The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 1st. The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 2nd. The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. John at Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 30th; at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on May 1st; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on May 2nd, and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on

May 3rd.

An Octogenarian Bell-ringer.

SUNDAY, April 21st, being the eightieth anniversary of the birthday of Mr. James Robert Haworth, this veteran attended the St. Paul's Cathedral on that day for the afternoon ringing Mr. James Pettit, the conductor, on behalf of the ringers, wished Mr. Haworth many very

happy returns of the day. Mr. Haworth, who is still hale and hearty, took part in the ringing at St. Paul's on St. George's Day, Tuesday last. This was the first time these bells had been rung in honour of our patron saint.

Change-ringing at Norton.

THE old East Derbyshire Association of Change-ringers held their annual meeting at Norton. Dinner was provided at the 'New Inn' by Mr. Slater, one of the local ringers. At the business meeting Mr. S. Thomas, Ranmoor, was elected President; Mr. G. Marsden, Eckington, Treasurer; and Mr. E. James, Norton, Hon. Secretary. Ringing com-menced on the tower bells at 8.30 a.m., and was continued during the day. The Sheffield and Norton ringers also gave an entertainment, with tunes and changes, on the hand-bells.

An Interesting Question.

WHO should pay for the ringing of parish church bells on public occasions? This interesting question was raised at the vestry meeting at Wigan Parish Church. The Rector stated that the churchwardens had been put to a large expense during the past year owing to the bells being rung on public occasions, such as the relief of Ladysmith, Mafeking, the death of the Queen and the accession of the King and he did not being rung on public occasions, such as the relief of Ladysmith, Marcking, the death of the Queen, and the accession of the King, and he did not see why they should bear the expense. He wrote to the Town Clerk on the subject, and he replied that in future the town would be prepared to pay for the ringing of the parish church bells, on public occasions when they were ordered by the Mayor. Doubtless the hint will be taken by Church authorities elsewhere.

Dedication of Two New Trebles at Hornchurch, Essex.

ON Thursday, April 11th, the Bishop of Colchester held a special service to dedicate the two new trebles which have been added to the good old peal of six (tenor, 20 cwt.). According to the ordinary form of service held on these occasions, the bells were rung for a few minutes in the middle of the service, and proved at once that they were a good 'splice.'

*splice.' Touches in the following methods were afterwards rung: BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, STED-MAN TRIPLES, and a 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by W. Nash, 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 2; C. Hopkins, 3; W. H. Doran, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble, 6; J. Dale, 7; G. Hayden, 8. A meat tea was provided by the Vicar and Churchwardens, to which all visiting ringers were invited. The two new trebles are by Messrs. Mears & Steinbard. Stainbank.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Newcastle-under-Lyme, North Staffordshire, and Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

ON Thursday, April 18th, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., at the Church of St. Giles, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes

S. Churton.			1 J. Beardmore* 5	
T. Allen*			2 T. Mountford 6	
J. Steele*			3 H. Page 7	
A. Clowes			4 T. Rose 8	
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Conducted by H. Page. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Riley for having everything in readiness. The above band hail from St. Peter's, Stoke on-Trent. [* First peal in this method. This is T. Allen's first peal in the inside in any method, and J. Beardmore's first peal away from the tenor.]



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The Kent County Association.

[April 26, 1301.

AT the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, I	B'rchington, on .	April 7th, a
peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 c	changes, in 3 hrs.	28 mins.
John R. Sharman. 1 Isaac	G. Shade	6
Harry Barton 2 John		
Thomas Groombridge 3 George	e R. Pye	8
		9
		10
. Composed by George Hayward, and co		illiam Pye,
[* First neal of TREBLE BOB ROVAL also fi	rst on the halls]	~

rst peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, also first on the bells.] Ar the Church of St. John, Margate, on April 8th, a peal of SUPER-

LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 224 cwt.

Ernest Pye			1	William Pye		5
Isaac G. Shade				John H. Cheesman		6
John W. Steddy				Thomas Groombridge		7
George R. Pye		1.1	4	John R. Sharman.	1.1	8
Composed by Gal	oriel .	Lindot	ff, a	nd conducted by John	R. Sh	arman.
First peal of MAJOR	on th	ie bells	3.	5		

AT Christchurch Cathedral, Canterbury, on April 8th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 chauges, in 3 hrs. 39 mins. Tenor. 30 cwt.

George R. Pye		1	Rev. J. O. Helmore	6
Isaac G. Shade		2	John H. Cheesman	. 7
Henry G. Fairbrass		3	John R. Sharman.	8
Ernest Pye		4	Thomas Groombridge	9
John W. Steddy			William Pye	10
Composed by Gabriel	Tindaff	0.00	I conducted he loke II	File an and an

bosed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by John H. Cheesman. This is the first peal of ROYAL on the bells.

AND at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, on April 9th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tepor, 11 cwt.

Charles F. Turner	1	John R. Sharman	
George R. Pye	2	Ernest Pye	-+ B
John H. Cheesman	3	John W. Steddy	N. 7.
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore	4	William Pye	8
Composed by James S.	Wilde,	and conducted by	William Pye.

First peal of SUPERLATIVE on the bells.

The Middlesex County Association.

ON Saturday, April 13th, in 3 hrs. 39 mins., at the Church of St. Sepulchre, London, E.C., a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 changes. Tenor, 31 cwt.

Edwin Burnett	1	John R. Sharman. 6				
Charles Wilkins	2	William Pye 7				
		Ernest Pye 8				
George N. Price	4	John H. Cheesman 9				
Isaac G. Shade	5	Arthur T. King 10				
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by John H. Cheesman.						

ROMFORD, ESSEX.-Recently, at St. Edward's, a 720 BOB MINOR. W. Nash, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Roughton, 3; I. Dean, 4; H. Dawkins, 5; J. Dale, 6. Also 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Holgate, 1; W. Nash, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; H. Cattermole, 4; G. Roughton, 5; H. Dawkins, 6; W. Watson, 7; J. Sorrell, 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, after an un-successful attempt for a peal, the following 1260 of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 43 mins. by A. E. Lish, 1; H. Stringer, 2; W. Markwell, 3; L. Payne, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on May 6th, and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 8th.

- The Ancient Society of College Youths : at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John at Hackney, on May 7th; at St. Mary Matfelon, White-chapel, on May 8th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 9th, and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 10th.

The St. Lukes's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on May 8th. The St John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 9th, all about 8 p.m.

Dedication of Bells at Down St. Mary.

THE Bishop of Exeter (Dr. Ryle) has recently dedicated two new bells, making a peal of five, at Down St. Mary Parish Church. One of the bells was given anonymously; the other was provided by public subscription. The total cost has been 116*l*. The bells were opened for subscription. The total cost has been 110. The bells were opened for ring ng by the following representatives of the Guild of Devonshire ringers: The Rev. G. F. Molineux (hon. secretary), Messrs. F. Shepherd, J. Sandover, and F. Murphy (Heavitree), and F. Davey (Exeter), who were assisted by the Rev. Maitland Kelly (president of the Guild) and Mr. A. W. Searle (Exeter). Some good change-ringing was accom-plished. In addition to the new bells the tower has been underpinned at a cost of 4001., the fine old churchyard cross restored, and a wayside cross, rescued and presented by Mr. Barker, of Chagford, erected in the churchyard.

Dedication of Church Bells at Hornchurch.

THE Bishop of Colchester has dedicated two bells which have been added to the peal in the Parish Church. The bells were subscribed for by the inhabitants, and the tower now contains a complete octave. The new bells are trebles, and they were cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The same firm cast the original six bells of the church in 1779.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

THE meeting which should have been held at Stokesley in February, and was postponed by the death of the late Queen, was held on Easter Monday and was attended by upwards of thirty members from Guisborough, Middlesbrough, Richmond, Stokesley, Stockton and Thornaby. Ringing commenced at 10.0 and was kept up with great Thomaby. Ringing commenced at 10.0 and was kept up with great vigour all day, in fact the bells, which are a light ring of six, were never cool except during the interval for dinner at the 'Golden Lion' where cool except during the interval for duriner at the Golden Lion, where twenty-eight members sat down at one o'clock, the President Mr. G. J. Clarkson occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright the Secretary. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, vice president. The toast of the King having been duly honoured, several new members were elected. The Company then dispersed leaving the Committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting at Ripon. In the meantime a brake was provided to take a party to Worlton-in-Cleveland. Canon Wright, who had been unable to attend the dinner, was fortunately able to be present at a tea which was generously provided by the Secretary. At the conclusion of the tea the President expressed to Canon Wright the pleasure it afforded them all to see him amongst them on the occasion of their first visit to Stokesley. Canon Wright, in replying, expressed a hearty welcome to the Association to Stokesley. He had always felt a love and appreciation for bells, and was fully aware of the usefulness of such Associations as the Cleveland and North York, which had already done a great deal of good. Not having time to devote to the Art himself, he took credit for the ardent support accorded to it by his son. During the day five 720s of MINOR were rung at Stokesley and one at Worlton, particulars of which follow.

At Stokesley, on Easter Monday, April 8th 1901, 360 Bob MINOR. J. Clark, 1; J. W. Wittle, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; H. H. Bowes, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; F. P. Howcroft (conductor), 6. 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. Hall, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; T. W. Kelley, 3; L. A. Hardy, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 5; A.

McFarlane, 6.

720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. W. Whittle, 3; H. H. Bowes (conductor), 4; F. A. Nellanby, 5; R. Borrows, 6.

720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6.

720 BOB MINOR. J. Clark, 1; H. H. Bowes, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3;
J. P. Clarkson, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6.
720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. McFarlane, 1; R. Haswell, 2;



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J. P. Clarkson, 3; H. Ord, 4; T. Metcalfe (conductor), 5; W. G
Haswell, 6. First 720 of TREBLE BOB.
120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; R. Borrows 2:
A. McFarlane 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6.
120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; J. A.
W. P. Wright, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston 5: S. Walker, 6.
120 STEDMAN DOUBLES. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; J. A.
Carter, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6.
At Whorlton-in-Cleveland: 360 Bob MINOR. W. Stephenson, 1; R.
G. Greenwood, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; H. Ord, 4; R. Haswell, 5; W. G.

Haswell, 6.

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720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. L. A. Hardy, 1; R. G. Greenwood,
2; T. Metcalfe, 3; N. Kidd, 4; R. Haswell, 5; A. Barrett, 6.
Also at Stockton-on-Tees, on Tuesday April 16th, 1920 KENT TREBLE
BOB ROYAL. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; F. P. Howcroft, 2; T.
Beckwith, 3; A. W. Barrett, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. Waller 6; J. H.
Blakiston, 7: W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

CHANGE-RINGING,

The Hertfordshire Association.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

ON Thursday, April 11th, in 3 hrs. 32 mins., at the Church of St. Peter, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 changes. Tenor, 21 cwt. in

1 D.				
Edward Hull		1	Ernest W. Allen †	6
Geo. W. Cartmel		2	Arthur Hallett	7
Arthur Hull		3	Harry J. Fewell 1.	8
E. P. Debenham		4	W. T. Lightfoot	
W. G. Livermore *		5	William W. Field §	10
Compared by John Con	and as	n J.,	atad by Edward Davan	Debenham

Composed by John Cox, and conducted by Edward Percy Debenham. § First peal and first attempt. * First peal of CATERS. ‡ First peal of CATERS, and first peal with a bob bell. † First peal of GRAND-SIRE CATERS. E. W. Allen hails from Guildford; W. T. Lightfoot from Childingfold, Surrey: W. W. Field belongs to the St. Michael's Cations St. Absent the other the St. Detroit states Society, St. Albans: the others to the St. Peter's Society.

E. P. DEBENHAM.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ST. ALBANS. On Thursday, April 11th, by members of the Herts Association, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 32 mins.

			1	E.W. Allen		 6	
G. W. Cartmel			2	A. Hallett		 7	
A. Hull			3	F. J. Fewell		 8	
E. P. Debenham			4	W. T. Lightfoot		 9	
W. Livermore			5	W. W. Field		 10	
Compared by	- T	COT OF	h an	noted by 17 D. Del	L L		

Composed by J. Cox, conducted by E. P. Debenham. First peal for tenor man, also first peal of CATERS by Allen, Liver-

more, and Fewell.

The Surrey Association.

AT the Church of St. John, Redhill, on Thursday, April 18th, 1901, peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

Edward Dewey	· · 1	Edgar Kenward	 5
George Thompson	2	Thomas Sparks	 6
Henry F. Ewins		Francis T. Hoad, jun.	 7
George F. Hoad	4	Arthur Moseley	 8
		George F. Hoad.	
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Rung in honour of the eighty-fifth birthday of the Rev. H. Gosse, the donor of the bells.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

ON Thursday, April 11th, in 3 hrs. 2 mins., at the Parish Church, Gorleston, Suffolk, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, being seven 720's, each called differently.

	1	Denison Hayward	1.2	4
William T. Blyth	2	Abel Fuller		5
John Godfrey	8	George Orford		6
Conducted by Denison			bells.	First
peal by the first, third, and	fifth rin	gers.		

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The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 13th. The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 15th. The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 16th. The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Michael's Cornhill, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on May 14th; at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on May 15th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on May 16th, and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 17th. The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on May 17th all about 8 p.m.

May 17th, all about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ST. STEPHEN'S, WESTMINSTER, BRANCH.

On Saturday, April 27th, 1901, the following three peals were accomplished :-

"At the Church of St. Peter, Old Windsor, Berkshire, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Henry R. Newton	4.8	1	Harry R. Pasmore	11	5
Charles T. P. Brice		2	John W. Golding	11	в
Arthur G. Ellis		3	William H. Pasmore		7
TLana Q Filin		1	John N. Orhornorg		- 62

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by John N. Ox-borrow. First peal in method on the bells. This is John W. Golding's Henry S. Ellis John N. C fiftieth peal.

At the church of St. Andrew, Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Arthur G. Ellis	2.2	1	John W. Golding		5	
John N. Oxborrow		2	Henry R. Newton			
Harry R. Pasmore		3	Charles T. P. Brice		7	
Henry S. Ellis		4	William H. Pasmore	240	8	

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, conducted by Charles T. P. Brice. First peal in the method on the bells. This is William H. Pasmore's fiftieth peal.

AT the church of St. Mary, Staines, Middlesex, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor. 18³/₄ cwt.

John N. Oxborrow		1	William H. Pasmore	5	
Arthur G. Ellis		2	Charles T. P. Brice	., 6	
Harry R. Pasmore		3	John W. Golding	7	
Henry S. Ellis			Henry R. Newton	8	
Composed by Henry	Johnson	, c	onducted by Henry R. I	Newton,	

First peal in the method on the bells.

The Middlesex County Association.

On Saturday, April 27th, at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

Frederick Dench		1] John R. Sharma	n.,		5
Charles Wilkins		2	William Ward	14.4		6
Bertram Prewett		3	James Parker			7
W. H. L. Buckingham			Edwin Barnett			8
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Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by James Parker. AND ON MONDAY, April 29th, at St. James's, Clerkenwell, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part

DIT II. I. HOY HOUR	Q 1 LU.	Trec	IOH OF ARGENOUND		Peer De	
Harry Flanders		1	Joseph Barry			5
Joen R. Sharman.		2	William Pye (co	nduc	tor)	6
Bertram Prewett				• •		$\overline{7}$
Isaac G. Shade	• •	4	Arthur T. King		• •	8

On Saturday, May 4th, at All Hallows Barking, Tower Hill, E.C., a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. 1 / 387'11'

Isaac G. Shade		1	William Keeble		ð	
Bertram Prewett		2	Ernest Pye		++ 6	
Charles Wilkins		3	Harry Flanders		7	
John R. Sharman.		4	William Pye		8	
Composed by Gabriel	Lindo	off. a	and conducted by	Willia	m Pye.	



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The Hertfordshire Association.

On Saturday, April 27th, at the church of St. James, Bushey, Herrs peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstans' One-part), 5040 changes, in

irs. 58 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.						
George N. Price 1	Ernest E. Huntley	6				
	Joseph J. Allen	10				
	Harry A. Horrex	7				
Francis A. Smith 4	William I. Oakley	8				
Conducted by Ernest E. Huntley.						

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Oakley.

The Middlesex County Association and the Hertfordshire Association.

ON Thursday, May 2nd, at St. John-the-Baptist's, Chipping Barnet, peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Sir A. P. Heywood's variation of Thurstans Four-part), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins

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	William Weatherstone		1	George N. Price	5
	Frank A. Milne		2	William Pickworth	6
	W. H. L. Buckingham		3	John R. Sharman (condr.)	7
	Bertram Prewett		4	Arthur T. King	8

The Sussex County Association.

On Saturday, May 4th, 1901, at the Church of St. Peter, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor. 124 cwt.

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George Williams	1	Charles Tribe	5
Walter Franks	. 2	William J. Thomas	6
Sidney Saker	. 3	George H. Howse	7
Robert Edwards	. 4	Alfred J. Turner	8
Conducted by George Willi	ams.	This was the first pea	l of STEDMAN
on the bells.		*	

ON Sunday, May 5th, 1901, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, Brightling, Sussex, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN

IRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 nrs. 48 mins. Ienor,	, 15 CWT.
Robert J. Daine 1 Alfred J. Tu	irner, 5
Frank Bennett	iks 6
Thomas Card 3 George Willi	iams 7
Charles Tribe 4 Charles Buss	* 8
Conducted by George Williams. This was t	the first peal of STED-
MAN on the bells. [* First peal.]	-

HENFIELD (SUSSEX). On Tuesday evening April 16th, for practice, 1008 of STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Lish, 1;* C. Tyler, 2, W. Markwell, 3; L. Payne (conductor), 4; A. E. Lish, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; G. Payne, 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also 504 of STEDMAN TRIPLES by W. Markwell, 1; L. Payne, 2; † H. C. L. Ayling, 3; S. Burt, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. [*First 1008. †First 504] 504.]

CHANGE-RINGING AT EXETER.-THE first 720 changes of BOB MINOR (the extent on six bells) ever rung by a band of Exeter ringers was accomplished at Pinhoe Parish Church by members of the St. Sidwell's Society of Change-ringers in 28 mins. W. Drake, 1; C. Carter, 2; T. Mudge, 3: A. W. Searle, 4; J. Moss, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6. It was also the first 720 in the method for all members of the party except Mr. Searle. Subsequently the band rang some GEANDSIRE DOUBLES, Mr. T. Mudge, who has been a campanologist for fifty years, conducting.

LOUTH CHURCH BELLS .- At the Easter Vestry of the Parish Church, the Rector said it was with a sense of dismay that he received from the hands of the churchwardens the letter of Messrs. Taylor as to the state of the bells, and as to the amount required to rehang the bells and to put the framework into thorough order; but the churchwardens' appeal to the parish was so generously and so promptly responded to, that they had in hand ample funds to pay for the rehanging, and also the fitting and strengthening of the framework, as was considered necessary by Messrs. Taylor.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on May 20th, and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 22nd.

- The Ancient Society of College Youths : at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John at Hackney, on May 21st; at St. Mary Mattelon, Whitechapel, on May 22nd; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 23rd ; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on May 24th.
- The St. Luke's Society : at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on May 22nd.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 23rd, all about 8 p.m.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, April 27th, on the courteous invitation of the Rector, the Rev. G. W. Wall, M.A., and wardens, the annual meeting of the Guild was held at Sefton. Previous to the general business meeting, a short service, conducted by the Rector, was held in the ancient parish church of St. Helen. After partaking of a substantial tea, business was immediately gone into. Mr. Mathew Bradley, warden of Sefton, was elected to the chair. The Treasurer submitted the accounts for the previous year, the balance both on the general and benevolent fund being highly satisfactory. A grant of 5*l*, from the benevolent fund was given to the widow of the late Edmund Prescott, of Hindley, ac-companied by a strong expression of sympathy. Several new members companied by a strong expression of sympathy. Several new members were enrolled. A proposition to hold a pic-nic in connexion with the Guild early in the summer was very favourably received. All the officers of the previous year were re-elected.

Upton Church Bells, Torquay.

A SPECIAL service has been held at Upton Church, Torquay, in com-A SPECIAL Service has been field at Opton Church, Lorquay, in com-memoration of the rehanging of the church bells, which had been silent for two years, and was well attended. The clergy present were the Rev. E. P. Gregg, the rector, the Rev. Dr. Ross, R.D., the Rev. W. A. Raikes, the Rev. C. Large, and the Rev. B. Molineaux. There was a Raikes, the Key. C. Large, and the Key. B. Molineaux. There was a special appropriateness about the service, and the musical portion was especially pleasing. The Rural Dean preached. Before the service the St. Sidwell's (Exeter) Society of Change-ringers rang a short touch of 336 changes of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, conducted by Mr. E. Shepherd, and another touch of 168 changes, conducted by Mr. A. W. Searle. The rehanging of the bells cost 210*l*. That sum has already been raised by the Beetre but arts work to the steeple and the chark has readered the Rector, but extra work to the steeple and the clock has rendered considerable further outlay necessary.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT the Church of St. James's, Bermondsey, on Tuesday, May 7th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

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John W. Rowbotham	11	1	Henry R. Newton	6	
Ferris J. Shepherd *		2	Henry S. Ellis	7	
Henry G. Miles *			Charles T. P. Brice	8	
Arthur G. Ellis		4	Edward P. O'Meara	., 9	
Challis F. Winney	11		William T. Cockerill	10	
Channe II II anno J	TT 1	-	1 1 1 0 11	T3 337'	

Composed by Henry W. Haley, and conducted by Challis F. Winney Rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Ezra Carter, a much-respected member of the above Society, and a parishioner of St. James's, who died April 24th. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

The Yorkshire Association.

BEVERLEY.—On Saturday, April 13th, at the Minster, 1008 changes of GRANDSIRE Triples, in thirty-nine minutes. A. N. Wood, 1; F. Osgerley (conductor), 2; J. Yonney, 3; W. Gibson, 4; C. P. Bradley, 5; H. Blyth, 6; J. W. Stickney, 7; G. Hare, 8.

HULL-On Thursday, April 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, an attempt was made for the late T. Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES ; but, unfortunately, after ringing two hours and four minutes, dit came to grief owing to a change-course. A. N. Wood, 1; T. Stock-dale, 2; G. T. Marshall, 3; J. Dixey, 4; F. Osgerley, 5; J. W. Stickney, 6; C. Jackson (conductor), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. First attempt for a peal of STEDMAN by F. Osgerley, and longest length in any method by A. N. Wood.



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The Hertfordshire Association.

ON Saturday, May 11th, at the Cathedral Church, St. Albans. Herspeal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor. 30 cwt.

Ernest E. Huntley		1	W. H. L. Buc	kingham	144.	õ
Bertram Prewett		2	John R. Sharı	nan		6
George N. Price	1.5	3	Ernest Pye			7
Isaac G. Shade		4	William Pye		44	8
Composed by Cabriel I	ind off		d and ustad by	William	Dro	Tim

composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. First peal of SUPERLATIVE on these bells.

The Middlesex County Association.

ON Tuesday, May 7th, at Christchurch, Southwark, S.E., a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Sir A. P. Heywood's variation of Thurstans'), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

	- cuore .				
George R. Fardon	1	George N. Price .		5	
Bertram Prewett	2	Frederick W. Thor	nton	6	
William Weatherstone	3	William Barry		7	
John R. Sharman (con	dr.) 4	Arthur T. King .		8	
	10 11				

The Bedfordshire Association.

BEDFORD.—ON Sunday, April 28th, at St. Paul's Church, for evening service, 419 STEDMAN CATERS. A. N. Wood (longest length in CATERS), 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; C. Chasty, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; J. W. Barker, 7; I. Hills, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; J. Sear, 10. On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES (taken out of the late T. Thurstans' Four-part). B. Jealous, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; J. W. Barker (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6; A. N. Wood, 7; F. Webb, 8.

Bolsover, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, May 4th, 1901, an interesting ceremony was performed at the Parish Church, Bolsover, by the unveiling of a brass peal tablet to commemorate the ringing of the first peal of 5040 changes by members of the East Derbyshire Association. The members of the Association were invited to a special service at 4.30 p.m., the Viccar (the Ber A V Colston) who is also President reading the prevers and Association were invited to a special service at 4.30 p.m., the Vicar (the Rev. A. V. Colston), who is also President, reading the prayers, and giving a very instructive address to ringers who were present from Bolsover, North Wingfield, Ashover, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, South Nor-manton, Ault Hucknall, and Ripley. After service, the ceremony of unveiling the tablet took place, the Vicar reading appropriate prayers, during which the tablet was unveiled by Mr. J. Bingley. The visitors were entertained to tea in the school by the local ringers.

ALNWICK BELL-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION .--- The annual meeting of St. ALNWICK BELL-RINGERS' Association.—The annual meeting of St. Paul's Society of Amateur Bell-ringers was held in the belfry of the church. The Rev. G. A. Brown presided. He spoke of the great im-provement made by the Society in the ringing of the bells. He also paid a deserved eulogy to Mr. Weightman, the conductor, and expressed the great regret of the Society upon his leaving the town for New-castle. Mr. F. G. Beardall was appointed conductor, and Mr. Caverhill Grav score town for the society near Gray secretary for the ensuing year.

PAINSWICK CHURCH BELLS.—The world-famed church bells of Painswick were removed last week, and for some time reposed in sullen silence beneath the belfry in the church. A large number of people availed themselves of the opportunity of taking a look at them, and of ascending the tower where they had been hanging for so many genera-The bells, the heaviest of which (the tenor) weighs 1 ton 6 cwt. tions. 2 qrs. 22 lbs., were removed on a Midland Railway Company's lorry : and, whilst standing outside the gates of the picturesque church, Miss M. H. Barton, of Brunswick Road, Gloucester, secured some capital photographs of the silvery-tongued monsters as a souvenir of the removal.

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- The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on May 31st, all about 8 p.m.

Christ Church Bells, West Bromwich, Staffs.

BELL-RINGERS and lovers of church bells will be glad to hear of an effort which has just been made at West Bromwich, Staffordshire, to restore to use a fine peal of twelve bells hung in the tower of Christ Church in that town. West Bromwich has been, and to some extent is now, full of coal and coalpits; consequently the church was badly pulled about many years ago by mining operations, and for a long time the bells could not be rung at all; but that has all settled down long since, bells could not be rung at all; but that has all settled down long since, and now it is the working part of them which has become so decayed and worn out that only four or five out of the twelve can be used. The energetic churchwardens, Mr. W. H. Dawes and Mr. J. Marston, decided to make an effort to get the bells thoroughly put in order in time for ringing at the Coronation, and appealed to outsiders, as well as the con-gregation, to assist in the work. The result far exceeded their expecta-tions. At the close of the first motions had to consider the metric gregation, to assist in the work. The result far exceeded their expecta-tions. At the close of the first meeting held to consider the matter nearly two-thirds of the money required (500*l*.) had been either given or promised, and, now that the work is about to be commenced, the sub-scription list amounts to about 440*l*. So it is hoped that long before the Coronation the bells would be in good working order.

Dedication of New Bells at Barwell.

Two new treble bells have been dedicated, the ceremony being performed by the Hon. and Rev. A. Byron, rector of Kirkby Mallory, who preached an able and appropriate s rmon. The addition of the two new bells raises the peal to eight, and the work has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs Taylor, of Loughborough. The peal, consisting of six bells, was cast by Messrs. J. Taylor, and placed in the tower in 1877. Previously there were four bells, one of which was cracked inexperienced person about thirty years before. Mr. Taylor recommended that an entirely new peal should be cast, and the metal of the old bells incorporated in the new. The whole of the woodwork old bells incorporated in the new. The whole of the woodwork in the tower has been renewed, and a floor put in for the use of the ringers. The two new bells are 1 and 2 of the peal of eight, and weigh about six cwt. each. The cost has been about 1402. The first short peal was rung by Barwell ringers, their names being W. Powers, W. White, G. White, E. Garner, W. A. Needham, C. H. Belton, A. R. Aldham, and J. Needham. The first new bell, just added, bore the following inscription: -- 'Victoria, in commemoration of her reign. 1837-1901.' The second new bell bore the inscription: 'Edward VII., in commemoration of his accession.' During the evening the bells were rung by the members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers, from Nuneaton, Earl Shilton, Stoney Stanton, and other places.

Letterkenny Catnedral.---Magnificent Peal of Bells.

A MAGNIFICENT peal of bells has just been completed to order of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, bishop of Raphoe, for the new Cathedral at Letterkenny. The peal consists of twelve bells, weighing close on 10 tons, the tenor bell weighing about 45 cwt. All the bells are in the most perfect tune, and the tone and quality of each bell is everything that could be desired.

The bells were cast by Mr. Matthew Byrne, Fountain Head Bell Foundry, James's Street, Dublin, and are erected on their own steel framing of the most improved design in Mr. Byrne's yard, where they have just been tested, on behalf of his Lordship the Bishop of Raphoe, by the eminent musician, the Rev. H. Bewerunge, of Maynooth. Every one who has heard the bells, including many eminent musicians, have pronounced them the finest peal of bells in Ireland.

This is the heaviest peal of twelve bells in Ireland. The bells and their fittings will be forwarded to Letterkenny in a few days, and will be in their place in the tower by the day of the dedication of the Cathedral, on June 16th, when they are to be played on by Mr. Lamb, organist of St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, and will be heard for miles around the sacred edifice.

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The inscriptions on the eleven other bells are as follows: 1. 'Rianae.' 2. 'Cronae and Rianae.' 3. 'Katrinae and Tivogae.' 4. 'Carthagi and Cairneaci.' 5. 'Finani and Davoci.' 6. 'Nialis and Murae.' 7. 'Ernani and Asici.' 8. 'Baitheni and Barrindi.' 9. 'Conali and Dallani.' 10. 'Fiacarii.' 11. 'Eunani.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent and Middlesex County Associations.

On Saturday, May 18th, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Brentwood, Essex, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 193 cwt.

William Weatherstone	 1	William John Jeffries	1.1	\overline{D}	
Ernest Holt Nixon	 2	Thomas Taylor	40	6	
John James Lamb	 3	Frederick W. Thornton	**	7	
William Foreman	 4	Frederick H. Gooch	44	8	

Foreman					H. Gooch	4.4	0
Conducted	by	Freder	ick V	Villiam	Thornton.		

Chester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

ST. GEORGE'S COMPANY, STOCKPORT .- For practice, on Monday evening, May 20th, 210 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. H. Meakin, 1; C. Barber 2; J. Mottershead, 3; Rev. W. E. H. Morris, 4; G. Astbury, 5; J. W Bailey, 6; E. Reader (conductor), 7; J. Hankinson, 8. Rung on the back eight. Tenor 30 cwt.

Birthday Peal-ringing at Walkden.

ON Monday week the local ringers ascended the tower at St. Paul's Church, and rang, in 3 hours, Mr. Arthur Knight's (of Chesterfield) peal, consisting of 5088 changes of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in honour of the 50th birthday of Mr. Joseph Brookes, one of the oldest local ringers. Mr. Brookes has been a ringer since the bells were first placed in the tower, and has become quite an enthusiast in the art of change ringing. During his career he has taken part in a goodly number of performances, of no little merit, at different churches far and near.

The ringers of the above peal stood as follows	:		
Jos. Brookes 1 Samuel Oake		• •	5
Jno. Worthington 2 Alfred Potte	er "		6
Jno. Denner 3 Jno. Potter		**	
Wm. Denner 4 Jos. Potter			8
The peal was carefully conducted by Mr. Jno.	Potter.		

ON Sunday, May 5th, at Dalton-in-Furness, for evening service, 720 DN Sunday, May 5th, at Datton-In-Fulfness, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 25 mins. W. H. Denni-son, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, May 12th, for evening ser-vice, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 25 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; W. H. Dennison, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, Mar 1004 for merging courses 260 Pt to Ren Muxon, F. Gastrall J. Stuart, 4; W. H. Dennison, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, 360 PLAIN BOB MINOR. E. Gartrell, 1: J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Longest touch for E. Gartrell, who is sixteen years old. And, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (12 bobs and 14 singles), in 26 mins. W. S. Forshaw, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Burrows, 6. This is the first 720 in any method for W. S. Forshaw, who is fifteen years old.

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At a meeting of the Oxford University Antiquarian Society in the Ashmolean Museum, on Thursday evening, the Rev. Canon Raven, D.D., read a paper on 'Church Bells and Bell-ringing.' Mr. P. Manning presided.

In the course of his lecture, Canon Raven said that of all instruments of music they could hardly suppose any to be more ancient than those of percussion. Two among early forms in this class of instrument claimed their attention in relation to bells, the Crotal and the Irish clog. The former seemed to have differed little in shape from the days of the Tarquins to those of our gracious Queen Alexandra, as they were seen on the harness of the Sandringham ponies. One, said to have been found at Headington Hill, which was in the collection of Mr. Ll. Jewitt, at Winston Hall, seemed to be a specimen of the brazen apple mentioned by Xiphilinus in his summary of the missing parts of Dion Cassius, as placed at the junction of the spike and the pole of a British warrior to strike terror into the enemy. In the middle ages they were used as hawks' bells, and in the present day were placed on stable keys, so that if dropped in the straw they might be found by the rattling noise if the straw were forked over. The Erse clog was a very different construction, the work of the smith rather than of the founder. Two trapezoidal pieces of iron were bent at the edges, riveted together, and dipped in molten copper. In Ireland, when bells began to be cast, the old shape was followed. A stout wire passed through the crown, served as a handle outside, and inside for a staple to hang the tongue upon. The lecturer supposed we obtained our present form of the bell from the East. The abrupt ending of the barrel gave way to the later lip, and some of the earlier bells in our towers have the barrel very cylindrical, with the lip coming out rather abruptly from it. Paulinus, bishop of Nola, in Campania, used to be credited with the introduction of bells into the Christian Church; but, as Paulinus described his church in one of his letters (that to Severus) without mention of bells, or even steeple, this seemed hardly possible. Numerous instances of the use of bells in the Saxon period were recorded.

Meetings for Practice.

- The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on June 3rd, and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 5th.
- The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John at Hackney, on June 4th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 6th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 7th.
- The St. Luke's Society : at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on June 5th.
- The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 6th, all about 8 p.m.

Re-opening of the Kington Bells, Herefordshire.

THESE bells were reopened on Thursday last by a party of the Cheltenham and District Guild of Ringers, who were specially invited by the Rev. C. M. Craigie, vicar of Kington. The ringers were the Rev. J. Hastings, G. H. Phillott, W. J. Pater, F. Musty, F. Townsend, W. Brinkhath, and A. W. Humphries. All were most hospitably entertained by the Vicar. During the opening service a six-score of STEDMAN was rung and after service several six scores and 720 of KENT TREELE BOB. Having two hours to wait on the way, a visit was paid to Eardisley, where some good ringing was also done, the ringers being welcomed by the Rev. Canon Palmer, rector of Eardisley, Herefordshire.

where some good ringing was also done, the Hugers some the Rev. Canon Palmer, rector of Eardisley, Herefordshire. Kington bells have just been rehung by Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford, and the old frame has been repaired and strengthened. The bells six in number, are by Rudhale, of Gloucester, and W. Evans, of Chepstow.

The sermon was preached by the Hon. Archdeacon Stanhope, vicar of Byford, Herefordshire.

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A Patriarchal Bell-ringer.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL possesses in the person of Mr. J Haworth, who has just celebrated his eightieth birthday, one of the oldest bell-ringers in the country. He has been an expert in the art of bell-ringing since the accession of the late Queen Victoria, and it is of interest to note that he helped to peal the bells of Westminster Abbev on the occasion of the accession of Her Majesty, and on each 20th of June since, without a single break. In addition, he was one of the team who rang the bells of St. Paul's, not only at the Jubilee of 1857, but on the occasion of Her late Majesty's visit to the Cathedral on the ever-memorable Diamond Jubilee Day. In spite of his advanced years. Mr. Haworth is still hale and hearty, possessing, moreover, a vivid recollection of events long ago. Especially interesting are his reminiscences of bell-ringing in his early days, and of the notable occasions --commencing with the tolling of the bell at St. Clement's Church on the death of William IV.—on which he has commemorated incidents or national rejoicing and mourning.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Giles's Church, Camberwell, on May 18th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5012 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

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John H. Cheesman	1	Isaac G. Shade	6	
Bertram Prewett	2	William Pye		
Frederick G. Perrin	., 3	Harry Flanders		
Arthur N. Hardy	4			
John R. Sharman		Arthur T. King		
Composed by Arthur				
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AND at St. Mary's, Islington, on May 22nd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs.

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John R. Sharman 2	2	Joseph Barry	22		6	
		Arthur R. Jacob	S	100	7	
William Pye (conductor).	Ĺ	Arthur T King	<u></u>		8	
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This is believed to be the first peal of STEDMAN on these bells. It is seventeen years since the last peal at this church.

Chester Diocesan Guild.

ST. GEORGE'S COMPANY, STOCKPORT.—For practice, on Monday evening, May 27th, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1261 changes. in 55 mins. J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4 T. Marshall (composer), 5; J. Mottershead, 6; H. Meakin, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8; E. Reader (conductor), 9; G. Marshall, 10. Longest length of STEDMAN CATERS by Astbury, Barber, and Mottershead. Tenor. 30 cwt. All the above are members of the local company.

CHANGE-RINGING AT HAMPSTEAD.—At St. Stephen's Church. Hampstead the Royal Cumberland Society of Bell-ringers rang. in 3 hrs. 8 mins., a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, comprising 5040 changes (Holt's Ten-part peal). Tenor, 27 cwt. The following were the ringers:—

C. Martin (conducto	r)	1	F. Smith			5
W. H. Pryor		2	R. Bevan	100	Ē	ŝ
M. Woodcock			H. Stubbs.			
T. Titchener		4	H. Ellis			

DOYNTON (GLOUCESTER) CHURCH.—The improvements to this church are now completed. They consist of a new choir vestry, two of the bells have been recast, two quarter-turned, and the whole peal equipped with new and up-to-date fittings; a lightning conductor has also been fitted to the tower.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, ABERDEEN.—At a meeting of the Churches Committee of the Aberdeen Town Council it was decided to have the bells in St. Nicholas tower hung on the same principle as those in the Catholic Cathedral tower. The bells will consequently be rung by means of hand-ropes instead of by the carrilon machine. The experiment will be followed with much interest.

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The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on June 14th, all about 8 p.m.

Bell-ringers' Conference at Chelmsford.

In consequence of the refusal of the Great Eastern Railway Company to issue cheap tickets to members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers attending the annual meeting in Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, there was a very small gathering; in fact, it was the smallest, we were informed, for the last fifteen years. Prior to the meeting, Divine service was held in St. Mary's Church. Afterwards the campanologists adjourned to the Vestry Hall, where the annual meeting took place, under the presidency of the Rev. H. A. Lake. The report for 1900 stated that the accounts showed a reduction of the balance in hand from 91. 103. 10d. to 51. 153. 2d., but this was chiefly attributable to the extra expenses connected with meetings. The amount to the credit of the Association in the Post Office Savings Bank now stood at 681. 123. 2d. The peal record for the year showed improvement both in the number of peals and variety of methods. Forty-two peals had been rung, which was the highest in any one year. Since the previous Whitsuntide the Association had lost by death two old and zealous members, Mr. H. Sayer, of Witham, and Mr. James Nicholls, of Coggeshall.

The report of the committee appointed for subdividing the county into districts was then considered, and, in accordance with their recommendations, the meeting resolved that the county be divided into four districts.

The Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

THE 27th annual excursion and meeting of this Guild took place in North Devon. The morning and early afternoon were devoted to ringing at Barnstaple, Fremington, Great Torrington, Bideford, Northam, Westleigh, and Abbotsham. The annual meeting was field at Bideford, the President (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) in the chair. The committee recorded with satisfaction distinct proofs of an enlivened interest and progress in various methods of change-ringing by members of the Guild. Seven peals had been scored during the year ended Lady Day. There were nineteen bands in union, with a total of 193 performing and associate members. The new band (Northtawton) had been admitted and taken in hand for instruction. The number of hon. members remained at forty-eight, whereas lady associates had increased to eight. Five of the latter had qualified as members having proved their ability to ring a changing bell through a six-score on handbells. A resolution had been passed to the effect that the Bell Opening Committee, in selecting bands to open new, restored, or augmented peals of bells, would have regard to the desire of those bands desiring to be represented as a whole rather than supply individual members to make up a composite team. The Guild was prepared to offer assistance to bands who might wish to be incorporated with the Guild, or to send a competent man to report on the condition of bells, point out defects, and offer suggestions for improvements in belfries generally. Considering the large proportion of six bell towers in the county, there ought to be a larger representation of such bands in the Guild, and the committee expressed a hope that clergy, schoolmasters, professional men, and others would assist in advancing the art of change-ringing. The accounts showed that the year commenced with a balance in

The accounts showed that the year commenced with a balance in hand of 24*l*., that the receipts during the twelve months totalled 30*l*., and the expenses 30*l*., leaving a balance in hand of 24*l*.

Eastern Counties Guild of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the Eastern Counties Guild of Changeringers was held at Spalding. There was ringing on the bells of Spalding Parish Church and St. Paul's, Fulney, and afterwards a service was held at Spalding Parish Church, the Rev. Canon Bullock (vicar) delivering an address on bell-ringing. The annual dinner took place at the 'White Hart Hotel.' The annual report showed twenty-three honorary members and fifty-five ringing members. Canon Bullock was elected President in succession to the Rev. E. T. Hudson, of Gosborton. The other officers were re-elected.

Broughton-in-Furness.

THE new tower to the ancient parish church, erected by Lord Cr at his own expense, and the new peal of bells, have been dedicated by the Bishop of Carlisle in the presence of a large congregation, and the whom were Lord and Lady Cross. The tower is a handsome structure, designed by Messrs. Austin & Paley, of Lancaster, and is in Kerting with the Norman architecture of the church. The new bells are eight in number, two of them being the gift of Lord Cross, one to the memory of his eldest son, who died in 1892; the others are the gift of parishioners.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

ON Saturday, May 25th, 1901, at Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorkshire, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, $10\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

A. W. Barrett*	 1	N. Kidd*	 	5
F. P. Howeroft		W. Newton	 	6
G. J. Clarkson	 3	T. Metcalfe*	 	7
J. Waller†	 4	T. Stephenson	 1.1	8
Composed by A.			Th	e first

peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR by the Association and the first on the bells. [*First peal in the method. †First 5000.]

Kent County Association.

THE above Association journeyed to Brentwood, Essex, and rang upon the bells of the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr an excellent peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, 3 hrs. 5 mins.

William Weatherstone		1	William J. Jeffries	 5	
Ernest H. Nixon	1.0	2	Thomas Taylor	6	
John J. Lamb	4.1	3	Frederick W. Thornton	 7	
William Foreman	10.1	4	Frederick H. Gooch	 8	

Conducted by F. W. Thornton. Upon descending from the tower the party had a cordial reception from a crowd of the inhabitants who had assembled to hear the ringing. They were afterwards hospitably entertained by the Rev. B. Steinmetz, vicar of Brentwood, and other gentlemen, and heartily congratulated upon their fine performance.

COSELEX (STAFFORDSHIRE).-Oa Sunday, May 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 42 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; A Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3: J. Roberts, 4; W. Fisher, 5: S. Baker, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—The bell-ringers had their annual outing on Tuesday, May 7th. The place chosen was Greenwich. The Vicar accompanied the party, which consisted of the whole team, including Mr. Tyler, the captain, and Mr. Markwell, the secretary. Starting at 7.16 a.m., they reached London Bridge soon after 9, and went by steamer to Greenwich. During the rest of the morning, touches of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung on the bells of St. Alphege. Luncheon was provided at the Globe Hotel, during which the hearty congratulations of those present were sent to Mr. Windus (organist of Henfield) and his bride (married about the same hour at Maldon). After luncheon the party was shown over Greenwich Hospital, the Painted Hall, Naval Museum, &c., and then visited Blackwall Tunnel, Tower Bridge, &c. The party was joined during the day by Messrs. Thornton and W. Stonham, who kindly acted as guides, and by Mr. H. Markwell. Thanks are due to the authorities, and especially to Mr. Davis, steeple-keeper at St. Alphege, for kindnesses shown.

On Saturday evening, May 25th, with the bells half mufiled in memory of Mr. Chate, for many years a ringer of this parish, 504 of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung by J. Lish, 1; S. Burt, 2: W. Markwell, 3; G. Payne, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; L. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

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The St. Luke's Society : at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on June 19th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 20th, all about 8 p.m.

Ken County Association.

THE twenty-first annual gathering of this association was held at Chatham on Saturday, June 8th. The attendance was very slender compared with similar occasions in recent years, only seventy-four sitting down to dinner. The usual programme was observed. At the sitting down to dinner. The usual programme was observed. At the service in St. Mary's at noon, the rector, Rev. J. Tetley Rowe, gave an interesting address, in the course of which he traced the history of St. Mary's, Chatham, from early Saxon times to the present day, and remarked upon the somewhat unique character of the service, as it was one of the last to be held in the present nave, a hideous structure of the 17th or 18th century, as on Monday the process of its demolition would be begun, to make way for a new nave in keeping with the chancel at the east end, erected a few years ago, and with the Victoria Tower at the west end, built in 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Victorian reign. The Archdeacon of Rochester presided at the dinner in the Oueen's

The Archdeacon of Rochester presided at the dinner in the Queen's ll. The Secretary's report showed that the Association was still Hall. flourishing, though its progress was not so rapid as some might wish. Two bands had left, and six had joined, the number of towers in union being 67, and the total number of members 774. The funds were satis-factory, the balance being 392, 10s. 2d., compared with 354, 10s. 3d. The

factory, the balance being 392. 108. 2*d.*, compared with 352. 108. 3*d.* The Belfry Repairs Fund, from which a grant of 2*l.* 2*s.* had been made to St. George's, Gravesend, amounted to 352. 14*s.* 4*d.*, compared with 32*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* at the end of 1899. Sixty peals were rung in 1900. The towers of St. Mary's, Chatham (the 'Victoria Tower'), St. Margaret's, Rochester, Gillingham, Rochester Cathedral, and Rainham, were open for ringing. Some good touches in various methods were executed. The day was delightfully fine and thoroughly enjoyable.

Sussex County Association at Blacklands.

On Saturday, the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers held their quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division at Christ Church, Black-lands, and the bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, as well as those of lands, and the bells of Unrist Unurch, St. Leonards, as well as those of Christ Church, Blacklands, were placed at their disposal during the afternoon and evening for combined practice in various methods of change-ringing. At 5.30, the members attending, numbering thirty-two, were entertained at tea by the Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Breton, the churchwardens, and some members of the Church Committee, in the schoolroom adjoining the church. Ringers were present from Brighton, Eastbourne, Pevensey, Wadhurst, Battle, Tenterden, Appledore, Rye, St. Clement's (Hastings), and Christ Church (St. Leonards), and all engenered to theroughly enjoy themselves. appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. After tea, the Secretary of the Eastern Division (Mr. 6. Saker) read

the minutes of the previous meeting, which was held at Battle in De-cember last, and, in the course of his remarks, congratulated the members on the progress now being made in change-ringing in the Eastern Division.

Some new members were elected, and a discussion took place as to the desirability of holding the annual meeting of the Association at

the desirability of holding the annual meeting of the Association at different towns in the county instead of always at Brighton, in which Messers. Hill, Watson, Franks, Howse, and Brant took part. The business being ended, Mr. Watson, of St. Leonards, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and those who had so heartily welcomed and entertained them that day; he wished the Blacklands Guild every prosperity, and hoped they would soon have more members who would take an interest in the art. He could well remember the time when members came from Blacklands to Christ Church, St. Leonards, to teach them how to handle a rope. The Rev. A. Hodges, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to preside at these meetings in connexion with the science of bell-

to preside at these meetings in connexion with the science of bell-ringing, and he thought they did a great deal of good. He was glad to see the interest taken all over the country in change-ringing, and the great improvement in belfries. He remembered seeing, some years ago, a country belfry in Hampshire where there were pots of beer and some

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of the ringers smoking, but happily all such things were now changed The ringing gave an interest in church work to many who would otherwise have stayed away and given no assistance whatever to the church. He quite agreed with the Dean of Battle, when he told them at their recent meeting at Battle, to remember that the service commenced in the belfry, and that when they rang the bells for service they were taking part in God's work by the calling of the people to church. It would, perhaps, interest some of them to know that Russia bad the largest bells in the world, and then came China, Germany, and England. At the Church Congress about to be held at Brighton, a paper was to be read on 'Bells, Belfries, and Change-ringing.' The previous meeting of this kind at Blacklands was held on May 11th, 1895, six years ago.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Swithin's, East Grinstead, on May 25th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5940 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

George Williams (condr.) 1 George Paice
John Rice 6
Frank Bennett
Frank Bennett3Thomas Card7Robert J. Dawe4Arthur Huggett8
AT St. Nicolas's, Brighton, on June 4th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor. 16 ² / ₄ cwt.
George Williams 1 George Smart 5
Frank Bennett 6
Arthur A. Fuller
George F. Attree 4 James N. Frossell 8
Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by George Williams.

Also, at St. Botolph's, Heene-Worthing, on June 5th, a peal of OXFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor. 101 cwt.

Arthur A. Faller			$1 \mid$	Frank Bennett		5	
George Baker			2	George F. Attree		6	
George Smart				George A. King		. 7	
Robert J. Dawe			4	George Williams		. 8	
Composed by F.	Bennet	t, an	d c	onducted by Georg	ge Will	iams.	

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, on June 1st, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 33 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

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	Bertram Prewett	100	1	W. H. L. Buckingham	 6	
	Isaac G. Shade	140	2	Ernest Pye	 7	
	Edgar Wightman		3	William Berry	 8	
	John H. Cheesman	100	4	Cornelius Charge	 9	
	George R Pye	11	5	Joseph Barry)	10	
	0 +			John R. Sharman (10	

Composed by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., and conducted by John R. Sharman.

Central Northamptonshire Association.

Ar St. Peter's, Oundle, Northamptonshire, on June 8th. Hall's Ten-part Tenor, 28 c

	tonshire, on June 8th. Halls Len-pai
peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 3 h	
William Gilbert, jun.	Walter Perkins
William R. Hensher 2	William Gilbert, sen 6
James Houghton, jun 3	Charles R. Lilley (condr.) 7
Thomas R. Hensher 4	Henry Stubbs
This being the first peal ever run,	g upon these magnificent bells, bein

This be the best in the county, the band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Oldroyd, for use of bells. 1, 2, and 8 belong to Raunds; 2, Kettering; 3, Irthlingborough; 4, Rushden; 5, Hughenden; 7, Bedford.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 26th.

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

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Paul's Cathedral, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on June 25th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on June 27th, and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 28th.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, on June 28th, all about 8 p.m.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of this Guild will be next as Crassing June 29th. Bells ready three p.m. Business meeting six p.m. Rev. W. T. BULPIT, Hon. Secretaries. THE next meeting of this Guild will be held at Ormskirk, Saturday,

New Peal of Bells at St. Mary's, Glasgow.

SATURDAY, June 8th, 1901, will be a memorable day in the annals of St. Mary's congregation in Glasgow. The day was given up to a festival in honour of the dedication to Almighty God and the inauguration of the new peal of ten bells, a recent munificent gift to St. Mary's Church. At noon the bells were solemnly dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese in a short and impressive service, at which there was a good attendance of the congregation. The Bishop's act was followed by a simple chime. After the service a quarter-peal was rung on the bells by the Society of After the service a quarter-peal was rung on the bells by the Society of Change-ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to whom the newly found Society of Bell-ringers in Glasgow is indebted for most valuable aid and kindly assistance. The bells were heard for a considerable dis-tance through the city, and attracted a large amount of attention. The verdict of those who have authouity to speak is that the new bells are verdict of those who have authority to speak is that the new bells are of exceptionally fine quality. In the evening the Society of Change-ringers of Edinburgh Cathedral, together with the members of the local society, were entertained to dinner by the Rector of St. Mary's. Mr. Isaac Pearson, the donor of the bells, was present, and also Mr. Taylor, jun., of Messrs. Taylor & Sons, the founders. Mr. Murray, who has been charted conductor of the new society was made the recipient of a gold elected conductor of the new society, was made the recipient of a gold watch-chain in recognition of his untiring efforts to initiate the members into the mysteries of change-ringing. Mr. Ellis, conductor of the Edinburgh Society, and representatives from the Newcastle and Middlesex Societies, also attended.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

AT St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 8th, ten mem-bers of this Society were successful in ringing a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

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++ 1	A. E. Pegler		., 6
2	A. Roberts		7
. 3	R. Hall		8
4	J. E. Groves		9
5	E. Brown		10
	$\begin{array}{c} 1\\2\\3\\4\end{array}$	1 A. E. Pegler 2 A. Roberts 3 R. Hall 4 J. E. Groves 5 E. Brown	1 A. E. Pegler 2 A. Roberts 3 R. Hall 4 J. E. Groves

Composed by H. Johnson, Birmingham; conducted by Samuel Reeves. Messrs. Reeves and Hall hail from West Bromwich; E. Brown, Smethwick; J. Jaggar, Langley Green; Pegler, Birmingham: Godden, Handsworth; and J. Perry, Brewood. The rest belong to St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association.

AT St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, Herts, on June 8th, 1901, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	George N. Price		5
Hubert Eden	2	Erneet E. Huntley		6
Charles George	3	William T. Cockerill		7
W. H. L. Buckingham	4	James George		8
This is the first peal of STED	MA:	N on the bells.		
The two menious neals on t			0	

The two previous peals on these bells were a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by the Watford Youths in 1816, and a peal in the same method by the St. James's Society, London, in 1884. The following is the record of the first peal on the bells from the peal-book of the Ancient Society of College Youths: 'No. 166. Rickmansworth, in Hertfordshire. December 27th, 1788. The Society of College Youths rang at the

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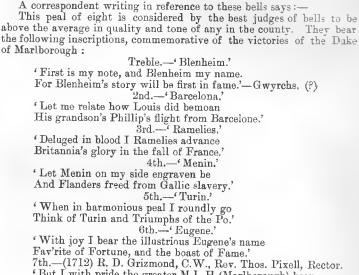
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above church a complete peal of 5152 TREBLE BOB, in three hours and twenty-seven minutes. Being the first p-al ever rang there. or Richard Wilson Treble, William Wilson second, James Worster third-

Israel Johnson fourth, John Povey fifth, George We b sixth, Edm. Sylvester seventh, Joseph Holdsworth Tenor. The peal was call to

St. Helen's Church Bells.

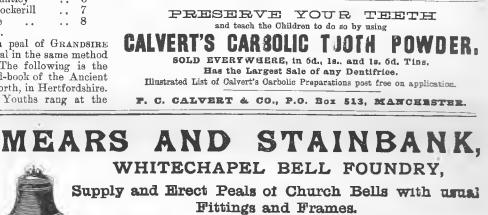
But I with pride the greater M.L.H (Marlborough) bear

Terror of tyrants and the soul of wair.' Tenor.--' Queen Ann.'

'T' immortal praises of Queen Ann I sound With union blest and all these glories crown'd.'

There is also: '1706. Joseph Newton, Joseph Taylor, Church-wardens,' inscribed round the waist of all the bells except the 7th (which would seem to have been recast in 1712). The antiquity and importance of St. Helen's, has been marked by the fact that the curfew has always been, and is still, rung every night. It may be interesting to add that on a mural tablet in St. Helen's Church to the late Mr. J. S. Slade who on a mural tablet in St. Helen's Church to the late Mr. J. S. Slade who died in 1841, aged 64), it is recorded that he 'was a principal cause if the tower of this church being rebuilt and the fine peal of bells not being sold in the year MDCCCXX'. A committee has been formed to consider ways and means for refitting the bells, which have been for some time in an impossible condition for ringing. It is felt that their restoration is a matter of public and not only parochial concern, while it also would form a suitable memorial of the reign and life of our late beloved Queen, and also, it is honed, of mace in South Africa beloved Queen, and also, it is hoped, of peace in South Africa.

CHANGE-RINGERS MEETING .- A meeting of the Association of CHANGE-RINGERS' MEETING. — A meeting of the Association of Change-ringers of the Diocese of Gloucester and Bristol was held in Cheltenham, when, in addition to the local members, representatives attended from Bristol, Gloucester, Cirencester, Painswick, Swindon, Bitton, Worcester, and Lydney. The proceedings commenced with a service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. T. G. Longley, the Rev. H. C. Courtney (Westbury-on-Severn), master of the Association, also taking part. After the service a visit was paid to the tower where also taking part. After the service a visit was paid to the tower, where the members were received by Messrs. G. H. Phillott and W. T. Pates, and several touches on the bells were rung. Adjournment was then made to the Imperial Tavern for tea, at the conclusion of which, under the presidency of the Master, a business meeting was held. A resolution was adopted to allow of the annual meeting being held triennially at Bristol, Gloucester, and Cirencester. Other matters of minor importance were dealt with, and the meeting closed with the usual votes of tbanks.



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Meetings for Practice.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John the Divine, Kennington, on July 1st, and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 3rd.

- The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John at Hackney, on July 2nd; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 4th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on July 5th.
- The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on July 3rd.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on July 4th, all about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THROUGH the kind generosity of Miss Macalpine-Leny, twelve members of this Society were enabled to spend a most enjoyable day in one of the prettiest parts of Kent on Saturday, June 22nd. Arriving by train at Tunbridge Wells soon after 10 a.m., the party was met on the platform by Miss Leny, Mrs. Mackinnon, the Comtesse de Bussey, and Miss Kitchener, and the next stage of the day's proceedings terminated at Cranbrook, which was reached at 12.35 by one of the wellequipped brakes belonging to the Tunbridge wells Omnibus Company. Cranbrook tower and bells are being put into excellent order, so that for another generation or two the ringers there should have good opportunities. On Saturday the old frame, wheels, &c., packed up outside the tower, gave evidence of long service, and, according to one of the local ringers' remarks, the renovation has come none too soon, the old beams and floor being in a very weak condition. After luncheon in the garden of 'The Limes,' touches were rung on handbells, and at three o'clock the return journey commenced by driving to Speldhurst. Here complete justice was done to strawberries and cream in the Rectory garden, and then touches were rung both on the tower bells and handhells.

The Rector and his son, Mr. George Mackinnon, R.N., joined the party at dinner at 7 p.m., and greatly enlivened the proceedings. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon for their charming hospitality, and a stroll on the spacious lawn listening to an excellently struck touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES on the handbells by Messrs. Winney, Newton, Wood, and W. D. Smith, made a fitting close to a magnificent entertainment.

Throughout the day the weather was perfect, and, thanks to the previous night's rain, the lovely scenery was quite at its best.

The 9.55 p.m. train was caught at Tunbridge Wells, and, after an uneventful journey, London was reached in due course, and tracks made home in the small hours.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Sussex County Association.

AT St. Peter's, Brighton, on June 12th, a peal of BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins.

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George Baker 1 George A. King 5								
George F. Attree Robert J. Dawe 6								
Frank Bennett James N. Frossell 7								
George Smart								
Composed by the late George Newson, conducted by George Williams.								
ALSO, at St. John-the-Baptist's, Lindfield, on June 15th, a peal of								
BOB MAJOR. 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 21 ³ / ₄ cwt.								
Albert D. Stone 1 George Paice								
Alfred Tomsett 2 Robert J. Dawe 6								
John Rice								
Frank Bennett 4 George Williams 8								
Composed and conducted by George Williams.								
ALSO, at St. Peter's, Brighton, on June 21st, a neal of KENT TREBLE								

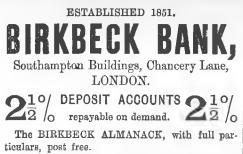
ALSO, at St. Peter's, Brighton, on June 21st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

	Frank Bennett				1	George Williams	• •	5
	George Baker				2	E. A. Ridgway *		6
	George A. King				3	Robert J. Dawe		7
	George Smart				4	James N. Frossell.		8
Joi	mposed by the late	Ge	orge	Ν	lews	on, conducted by George	Will	liams.
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[* First peal, and hails from Leek, Staffordshire.]

Chester Diocesan Guild.

ON Saturday, June 22nd, St. George's Company, Stockport, attempted to ring Mr. C. H. Hattersley's peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 changes, but, after ringing 4700 changes in excellent style, in 3 hrs. 16 mins., the



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peal suddenly collapsed, owing to a bell going wrong in the 'slow work in front. Tenor, 30 cwt.

J. Booth	 4.0	1	L. Meakin		6
G. Astbury	 		J. Hankinson	Ξ.	ĩ
T. Jackson	 		J. W. Bailey	1.	8
T. Marshall	 	4	E. Reader (conductor)		9
H. Meakin.	 	5	G. Marshall		10

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 26thfor evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 22 singles and 2 bobs in 27 mins. W. Forshaw, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart (conductor), 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Friday, May 31st, for practice, 720 PLAIN B IB MINOR. 14 singles and 4 bobs, in 27 mins. E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in any method for E. Gartrell, who is sixteen years old. On Sunday, June 2nd, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 26 mins. E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

CHANGE-RINGING AT STANSTEAD.—The local company of ringers, with Mr. A. Aviss, of Withersfield, rang a peal (720 changes) of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 24 mins., the band being arranged as follows:—A. J. Clarke (conductor), 1; A. Papworth, 2; Percy Garwood, 3; G. Smith. 4; R. Gowers, 5; A. Aviss, 6. This was followed by an 18-score of KENT by the same ringers.

MEETING OF BELL-BINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.—The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers was held at Loughborough on Saturday. Tea was provided in the Fearon Hall, at which 135 members and friends were present. After tea a business meeting was held, with the President (Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart.), in the chair, when several new honorary and ringing members were elected. The President, in his address, gave an interesting account of the late meeting of the Central Council of Ringers, held at Derby on Whit Tuesday. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Loughborough (the Rev. T. Pitts) for the use of the bells of the parish church, and the Fearon Hall for holding the tea and meeting therein, was passed; and, on the motion of the President, a similar vot+ to the Taylor family for their hospitality in providing the tea and making the arrangements for the meeting, was accorded with acclamation. The ten bells at the parish church, and also the eight at the bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Freehold Street, were rung at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

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- The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on July 12th, all about 8 p.m.

Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers.

THE annual gathering of the members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers took place at Ledbury, and was a complete success. Ringers were present from the towns of Brecon, Clun, Coldington, Colwall, Cradley, Eastnor, Hereford Cathedral, Ledbury, Leominster, Lugwardine, Ludlow, Mathon, Pencombe, Ross, and Upton Bishop. The Guild was started in March 1886, but the annual festival held this year at Ledbury must be marked as the most successful in the history of the society. As a welcome to the old town, the Ledbury ringers ascended the tower and gave a merry peal between nine and ten a.m. At eleven o'clock a special service was arranged for the ringers in the church. The Rev. H. B. Walton, rector of Coddington, delivered a most appropriate address from the words, 'But first gave their own selves to the Lord' (2 Cor. viii, 5). After service the business meeting of the Guild was held at the Barrett Browning Institute, and subsequently the ringers sat down to dinner at the 'Feathers Hotel.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

Central Northamptonshire Association.

AT St. Giles's, Northampton, on June 20th, Holt's ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt. in E fat.

Harry L. Key 3 Charles R. Lilley (condr.) 4	Frederick Milford Arthur O. Stewart	5 6 7
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The tenor bells swun so badly, it was necessary for two to ring it. First peal.*

AT St. Peter's, Irthlington, Northants, on June 22nd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

James Garrett		1	John Mawby	 5	
William R. Hensher		2	Thomas R. Hensher	 6	
Charles R. Lilley	4.8	3	John B. Martin	 7	
James Houghton, jun.		$\underline{4}$	Anderson Y. Tyler	 8	

Composed by T. T. Gefton, and conducted by Anderson Y. Tyler. 2 belong to Kettering; 3, Bedford; 6, Rushden; 7, Higham Ferrers, the rest local band.

Great Addington, Northants.

AT All Saints' Church, Addington, on June 23rd, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 34 mins., being 720 of each, WOODBINE, ONFORD, and KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE ONFORD, DOUBLE COURT, ONFORD BOB, and PLAIN BOB. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Adolphus Perkins	 1	William R. Hensher	4
James Houghton, jun.	 2	Thomas R. Hensher	5
Anderson J. Tyler.	 3	Charles R. Lilley (condr.)	6

This peal was rung for evening service 1, 2, and 3 belong to Irthlingborough; 4, Kettering; 5, Rushden; 6, Bedford. First peal of MINOR by 1 and 3.

Yorkshire Association of Change-Ringers.

AT Knaresborough Parish Church, the following members of the above Association rang a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB, 5088 changes, 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

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		2	T. Hodgson		(5
		3	A. Haigh		7	
14.4		4	W. Haigh	A	· · · 8	3
			2	I Todayon		2 T. Hodgson 3 A. Haigh

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, conducted by T. Haigh.

W. Haigh hails from Gillingham, Kent, for whom the peal was arranged.

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Sussex County Association.

AT Christ Church, Eastbourne, Sussex, on June 23th. a peal Thurstans' fourth-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 chapters. 2 hrs. 52 mins. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

	Alfred J. Turner Joseph Sharp John S. Goldsmith Thomas Price	5 5 	
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DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, June 14th, for practice 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. T. R-(conductor), 1; *A. Nicholas, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart, 4; W. H. Dennison, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 26 bobs and 10 singles, in 26 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. * First 720 with a bob bell for A. Nicholas. On Saturday, June 15th, the Dalton ringers paid a visit to Ulverston, and rang on the Parish Church bells 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 26 singles, in 26 mins. A. Nicholas, 1: T. P. Jackson, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (con ductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also a 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR 14 singles and 4 bobs, in 25 mins. W. Forshaw, 1; the rest standing as before. Conductor, J. Burrows. This is the first 720 of CANTERBURY for W. Forsham, who rang very well, and who is only fifteen years old. Also a 360 PLAN BOB MINOR in 13 mins. J. Lamb, 1; the rest as before. Conductor, T. R. Jackson. This is the first in the method for J. Lamb, who belongs to Ulverston. The Dalton ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his kind permission, and to Mr. Lamb for his kindness in making their visit such a pleasant one.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—At St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, on June 29th, a quarter peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes. T. Jackson, I; S. Marshall, 2; J. Booth, 3; T. Smithson, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. W. Bailey, 6; E. Reader (conductor), 7; A. Barnes, 8. Messrs. Barnes and Smithson are members of the local company, and it is the longest length in the method by Mr. Smithson. The remainder are of the St. George's Company, Stockport. The composition is by G. Astbury, and was published in CHURCH BELLS on March 29th last.

CHANGE-RINGING AT HASKETON.—At St. Andrew's Church, a mixed company rang a complete 720 changes of PLAIN BOB MINOR, containing 42 singles. The band stood as follows: G. Fuller (Woodbridge, 1; F. Crapnell, 2; W. King, 3; H. Burch, 4; H. Cutting (Woodbridge), 5; C. King (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. It was the first 720 by G. Fuller. Afterwards the Hasketon company rang several touches of OXFORD TREBLE BOB.

ON Wednesday, June 26th, a band of the Three Towns and District Branch of the Devonshire Guild of Change-ringers visited Launceston to open a peal of eight bells, formed by the addition of two new bells to the old peal of six at the Parish Church. Owing to the fact that new ropes had been put in on the previous day, and had not been stretched. change-ringing was very difficult, but the band was able to score a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Legg, 1; W. Richards, 2: W. Hopley, 3; J. Richards, 4; H. Myers, 5: E. Taylor (conductor), 6: W. Ford, 7; J. Jordan, 8.

A BELL-RINGING contest took place at St. Breoke Church, eleven teams coming from Barnstaple, St. Budock, St. Columb, St. Kew, St. Mabyn, St. Veep, Roche, Lanlivery, and Egloshayle. The ringing was excellent, and the two sets from Lanlivery and Egloshayle team being so evenly balanced that the judges decided that each team should ring off again for first, second, and third positions. The contests finished about seven o'clock, and the results was declared to a large crowd as follows: — 1. Egloshayle (3*l*.); 2. Lanlivery Juniors (2*l*. 10*s*.); 3. Lanlivery Seniors (2*l*.); 4. St. Columb (1*l*. 10*s*.); 5. St. Veep Juniors (1*l*.); 6. Roche (15*s*.); 7. St. Veep Seniors (12*s*.); 8. St. Kew (6*s*.).

MR. J. R. HAWORTH asks us to say that he has changed his address to 4 New Court, Farringdon Street, E.C.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John the Divine, Kennington, on July 15th, and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 17th. The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Ken-sington, and St. John at Hackney, on July 16th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 18th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on July 19th.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on July 17th. The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on July 18th, all about 8 p.m.

Reopening of Pettistree Church Bells.

For several years these bells have been in such a condition that it has been unsafe to ring them. Mr. T. Manby, of Pettistree Hall, the energetic churchwarden, resolved to try and raise funds to have them thoroughly restored. He succeeded so well that the funds collected and promised enabled him to place the order with Messrs. H. Bowell & Son, bell-founders, Ipswich. For several weeks past this firm has been at work in the tower. The bells have been quarter-turned and fitted with new clappers, working on new crownstaples. All new stocks, wheels, stays, sliders, ropes, and steel gudgeons, working on gun-metal bearings, with cast-iron carriages, have been fixed. The framework has been with cast-iron carriages, have been fixed. The framework has been strengthened with bolts and plates, and the foundations renewed. There has also been a chiming apparatus fixed, to enable one person to chime all the bells. There are six bells, the three largest dating from about A.D. 1450. In A.D. 1848 the large tenor bell was recast into three smaller ones by Jno. Taylor & Son, Loughborough. The second bell bears the inscription: 'One bell recast into three at the expense of R. Brook, Esq., Pettistree Lodge, 1848.' Members of the Norwich Asso-ciation of Bell-ringers, from Great Bentley, Ufford, Wickham Market, Inswich, Tunstall, Blayhall and Hasheton, assembled and rang several Ipswich, Tunstall, Blaxhall, and Hasketon, assembled and rang several was preached by the Bishop of Norwich from Nehem. viii. 10, 'The joy of the Lord is your strength.' There was a large congregation.

Cheltenham Bell-ringers and the late Queen.

THROUGH the efforts of the Cheltenham Guild of Change-ringers, assisted by the contributions of a few friends, a copper tablet has been assisted by the contributions of a few friends, a coppet faster has been placed in the Parish Church, recording the muffled peal which was rung on the church bells on the occasion of the late Queen's funeral in February last. The tablet, the lettering on which has been neatly exe-cuted, is fixed in a prominent place at the chancel arch, close to the pulpit, the inscription being in the following terms :-

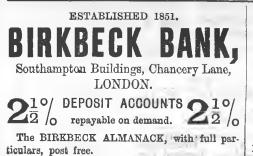
Gone, but not forgotten. VICTORIA, R.I., Aged 82 years.

On February 2nd, 1901, eight members of the Cheltenham and District Guild of Change-ringers rang a well-struck peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., with the bells muffled both sides, as a mark of respect for her late Majesty Queen Victoria, whose funeral took place this day at Windsor. William T. Compton, treble. William T. Pates, 2nd. Albert H Humphris 3rd

Albert H. Humphris, 3rd. Charles Pockett, 4th. Frederick W. Wade, 5th. Francis E. Ward, 6th. Thomas Pendry, 7th. John F. Ballinger, tenor. Weight of tenor, 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs., in E flat. Composed by the late J. Taylor. Conducted by William T. Pates.

Rev. E. L. Roxby, M.A., Rector. Ald. George Norman, Mayor. E. B. Wethered { Churchwardens. C. Marshall William T. Pates, Master of St. Mary's Society of Change-ringers. George H. Phillott, M.A., Belfry Custodian. Francis E. Ward, Guild Master. Albert W. Humphris, Secretary of the Guild.' At the head, sides, and foot of the plate records are given of the chief episodes in the late Queen's career.

The tablet was unveiled by the Rev. Canon Roxby.



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The Bells of East Bergholt.

EAST BERGHOLT has long been famous for its bells. The by more and for the quaint old bell-cage which contains them. They were found however, some time back, to be ringing 'out of tune' and 'harsh. The well-known firm, Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, were called in. and they gave it as their opinion that the clappers and the parts of the bells struck by them were over-worn, and recommended that the bells should be re-hung. This was done at a cost of 82% 10s., and the bells now ring sweetly and musically. The 82% 10s. has been raised almost entirely in the parish. But it has been found that a considerable sum—possibly -will be needed to make the bell-cage safe for them to swing in. 45% The Rector and Churchwardens have therefore determined to appeal to their neighbours, and all friends have therefore determined to spear to them to raise the sum required. People come from all parts to see the unique bell-cage and the bells—which, alone among those in the United Kingdom, are not swung by ropes but by hand. There will be a Commemoration Service for the re-hanging of the bells on July 11th, at The Dean of Norwich will be the preacher. The bells will be 5 p.m. rung before and after service. It is a remarkable coincidence that the only other bell-cage known to have existed in England was in the Rector's last parish, that of St. Edward's, Cambridge. But the cage was pulled down and the bells sold during the course of the eighteenth century.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Change-ringing at Ipswich.

MEMBERS of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Change-ringers rang upon the bells of that church, at Ipswich, a true and complete peal of DOUBLE_NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 36 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Motts	1	Albert E. Durrant	6
Joseph A. Gofton	2		7
Isaac L. Alexander		TR7'II' TO 1.	8
William Motts	4	R. L. Story	9
Robert H. Brundle	Đ	William L. Catchpole	10
Composed by Mr. Arthur	Knight.	of Chesterfield, conducte	d by Mr.
Jam	es Motts	, of Ipswich.	

Mr. R. L. Story and the brothers Gofton hail from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LAVENHAM BELLS — The ninetieth anniversary of the augmentation of Lavenham bells was held recently, by ringing as early as 6,45 in the morning with a well-struck touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, at 10.30 another touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, followed by 464 of BOB MAJOR, another touch of GRANDSIRE TRIFLES, belowed by 404 of DOB MAJOR, conducted by Mr. Symonds, of Thornham Parva, Suffolk, being the first visitor of the day. During the afternoon Mr. Sillitoe, of Sudbury, and Messrs. Gladwell and W. Kinsey, of Felsham, appeared, and two courses of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR were rung with good striking, Mr. Sillitoe of KENT TREBLE DOB MAJOR were rung with good striking, Mr. Shintoe conducting. During the afternoon and evening, on the late Thomas Bruce's handbells, were rung touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, and GRANDSIRE CATERS, the touches of GRAND-SIRE TRIPLES on the tower bells amounting to 1563 changes, conducted by Mr. Thomas King, 672 of BOB MAJOR, conducted by Mr. Kinsey, of Eachem Felsham.

CHANGE-RINGING.—At Pulford the St. Mary's Society of Change-ringers met and rang 720 changes of COLLEGE SINGLE, 18 BOB, and " SINGLES. The ringers were A. Watkins, 1; G. Jones, 2; R. Jones, 5: G. Partington, 4; R. Huxley, 5; James Morgan, 6. They also met on Sunday, and rang for service 720 changes, PLAIN BOB, and 120 changes COLLEGE SINGLE. A. Watkins, 1; F. Roberts, 2; R. Jones, 3: R. Huxley, 4; G. Partington, 5; James Morgan, 6. The peal was con-ducted by James Morgan. ducted by James Morgan.

NEW BELLS AT LAUNCESTON .- Two new bells which have been added to the previous peal of six at the parish church, Launceston, have been dedicated.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 24th. The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on July 25th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Paul's, Cathedral, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on July 23rd; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on July 25th, and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on July 26th

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's - in - the - Fields, on July 26th, all about 8 p.m.

The Bells of Beverley Minster.

THE beautful Minster of Beverley, Yorkshire, now possesses one of the finest peaks of ten bells in the north of England. The founders are Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, who have applied to them the new system of tuning, on the late Prebendary Simpson's method. The dedication service was held on Saturday last, and was largely attended. The Mayor and Corporation of Beverley were present. The processional hymn, 'Onward, Christian soldiers,' was played on the organ, ac-companied by the band of the East Yorkshire Regiment, as the choir, with several of the local clergy, with the Rev. Canon Nolloth, vicar of Beverley Minster, and the Bishop of Hull proceeded to the foot of the north-west tower. Here the dedication took place, the Bishop saying, 'By virtue of our sacred office we do solemnly set aside and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, for the benefit of His Holy Church.' The Bishop after-wards preached from the words, 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the whole earth, which form the inscription on one of the bells. After the service a half-peal of KENT TREELE BOB ROYAL was rung. The peal is in the scale of C. Tenor, 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

The Bells of East Bergholt.

A SERVICE of commemmoration and thanksgiving for the rehanging of the bells in East Bergholt parish was held on July 11th, at 5 p.m. The preacher was the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich. His text was Exodus, xxviii. 33–36, and he spoke of bells as typical of the believer's prayers and praises, of his testimony for God, and his invitation to others to join in the worship of the Church. Evensong was chanted by the Rector, the Rev. Chancellor Lias. and the assistant curate, the Rev. E. A. B. Creed, and the lessons read by the Rev. D. Coyle, rector of Roydon, and the Rev. J. B. Pelham, vicar of Higham. Considerable interest was shown, both before and after service, in the ringing of the interest was shown, both before and after service, in the ringing of the bells, which is done, not by ropes, but by hand, the bells being placed, not in a tower, but in a cage in the churchyard. To ring these bells is not in a tower, but in a cage in the churchyard. To fing these beins is a task which requires considerable skill and dexterity, and the sight to most of the visitors was a novel one. The bells have been rehung at a cost of 822.10s., a cost-borne almost exclusively by the parish. The cage now needs repair, and some 182, have been raised for this purpose. But about 207, more are required, and it is hoped that persons unconnected with the parish, but interested in bell-ringing, will come forward and help toward providing the additional sum now needed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association,

At the Parish Church of All Saints', Northallerton, Yorks., on July 13th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 13 mins.

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J. Clarkson	140	1	J. Waller*		 ō	
F. P. Howcroft		2	A. W. Barrett	11	 6	
R. G. Greenwood		3	G. J. Clarkson		 7	
T. Beckwith		4	T. Stephenson		 8	

Composed by J. Wood and conducted by G. J. Clarkson, H. P. Howcroft halls from Middlesborough; the rest belong to the Stockton Company. [* First 5000 in the method]

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

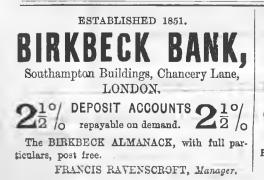
AT the Church of St. Nicholas, King's Norton, Worcestershire, on July 13th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor. 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

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- 1 Phillip W. Davies.. 2 Harry Middleton ... William G, Ellis ... Thomas Reynolds... Arthur E. Pegler .. John Neal .. • •

also T. Reynolds' sixtieth p-al of STEDMAN TRIPLES.



The Sussex County Association.

[July 19, 1901.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Lower Beeding, Sussex. on July 6th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 104 cwt.

Frederick W. Cripps 1 James Hunt		5	
John Lice 2 Frank Bennett			
Alfred D. Mills 3 Alfred J. Turner	• •	7	
Robert J. Dawe 4 George Williams		. 8	
Composed and conducted by Frank Bennett.	The	first peal	of
DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells.			

Also at the Church of St. Mary, Rusper, on July 7th, a peal of

SOFEREATIVE SURFRISE MAJOR 5050 CHanges, In 2 Hrs. 50 mins.						
	Alfred J. Turner		1	George Williams 5		
	John Rice	11	. 2	Robert J. Dawe 6		
				James Hunt 7		
	Alfred D. Mills		4	Frederick W. Rice		
0	composed by C. H	I. Ha	ttersley,	and conducted by George Williams,		

The first peal of SUPERLATIVE on the bells.

ALSO at the Church of St. Andrew, Steyning, on July 13th. a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

James Matthe	ws		1	Frank Bennett	11.1		5	
John Smart			2	Thomas Stroud		1.1	6	14
Edwin Rapley	· · ·		3	Edmund Lindup	1.1		7	_
Arthur B. Be	nnett			George Williams			8	
Composed by 1	J. J. Pits	stow,	and	conducted by Geo	rge	Willian	ns.	

Frampton Cotterell.

RINGERS SUPPER .- The ringers at the parish church have been entertained to supper, the cost being defrayed by members of the congregation. For several years the parish has been without a proper set of ringers, but during the last twelve months a young and enthusiastic band has been got together, and under the coaching of Mr. Sparey and others have made themselves very efficient. After the usual loyal toasts, the rector proposed the health of the ringers, and in so doing thanked them for their good services, especially during the recent dedication festival.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS .- At the Parish Church, July 7th, for evening - DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, July 7th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 42 singles, in 25 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Suart (conductor), 4; J. Burrows, 5; T. P. Jackson, 6. On Sunday, July 14th, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 22 singles and 2 bobs, in 26 mins. E. Gartrell 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 34 bobs and 26 singles, in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

COLTON CHURCH BELL.—The oak headstock and hangings of the ancient bell in the embattled tower of the Parish Church having become worn and dilapidated owing to age, it was decided to have the wood and ironwork renovated and the bell rehung. The bell is supposed to be between five hundred and six hundred years old, and has proved a very interesting source of discussion among the antiquaries who have examined it. It is generally believed to have been cast by a founder at York in the fourteenth century, and probably came to Colton from Conishead Priory at its dissolution in 1536. The church is known to have existed in 1531, but the date of its building is shrouded in mystery. There is also an ancient silver chalice in excellent preservation and dated 1571. also an ancient sliver chalce in excellent preservation and dated 1971. On a recent Sunday morning the Vicar preached an interesting sermon on the subject of 'bells.' From an old document he had been perusing he found that it was probably last rehung in 1775, when the cost was 15s. 7d. Good work must have been put in at that time to have lasted 125 years.

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Dedication of Bells at Great Witcombe.

In memory of Mrs. Hicks Beach, whose death deprived the country-IN memory of Mrs. Fitchs beach, whose death deprived the country-side of a gracious and winning personality, and caused a void that must long be felt, a peal of bells has been dedicated at Great Witcombe. Just before her death a movement had been set on foot for putting the belfry into repair, and for this object she had evinced characteristic solicitude. There were but two bells in the tower: one a tenor, dating from 1660 and hearing the interivation of the Value of a Gain in the from 1660, and bearing the inscription, 'I am the Voice of a Crier in the Hove of God—Com and kip holi;' the other a treble, hung in 1777. The rehanging of these suggested the form which a memorial of Mrs. The rehanging of these suggested the form which a memorial of fairs. Hicks Beach might appropriately take, and the collection of a sum of money for a peal of six was undertaken by the Rector, the Rev. J. F. Cornwall, who met on all hands with the readiest response. All the Cornwall, who met on all hands with the readiest response. All the parishioners did their best, and a large amount of help was forthcoming from Cheltenham. In the result, 274*l*, was got together, a sum really in excess of the cost, so that a balance remains in hand. Four new bells were cast by the well-known founder, Mr. Taylor, of Loughborough, and these, together with the old bells, were hung by Mr. F. White, of Abing-don, Berkshire, who has achieved something like a triumph in regard to economy of space. How to squeeze a peal of six into so small a tower was a problem unique in his experience ; yet he succeeded in solving it. A brass tablet over the family new thus commemorates this important A brass tablet over the family pew thus commemorates this important addition to the equipment of the church :-

1901

To the glory of God And in affectionate memory of ELIZABETH CAROLINE HICKS BEACH. Born February 26th, 1845, Married July 5th, 1865, Entered into rest, January 22nd, 1901. The two old bells were rehung and four new bells placed in the tower of this church, by many who knew and loved her

The New Bells at Ambleside.

In the absence of the Bishop of Carlisle, Bishop Hornby, late of IN the absence of the Dishop of Carnese, Dishop Horney, late of Nyassaland, has dedicated the new peal of bells, amongst those taking part in the bright service being the Rev. Canon Crewdson, vicar of St. Mary's, Windermere; the Rev. H. P. M. Lafone, vicar of Ambleside; the Rev. G. A. Jackson, curate; and the R. S. Hulbert, vicar of Brathay. There are eight bells, cast by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Lough-borough, who have also fitted the whole peal with mountings of the latest make. With the new clock with Cambridge chimes the cost is estimated at 1100*l*. The whole peal is said to be the largest between Carlisle and Preston, the largest bell weighing 32 cwts., and the second one 22 cwts. Each bell bears the inscription :-

> 'This peal of eight bells Was placed in St. Mary's, Ambleside, 1901. H. P. M. Lafone, Vicar. Arthur Jackson.) Hugh Redmayne,) Churchwardens. DÍD.

the name of the donor being added in each case case, the names being : Arthur Jackson, James Jackson, Thomas Taylor, George and Edith Gatey, W. and J. Asplin, F. M. T. Jones-Balme, Mrs. Freeman, and Gatey, W. and J. Asplin, F. M. T. Jones-Balme, Mrs. Freeman, and Mrs. Morse. Whilst the congregation remained in the church, the Bishop pro-

ceeded to the tower to dedicate the bells, offering up a special prayer of dedication. The ringers then sounded one short peal.

After service the ringers then sounded one short peat. After service the ringers—comprising a ringer from each of the following churches: Manchester Cathedral; Worsley Parish Church; Bacup Parish Church; Prestwich Parish Church; Swinton Parish Church; St. George's Church, Bolton; St. Saviour's Church, Bolton; and Deane (Bolton) Parish Church—ascended the belfry and rang a peal of TEN TREBLE BOB MAJOR, consisting of 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 32 mins. The powerful tone of the new bells may be gathered from the fact that they could be heard miles away down Windermere Lake.

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THE ST. NICHOLAS BELLS, ABERDEEN.—On a recent day Councillor Coutts, convener of the Churches Committee of Aberdeen Town Council; Mr. John Rust, city architect; and Mr. John Kirby visited the St. Nicholas Tower for the purpose of inspecting the new apparatus for ringing the bells, with a view to bringing out more fully the tones of the large peal. The apparatus, which is practically finished, consists of a frame fitted to the wall of the bell chamber, below the bells, and this frame is equipped with a series of pulleys and ratchets, while ropes extend to the bells, and are connected with the tongues by means of pulleys and levers. The bell-ringers stand in front of the apparatus and pull the ropes with comparative ease, the system being similar to that in use in the tower of St. Mary's Cathedral, Huntley Street. The bells were manipulated by Mr. Kirby and others, several tests being applied, and satisfaction was expressed with the improved tone and greater volume of sound produced from the peal. Mr. Coutts intends to call his committee together for consultation, when it is intended to make arrangements for having the apparatus tested by professional bellringers.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

HARROW PARISH CHURCH (St. Mary's).

THE tower of this church contains a ring of eight bells and Sanctus. The following are the inscriptions :-

- Sanctus. J. Warner & Sons, London, 1869.
 - Treble. At proper times our voices we will raise
 - In sounding to our benefactor's praise. Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecerunt, 1779.

 - Music is medicine to the mind.
 - Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecerunt, 1779. John Smith and John Anderson, Churchwardens, O (probably a coin) 1654 W W.
 - Walter Williams, Vicar. John Edlyn & John Bartlett, Churchwardens, 1779. 4.
 - Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecerunt.
 - 5. The Revd. Walter Williams, Rector. Daniel Hill, John Higgs, Ch. Wardens.
 - Thomas Mears & Son, of London, Fecit, 1805.
 - Gulielmus Eldridge me fecit, 1683. T. W. 6.
 - Cast hy John Warner & Sons, London, 1869. Engraving of Royal Coat-of-arms. 7. Patent.
 - Tenor. The Rev. Frans. Sanders, Vicar ; Henry Forrow & John Gurney, Ch. Wardens, 1759. Lester & Pack, of London, Fecit.

In the ringing chamber there is a peal tablet recording the account of the first peal of changes on these bells, which reads as follows :-

Sunday, May 7th,					Вов
Major in 3 hrs. 25 m	ins., being :	the first	peal on those	bells by	
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Robert Donkin	Treple	John Anderton	5th
John Canna		Thomas Morris	6th
John Reeves	3rd	Allen Grant	7th
Richard Wilfson	4th	William Paris	Tenor
	Calld. by	R. Donkin.	

This is the only peal tablet in the church.

HARROW WEALD (All Saints').

- Treble. Praise God in His Sanctuary.
 - Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, 1890.
 - Praise God for His Mighty Acts. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, 2nd.1890.
 - Praise Him with the sound of the Trumpet. Mears & Steinbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, 3rd. 1890.
 - Praise Him with Stringed Instruments and Organs. 4th. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, 1890.
 - 5th. Praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, 1890.
- Let everything that hath breath Praise the Lord. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, Tenor. 1890.

Weights.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs
Treble	4	0	5
2nd	4	2	3
3rd	5	0	7
$4 \mathrm{th}$	5	1	13
5th	6	3	14
Tenor	8	1	22
	34	1	8
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Harrow Weald was formerly a hamlet of Harrow-on-the-Hill, but constituted an ecclesiastical parish July 9th, 1845. The register dates from 1849.

EDGWARE.

St. Margaret.

This church, originally forming, it is believed, part of a monastery dedicated to St. John of Jerusalem, consists of chancel, nave, transepts, and an embattled western tower of flint and stone, containing six bells. Inscriptions:

- Thos. Janaway, Fecit 1769. Treble.
 - Prosperity to the parish of Edgware.
 - 2nd. Thos. Janaway Fecit, 1769. Musica est Mentis Medicina.
 - 3rd.
 - Thos. Janaway Fecit, 1769. O Probably founder's trade mark, but unintelligible. To God alone let praise be given. Be good and just, and yours is heaven.
 - When from the earth our notes rebound 4th. The hills and valleys echo round. Thos. Janaway Fecit, 1769. O O
 - The Ringers art our grateful notes prolong : 5th. Apollo listens and approves the song. Thos. Janaway Fecit, 1769.
- The Revd. Wm. Tatton, Minister: Robt. Eelles and Fras. Whitshaw, Ch. Wardens, 1769. 0000 Tenor.
 - * Thos. Janaway made us all.

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RUISLIP.

St. Martin.

This church is an edifice in the Decorated style, consisting of chancel embalmed nave of six bays, aisles, western porch, and a lofty embattled tower at the west end of the sonth aisle, containing eight bells, inscribed as follows :-

- Treble. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1878.
 - 2nd. Same as first.
 - Recast by John Warner & Sons, London. 3rd.
 - This bell was recast at the expense of Lady Hume Campbell, of High Grove, A.D. 1878.
 - 4th. Thomas Mears, of London, Fecit 1802.
 - 5th. Same as 4th.
 - Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1878 6th.
 - This bell was recast at the expense of Lady Hume Campbell, of High Grove, A.D. 1878.
 - Same as 6th. 7th.
- Tenor. Thomas Mears, of London, Fecit 1802.

A chiming apparatus was erected with the offerings made by grateful parishioners at a special Jubilee service held in this church on June 20th, 1887, to commmemorate the completion of the fiftieth year of the happy reign of our late sovereign Queen Victoria.

(To be continued.)

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Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers. ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT READING.

THE annual festival was held recently and was most successful. Charming weather prevailed, and there was a large attendance of members from the various branches in the diocese. After the business meeting the members adjourned to the Town Hall, where luncheon was served and upwards of 193 members and friends sat down. The Mayor (Mr. A. H. Bull) presided, and was supported by the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Guild, Drayton, Abingdon), the Revs. R. H. Hart Davis (Dunsden, hon. secretary and treasurer), and Canon Ducat. The Chairman proposed 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers,' and as Chief Magistrate of the Borough extended a hearty welcome to the good old town of Reading. Those present he considered were engaged in a noble work, and he wished the guild every prosperity. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in responding, referred to the inspiriting effect caused by the ringing of church bells on Sunday mornings. Their guild has been in existence just twenty years, and during that THE annual festival was held recently and was most successful.

Their guild has been in existence just twenty years, and during that time the members had given a great deal of pleasure to many people, and he trusted they had not caused, in the majority of cases, any very great nuisance. A ringer should look upon himself as a Church officer, be a regular attendant in the belfry both in ringing for church services and at practice, and also be a regular attendant at church. The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis also responded. He hoped the guild had

many years of usefulness still to look forward to. At the same time they could not help casting a look backwards. He found that of the members of the committee and the band of instructors who were elected in 1882 only six original members still remained in the guild. Those of In 1852 only six original members stall remained in the guide. Those of the committee were the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. A. H. Drummond, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, Messrs. C. Hounslow, W. Newell, and J. J. Parker, whilst of the instructors in 1882 only three remained, namely, Messrs. Newell, Hounslow, and Parker. Since the guild was formed it had continued to prosper. It might be interesting to refer to the members of the guild in the year in which they began and the number as published last year. In 1881 there were 123 and the number as published last year. In 1881 there were 123 honorary and life members, 108 change-ringers, and 83 probationers; total, 314. There were 22 towers in union, and they managed to ring two peals. In 1900 there were 185 honorary and life members, 929 change-ringers, and 201 probationers; total 1315. There were 105 towers in union, and they rang the largest number of peals they had ever accomplished, namely, 87, and in connection with them the Master had performed the lion's share, as he always did. Then a lady member, Miss A. White, of Basingstoke, had rung a peal for three hours, and he did not know how many guilds could claim such an experience. and he did not know how many guilds could claim such an experience.

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Charles W. Clarke		1	Arthur O. Stewart*	6	
Bertram Prewett	1.1	2	Fred Wilford*	. 7	
James Houghton, jun.*		3 j	James George	., 8	
Charles R. Lilley		4	John R. Sharman	9	
	11	5	Henry Stubbs*	10	
Composed by Gabriel Line	floff	and	conducted by John B.	Sharman	

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.] This is the first peal of STEDMAN

CATERS by the Association, on the bells, and in the county. This composition has the 6th in 2nds, place throughout, and the 4th twenty-two courses, and the 5th twenty-three courses behind the 9th. Mr. Prewett was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT Christ Church, Epsom Common, Epsom, Surrey, on July 27th, peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstans' One-part), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

B. Prewett		1.44	1	W. Pye (condr.)	44.1		5
H. Eden		1.11		G. Shade			6
A. W. Brighton			3	E. Pye	44	14	7
G. N. Price			4	A. T. King, Esq			8
Rung to celebrate	the	birth of	a	daughter of Mrs.	A. W.	Brig	hton.

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A. D. Stone		44. 1	B. Bassett	5
G. Baker		2	C. Hills	6
G. Williams			E. H. Lindup	7
F. Bennett	**	4	A. W. Brighton (condr.)	8

High Wycombe Bells.

THE Parish Church of High Wycombe is the only one in Buckinghamshire which possesses a peal of ten bells, and consequently the only an historic peal-board, in reference to the preservation of which fractional the only in the belf of the only in the belf of the only in the belf of the bear (the Rev. E. D. Shaw) has received the following interesting letter: On behalf of this Society (Ancient Society of College Youths), 1 beg leave to thank you very sincerely for your kindness in having the peal-board renovated which records the peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1792. It is very gratifying to us to know that such interest is still taken in that performance. The annexed account is copied from the Society's peal-book: "No. 183, All Saints', at High Wycombe, in the county of Bucks, April 9th, 1792. The Society of College Youths rang at the above church a complete peal of 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 25 mins. being the first and only peal the way over rung on those bells. The peal was called by J. Povey." The names of the ringers are appended to the record—Believe me, faithfully yours, 'Clapham. 'WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.'

A MEMORIAL BELL -A new and very sweet-toned bell has been erected in Donaghmoine Church, Clogher, Ireland, by the Incumbent, the Rev. Canon Hurst, in memory of the late Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev. Thomas Le Ban Kennedy, D.D.

Some Bell Inscriptions. PINNER (St. John the Baptist).

This church is a building of flint and stones, the earliest portions dating from the thirteenth century; the tower and porch were added in the fifteenth century. The peal of eight bells were supplied by the well-known Whitechapel firm in 1771. The inscriptions and weights are as

follows: Treble. Although I am both light and small, I will be heard above you all. Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecit, 1771.

> At proper times our voices raise 2nd. In sounding to our benefactor's praise. Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecit, 1771.

> 3rd. Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecit, 1771.

4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, ditto.

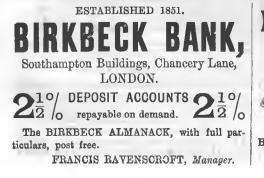
Tenor. The Revd. Water Williams, curate, Jeffs Inwood and John Ewer, Ch. Wardens. Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecit, 1771.

A framed account of the weights and notes of the bells hangs on a wall of the ground floor of the tower from where the bells are rung. It reads as follows :-

PEAL OF EIGHT BELLS

Cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, 1771.

		cwt.			
Tenor		19	approx	E	
VII		14	**	F	
VI		11		G	
V		$9\frac{1}{2}$		A	
IV		8		B	
III		7		С	
II		6		D	
Treble		51		E	
Cast by	Messrs.	Pack	& Chapr	nan.	



GREAT STANMORE. St. John the Evangelist.

This church was built at a cost of 8000%, and was opened on July 16th, 1850. It is an edifice of stone in Decorated style, consisting of chancel with south aisle, nave of four bays, aisles, south porch, and a lofty tower, containing a clock and six bells, which are said to have been removed from Little Stanmore Church in 1720. The old church, founded in 1632 by Sir John Wolstenholme, Kt., and consecrated by Laud, then bishop of London, is still standing, in the same churchyard, at a short distance westward. The bells are inscribed :----

Treble. James Bartlet made me, 1684.

Firm's trade-mark

2nd. James Bartlet made me, 1684.

(Firm's trade-mark, as on treble.)

- 3rd. John Wolstenholme, knight, built this church tower, 1632. Lester & Pack, Fecit, 1756. 4th.
- John Ventum & John Grove, Ch. Wardens.
- 5th. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1889.
- William V Robinson V Jasper V Bourne V Churchwardens V 1632. Tenor.

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WHITCHURCH OR LITTLE STANMORE.

St. Lawrence.

The tower of this church is the oldest part of the building, and dates from the reign of Henry VIII. The body of the old church was pulled down and rebuilt by the Duke of Chandos in 1715. The ceiling and walls of the church are entirely covered with fine frescoes, the work of the French artists, Verrio and Laguerre.

In the recess behind the altar, upheld by four pillars of oak, stands the famous little organ upon which Handel played during the time he was organist here, 1718-21. His oratorio of 'Esther,' Chandos' Anthems, two Te Deums, and other works, were composed during this period. In the churchyard, to the east of the church, stands a tombstone erected to the memory of William Powell, 'the Harmonious Blacksmith,' who was parish clerk during the time Handel was organist at Whitchurch.

There is a fine-toned bell in the tower, weighing over 20 cwt., inscribed as follows :-

Thos. Janaway Fecit. Between the founder's name and those of the churchwardens is an ornamented design :

Thos. Dormer and Josh Stone, Church Wardens. 1774.

HAREFIELD.

St. Marv's.

This church, erected about 1300, contains some fine brasses and many handsome tombs and tablets principally to the Newdegate family. There is a memorial to John Prichett, bishop of Gloucester, 1672-80, who was curate here for thirty years.

The massive embattled tower at the west end of the north aisle contains three bells and a sanctus bell, inscribed as follows :-

Thomas Lester & Thos. Pack, of London, Treble. < 🗙 🔀 made me, 1753.

2nd. V Brianus V Eldredge V me V fecit V RB V WP V 1629.

Thos. : Swain : made : me : 1772 : . : William : Babb John : Ive : Church : Wardens : Tenor. 3

- The Sanctus bell contains no inscription. L. H. CHAMBERS.
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The Bell of Clonfert Cathedral.

A RECENT discovery in the course of the restoration of Clonfert Cathedral has brought to light a curious historical incident, the bearing of which was not before known. King Charles II. said to Bishop Burnet (the author of the *Exposition of the Thirty-nine Articles*) that. although Wolley was a blockhead, he had appointed him Bishop of Clonfert, because he had worked so successfully as a parish clergyman in Suffolk in getting the Nonconformists to come to church. Bishop Wolley proved himself to be no blockhead. Shortly after his appoint-ment to the bishopric of Clonfert he set about the restoration of the Cathedral. He held the bishopric for twenty-seven years, from 1664 to 1691. Amongst other works, he had the Cathedral bell recast, and had the following inscription engraved upon it :

'Fracta diu silui, resono campana refusa Muta prius, didici jam resonando loqui, Ope et opere Eduardi Wolley, D.D., Episcopo Clonfertis et Duaey, Anno Domini 1678 Probati me.'

Which has been thus humorously translated :-

I, Tom Bell, while broken, hung Long without the use of tongue, But have found my voice at last, By my learned lord recast. And resound my former song, Ding, ding, ding, dong.'

Two thousand pounds are still required to complete the restoration of the historic Cathedral.

Clare (Suffolk).

CHURCH BELL-RINGERS .- The Vicar has kindly entertained the Clare Guild of Bell-ringers to tea on the vicarage lawn, where the campanologists spent a pleasant time. The members subsequently proceeded to the church tower and completed the evening with some rounds and leads on the bells.

CHANGE-RINGING AT SMETHWICK .- As a mark of respect to Mr. G. Wiggins, who is a member of the Old Church Bell-ringers Band, and whose child met with its death at a fire, the members rang a 700 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES with the bells half muffled. The ringers stood as follows: J. Key, 1; J. Pigott, 2; A. Hughes, 3; W. Ellis, 4; T. Pigott, 5; H. Mills, 6; E. Brown, 7; W. Murray, 8.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, London, on July 25th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

Thomas H. Taffender	· · ·	1	William Pickworth		5
Henry G. Miles		2	Thomas Lungley*		6
Herbert Langdon*		3	John W. Golding	1.0	7
Ferris J. Shepherd		+	Edward J. Webb	12	8
Conducted	by Tl	iom	as Henry Taffender.		

[* First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.] The above was the first time the conductor has ever attempted to call a peal, and was rung on his twenty-fourth birthday, the band wishing him many returns immediately the bells came round.

The Surrey Association.

AT the Church of St. Giles, Ashtead, on July 27th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 38 mins.

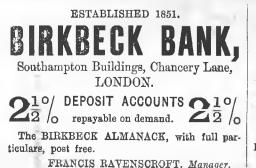
David Anscomb	 	1	William Marks 5	
William Cook	 11		John Hoyle 6	
Harry Corbett	 	3	Arther Dean (conductor). 7	
John Wyatt			William Cropley	
		1.1.1		

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Cook, also to welcome the home-coming of Major-General Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking.

The Bed ordshire Association.

AT the Church of St. James, Biddenham, on July 29th, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, being 720 each of WOODBINE, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE OXFORD, DOUBLE COURT, OXFORD BOB, and PLAIN BOB, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

Frederick Wilford		Charles W. Clarke	4
Frank Trueman	2	Charles R. Lilley (condr.)	5
William Freeman	3	John W. Barber	A



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At the Church of St. Mary, Luton, on July 27th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tener $19\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

		John R. Sharman	12.2	ã
Walter C. Hunt (conductr.)	2	George Valentine [†]		6
		Harry Sear	10	7
Thomas R. Hensher	4	Charles F. Vickers	12.	8
The above was rung after me			N TI	RIPLES

[* First peal on a bob bell. + First peal of GRANDSIRE on the bells.]

The Middlesex County Association.

AT Christ Church, Epsom Common, Surrey, on July 27th, Thurstans One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor. 12 cwt.

Bertram Pre	ewett		1	Wil	lian	1 Pye (co	nduct	tor).	5	
Hubert Ede			2	Isaa	c G	. Shade	. 4. 1.		6	
Alfred W. J			3	Ern	est]	Pye			7	
George N, F	rice		4	Art	hur '	T. King			8	
Rung in cel	ebration of	the	bii	rth o	fa	daughte	er to	Mrs.	Α.	M
Brighton.										

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

AT the Church of St. Mary, Chiddingfold, on July 27th, Holt's Original peal of CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Charles Willshire (condt	r.) 1	Edward Raddon		5	
James Hunt		Thomas Attwell	2.2	6	
Alice White		Septimus Radford		7	
Thomas W. Radford		John J. Jones		8	
Miss Alice W		ils from Basingstoke.	•••	-	

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

AT the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, on July 27th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

William Ashby	1	William R. Hensl	ner		5	
Charles R. Lilley	2	Fred Wilford		4.6	6	
Harold Tinston	3	Harry Howard	4		7	
James Houghton, jun	.1			10 I	8	
No cond	neto	r mentioned				

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AT the Church of St. Helen, Abingdon, Berks, on July variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Edgar Humfrey	 	ĺΙ	Thomas Short	5	
Harry Holifield	 	2	William Finch	6	
W. H. Adkins	 	3 '	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7	
William Bennett	 	4	Richard White	8	

Rung to celebrate the laying of the foundation-stone of the new buildings at Roysse's School.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

AT the Church of St. Wilfred, Grappenhall, on July 27th, Taylor's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Sidney Spence	1.4.4	1	Samuel Horsfall		5
Stephens J. Jenkins*		2	*John W. Booth	- 24	6
Tom Marshall			Frederick T. Spence		7
George D. Warburton			Arthur Kinsey		10
			donials T Snames		

[* First peal in the method.] Marshall hails from Stockport ; Warburton from Hazel Grove; the rest belong to the local band.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. At the Parish Church, Smethwick, on July 29, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt.

James Key.			1	Albert Hurcumb			5
Joseph Pigott			2	Harry Mills			6
Albert Hughes				Ernest Brown			7
Thomas Pigott			4	William Murry			8
Composed by	J. E.	Grove	es, (conducted by Erne	st Bro	own.	

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT the Church of St. Mary, Putney, on July 31st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William E. Moss	 1	Thomas Lungley		5	
Henry G. Miles		Thomas H. Taffender		8	
Thomas G. Miller.		William Fox	1.2	7	
Archibald F. Harris	 4	William E. Garrard		8	

Composed by W. H. L. Buckingham, and conducted by W. E. Garrard. First peal in the method by all except 6th and 8th ringers. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6th's, and the 2nd never in 5th's, at a course-end.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford,

AT the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth, Staffordshire, on July 25th, a peal of Holt's Original GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Thomas Reynolds		Samuel Reeves (condr.)	 5	
William Rock Small	 2	Alfred Paddon Smith	 6	
Thomas Westwood	 3	Thomas Verry	 7	
William H. Godden	 4	William Verry	8	

Rung to commemorate Mr. William Verry's fiftieth year of service as ringer at the Parish Church, and the marriage of the Rector's daughter on July 8th.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

AT the Church of St. Nicholas, Guildford, Surrey, on August 1st, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor. 23 cwt.

Robert Roffey		111	1	James Hunt	6
Septimus Radfor			2	Charles Hazelden	7
Frank Blondell		100	3	Charles Willshire	. 8
Alice White			4	Thomas W. Radford	. 9
John J. Jones			5	Edward Raddon	. 10
Composed by J	Rogers	and		onducted by Thomas	W Dodford

Composed by J. Rogers and conducted by Thomas W. Radford. First peal on ten bells by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, and 7th, and it is also worthy to place on record that this is the first time a lady has rung a peal on any number of bells above eight. Miss White hails from Basingstoke, for whom the peal was arranged.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. Mary's, Rye, Sussex, on August 5th, a 'peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Alfred Hinds			1	Robert J. Dawe	2.2	5	
Sydney Saker				William Billinness		144	
Charles Tribe				Alfred J Turner		7	
Frank Bennett	11			George Williams	100	8	
Composed and conducted by George Williams.							
This was the first							

AT St. Mary's, Rolvenden, Kent, on August 4th, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

George Williams (condr.))	1	Frank Bennett		 5
Frederick G. Burden		2	Robert J. Dawe		 6
Robert Edwards	64	8	Alfred J. Turner	44	 7
Alfred Hinds		4	George Johnson		 8
This was the first peal of !					

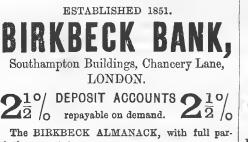
AT SS. Peter and Paul, Appledore, Kent, on August 4th, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Frank Bennett	14		1	George Williams	3	(condr.)	5	
Charles Tribe	in.		2	Sydney Saker			6	
Alfred J. Turner			3	Robert J. Dawe			7	
Alfred Hinds			4	George Johnson			8	
This was the first	peal c	f STEI). DM	N on these bells.				

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

AT the Church of St. James, Thrapston, Northants, on August 5th. a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

Frederick Palmer.		1	William R. Hensher	· · · 5	
John J. Mawby		2	Anderson Y. Tyler	., 6	
James Garratt		3	Thomas R. Hensher	7	
Walter Perkins	64	4	James Houghton, jun.	8	
omposed by Frederick Der	nch a	nd d	conducted by James Hou	ghton, jui	D,



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AT the Church of St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, cn August 5th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 changes, in 8 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 30¹/₅ cwt.

William L. Catchpole	1	George Howchin*.	7
William Pye		William Motts	. 8
Charles E. Borrett*		James Motts	. 9
Harry Hoskins		Harry Flanders	10
George R. Pye*		Robert H. Brundle	. 11
Isaac G. Shade		Funant Dea	12
		and conducted by W	

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by William Pye. First peal of STEDMAN CINQUES on the bells, and the first in the county since 1844. This composition, which has the 5th and 6th only in 5th's place, is now rung for the first time. [* First peal of STEDMAN CINQUES.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

AT the Parish Church, Benson, Oxon, on August 5th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 14 cwt.

William J. Smith		1	William Bennett	5			
Harry Judge		2	Harold Humfrey	6			
William Jeffery			Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7			
Charles Hounslow			Antony Strange	8			
First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.							

The Irish Association.

AT St. Saviour's, Arklow, Ireland, on August 2nd, Holt's Ten-part beal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, $22\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in E.

George Stuart, sen.	 1 Edward Tester	100	5	
Alexander Tailyour	2 Isaac Myers		8	
John Hughes	5 James W. Washbrook		¥.	
Andrew Stuart	4 Andrew Black		3	
	ames W. Washbrook		a	

First peal by all except the conductor.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Mary the Virgin, Pulham, Norfolk, on August 5th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR (Oxford Variation), 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

Albert G. Warnes	11	Herbert W. Stanley	5
Bertie Matthews .	2	Frederick Smith	6
Harry J. Borrett		Edward Smith	77
Egbert Borrett			6
		Frederick Borrett	8

Composed by S. Thurston, and conducted by A. G. Warnes. Messrs. H. J. Borrett, Stanley, and A. G. Warnes hail from Norwich,

the rest belong to the local company.

ON Friday eight members of the Arklow Society of Church Bell-ringers succeeded in ringing on the bells of St. Saviour's Church, Ark-low, a true and complete peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, consisting of 5040 changes, it being the first peal accomplished by the Arklow Com-pany. The time occupied in ringing the peal was 3 hrs. 6 mins. The composition was John Holt's beautiful Ten-part peal, and was conducted by T. W. Washbook by T. W. Washbrook.

CHANGE-RINGING AT PULFORD.—The St. Mary's Society of Change-ringers rang on Friday 720 changes PLAIN BOB MINOR (forty-two-singles); on Sunday 700 changes in the same method (eighteen bob and sugges, on Sunday roo changes in the same method (eighteen bob and two singles); on Monday evening 360 of College single, and 240 of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. The ringers were E. Roberts, G. Jones, R. Jones, R. Huxley, R. Watkins, T. Morgan, F. Roberts, G. Partington. The peals were conducted by James Morgan.

PULFORD CHOIR TRIP .- The church choir had their annual trip at Rhyl. The choir was accompanied by the Rev. H. S. and Mrs. Branscombe and party, Mr. Joshua Smith (choir-master), &c. Dinner was served at the Grosvenor Hotel. During the afternoon rain fell heavily. but the party made the best of it, and spent a pleasant day.



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member by name. I regard the success of our work at Spanish Town as a direct answer to prayer, both as to the plan I laid before the Committee and to the progress made subsequently with the Fund. From the time we put the work in hand, we have held a short service of intercession every Monday morning. However pressing our duties, let us not abridge or neglect our secret devotions. A clergyman wrote to the Principal of a theological college asking him to provide him with an assistant curate. "I want an extempore preacher," he said, "a man who can think upon his legs." The Principal wrote back to say that his desire and ambition was to turn out young men who could think upon their tknees. Further, to maintain a high standard of spiritual life and work, let us avoid working too professionally. We must have the feeling of accountableness to God for the souls committed to our charge. We need also a sense of responsibility to those committed to us. One thing more. If we would resist the pressure of secular claims and give the chief place to the work we are specially commissioned to do as faithful pastors of Christ's flock, let us foster in ourselves a great "love for souls," and look for the eternal welfare of those committed to our care. Without this we cannot hope to see real spiritual progress in our parishes.'

An interesting discussion followed, in which it was suggested that the Parochial Councils should be given a more devotional spirit by a more general attendance at the Holy Communion always, and by the addition of special devotional meetings at least twice a year; that there should be more frequent visits of the Archdeacon to the various churches, and more devotional meetings conducted by the Bishops in the course of, and apart from, their confirmation tours; that there should not be too much reliance on services and meetings, whether special or regular, and greater recognition of the need and value of private prayer. One of the clergy spoke of the deadening effect of ceaseless work, and desiderated a Canon Missioner who should be able both to conduct missions for the people and Quiet Days for the clergy. The Chairman, in summing up, referred to the respective value of individual and united efforts for the promotion of the spiritual life, quoting Goethe, 'Talent is built up in solitude : character in society.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Ringers' Social Gathering at Waltham Abbey.

ASSOCIATED with the ancient and historic Abbey of Waltham there has been, for the past seventy or eighty years, a notable band of changeringers. Something like half a century ago the brothers William, John, and James Carr were among the most distinguished of its members. Their names were well known throughout the country, although at that time there were not the same facilities for reading of ringers and their doings as there are to day. The brothers Carr, however, were in great request as ringers, and in the course of their experience they their doings as there are to day. The brothers Carr, however, were in great request as ringers, and in the course of their experience they visited many parishes; hence their fame was spread abroad. The very difficult performance by William and John, of chiming four bells each in several methods, was much appreciated by those versed in the time-honoured art of bell-ringing. This performance is commemorated in a record on a table in the belfry of the Abbey Church. Some weeks ago the local society decided to invite five of the 'veteran ringers' of London down to Waltham Abbey to have a pull on the Abbey bells. The day fixed for the meeting was Saturday last, but unfortunately Mr. T. C. Powell and Mr. W. Cooter (each aged seventy-seven years) could not be present. Mr. J. R. Haworth, Mr. M. A. Wood, and Mr. J. Pettit responded to the invitation, as did also Mr. E. Wallage and Mr. E. Hall, who are in the habit of assisting the local society every fort-night at their practices. Mr. Haworth, who is over eighty years of age, is the oldest, or one of the oldest, change-ringers living. Mr. Wood is seventy-five years of age. Mr. Pettit (conductor of St. Paul's Cathedral ringers) is sixty-eight years of age. Mr. E. Wallage has a good record as a ringer, and has been a regular attendant at the Abbey on practice nights for twenty years. Mr. E. Hall for ten years has also rendered valuable assistance. valuable assistance.

During the afternoon a well-struck quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 46 mins. by J. Pettit, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; G. E. Peace, 3; E. Wallage, 4; D. Tarling, 5; W. A. Alps (conductor), 6; M. A. Wood, 7; and T. Colverd, 8. Subsequently the company adjourned to the 'Green Dragon' (the headquarters of the local society), where an excellent tea was served, and sprugal encodes were mode.

and several speeches were made.

Clifton-on-Dunsmore Church Bells.

Some time since it was decided, at a meeting of the parishion ers that they should commemorate the reign of Queen Victoria by a re-arrangement of the church bells. Mr. Townsend presided, and intro-duced Mr. George (from Rugby), who explained that he had thoroughly examined the present bells, and found that three out of the four were in



Contry place.-G. H. D. FoxLey, Hereford.

excellent preservation, the other required recasting. He strongly impressed on the meeting the importance of making the number of bells eight, and offered every assistance from the Rugby bell-ringers. Mr. eight, and offered every assistance from the fugoy ben-ringers. Fir. Muniz produced a tender showing the amount it would cost to have the bells rehung, the third bell recast, and to provide a fifth bell; also what would be the cost for four extra bells. He remarked that when he received this price the cost of metal was much dearer than at the present time. Mr. Townsend spoke in favour of having six bells. Mr. present time. Mr. Townsend spoke in favour of having six bells. Mr. Patchett said that he always had been in favour of six bells, but after the remarks from Mr. George he was in favour of eight. Mr. Townsend said one great difficulty of eight bells would be to obtain ringers. Mr. George said that they would find no difficulty in that. It would be such a great improvement that he felt sure many would be willing to assist. Mr. Ince set of it they considered the tower would stand to assist. Mr. Jones asked if they considered the tower would stand the ringing of eight bells. Mr. George said that when the bells were put in order, he considered that the extra bells would make no difference to the tower. It was resolved that the framework should be put in for eight bells, and that the third bell be recast and an extra bell provided. Messrs. T. S. Townsend and P. A. Muntz promised 50% each. Mr.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Muntz undertook to obtain another tender.

The Hertfordshire Association.

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

At the Church of St. Matthew, Oxhey, on August 10th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tom F. Brewer*

TOULT' DIEMEL.		- L	LIEGELICE AN . DLIURIOM		0	
Henry Hodgetts*		2	Frederick T. C. Nevett		6	
William Hodgetts*		3	Hubert Eden		7	
George N. Price (condr.)	+	Reginald Searle*	1.	8	
-	[*	First	peal.]			

Change-ringing in Bristol.

AT St. Nicholas's Church, on August 13th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins.

F. G. May		10.0	1	W. Somerville			6
J. Thomas		44	2	J. Richmond			7
A. Stowell.		44	3	G. T. Daltry			8
R. J. Wilkins			4	W. Stowell			9
H. Howell	441		5	W. A. Cave		4.4	10
Composed and	conducted	hv	F	G May and rang	muffle	es he	a mar

uned as a mark day, and rang r of respect to the late Empress Frederick.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Mary's, Lewisham, on August 13th, Sir A. P. Heywood's variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 22²/₄ cwt., in E flat.

Harry Warnett		11	Walter C. Hunt 5
Harry Barrett			William Shimmans 6
Thomas Taylor		31	John R. Sharman (condr.) 7
Bertram Prewett			Arthur T. King
Dung with the holls hal	f muf	holf	on the accession of the funarel of

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the funeral of the late Dowager Empress Frederick.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK .- On Tuesday August 13th, ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On Tuesday August 13th, 1901, eight members of St. George's Society of Change-ringers rang a funeral peal with the bells of half muffled, whole-pull-and-stand, in memory of Her Imperial Majesty the Dowager Empress of Germany and Prussia, Princess Royal of Great Britain. The performers were G. Woodage (conductor), 1; H. Green, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; C. H. Deer, 4; E. E. Clements, 5; F. Clements, 6; W. G. Cobbett, 7; and W. Green, 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX .- On Tuesday evening August 13th, with the STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 45 mins. by W. Markwell, 1; C. Tyler, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.—The annual meeting was held at Crewe. The business meeting was presided over by Archdeacon Barber.

THE TRUBO DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS' annual festival was held at Llanhydrock. In the afternoon a special service was held in the church, and an impressive sermon preached by the Rev. W. Iago, of Bodmin. Ringing by various bands of ringers took place during the day.

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ST. PETER'S (BANDON) BELL-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION'S annual excursion took place recently. The popularity of this guild is evidently on the increase, as a larger number than usual took part in this favourite The long drive to the Old Head of Kinsale in ideal weather outing. was not the least appreciated feature of the fete, which was one of the most enjoyable the Association has yet given. The Rev. A. Dallas Ennis, vice-president of the Association, organized and conducted the affair with his usual enthusiasm.

WHITECHAPEL BELL-RINGERS' OUTING.—The annual excursion of the St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, Society of Change-ringers, took place recently, in delightful weather, to Waltham Abbey. After seeing various things of interest and dining, the ringers made their way to the ringing chamber, where the bells had been got ready by Mr. Tarling, the steeple-keeper. The party rang several touches of GRANDSIRE and STERMENT TREATER also a course of KENT TREATE BOB MAJOR. They wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. B. Johnston, for granting them permission to ring, also to Mr. Tarling for having the bells in readiness.

Some Bell Inscriptions. ICKENHAM (St. Giles).

THIS church is a small and ancient building in various styles of architecture, consisting of chancel, nave of two bays, wide north aisle, south porch, and a small wooden belfry with a dwarf spire. The wood-work above the bells is dated 1774, and the belfry was probably repaired at that time.

Sanctus. : Robert Shoreditch, Ch. : Warden, 1711.

Treble. + Robertus + Mot me + fecit, 1589.

2nd. Design of a sheaf of corn, and various other quaint devices.

Note.—Robert Mot was the first proprietor of the well-known Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the business being established by hime in 1570.

Tenor. Sancte Nicholae ora pro nobis (in old English lettering).

HARMONDSWORTH (St. Mary).

This is another ancient parish mentioned in Domesday as 'Hermode-sworde.' The church, built of flint and stone, is chiefly in the Perpendicular style with some remains of Norman work, and contains a chancel with Lady chapel (built by William of Wykeham), nave of six bays, aisles, south porch, and a tower containing a clock and six bells. There were formerly some fine old brasses in this church but they were-oll atoher when the builtage was reacted in 1863. all stolen when the builing was restored in 1863.

- Treble. Cast by John Warner & Sons, Ltd., London, 1892.
 - 2nd. Bryanus Eldridge me fecit, 1658, W. W. H. W.
 - Same as the second. 3rd.
 - 4th. Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887.
 - 5th. Bryanus Eldridge me fecit, 1658, W. W. H. W.
- Tenor. Bryanus Eldridge me fecit, 1658, W. W. H. W.
 - (Lower Line) E.B.

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A marigold flower design is engraved between each word on the four oldest bells.

There is a cupola above the tower and on one of the beams is written :---

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Sanctus. Thos. Mears of London, Fecit, 1794.

UXBRIDGE MOOR (St. John).

This is an edifice of brick in the Early English style built in the year 1838, consisting of chancel, nave, porch, and a western bell-cote, which originally hung in the old church of Flaunden, Herts, which building is now in ruins. The bell is inscribed : 'Sancte Johanne ora pro nobis, 1582.'

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coxswain, and now principal of the Church Missionary Society's High School, Srinagar, Kashmir. He says: 'We are expecting a return of the cholers, and possibly the plague, the city being a huge cesspool. We therefore formed a volunteer engineer corps (among the masters and We therefore formed a volunteer engineer corps (among the masters and senior boys of the mission school), and set to work to show the people how to drain their own yards, &c. This was the holy Brahman's opportunity. They gave out in the city that we were trying to defile their sons, and had ordered them to drag dead dogs through the city, &c. They called a mass meeting, wired to the Maharaja an account of our enormities, and are now getting a round robin signed to present to his Highness that we should be expelled the country. In the meantime they are doing their level best to empty the schools, and are succeeding fairly well. Our masters, who are nearly all Hindus, stood by us firmly at first, but now fear to help.'

'The Hindus have started an opposition school with the help of a dismissed mission schoolmaster who has joined the enemy. However, the engineering work goes on quietly. With the aid of about twenty faithful followers, we have drained a quagmire, and are now making a metalled road through it. Three months will, I think, see us through the most in the mo this match. Truth is bound to win, and in the meantime we have awakened every one on the sanitation path. The whole city is no longer asleep re this matter. The officials and all educated natives are really on our side, secretly. The unorthodox party of Hindus, which contains most of the best families, has issued orders that all their yards are to be cleansed, and arrangements made for daily sanitation (hitherto they have had none). The Mohammedans issued the same order at their service in the Great Mosque. Our forward action has greatly strengthened the hands of the municipality, and they in return are making our masters honorary supervisors over the city sanitation.'

THE Council for Service Abroad, under the United Boards of Missions of the Provinces of Canterbury and York, has issued a new Missions of the Provinces of Canterbury and York, has issued a new appeal paper, in which requests for clergy come from the dioceses of Brisbane, Capetown, Carpentaria, Colombo, Guiana, Lucknow, Mada-gascar, Madras, Mashonaland, Melanesia, Newfoundland, New Guinea, Pretoria, Rockhampton, St. John's (Kaffraria), Victoria. 'The Council hopes that those clergy who are looking forward to serving abroad, but feel a difficulty in applying for any particular post that is vacant, will place themselves within reach of being called to some definite work by causing their names to be entered on the roll of those who are willing to serve abroad, if invited to do so. Further information in regard to the Council's scheme, of which this enrolment is a principal feature, may be had on annication to the Secretary of the Council for Serving Abroad. had on application to the Secretary of the Council for Serving Abroad, Church House, Westminster, S.W.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties' Association.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

Ar the Church of St. John the Baptist, Stanford-on-Soar, on August 17th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor,

George Thompson		1	John W. Thompson 5					
Harry Whittle		2	Tom Alton 6					
Thomas H. Colburn		3	Frank G. Burleigh 7					
John H. Grundy	100	4	Albert E. Thompson 8					
Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., conducted by Albert								
E. Thompson.								

The Sussex County Association.

AT the Parish Church, Battle, Sussex, on August 17th, Holt's six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 in changes, in 3 hrs 4 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

James Livermore	 I Sydney Saker	5
Frederick Lock	 2 Witliam J. Thomas (condr.)	6
Albert E. Barrow	 B Walter Franks	7
William Billenness	 William H. Eldridge	8
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This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns on its completion. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, hail from Blacklands, Hastings.

The Lancashire Association.

(BOLTON, MANCHESTER, AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.) AT the Cathedral, Manchester, on August 19th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL (in the Kent Variation), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Ĥe	nry Chapman			1	Thomas Wallwork *	6		
Jol	in Eachus			2	John Potter *	7		
\mathbf{R}_{0}	bert Davies*					8		
	v. H. J. Elsee					9		
					Richard Ridyard			
Composed by John R. Pritchard and conducted by Richard Ridyar I.								
This	This is Richard Ridyard's 100th peal. [* First peal of ROYAL.]							

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD: ST. GEORGE'S COMPANY, STOCKPORT. For practice, on Monday evening, August 19th, 397 STEDMAN CATERS. J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; Tom Jackson, 3; Tom Marshall, 4: Wm Gordon, sen., 5; J. Mottershead, 6; H. Meakin, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8; E



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Reader, 9; G. Marshall, 10. Composed by Tom Marshall and conducted by E. Reader. During an interval of rest from tower-bell practice, 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on handbells retained in hand. Wm. Gordon, sen, 1-2; T. Marshall, 3-4; Henry Moore, 5-6; J. W. Bailey, 7-8. Conducted by Wm. Gordon, sen. Also a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS. H. Meakin, 1-2; Wm. Gordon, sen., 3-4; Henry Moore, 5-6; Tom Marshall, 7-8; J. W. Bailey, 9-10. These touches on handbells are remarkable from the fact that Mr. Moore is totally blind. Mr. Gordon belongs to the Parish Church Company. Honcourse, Frank, State and the newly supported peel of

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.-Recently on the newly augmented peal of eight, 1280 BoB MAJOR being the first quarter-peal on the bells. A. J. Perkins, 1; H. Botterill, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; J. Moull, 4; R. Fenn, 5; C. Fenn, C; G. Hayden, 7; J. Dale (conductor), 8. Composed by A. J. Perkins. The above are all members of the Essex Association. The meetings for change-ringing at this tower are the first and third Saturdays in the month.

Some Bell Inscriptions. HILLINGDON (St. Andrew).

THIS church, consecrated in 1865, is an imposing building in the Decorated style, consisting of chancel, nave, five bays, aisles, south porch, vestry, and a noble tower with a spire reaching an altitude of 170 feet, and containing a clock and eight bells.

- Treble. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1877.
 - 2nd. Same as the Treble.
 - 3rd. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1865. Coat-of-Arms. Patent.

Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1866.

Coat-of-Arms.

Patent.

5th. Same as the 4th.

6th. A circular device with date, 1866.

7th. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1866.

Coat-of-Arms. Patent.

Tenor. Same as the 7th.

4th.

In the ringing chamber :--

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH .- SIZES AND WEIGHTS OF BELLS.

Bells.	Year when cast.	Diameter.	Note.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	1877	271 ins.	F	5	0	15
2nd	1877	$28\frac{2}{3}$ ins.	E	5	1	2
3rd	1865	30 ins.	D	5	2	6
4th	1867	32 ins.	C	6	2	4
5th	1867	34 ins.	Bb	7		47
6th	1867	361 ins.	A	8		"3
7th	1867	39 [°] ins.	G	10	2	12
Tenor	1867	43 ins.	F	13	1	25
	Тс	tal weight of	Peal	61	2	11

Cast by John Warner & Sons, 8 Jewin Crescent, Cripplegate, London.

NOTE .- It will be observed that the five heaviest bells are dated 1866, but in the above list they are dated 1867, which must be an error.

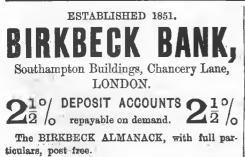
PEAL BOARDS IN THE RINGING CHAMBER.

The first peal was rung on these bells on Saturday, May 21st, 1877, by members of the Waterloo Society, of London, and consisted of Holt's original one-part peal of Grandsire Triples (with 2 doubles in the last 4 leads), comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hours 6 minutes.

Performers,

			-				
	W. Baron	• • • •	Treble	W. Coppage		5th	
	C. T. Hopkins		2nd	A. Hayward		6th	
	J. W. Mansfield		3rd	H. A. Hopkins		7th	
	E, A. P. Knipe		4th	W. J. Allum		Tenor	
Conducted by Mr. W. Baron.							

The second peal on these bells was rung on the festival of St. Mark Saturday, April 25th, 1885, by 8 members of the Royal Cumberland



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Society in 3 hours exactly, and consisted of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes.

Performers,		
1. W. Baron.	5.	C. T. Mayo.
2. J. Rogers.	5.	G. Newson.
3. H. A. Hopkins.	7.	W. Wilder.
4. C. T. Hopkins.	8.	J. Perryman.

Conducted by Mr. W. Baron.

On Monday, April 16th, 1894, eight members of the St. Andrew's Society succeeded in ringing upon these bells J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 6 minutes.

Performers.

1. S. Smith.	5. A. Finch.
2. W. H. Joiner.	6. H. Wilkinson.
3. H. Hicks.	7. J. J. Pratt.
4. J. J. Parker.	8. A. T. Dampier.
Conducted by J.	J. Parker.

Rev. H. G. Bird, Vicar.

UXBRIDGE (St. Margaret).

This church was a chapel-of-ease to Hllingdon Parish Church as far back as the year 1281, and continued so till April 12th, 1842. It is a flint structure, principally in the Perpendicular style, consisting of a nave of five bays, aisles, and an embattled tower on the north side containing a clock and six bells.

- Treble. Lord Paget, Earle of Uxbridge, Benefactor towards these six bells. R:P:Fecit 1716.
 - 2nd. Lord Osulston, Earle of Tankerfield, Benefactor towards these six bells. 1716 + +
 - 3rd. Thomas Mears & Son, of London, Fecit 1808.
 - 4th. The Honourable James Bertie, Eq.: Member of Parliament for Middlesex, Benefactor R: P: Fecit 1716.
- 5th. R : Phelps, Fecit 1716. Tenor. D: Morton gave the carriage of the old & new bells to & from London + + + + +. J. Woolee, M: A : Vicar. J. Jaques M: A : Lecturer of Uxbridge. Nic: Browne, Mic: Ravis, Chappel Wardens. R: Phelps made these six bells 1716 +.

In the cupola tower is a small bell dated 1808.

In the ringing chamber may be seen a board worded as follows :---

Ringers

for St. Margaret's Church, Uxbridge.

Appointed	May 25th, 1843	
Warren Hastings.	Geo. Hill.	
Wm. Gowlett.	Alf. Mercer.	
Jos. Douglass.	W Hill S Smith. J. Wheeler.	
Thos. Moore. Willm. Harman.	Church Wardens. No Smoking Allowed.	

COWLEY (St. Laurence).

Cowley is a very old parish, mentioned in Domesday as 'Covelei, situated about a mile south of Uxbridge. The church is in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch, and a western tower with wooden turret and dwarf spire. Dr. William Dodd, the author of Lectures on Death and the celebrated Prison Thoughts, who was executed for forgery June 27th, 1777, is buried in the churchyard; here also are buried the Rev. John Lightfoot, M.A., F.R.S., a learned botanist, once curate of Colnbrook and Uxbridge, died February, 18th 1789: and Barton Booth a celebrated actor who owned retrie 1788; and Barton Booth, a celebrated actor, who owned property in this parish; he died May 10th, 1733.

There is only one bell inscribed :---Thos. Swain made mee, 1780.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, this Friday evening, September 6th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on Sep-tember 9th; and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 11th. The St. Luke's Society : at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on September 11th. The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Ken-

sington, on September 10th; at St. Mary Matfelon, on September 11th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 12th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 13th. All about 8 p.m.

Thirsk Parish Church.

It has been known for some time past that the bells of the church have been out of order, and recently they have been examined by an have been out of order, and recently they have been examined by an expert. His report states that they are in a condition which may very quickly become dangerous. It is about forty years since anything was done to them beyond minor repairs, and in that time the gudgeons (or axles on which the bells swing) and their bearings have become very much worn, so that the bells now swing very irregularly, and cause a serious strain to the framework in which they are hung. It is estimated that both the bells and the framework could be put into good condition for not more them 50% if the work is done at once though delay wight for not more than 50% if the work is done at once, though delay might add seriously to the cost of renewal, and cause some risk of accident. As the bells are rung on all occasions of joy and sorrow, whether public or private, and not only for the benefit of regular attenders at church, the Vicar and churchwardens appeal with confidence to all parishioners and friends to help in carrying out these necessary repairs.

The Bells of Alfreton Parish Church.

For the first time since the eighth bell was added to the tower of the parish church a peal of 5040 changes Bob TRIPLES was rung recently. This can only be done on eight bells. Through the generosity of the Vicar, the event has been recorded upon a handsome plate, which is to

[•]Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.—Alfreton Parish Church.—On Saturday, July 13th, 1901, seven members of the local branch, with B. Fletcher, of Ripley, rang 5040 changes BOB TRIPLES in three hours and ten minutes; tenor, 15 cwt.; the members standing as follows: 1st, G. Pipes; 2nd, S. Hall; 3rd, F. Watkinson; 4th, R. Hutchinson; 5th, A. Brooksbank; 6th, B. Fletcher; 7th, J. M. Brook; 8th, F. Hillyer. This is the first peal on the bells, and was conducted by J. M. Brook. This plate was presented by the Rev. A. C. Beckton, M.A., Vicar. Mr. W. Wilson and Mr. W. M. Wilson, churchwardens.'

Ipswich Ringer's Memorial. MEMBERS of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society assembled at St. Margaret's Church, and rang, with the bells half muffled, touches of DOUBLE NORWICH, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR as a taken of respect to the memory of James William Lines, of Cemetery Road, who was a member of the Society. The ringers were: Henry Bowell, Robert Hawes, William L. Catchpole, James Motts, William Motts, Robert H. Brundle, William Wood, Stephen Cook, William Roughton, Albert Gillingham, Samuel Cornish, William Tillett, and Lewis Wilfor. and Lewis Wiffen.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Matthew's, Oxhey, on August 24th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

Challis F. Winney (condr.) 1	Francis A. Smith	5
Henry Hodgetts* 2	Frederick T. C. Nevett*	6
William Hodgetts* 3	George N. Price	7
Hubert Eden 4	Reginald Searle*	8
[* First peal	in the method.]	
The Observer		

FOR 10 30 morning service on Sunday, September 1st, 557 GRANDSIRE CATERS. J. W. Taylor, 1; J. Booth, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. W. Bailey, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; T. Marshall, 8; E Reader (conductor), 9; G. Marshall, 10. Mr. Taylor hails from St Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, and it is the first time he has ever rung on a birbar number of bells than eight. For practice on Mondar and Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, and it is the first time he has ever rung on a-higher number of bells than eight. For practice, on Monday evening, September 2nd, 1344 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. G. Astbury, 1; T. Jackson, 2; H. Meakin, 3; T. Smithson, 4; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 5; J. W. Bailey, 6; T. Marshall, 7; E. Reader (conductor), 8. Rung on the back eight. Also 289 STEDMAN CATERS. J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 3; C. Barber, 4: E. Reader, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; H. Meakin, 7; T. Marshall (conductor), 8; J. W. Bailey, 9; G. Marshall, 10. The Rev. A. T. Beeston hails from New Mills, Derby-shire, and Mr. Smithson from St. Elizabeth's, Reddish. Longest length in the KENT TREBLE BOB method for Messrs. Jackson and Astbury.

AT CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—A 720 of PLAIN BOB MINOR has been rung by the following band for practice: W. Underwood (conductor), 1; G. Maxim, 2; D. Gridley, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins, 5; G. Moore, 6. Gridley and Moore hail from Clare. This was Moore's first peal.

1-2; J. H. White, 3-4; R. Bosworth, 5-6; S. Hope, 7-8.



The Chester Diocesan Guild. ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, STOCKPORT.

COVENTRY.—On Friday the following rang 240 of GRANDSIBE DOUBLES. J. H. White, 1-2; R. Bosworth (conductor), 3-4; A. Gilbert, 5-6. Also several courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, A. Gilbert,

Some Bell Inscriptions.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX (St. John the Baptist).

- Trebl-. G. Mears & Co., Founders, London, 1864. Pack & Chapman of London, Fecerunt. John West aud John Hannington, Church Wardens, 1779. 2nd.
 - 3rd. Same as the second.
 - T. Mears of London, Fecit, 1828. 4th. The Very Rev. R. Hodgson, Vicar. T. Rateliff W. Seaward Ch. Wardens.
 - W. & T. Mears of London, Fecit, 1788. Messrs. Allen & Shackle, Church Wardens. 5th.
 - 6th. Same as the fth.
 - W. & T. Mears, late Lester, Pack & Chapman, of London, 7th. Fecit, 1788.

Messrs. Allen & Shackle, Churchwardens.

Tenor. Same as the 7th.

Clock bell on top of tower. Robert Whittington, John Shepherd, Church Wardens, 1808. T. Mears & Son of London, Fecit.

The parish cburch of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, situated in the centre of the village, is a very fine edifice, principally in the Early Decorated style, consisting of chancel, with north aisle, transepts, nave, aisles, and an elegant embattled western tower, containing a clock and a fine peal of bells; in the churchyard are buried John Rich, the actor, died 1761, and Major-General Richard Russell, grandson of the Protector Cromwell, who died 1793. In the ringing chamber can be seen the following records of completed

peals rung on the bells :-

ON Sunday, May 14th, 1826, was rung in this steeple by the Society of Watford Union Youths, a true and Compleat Peal of 5040 changes of Grandsire Tripples. Composed by Mr. John Holt. Consisting of 98 Bobs and 2 Singles, and was performed in 3 hours $12\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, by the following persons, viz. :-

Thomas Ovenden ... James Tomkins ... Robert Bygrave ... Treble. 2nd. 3rd. John Clark William Cole 4th. • • 5th. • • George Pope 6th. • • Richard Rush 7th. . . Tenor. Henry Rothwell . .

The peal was conducted by James Tomkins.

Presented as a Testimony of	William Townsend, Church-	1
Merit by Mr. George Pope.	Thomas Ratcliff, Wardens.	ŝ.

ON Monday, April 18th, 1892, in three hours and twelve and a half minutes, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes (Holt's Ten-part). Tenor, 22 cwt.

E. James Walsom	Treble	*Edward Harris	5				
John Basden	2	Reuben Flaxman	··· 6				
George Stanbrook.	. 3	Allen H. Taber	7				
Joseph J. Parker	4	*William Stannett	Teror				
Conducted by J	oseph Jot	in Parker. [* First peal	L]				
J. H. THOMAS, Vicar.							
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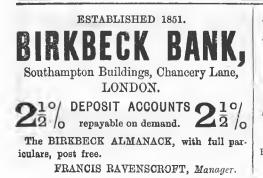
WORSLEY Churchwardens. W. H. EVANS

IN a new oak frame with twelve partitions. In 2cd partition :-On Wednesday, May 23rd, 1900, in three hours and four minutes, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, the Middlesex County Association (the Hillingdon Society) rang a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 5040 changes (J. J. Parker's Ten-part No. 3). Tenor, 22 cwt.

. J. Parker's Len-part NO.	<i>э)</i> . тег	10r, 22 CWL.	
		Henry S. Reeves	5
Herbert J. Ayres*	2	William Honor	. 6
James W. Odell ⁺	3	Henry H. Chandler	7
Joseph J. Pratt	4	George Bellamy	Tenor
Conducted by Joseph J.	Pratt.	[* First peal. + First	peal in the

method.] First peal in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells.

Rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking, and to commemorate the Queen's birthday. It was arranged to attempt the peal on Thursday, the 24th, but, being Ascension Day, the use of the bells could not be granted.



In 3rd partition :---

On Thursday, Jan. 3rd, 1901, in three hours and two minute	es, at the
Church of St. John the Baptist, the Middlesex County Associa	tion (the
Hillingdon Society) rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040	changes
Hollis's Five part). Tenor, 22 cwt.	U
Cacil Bullamy* Trable Losonh T. Pratt	5

Geen Denamy"	repie	Joseph J. Fratt	0
Herbert J. Ayrest	2	†William Honor	6
James W. Odell	3	Henry B. Chandler	7
Edward T. Griffin†		†George Bellamy	Tenor
[*First neal. + First	neal in th	e method 1 Rung on	the return

Rung on the return of in the method.] Earl Roberts from South Africa.

In 4th partition :-

ON Tuesday, Feb. 19th, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, the Middlesex Association (Hilling-don, East Middlesex) rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes (Holt's Ten-part).

Frank Weeden Treble	Joseph J. Pratt	++ 5				
Herbert J. Ayres 2	William Honor	. 6				
Henry Waite 3	Henry H. Chandler	7				
	George Bellamy	Tenor				
Conducted by Henry H. Chandler.						

On the north wall of floor, below ringing chamber, which is used as a gallery, is a stone tablet worded as follows

The Whole Peal of Grandsire Tripples of 5040 was thrice perform d by these persons hereafter named; In y year 1733.

Rich. Ashley, sen.	Rich, Inett.
Jas. Munday.	Mat. Ashley.
Rich Ashley.	Rd. Brown.
Willm. Ashley	Jno. West.
Jno. Christmas.	Rich. Perris.
Will. Mitchell.	Rich. Cox.

On February 6th, 1737, was rang a compleat peal of 5040 Oxford Tripple Bob in 3 hours and 26 minutes by these men :---

ppic noo m o nouis au	a zo minut	los by phese men.		
Charles Dockwell.	Tripple	Wm. Munday (?)	Second	
Richard Inett, junr.	Third	C. Taylor (?)	Fourth	
Jno. Christmas	Fifth	Richd. Inett, senr	Sixth	
Matw. Ashley	Seventh	Jno. Treadaway (?)	Tennor	
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Note.-I have added a (?) to the names of 2nd, 4th, and Tenor men. as the letters were barely discernible.

In the ringing chamber is a list of the weight and notes of the bells :-

	HILL	INGDON.	
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Recast, 1864. Treble 5 1 10 E"

Cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London.

ANOTHER new summer beverage has been introduced by the wellknown firm of Chivers & Sons, Limited, Histon, Cambridge. It is called 'Cam rilge Lemonade,' and is highly recommended by the Lancet as being pure and wholesome, refreshing, and agreeable. A sample bottle may be obtained, post free, for six stamps.

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HOUR AND QUARTER BELLS. SCHOOL BELLS AS SUPPLIED TO THE LONDON SCHOOL BOAL P.

Church Work in New South Wales.

THE following account of Church work and life in a lonely part of a parish in New South Wales will, it is hoped, be of interest to the readers of CHURCH BELLS, and will enlist their prayers on its behalf. Llandilo is a small scattered hamlet in a distant part of one of the large country parishes of New South Wales. It first came specially under the notice of the Rector in this way. Mr. Single, a resident in the district, was visiting at the Rectory, and, in the course of conversa-tion, missionary work, was spoken of. Mr. Single said to the Rector, 'I think we we want a missionary at Llandilo, and, if you will fix a day to go there, I will send one of my sons to take you round to visit the to go there, I will send one of my sons to take you round to visit the people, for the houses are much scattered.' The Rector, Mr. Hudson, gladly appointed a day, and visited the different houses and the public school, where he found that some of the

Church of England scholars did not know the Lord's Prayer. The place Church of England scholars did not know the Lord's Prayer. The place was too far from any church for the people to be able to attend services. It was at once decided that a meeting should be held to arrange for building a church. Every one responded to the call. Although the people are all poor, farm labourers, timber cutters, &c., they all gave according to their means. The church is now built, and is in a flourish-ing condition. It seats over sixty persons. The first anniversary was commemorated by building a chancel, vestry, and school library. Divine service is held twice every month. Many Church people in other places, seeing how earnestly the people of Llandilo had worked and given to build their church, sent various gifts for it: an east window, font, alms dish, Bible rest, bell, illuminated text for chancel arch, &c. arch, &c.

arch, &c. The Sunday school, of which Mr. Single is superintendent, meets every Sunday, and numbers about thirty scholars. There is a Bible class for young men and youths. Of these five have just been con-firmed, and on the Sunday after the Confirmation partook, with their superintendent, of the Lord's Supper. There is also a Temperance Society in connection with the school, and all the Bible class and the younger children have signed the pledge. There is an Estey organ in the church, mostly subscribed, for by the Sunday scholars.

Sunday scholars. On February 3rd a memorial service for our late beloved Queen was held, and the church draped in royal purple and black.

CONCERNING the statement in this month's Diocesan Magazine, in the place of the Bishop of Peterborough's official list of fixtures, viz., The Bishop's private secretary regrets to announce that his Lordship's list of engagements for the month has been mislaid, and cannot be found,' which has been the subject of some rather sarcastic comments, it appears that it meant only that a copy of the list had gone astray, for the Bishop has announced that he knows all his engagements.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on September 16th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Paul's, Cathedral, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on September 17th, and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 20th.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on September 20th, all about 8 p.m.

St. Mary's Church Tower and Bells, Bedford.

AT a meeting of the Committee appointed to assist the churchwardens in raising the funds for the restoration of the church tower and bells, in raising the funds for the restoration of the church tower and bells, Mr. Times, the Vicar's churchwarden, explained that the original esti-mate of 400*l*. would be exceeded by nearly 130*l*. A cage was found necessary to hold the bells, and this cost 80*l*. The small bell had to be recast at an expense of 20*l*., and the condition of the tower made a large expenditure of time and material essential. About 370*l*, had been col-lected. The churchwardens were not considering luxuries, such as additional bells or substituted chimes, but were contining their expendi-ture to absolute necessities. Mr. Moulden offered to be responsible for the 20*l* to recast the small holl. the 20% to recast the small bell.

Etherley Church, Durham, Clock and Bells.

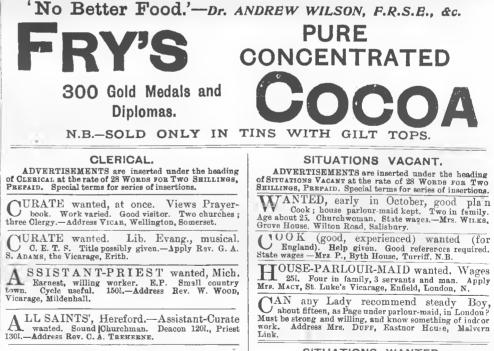
THE Bishop of Richmond has dedicated a tower clock and peal of bells, recently added to the Etherley Parish Church. The clock is a memorial to the late William Culley Stobart, formerly of Etherley, and in his later years of Pepper Arden, Northallerton, which has been subscribed for by his surviving sons and daughters, and sup-plied by Messrs. Potts & Co., of Leeds. The bells are the product of public subscription, and have been obtained from Messrs. Har-rington, Latham, & Co., Coventry, and by them fitted in the tower of the church. The cost was about 160%.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 7th, Haley's peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins.

J. Pettit (conduc	• •	1	C. F. Winny	51	1. 6	3
F. J. Shepherd	 	2	T. Langdon			r
W. Shepherd	 	3	T. H. Taffenden		8	4
H. P. Harman	 	4	W. T. Cockerill		9	1
H. Langdon	 ++-	5	W. Prime		. 10)



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The Sussex County Association.

AT the Church of the Holy Cross, Uckfield, Sussex, on August 24th, peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins.

	Edward Mankelow		1	William Page		5		
	George Williams		2	Frank Bennett		6		
	John S. Goldsmith		3	Alfred J. Turner		7		
	Robert J. Dawe		4	Thomas Card		8		
Composed and conducted by Frank Bennett.								
	The first peal of MAJOR of							

ALSO, at St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex, on August 25th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

NOT BITLE LATE OUT THAT WE AND ONLY	sooo badageo, an o mot ri maor
	1 George Williams
George Baker	2 Thomas Lungley 6
Robert J. Dawe	3 William Page
	4 James N. Frossell 8
Composed by H. Dains, o	conducted by George Williams.
Arso at All Saints' Waldron	Sussex on September 8th Thurstans

epter stn, Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.

	Robert J. Dawe		14.4	1	Frank I	Bennett			5
	George William	s (con	dr.)	2	Alfred	J. Turi	er		6
	Herbert Rams			3	Benjam	in Hob	bs		7
	George Smart			4	Willian	a H. Je	nner		8
	This was the first							This w	vas also
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the conductor's 500th peal.

Some Bells Inscriptions.

SARRATT, HERTS (Holy Cross).

Situated on a hill, and partly obscured by trees, this ancient building is of Norman date, and consists of chancel, nave, transepts, south porch, and a low square tower with saddle-back roof, containing three bells inscribed as follows :-

Treble. Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London, 1864.

2nd. Henri Knight made mee in 1606.

Tenor. Chandler made me 1719.

WEST DRAYTON (St. Martin).

THIS church is a building in the Early Perpendicular style, with chancel, nave of three bays, aisles. south porch, and a massive western tower, built about the time of the signing of Magna Charta, 1215, with a wooden turret, containing a clock and six bells, one of which, the fifth, is badly cracked.

Treble. Gulielmus Eldridge me fecit 1B 1710.

- 2nd. Same as the treble.
- Thos. Swain fecit, 1769 Rd. Dyghe. Toothaker O Church O Wardens. 3rd. O coin. John
- 4th. Gulielmus : Eldridge : me : fecit 1710.
- 5th. Gulielmus : Eldridge : me : fecit : 1710. O coin.

(This bell is cracked.)

William + Eldridge + Rich + Hatch + Church Wardens, O coin. WE | fecit : 1710. Tenor.

The tenor weighs 193 cwt.

Sanctus. 1704.

Rickmansworth, August 14th, 1901.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, HERTS (St. Peter).

THIS building is the largest parish church in the county of Herts, portions of it date from a period before the Conquest. It consists of a chancel, with a chapel on the south side, clerestoried nave, aisles (the chapel of St. John the Baptist occupying about one half of the south aisle), transept, with aisle on the east side of the north transept, and a central embattled tower containing a clock and eight bells; the east window is a memorial to the poet Cowper, whose father, the Rev. John Cowper, D.D., was rector of this parish from 1722 till 1756.

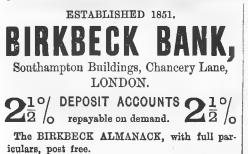
The bells are inscribed are follows :-

Sanctus. 1851.

Treble. Thomas Mears, Founders, London, 1838.

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th. Same as the Treble.

Tenor. Thomas Mears, Founder, London and Gloucester, 1839. NOTE.-As the word Gloucester is written after London on the tenor



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bell, this may have been the time when the proprietors of the Whitechapel Foundry purchased the business of Rudhall, of Gloucester. A black peal board with white lettering hangs in the ringing

chamber worded as below :-

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 15th, 1890, was rung in this towar of St. Peter's, in two hours and fifty-four minutes a peal of Bob Minor, 5040 changes, being 720's each called differently.

Frederick Norris	Treble	Henry Golding	5				
William Shepherd	., 2	William H. Newell	6				
James Floyd			7				
		George Sells	Tenor				
Conducted by William H. Newell.							
Rev. Preb. A. Johnson, M.A., Rector.							

Edwin J. Pearson, Esq. | Churchwardens. Thomas Penny

September 13, 1901.

The first peal on these bells by a local band. Messrs. F. Norris and W. H. Newell are ringers at this church.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED.

Peal of Eight Bells.

T. Mears fecit, 1838.

pprox. inches.		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
46 <u>1</u>	Tenor	17	2	24
41	VII	11	3	27
38	VI	9	1	20
36	V	8	2	21
331	IV	7	0	20
32	III	7	0	6
30	II	5	1	19
29	Treble	5	3	1
	Cwt.	73	0	26

Cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London.

BOVINGDON, HERTS (St. Lawrence).

This church is a building of flint and Bath stone in the Gothic style, inischurch is a building of nint and Bath stone in the Gothic style, originally erected about 1340, and rebuilt in 1856. It comprises a chancel, nave, aisles, south porch, and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing a clock and three bells. The east window was in-serted to the memory of Lieutenant Henry Stuart Ryder, killed at the storming of the Redan, September 8th, 1855. Inscriptions on the bells :-

Treble. Chandler made me 1663.

2nd. $I \mid O \mid H \mid N \mid G \mid O \mid L \mid D \mid E \mid A \mid N \mid D \mid J \mid O \mid H \mid N$ K | N | I | G | H | T C | H | U | R | C | H | W | A | R $\mathbf{D} \mid \mathbf{E} \mid \mathbf{N} \mid \mathbf{S}$.

(Lower line) 1654, W. W.

Tenor. C. & G. Mears, Founders, London, 1845.

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The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, this

The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, this Friday evening, September 20th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on Sep-tember 23rd; and at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 25th.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on September 25th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Ken-sington, on September 24th; at St. Mary Matfelon, on September 24th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 26th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 27th. All about 8 p.m. 8 p.m.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

THE Annual District Meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday afternoon, September 28th, 1901.

Tower open at three. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at six. Members intending to be present must send their names to C. Wilfrid Blaxland, Hon. Secretary, through the Secretaries of their bands, before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding 2s., will be allowed to all members present at five o'clock.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Chester Diocesan Guild.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.

AT the Parish Church, New Mills, Derbyshire, on September 5th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, $13\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

James L. Robinson 1 William Gord	lon		-ā.
Rev. A. T. Beeston 2 Sam Rutter	6.4	1.1	6
Alfred Barnes 3 Fred Holt			7
William Lowry 4 Harry Chapm	an is		8
Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and conducted by	Harry (Chapm	an.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

AT the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Speldhurst, Kent, on Sep-tember 6th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, $12\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

Frederick Still	44 44	1	Richard Pelling 5	
James Bak r			Arthur Godley 6	
James Maynard		3	Thomas Card (conductor) 7	
George Turley				
			a mark of respect to Benjamin (С.
Pratchett.			1 0	

Essex Association.

(NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.)

Ar the Church of All Saints, Feering, Essex, on September 7th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F.

COL	OI DOD MASON, SOTO ON	ACCELL SAL					
	David Elliott		11	John Sadler	ō		
	Thomas Cranfield *	14.4	2	Frank C. Newman	6		
	George Humm		3	Ernest W. Beckwith	7		
	Edward Hayward		4		8		
	Composed by E. Fra	ncis,	and	conducted by David Elliott.			
[* First peal.]							
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ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On September 1st, for Divine service at St. Andrew's Church, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Sear (conductor), 3; J. Coales, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; T. Holmes, 6; A. Bramall, 7; A. Dubber, 8. On September 4th, at St. Botolph's Church, Newbold-on-Avon, 720 Bob MINOR. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton (conductor), 2; A. Dubber, 3; F. Sear, 4; T. Holmes, 5; A. Bramall, 6. On September 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Sear, 3; J. Coales, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; G. Lindoff (Dublin) (conductor), 6; J. George, 7; T. Holmes, 8. On September 15th, for Divine service, 503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Also, **@**tter Divine service, with the bells half muffled in memory of the late Presi-dent McKinley. of the United States, America, 503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; J. Coales, 4; A. Bramall, 5; George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.



Some Bell Inscriptions.

NORTHCHURCH, OR BERKHAMSTED, HERTS (St. Mary .

This church is a cruciform building of stone in the Decorated styre. consis ing of chancel, nave, transepts, north aisle, north and south porches, and a low embattled central tower, with clock and six bel-On the south wall of the nave is a brass tablet erected by Government to the memory of Peter, the Wild Boy, found wild in the forest of Hertswold, Hanover, in 1725. He was brought to England by order of Queen Caroline, and died here February 22nd, 1785, at the supposed age of seventy-two.

Below are the inscriptions on the bells :--

Treble. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1836.

- Chandler made me 1651. 2nd.
- O Lord, have mercy of Man.
- 3rd. Chandler made me + 1651.
- Chandler made me. 4th.
- O Lord, have mercy of Man. + 1651.
- 5th. Chandler made me 1651.
- Lord, have mercy of Man.

Tenor. Thomas Mears of London, Founder 1834.

A black-board, with yellow lettering, hangs in the ringing-chamber, worded as follows :---

Northchurch, Jan. 1847.

This is to declare that the Handbells, hitherto the property of us ringers of Northchurch, are now by our free and full consent given for ever to the Parish Church of Northchehurch by us the said ringers, whose names are under-written.

John Thorn.

Henry Osborn. William Honor. Je Sir J. H. C. Seymour, Rector. Jesse Dealy.

W. Parsons } Churchwardens.

There is also banging in the ringing-chamber a framed coloured draw-ing and particulars of Great Tom, of Lincoln, founded by Thomas Mears. of London, in 1834, who cast the tenor bell at this church in the same year. Possibly Thomas Mears presented this to Northchurch Church a-an advertisement for the firm. It is worded as follows :--

Founded by Thomas Mears, of London, November 15th, 1534 placed in the Rood Tower of Lincoln, April, 1835.

Dimensions, Weights, &c. This Bell.
Diameter at the Mouth, 6 ft. 101 iss.
Weight of the bell, 5 tons 8 cwt.

Tom of 1610. 6 ft. 31 ins. 4 tons 8 cwt. В.

Inscriptions upon this Bell.

Round the crown.

Spiritus : Sanctus : A : Patre ; Et : Filio : Procedens : Suaviter : Sonans : Ad : Salutem : Anno : Domini 1835 Martii 25 Regni Gulielmi Quarti : Britannorum 5°.

Round the Skirt or Lip.

Georgius Gordon D.D. Dezanus : Richard Pretyman M.A. Precentor : Georgius Thomas Pretyman B.C.L. Cancellarius : Thomas Manners Sutton M.A. Subdecanus et Magister Fabricæ.

Thomas Mears, Londini, Fecit.

Tom of 1610 became cracked in Dec. 1827, was broken up in June 1834, &, with six other bel's from the Rood Tower called the Lade Bells, recast into this Bell & two large Quarter Bells.

James Savage, Architect direxit.

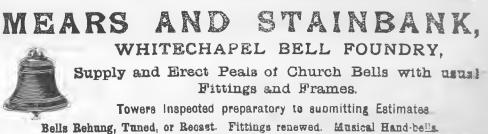
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- The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on October 4th.
- The St. Margaret's Society : at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on October 3rd.
- The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on October 2nd.

The St. Alphege's Society : at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on October 4th, at 7.30 p.m. All the others about 8 p.m.

Church Bells in Furness.

Ar the second meeting of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Anti-quarian and Archaeological Society, held recently at Ravenstonedale and Kirkby Stephen, a paper on 'Church Bells in the Archdeaconry of Furness' was read by Mr. Arthur Gaythorpe which opened up a new and most interesting field of investigation and research. In it the author gave the history and a detailed description of the pre-Reformation church bells at Colton, Kirkby Ireleth, and Broughton; of the eighteenth-century bell at Woodland; and of the more modern bells at Kirkby Ireleth, Broughton, and Haverthwaite. A full account was also given of the ancient bell at Kirkby Ireleth, which disappeared so mysteriously about fifty years ago, and an explanation of the grotesque design on it, which was said to have represented the head of a lamb with the body of an ass. The paper was illustrated with photographs of the inscriptions on the bells, taken from plaster casts. Additional features of interest were the photographs of the ancient bells at Whicham and Broughton, and the eighteenth-century bell at Lowick, which was and Broughton, and the eighteenth-century bell at Lowick, which was recently recast, and now forms part of the new bell at St. Matthew's, Barrow. Rubbings of the inscriptions from the bells referred to were also shown.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Sonning, Berks, on September 7th, a varia-tion of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Albert E. Reeves	. 1	Ernest Bruce		5	
Philbert W. Wilkins		William Horne		6	
Charles Giles	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson		7	
James W. Wilkins		Reuben Sawyer	-	8	
Conduct	ed by the	Rev. F. E. Robinson.			

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

AT the Church of St. Nicholas, Bristol, on September 18th, a peal of Henry T. Howell

Composed and conducted by Frederick G. May. Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late President McKinley.

Kent County Association.

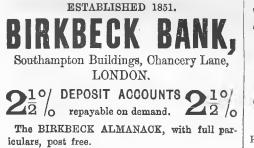
AT St. Alphege Church, Greenwich, on September 19th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

W. Berry		**	1	W, Foreman	1.0.0		6
H. Hoskins			2	J. G. Shade	1.1.1		7
H. Flanders			3	W. Ingham	+ *		8
J. J. Lamb.			4	C. Charge	-		9
W. J. Jeffries		14	5	F. W. Thornton			10
Composed by the la	to G	Now	ະດກ່	conducted by Co	rnelius	Cha	TOPA

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late President McKinley.

A Bell-ringer's Birthday.

On the fiftieth birthday of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, a respected member of the Society, ten members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society



FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT, Manager.

of Church Bell-ringers rang upon the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower Church Ipswich, a true and complete peal of STEDMAN CATHRS, 5074 changes in 3 hrs. 36 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

William Roughton		1	James Motts		6
Samuel Cornish		2	Lowis W. Wiffen		7
Isaac S. Alexander		-3	William L. Catchpole		8
William Motts				1.	
William Tillett		5	Walter Last		10
Composed by the late	Henr	уF	Hubbard, and conducted	by	Jam

nes Motts, of Ipswich.

St. Paul's Cathedral.

THE whole pull and stand funeral peal was rung on the Cathedral bells on Thursday, September 19th as a tribute of respect to the memory of President McKinley by James Petti (conductor), 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; W. Cooter, 3; R. French, 4; H. Springall, 5; W. Jones, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; C. F. Winney, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; H. R. Newton, 10; W. Prime, 11; W. T. Cockerill and E. Horrex, 12. This was followed by a touch of STEDMAN CINQUES, in which J. W. Golding, H. R. Pasmore, H. Langdon, and E. Comb took part.

HALF-MUFFLED peals were rung on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Martin's in-the-Fields, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Clement Danes, and other London and provincial churches, on the day of the funeral of the late President McKinley.

CHANGE-RINGING AT CLARE, SUFFOLK.—A party of change-ringers visited Clare, and rang the following touches upon the bells of the parish church: A course of KENT TREBLE BOB by S. Howell, 1; Cyril Herbert (Woburn, Beds), 2; Ernest Herbert (Woburn, Beds), 3; Charles Adams (Glemsford), 4; William Bacon (Sudbury), 5; Charles Honey-bell (Glemsford), 6; Charles Sillitoe (Sudbury), 7; Harry Grigg's (Sud-bury), 8. A touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 384 changes, was then rung by Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 1; S. Howell, 2; C. Herbert, 3; E. Herbert, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Griggs, 6; S. Slater, 7; C. Honeybell, 8; This was followed by a course of DOUBLE NORWICH by S. Howell, 1; C. Herbert, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; C. Honeybell, 4; W. Bacon, 5; E. Herbert, 6; S. Slater, 7; H. Griggs, 8. Following this, a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 588 changes, the longest in the method on the bells, was rung by S. Howell, 1; C. Herbert, 2; Charles Sillitoe (conductor), 3; E. Herbert, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Griggs, 6; S. Slater, 7; Charles Honeybell, 8. The ringers, one and all, return thanks for the use of the bells, the 'go' of which was excellent. CHANGE-RINGING AT CLARE, SUFFOLK .- A party of change-ringers

On the 15th October the Bishop of London will, it is announced, dedicate a new peal of bells, eight in number, at the Parish Church, Sunbury-on-Thames.

THE ringing of curfew upon the great bells in the tower of the Chapel of the Guild of the Holy Cross has been resumed at Stratford-on-Avon. The bell is rung during the winter months, commencing September 11th, and ending Lady Day, the custom dating back many centuries. The bell used is the same (recast) that was tolled at Shakespeare's funeral.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT RIPLEY .- The new peal of bells DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT RIPLEY.— The new peal of bells placed in All Saints' Church, Ripley, on which it will be possible to ring 40,320 changes, has been dedicated by the Bishop of Derby, the ceremony taking place in the presence of a large congregation. 'A shortened form of evening service was used, and, after the singing of a hymn, the dedication prayer was read from the gallery by the Bishop, who afterwards delivered an appropriate address. At the close, and throughout the evening, merry peals were rung on the bells.

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Yorkshire Change-ringers in Hull.

THE general meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers has been held at Hull. The new ring of ten bells at Holy Trinity Church was much admired by the visitors, touches of TRIPLE BOB, ROYAL, STEDMAN, and GRANDSIRE CATERS being rendered, also BOB, ROYAL, STEDMAN, and GRANDSIRE CATERS being rendered, also touches of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES at St. James's, All Saints, St. Mary's (Cottingham), and TRIPLE BOB MINOR at St. Mary's, Lowgate. An excellent tea was afterwards served in the Old Grammar School to about 200 ringers and their wives. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by Mr. William Snowden, C.E. (Leeds), president of the Association. Messrs. C. R. Moxon, T. Maud (Tong), and J. W. Stickney (Hull), were appointed auditors. Special reference was made to the return to Yorkshire of Canon Quirk, formedity rings of Botheabam (a mombus of the Association) requiring Special reference was made to the return to rorkshire of Canon Quirk, formerly vicar of Rotherham (a member of the Association), now vicar of Doncaster, and Suffragan-bishop of Sheffield. The President pro-posed and Mr. W. Howard (York) seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the respective vicars for granting the use of the bells, and to the vicar and churchwardens of Holy Trinity for the use of the Old Grammar School. On September 22nd the following members of the Association rang on the bells of Kirkella a 720 of KENT TRIPLE BOB. T. Stockdale, 1; G. Marshall, 2; J. W. Stickney, 3; W. Brown, 4; J. Dixey, 5; C. Jackson (conductor), 6.

Tipton, Staffordshire.

THE Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Services commenced on Thursday evening, September 19th, at the Parish Church of St. Martin's, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, also gifts of bread, fruit, eggs, and vegetables. The offertories at the special services were devoted to the Assistant Clergy Fund. Touches of GRANDERE TRIPLES were rung by the local band, assisted by several well-known ringers, who kindly came and gave their services. Before the evening service, touches of GRANDERE TRIPLES were rung by Messrs. W. R. Small, F. Bywater, W. Fisher, E. Jones, S. Baker, W. Hinton, E. Painter, B. Lewis, S. Reeves (conducted by W. R. Small). Also, after evening service, 504 GRANDERE TRIPLES. W. R. Small (conductor), 1; T. Bywater, 2; T. Horton, 3; S. Baker, 4; W. Fisher, 5; E. Jones; E. Goodreds, 7; S. Reeves, 8. The special services were continued on Sunday, September 22nd, and touches of GRANISIRE TRIPLES were rung before the morning service. W. R. Small, 1; J. Smith. 2; A. Rowley, 3; E. Jones, 4; R. Cartwright, 5; W. Hinton, 6; E. Painter, 7; B. Lewis, 8. Also, at evening service, touches of GRANDERE TRIPLES by Messre. W. R. Small, F. Bywater, J. Smith, E. Jones, R. Cartwright, W. Hinton, A. Rowley, E. Painter, B. Lewis, and J. Small. The ringing was conducted on Sunday by Messre. W. R. Small and R. Cartright. THE Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Services commenced on Thursday and R. Cartright.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association.

AT the Church of St. Peter, Great Berkhampstead, Herts, on Sep tember 21st, Thurstans' one-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hours.

Challis F. Winney (cond.) 1	George N. Price	. 5
Hubert Eden 2	Ernest E. Huntley	. 6
W. H. L. Buckingham 3	James George	7
	William H. Newell	. 8
This is the first peal of	STEDMAN on the bells.	1. A.

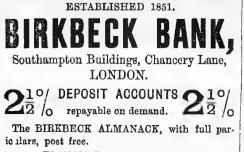
Chester Diocesan Guild.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.

AT St. George's Church, Stockport, on September 28th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

J. Booth George Astbury	••			A. Barnes H. Meakin	44	7	
						1.1.1	
Thomas Jackson				J. W. Bayley	**	8	
Tom Marshall			4	E. Reader		9	
William Gordon,	sen.		5	George Marshall	**	10	
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Composed by William Wilson, of Leicester, and conducted by E. Reader. First peal of STEDMAN CATERS by all except the conductor; The addr. This pear of STEDMAN CATERS by an except the conductor, first peal in the method as conductor, and first peal of STEDMAN CATERS by the above Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Mr. Gordon, sen., belongs to St. Mary's Parish Church Company, and Mr. Barnes to St. Elizabeth's Company, Reddish. The remaining eight are all members of St. George's Company.



FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT, Manager.

Change-Ringing at Womburn.

EIGHT members of St. Benedict's Society rang upon the bells of the Parish Church a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES-5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

James Bate			1	William Devey	·		5
William Rogers			2	Rowland Carty	vright		ð
Percy Sadler			3	Horace Sadler	••		7
Walter Sadler			4	Harry Sadler		14.16	8
The ringing was	condu	ated h	- T	Janago Sudlan	A + +ba	00 m	· +i-

The ringing was conducted by Horace Sadler. At the same time a half-muffled peal was rung as a mark of esteem to the late President McKinley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Ar the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Fareham, Hants, on September 14th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins.

William W. Gifford		1	Charles Giles	5
Charles R. Lilley			Fredk. S. Bayley	6
George N. Price			Herbert P. Harman	7
Henry White			George Williams	8
Composed by H. Dain	and	con	ducted by George Williams.	

The Midland Counties' Association.

AT the Bellfoundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire, on September 27th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's No. 6), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.

R. F. Lane		J. Hutchby	5
T. H. Colburn		W. H. Abbott	6
Rev. A. T. Beeston		J. W. Taylor, jun.	7
W. H. Inglesant	4	W. Fox	8

Conducted by John W. Taylor. The Rev. A. T. Beeston comes from Mills, and it is his first peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES; and W. Fox from Wirksworth. It is the first peal on the bells.

The Sussex County Association.

AT the Church of St. John the Baptist, Crawley, Sussex, on September 29th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hre. 58 mins.

George Williams			1	Frank Bennett		5	
John Rice			2	Charles Willshire		6	
Alfred D. Mills		44		George Paice		7	
James Hunt			4	Frederick W. Rice		8	
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Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by George Will ams. ALSO, at St. John the Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on September 30th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

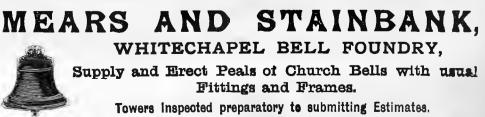
Keith Hart			1	Frank Bennett	5	
William Palmer			2	George Williams.	6	
William Pelling			3	John S. Goldsmith	7	
Robert J. Dawe				Alfred J. Turner	8	
Composed by A. Craven, conducted by J. S. Goldsmith.						

THE BELLS OF SALTBURN CHURCH .- The erection of the church tower at Saltburn proceeds apace, the builders having reached a height only some four feet from the top, according to the plans. The exterior of the belfry can now be viewed, and in it will be placed, at the proper time, a peal of bells, provided by the generosity of Mr. A. J. Dorman, of Grey Towers, in memory of his brother. Eight bell-ringers have already been selected, and they are now practising with handbells, in view of the time when from the new tower will ring out a merry peal. The tower will see he enriched by a public clock for which a cub The tower will also be enriched by a public clock, for which a subscription is being raised, as a memorial to the late Queen Victoria.

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Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Stranl, on October 14th.

- The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on October 14th; at St. Paul's Cathedral, St. John at Hackney, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on October 15th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 18th.
- The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on October 18th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John the Divine, Kennington, on October 16th.

The St. Margaret's Society : at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on October 17th.

The St. Luke's Society : at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on October 16th.

The St. Alphege's Society: at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on October 18th, at 7.30 p.m. All the others about 8 p.m.

Norwich Diocesan Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of this Association of Bell-ringers was held at Ipswich yesterday week, when Mr. Sancroft Holmes was re-elected president, and the Rev. H. E. Bulwer hon. secretary of the Association. The latter, in reply to the toast of 'The Association,' emphasised the remarks he had made last year at Norwich, when he called attention to the looseness of the organization of companies, and the desirability of adopting some measures by which they could be held together more successfully. He hoped that before long the Central Council would be in a position to put before the Society certain recommendations which individual companies might see their way to adopt either in their entirety or in some modified form. The twenty-third annual report, next submitted, made feeling reference to the great loss the Association had sustained by the lamented death of two such staunch supporters as the late Archdeacon Pelham Burn and Mr. C. T. M. Montgomerie, and went on to state that, so far as the report might be regarded as a record of progress, the present one, perhaps, might not seem so full of encouragement as some of its predecessors. During the past year the recruiting for the replenishment of their ranks seemed to have been in many quarters almost at a standstill. One or two companies had, it was feared, definitely, and, perhaps, overhastily, withdrawn in consequence of the new railway arrangements. On the other hand, the Mendlesham company had expressed a desire to come into union, and would be cordially welcomed. Blaxhall and Tuustall companies also joined at the last annual meeting, and Tasburgh was represented, though not yet by a full company. The Yoxford company had unfortunately broken up, after one winter's practice and instruction. The report was adopted. After discussion, it was resolved to grant 102. towards the proposed restoration of Wymondham Church, on condition that the present peal of five bells is increased to six, and an eight-bell chamber provided for in the scheme. Upon the motion of Mr. C. E. B

Bell Dedication at Honiton.

IN St. Michael's Church, Honiton, last week, a new treble' bell was dedicated and the rest of the peal was 'reopened' after being rehung. The Mayor (Mr. R. H. Matthews) and Corporation attended in state. The church was crowded, and many were unable to obtain admission. The Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, preached, and after the service a peal of 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was rung by the Ottery Band of Ringers. Afterwards a large company was entertained at tea in a tent in an adjoining field by the rector, the Rev. J. H. Fortescue, and the Misses Fortescue. The new treble bell, which weighs 8 cwt., is a gift from the Rev. G. A. Brine in memory of his late sister, Miss C. A. Brine. This bell brings the peal up to six. An anonymous donor gave 1002 towards defraying the expenses of repairing the belfry. The joists, to which the bells were formerly hung, proved to be so affected by dry rot that, had they not been replaced, a serious accident would probably have occurred.

peal of New CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs 6 mins. Tenor, $16\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. John Moule 1 | Isaac G. Shade John Moule ... Egbert Borrett ... - 5 2 Ernest Pye 3 William Keeb 4 William Pye Ernest Pye William Keeble 16 4.6 John R. Sharman ... 1.1 Frederick R. Borrett 8 Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Pye. Robert Maynard, jun. 4 Ernest Pye Robert Maynard, sen. 5 Arthur S. King 10 1.1.1 Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by William Pye. AND at the church of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, on

October 5th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5026 changes, in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Tenor 20 cwt.

Arthur R. Jacob .,	1	John H. Cheesm	an	., 6	
Charles Wilkins	2	Harry Flanders		7	
John R. Sharman	. 3	William Pve		8	
Bertram Prewett	4	Ernest Pye		. 9	
Isaac G. Shada	5	Arthur T. King		10	
Composed by Arthur					

The Hertfordshire Association.

At the church of St. Paul, Hoddesdon, on October 3rd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor 12¹/₂ cwt.

-	Francis A. Smith.	,1	William Keeble	5
	Ernest Pye	2	Ernest E. Huntley	6
	Bertram Prewett		Harry A. Horrex	7
	John R. Sharman.	4	William Pye	., 8
	Composed by Gabriel			William Duo

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. This is the first peal on the bells, which was rung shortly after the service at which the church and bells were dedicated by the Suffragan Bishop of Barking.

THE BELLS AT LYNTON.—A movement, initiated by Mrs. W. E. Cox, is being made to rehang the present peal of three bells and increase the number to eight. The probable cost, with silent apparatus, will be about 350%. Towards this a generous anonymous donor has contributed 100%, a second 10%, the Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Cox 10%, and other smaller subscribers 5%. The idea is to make the peal a thank-offering for the long and beneficent reign of Queen Victoria, and a memorial of the accession and coronation of King Edward VII., the first peal to be rung on Coronation Day.

WALTON CHURCH BELLS.—Arrangements are being made for rehanging the bells, as they are very loose in their sockets. There is not the least danger of their coming down, but this condition of things affect⁸ their accurate ringing, and the improvement is deemed very necessary. It will cost about 304. The work will not involve new framing, but only new bearings. The weight of the bells varies from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 27 cwt., and totals about 5 tons. The church clock is expected to be put in good going order within the next few days.

going order within the next few days. THE NORTH TAWTON BAND OF RINGERS have visited the churches of Plympton St. Mary, Plympton St. Maurice, and Tavistock, where, through the kindness of the Vicars and Rector, they rang some very enjoyable peals. At Plympton excellent arrangements were made by the officials of the two churches. The beautifully carved rood screen ab Plympton St. Maurice was greatly admired. Dinner having been partaken of at the 'George Hotel,' Ridgway, Tavistock was again reached about four p.m., allowing ample time for some capital peals before the return to North Tawton. Notwithstanding that at St. Mary and Tavistock the tenor is about 10 cwt. heavier than that at North Tawton, the peals were well rung, the rising and falling being especially well done. One of the party completed his 245th peal in different churches on Saturday.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association. Ar the church of St. Saviour, Walthamstow, on September 28th, a

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expedient will be greatly appreciated. Ir will, no doubt, interest many of our readers to know that the current number of the *Churchman* is issued under the new editorship. Under the heading of 'The *Churchman* and its Readers,' the Bishop-elect of Durham (Dr. H. C. G. Moule) says a few words on 'a general subject closely connected with the aim and the characteristic contents of the periodical.' 'That subject,' continues Dr. Moule, 'is the call to Evan-gelical Churchmen at the present time to see to it that, with due regard to the yet greater duties of life, they equip themselves adequately as students.' And Dr. Moule adds, further, that the *Churchman* aims in a special measure to promote and assist the student spirit. THE most important book in general literature which Messrs. Methuen

THE most important book in general literature which Messrs. Methuen are publishing this year is undoubtedly the *Life of Robert Louis Stevenson*, which has been entrusted by Mr. Stevenson's family to his cousin, Mr. Graham Balfour. The book is rich in unpublished MSS. and letters, diaries of travel, reminiscences of friends, and a valuable fragment of autobiography. It also contains a complete bibliography of all Ste-venson's work. The book will be uniform with the Edinburgh edition, and will be in two volumes.

UNDER the title of The Castles and Abbeys of Great Britain and Ireland, Mr. John Dicks has commenced the publication of a series of sixpenny parts which are sure to secure popular approval. The descriptive matter is ably edited, and the illustrations are really fine.

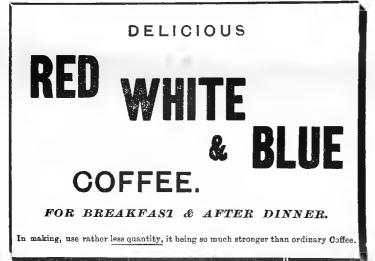
THE *Young Engineer*, a new monthly magazine, shortly to be published, will take a practical view of the engrossing subjects of carpentry and mechanics, and will, it is asserted, appeal more to the exacting requirements of the present-day youths than any other similar publication. The price is to be 4d. per month, and the first number will be ready on the 25th inst be ready on the 25th inst.

THE Nation's Pictures is the title given by Messrs. Cassell & Co. to a new and important work which is being published in parts, price 7*a*. net. It is a selection from the finest modern paintings in the picture-galleries of great Britain, beautifully reproduced in colour. The first part contains examples of the work of Edwin A. Abbey, R.A.;

Alfred East, A.R.A., and others. MR. H. J. DRANE, of Salisbury House, Salisbury Square, will during this month publish a new volume entitled 'Ardnarigh,' by Melville Gray. Independently of the story the author has written an account of the South African campaign, including the Isandhwelna disaster, which may be of interest to those who had relatives or friends in that war, may be of interest to those who had relatives or friends in that war, or who take a special interest in the country, owing to recent operations at the front. We understand that Melville Gray has another MS., in the press, named 'The Yorkshire Stroller,' which is to appear shortly, in serial form, in one of the leading weekly illustrated journals. LAST week's *Graphic* (October 12th), includes among its illustrations two good pictures of the Church Congress procession at Brighton; a portrait of the late Bishop Whipple; and a picture of a choir practice on board the *Ophir*. It is a capital number. WITH a view to furnishing matter useful to all interested in business subjects, new features have been added to *Pitman's Phonetic Journal* for 5th October treating in a practical way those branches of commercial

for 5th October, treating in a practical way those branches of commercial knowledge to which special attention is directed, namely, correspondence in foreign languages, book-keeping, and counting-house training. A Commercial Guide will deal with the whole range of business transactions.

MESSES. HENRY GAZE & SONS, LTD., the world-famed tourist agents, have arranged their tours for the winter of 1901-2, and have issued particulars thereof in neat little illustrated booklets, four of which are before us. The tours in question are: 1. France, Algeria, and Tunis; 2. South France and Italy; 3. Spain; 4. Oriental tours. Each booklet contains the fullest possible information for intending tourists.



Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, tonight, October 18th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Giles', Cripplegate, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on October 22nd; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on October 24th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 25th.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on October 28th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 23rd.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on October 23rd. Al about 8 p.m.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers.

THIS Association, which was formed in December of 1898, paid its first visit to Catterick and Richmond on Saturday. In the morning a party from Stockton, accompanied by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Stokesley, the secretary of the Association, visited Catterick, and rang some touches of TREBLE BOB MAJOR on the eight bells in Catterick Church tower. In the afternoon Richmond became the headquarters, and the muster was a very large one, representing Catterick, Darlington, East Witton, Middleham, Middlesbrough, Richmond, Stockton, Stokesley, and Thirsk, and several peals of MINOR were rung in good style on the bells of St. Mary's Church. At 4.30 the company adjourned for tea to the Parish Church Room, Dundas Street, at which forty sat down, the chair being occupied by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the president of the Association. The Secretary announced that a donation of 2*l*. 2*s*. had been received from Mr. A. J. Dorman, the donor of the new peal of eight bells shortly to be installed in the Parish Church, Saltburn. On the motion of the President, a hearty vote of thanks was passed for the use of the bells at Catterick and at Richmond, and a hope was expressed that, when the next visit was paid to Richmond, there would be eight bells to ring instead of only six.

Henstridge, Somerset.

For many years past the inhabitants of this charming village on the border of Somersetshire have not had the pleasure of listening to their bells, they having been considered as unsafe to ring by the then Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Ainslie, the present archdeacon of Tauntor. The tower also was found to be unsafe. Great things, however, have been done. The tower has been entirely rebuilt, and the bells rehung. The old ring consisted of five bells only (by Rudhall), or, as one ringer remarked, 'Four and a bit,' the old tenor having had a large piece out of the crown. Three of the old bells have been recast (the treble, second, and tenor) by Messre. Taylor, who have also added a new treble. The the crown. Infee of the old bells have been recast (the trends, second, and tenor) by Messrs. Taylor, who have also added a new treble. The whole makes a musical ring of six, with tenor about 20 cwt. The hanging of the bells in the new tower was entrusted to Mr. J. Sully, of Stogumber, near Taunton, and right well has he carried out the work entrusted to him. The local ringers have not yet acquired the art of change-ringing, although they are anxious to learn; consequently, up to Wedneckay last me change-ringing had have heagd on the hells. That was change-ringing, although they are anxious to learn; consequently, up to Wednesday last, no change-ringing had been heard on the bells. That was the day selected by the present energetic Vicar, the Rev. G. Dowell, for holding a bazaar to help clear off the debt still remaining on the Build-ing Fund. The bazaar accordingly was held in the schoolroom, and opened by Lady Theodora Guest, who has taken a great interest in the work. The Vicar, being anxious to have some good ringing on the occasion, so that the bells might be beard to the best advantage, put himself in communication with the Hon. Secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The present Master, Mr. C. E. D. Bout-flower, of Bristol, undertook the task of selecting the band, which

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consisted of Messrs. C. H. Shearn and Kenton, of Midsomer Norton; the Brothers Prescott, of Buckland Dinham; and G. Fricker, of Frome. These gentlemen, accompanied by the Master, reached the village about 4.45, and were at once accompanied to the tower by the Vicar and Mr. Sully. Having admired the bells and their frame and fittings with the eye, they proceeded to test them with the ear, and they came out of the test satisfactorily. After ringing a six score, the bells were set going in MINOR, and the first 720 on the bells was soon an accomplished fact in the presence of the Vicar. After having regaled the inner man at the Vicarage, through the kind hospitality of the Vicar, some more changeringing was indulged in, and the party left for home about 8 p.m. The present ring of six certainly does great credit to the founders and the hanger.

Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire.

THIS church possesses a fine-toned peal of six bells. The first of the bells has no inscription. The second has the following inscription: 'Thos. Whitbee, Minister; R. Younge; G. Marris, 1638.' The third, 'Robert Kirke, Vicar; Thos. Cavill; Robert Rockcliffe; Churchwardens, 1749. Thos. Lester of London. Fecit.' The fourth, 'J. Goodham, W. Harson, Wardens; G. F. Vicarius, Gardiani, 1674. [F. D. Fusor.]' The fifth, 'John Broxsum, Esquire. George Oates, Minister, 1636.' The sixth, 'Thos. Scrivenor, Edw. Glentworth, Wardens, Omnibus sono Placere. E. Sellor Ebor.' and is supposed to weigh 19³/₄ cwt. The fourth bell, which was cast in 1674, when Christopher Fugill was vicar, weighed 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs. It was cracked in the year 1805, and was not repaired until 1882, when it was recast, and the following inscription THIS church possesses a fine-toned peal of six bells. The first of the added: 'Recast 1882. J. E. S., Vicar; R. D. & J. B., Churchwardens. (James Edw. Sampson, Vicar; Robert Dannatt & Joseph Bentley, Churchwardens.)

The following are the present ringers as they stood when the bells were rung, deeply muffled, on the death of the Queen and President McKinley.

H. A. Edwards	 	1	W. Newton	 	4	
W. Crowder	 		J. Parkin	 	5	
J. Barrick	 	3	H. E. Dannatt	 	6	

The Greatest Number of Changes Completed on Eight Bells.

WE beg leave to inform 'A Subscriber for Years' that the longest number was rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London, on April 27th, 1868 (15,840 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR), in 9 hrs. 12 mins.; tenor, 14 ewt.; conducted by Mr. Haley. Although this feat has stood for some time at the head of the list, it now falls into the second place, as at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Yorkshire, eight men rang, on December 21st, 1872, 16,608 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in 9 hrs. 50 mins.; tenor, 14 cwt.; composed by Mr. Day, Birmingham; the first part conducted by Mr. Preston, the second by Mr. Fox. In the last century there is a record, at Leeds, Kent, of 40,320 BOB MAJOR (the whole of the changes on eight bells) being rung: but WE beg leave to inform 'A Subscriber for Years' that the longest

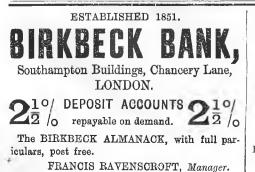
Major (the whole of the charges on eight bells) being rung; but doubts have arisen about it, and the men were relieved by others when tired. The first peal composed by Mr. Day.

Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

THE band of change-ringers now visiting Devon commenced their tour by scoring their first peal at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Heavitree, Exeter. The method selected was DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, the melodious changes of which sounded especially well on these beautiful bells, which are one of the most sweetly toned rings of eight in the county. The striking of the bells from the commencement to the close of the peal was faultless, and reflected great credit on those who took part in it. The ringers were much pleased both with the tone and hanging of the bells, the 'go' of which is perfect. After the peal, the Vicar of Heavitree hospitably entertained the band at the Vicarage, and also arranged a social gathering for them at the Church Institute, so that they might have an opportunity of meeting the ringers of Exeter, many of whom availed them-selves of his kindness. The number of changes rung was 5024, and the time occupied in accomplishing them was 3 hrs. 26 mins. The band was stationed as follows :-

Rev. W. S. Willett	1	E. J. Menday		5
Rev. A. T. Beston	2	Rev. F. E. Robinson	14.	6
C. R. Lilley	3	Rev. G. F. Coleridge		7
G. Williams (conductor)	4	W. W. Gifford		8

Weight of tenor, 26 cwt.; note, E flat. The band, which is organized by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (son of the Rev. F. J. Coleridge, of Cadbury), also visited Northtawton, and were entertained to luncheon by the Rev. F. Kelly, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers. After lunch they proceeded to the Church of St. Peter, and rang Thurstans'



peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. The team was set out as follows :---ev. A. T. Beeston (Heb-

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C. R. Lilley	1	$ \mathbf{R} $
Rev. Maitland Kelley (Lif-		
ton)	2	Re
G. Williams (Brighton)	3	R_{ϵ}
Rev. W. S. Millett (for-		

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	burn)	5	
2	Rev. E. W. Menday	6	
3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (con-		
	ductor)	7	
5	Rev. G. F. Coleridge	8	
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merly of Monkleigh) The bells were successfully handled, and much credit is due to the band. The team expressed themselves please 1 with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AT the church of St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks, on September 21st, a peal of Thurstans' One-part STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 36 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John Evans		11	Ralph H. Biggs 5	5
Thomas H. Taffender			Thomas H. Faulkner 6	5
Frank K. Biggs			John C. Truss	·
Frank Boreham		4	Benjamin Page 8	5
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Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender. This is the first time this com-position has been rung in the county of Bucks. T. Paulkner from Barking, Essex, and Taffender from London and Marlow.

AT St. Lawrence, Waltham Abbey, Essex, on September 28th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins.

J. Petit			1	H. Springhall		 5
S. E. Joyce				W. D. Alps		 6
M. A. Wood			3	S. Haves		 7
E. Wallage			4	E. Hall		 8
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Composed by T. Day, and conducted by J. Pettit.

The Waterloo Society and the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 28th, a peal of STED-MAN CATERS, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins.

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Thomas Langdon *		1	Frederick G. Perriu		6
Thomas H. Taffender		2	Herbert Langdon		7
Herbert P. Harman		3	Thomas Langdon †		8
William Shepherd		4	Arthur R. Jacob		9
William H. Fussell		6	Ernest H. Oxenham		10
Composed by I P Bradla	T OUT	nd in	eted by Thomas Honry	Toffo	ndon

Composed by J. P. Bradley, conducted by Thomas Henry Taffender.

This composition has the 6th in 2nd's place throughout, and 1 2 3 4 5 in consecutive order in 5th's place. It was also rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. William Truss and Miss Annie Joyce, which took place the same day at All Hallows', Great Tower Street, City. [* College Youth. † Cumberland Youth. This is the conductor's first attempt to call a peal on ten bells.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

AT St. Mary's Church, Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on October 13th, a peal of New CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

William Tillett .			1	Isaac G. Shade	16		5
Ernest Pye			2	Lewis W. Wiffen			6
William Keeble	•						7
John R. Sharman				William Pye			8
Composed by Charles	H.	Hatter	sle	y, and conducted b	y V	Villiam	Pye.

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Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on October 28th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary's, Bow, E., on October 28th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on October 29th; at Christ Church, Spitalfields, on October 30th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 1st.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on November 1st.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John the Divine, Kennington, on October 30th.

The St. Margaret's Society : at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on October 31st.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on October 30th. The St. Alphege's Society: at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on November 1st, at 7.30 p.m. All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE ANOIGHL DOUGHY OF CONEGE FOULDS. THE 264th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of WILLIAM T. CockBERIL, Hon. Secretary. 'Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

Devonsnire Guild of Ringers. THE most successful ringing tour ever carried out in the West of England has been brought to a close. Another peal on the Werrington bells was rung and brought round in 3 hrs. 9 mins. The method chosen was DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB, and the same men handled the ropes as in the morning. Mr. G. Williams conducted. After being kindly entertained at tea by the Vicar of Werrington, the party drove to Holsworthy, where they received a hearty welcome from the Rev. T. S. Kendall, vicar of Holsworthy, who, with others in the parish, had generously provided hospitality for the band. The next morning an early start was made for a peal on the musical ring of eight bells at the parish church, and, after some excellent ringing, it was accomplished in generously provided hospitality for the band. The fact moning an early start was made for a peal on the musical ring of eight bells at the parish church, and, after some excellent ringing, it was accomplished in 2 hrs. 45 mins. The method chosen was GRANDSIRE, and the com-position Holt's Ten-part. The band was: The Rev. W. S. Willett, 1; the Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; E. W. Menday, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; G. Williams (condr.), 5; the Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8. Then the band travelled to Stratton, and rang another peal on the bells of the church there. This peal was beautifully struck throughout, and was brought round in 3 hrs. 1 min. The Rev. W. L. Bevan, vicar of Stratton, hospitably entertained the party at tea after their labours. The band stood: G. Williams (condr.), 1; the Rev. M. Kelly, 2; the Rev. W. S. Willett, 3; the Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6: W. W. Gifford, 7; the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8. Method, STEDMAN. The next morning, in the last peal in the programme, the band met with their first reverse, for at Thorverton, after fifty minutes' excellent ringing, the peal broke down. As, however, eight of the nine peals started for were scored, the band are to be heartily congratulated on their week's performance. Some of the visitors had never visited the counties before, and were Some of the visitors had never visited the counties before, and were much struck with the beauty of the scenery through which they passed, and with the hearty reception and kind hospitality which greeted them in every place which they visited.

Dedication of Bells at Southport.

THE tower and bells of Emmanuel Church, Southport, which have been erected by Dr. and Mrs. Strickland in memory of the late Mr. been erected by Dr. and Mrs. Strickland in memory of the late Mr. Hinchcliff Hinchcliffe, J.P., were on Saturday dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. Chavasse). The dedication service was attended by the Mayor of Southport and by the members of the Corporation, and by a representative gathering of clergy and a large congregation. The Bishop was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Denton Thompson), and was attended as chaplain by Archdeacon Eyre, vicar of Sheffield. The Bishop of Carlisle (Dr. Bardsley) was also present, and was attended by the Rev. R. Strickland. During the service Mrs. Strickland inaugurated the chiming of the new bells, after which the Bishop of Liverpool solemnly dedicated the tower and bells with special forms of prayer. He then preached an impressive sermon, pointing out the value of prayer, and drawing a picture of the kneeling

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Stebbing Church Bells.

Stebbing Church Bells. For some time there has been talk of adding a new treble to the present peal of five bells at Stebbing Church. Since the Rev. E. Clapton came to the parish, he has taken a keen interest in the matter, and he called a meeting in the church schoolroom on Wednesday evening to ascertain what could be done. The five bells are sadly out of repair. The weight of the tenor is about 10 cwt. The bells were originally cast by the firm of Mears & Stainbank. In July last a representative of that firm came down, and found that the fourth bell was badly cracked, and that the peal wanted thorough repair. The firm's estimate for adding a new treble, recasting the fourth and second (which is out of tune), and putting the others in good ringing order, is 1771. 2s. At the meeting there was a fair attendance. The Vicar presided, and was supported by Mr. H. Ruffel, his churchwarden. The reverend gentleman spoke on the necessity of having a good peal of bells in their fine old church, and said he thought that, if every one worked, although the sum was large, it might be obtained. Mr. Ruffel moved that those present pledged themselves to do their utmost towards raising the fund. This was seconded by Mr. Clark, and carried unanimously. A committee was then formed, including the Vicar, churchwarden, ringers, and others. Several donations to the fund have already been promised.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association.

AT Romford, on September 15th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. G. Pye, 1; W. Nash, 2; H. Dawkins, 3; G. Roughton, 4; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 5: W. Watson, 6; L. Copsey, 7; A. Sorrell, 8. On September 22nd, 1280 SUPERLATIVE. L. Copsey, 1; W. Pye, 2; G. Pye (conductor), 3; I. Shade, 4: H. Dawkins, 5; W. Keeble, 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8. On October 6th, a quarter-peal of GRANDBIRE TRIPLES. A. J. Perkins (composer 1; W. Nash, 2; G. Roughton, 3; W. Watson, 4; R. Pye (conductor), 5; H. Dawkins, 6; J. Dale, 7; G. Adams (first quarter-peal), 8. Handbell Ringing.—Two courses of TREBLE BOB ROYAL. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; A. J. Perkins, 7-8; W. Keeble, 9-10. Also, 720 BOB MINOR. W. Watson, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6. Also a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. G. Pye, 1-2; W. Watson, 3-4; A. J. Perkins, 5-6; H. Dawkins, 7-8.

AT Hornchurch, on October 13th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. G. R. Pye, 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor, 2; G. Roughton, 3; G. Birch, 4; H. Dawkins, 5; W. Watson, 6; J. Dale, 7; G. Adams, 8. First peal in the method on the bells.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, tonight, November 1st.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Giles', Cripplegate, St. John at Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on November 5th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on November 7th ; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 8th.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on November 11th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John the Divine, Kennington, on November 4th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 6th.

The St. Luke's Society : at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on November 6th.

The St. Alphege's Society: at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on November 8th, at 7.30.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Chester Diocesan Guild.

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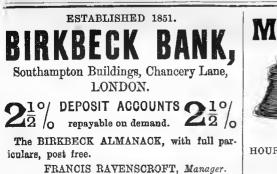
FOR practice on Monday evening, October 21st, at St. George's Church, Stockport, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Foster, 1; W. Gordon, sen., 2; W. Sear, 3; H. Meakin, 4; J. Hankinson, 5; J. W. Bayley, 6; E. Reader (conductor), 7; C. Barber, 8. Also 224 BOB MAJOR. W. Sear, 1; T. Jackson, 2; J. Booth, 3; H. Meakin, 4; J. Hankinson, 5; G. Astbury, 6; J. W. Bayley, 7; E. Reader (conductor), 7. Rung on the back eight. Tenor, 30 cwt. On Tuesday evening, October 22nd, for practice, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 701 GRANDSIRE CATERS. W. Sear, 1; W. Gordon, sen, 2; G. Astbury, 3; T. Sale, 4; J. Barlow, 5; E. Birch, 6; J. A. Gordon, 7; A. S. Gordon, 8; E. Reader, 9; J. W. Bayley, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. Also 252 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Barlow, 1; T. Sale, 2; E. Reader, 3; E. Birch, 4; J. A. Gordon, 5; A. S. Gordon, 6; W. Gordon, sen, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8. These two latter touches were composed and conducted by W. Gordon, sen. Mr. Foster hails from Northwich, Mr. Sear hails from Bletchley, and is a nephew of Mr Reader, conductor of the St. George's Company. The above are the first touches of BOB MAJOR and GRANDSIRE CATERS ever rung by Mr. Sear. ever rung by Mr. Sear.

Norton Church Bells.

THE six bells of Norton Church having been successfully rehung, a special service was held, when the new work was dedicated by the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester, who also preached a sermon from 2 Cor. iii. 18. In the course of a thoughtful address on Christian character, Dr. Forrest alluded to the dedication of the bells. He hoped character, Dr. Forrest and de to the dedication of the bells. The hoped that they would always be able to feel that the bells were calling them, not merely for something they had a pleasure in, not merely to fulfil a duty, but rather that they were calling them to the very highest pleasure of their life—the worship of God in the beauty of holiness. The new work is as follows: The whole interior of the tower was com-pletely cleared. This involved the removal of an old clock, which had long been past both work and repair. Two new floors have been laid; the upper floor rests upon rolled steel joists, bearing English oak timbers. The bell-frame itself is strengthened by cast iron trusses and angle plates, and part of the frame also is of iron, to gain space. The head-stocks are on a new and improved plan, being of cast iron with turned steel gudgeons. All the fittings are new, and the bells have been quarter-turned, so as to clapper in a fresh place. The fifth bell was found to be badly cracked in the crown, and was therefore recast. The work has been executed by Mr. Barwell, of Birmingham. The original estimate was 152/. 10s., to which 21/. had to be added for re-casting the fifth bell, and at least 10/. more will be needed for the mason's and carpenter's work, making a total of 183/. 10s. that they would always be able to feel that the bells were calling them,

Gift of Bells for Bridlington.

MR. W. B. JAMESON, The Avenue, Bridlington, has promised the Rector of Bridlington, Dr. Pride, a peal of eight bells for the church. They are to be put in after the return of the Rector from the Continent, and are to be ready in time for the Coronation rejoicings. This generous gift will complete the grand old Priory.



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DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on October Ell. For afternoon service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE, in 26 mins. W. Fa-shaw, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 72° CANTERBURY PLEASURE, in 26 mins. E. Gartrell 1; the rest as before conducted by T. R. Jackson. On Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, in 25 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Huddleston, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison,3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Saturday, October 26th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, in 25 mins. W. Forshaw, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday. October 27th, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, in 25 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday. October 27th, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, in 25 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, in 25 mins., standing as before; DALTON-IN-FURNESS .- At the Parish Church, on October Fill For 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, in 25 mins., standing as before; conducted by T. Suart.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Thursday evening, October 10th, in honour of the wedding of Miss Maud Robertson, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Divia Robertson of 1 First Avenue, Hove, to Mr. Francis Barchard of Duddleswell, Maresfield, which was solemnised that after-noon at the New Parish Church, Hove. 1260 changes of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung in 45 mins. by W. Markwell, 1; L. Payne, 2; J. Lish, 3; S. Burt, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on Sunday evening, October 20th, for Divine Service, 1008 changes of STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Markwell, 1; L. Payne, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; S. Burt, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

THE BELLS OF ST. SIDWELL'S, ESSEX.—Mr. H. Hems, writing in the Parish Magazine, asks when the beautiful bells of St. Sidwell are going to ring again in the dear old, much ill-used, historical west tower. 'The pride of the city, and beloved by all the parish, their sweet voices have not been heard all the live-long year. For nine wearisome months workmen, more or less diligent—less than more, I fear—have swarmed upon the tower walls, and are still there. Nine months is a long while, long enough to build an ordinary church, but still our brave old tower, in the hands of the despoilers, looks no tower at all.'

BELLS IN EBBW VALE .- There is a movement on foot to take ster: for providing the tower of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, which has be often described as the 'cathedral of the hills,' with a peal of eight belis. Messrs. J. Lewis and J. Light have been elected secretaries of the move-ment. Lord Tredegar has promised to subscribe 20*l*., and the Vicar of Ebbw Vale 10%.

Ebbw Vale 107. NEW CHURCH BELLS AT MAIDSTONE.—Five new bells have been placed in the steeple of St. Paul's, Maidstone. They are from the foundry of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel. The tenor bell, weighing 8 cwts. 0 qrs. 23 lbs., and of 3 ft. diameter, is pitched to A; No. 4 weighing 6 cwt., and of 2 ft. 8 ins. diameter, is pitched to B; No. 3³ weighing 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs., and of 2 ft. 6 ins diameter, is pitched to C sharp; No. 2, weighing 4 cwts. 3 qrs. 25 lbs, and of 2 ft. 5 ins. diameter, is pitched to D; and the treble bell, weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs., and of 2 ft. 3 ins. diameter, is pitched to E. Each bell has a text inscribed upon it. inscribed upon it.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S (BRISTOL) RINGERS.-The Bishop of Bristol has consented to preach the sermon at Sr. Stephen's Church on Charter Day (Sunday, November 17th). The Society's next gift to the church will be windows to the memory of Queen Elizabeth (who granted their charter) and Queen Victoria.

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The Ancient Society o College Youths.

THE 264th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, J. R. Sharman, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or of WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary. 'Fredingham' Elmburst Street Clambam, S.W. ' Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S. W.

Exeter Cathedral Bells.

A western contemporary says that the movement started by the Dean and Chapter for the rehanging of the Cathedral bells received considerable impetus, at the meeting of the Oatheuria being the Church House, Exeter, yesterday week. It was a thoroughly representative meeting, and, the Dean and Chapterhaving done their share in obtaining half of the money required, there ought to be but little difficulty in the city and county doing its share by providing the remainder. The present method of bell-hanging in the Cathedral has become antiquated. The timbers and gear, from constant strain and patching, can no longer be preserved in good ringing order. A thorough reconstruction of the bell core has therefore become importance and it is felt that the only be preserved in good ringing order. A thorough reconstruction of the bell cage has, therefore, become imperative, and it is felt that the only way of effecting this is by rehanging the bells on the most modern principles, on a completely new iron cage. By this means the great physical strain of ringing will be minimised, and the easy swing of the bells will be marked by more regular and musical striking. Experts have been consulted, and estimates obtained from the best firms, and it is found that an outlay of about 12000. will be necessary. Dr. Earle, the Dean of Exeter, has always plenty of anecdotes in stock. At this meeting at Exeter, to further the movement for rehanging the Cathedral bells, he told an amusing story of his campanological experiences, and in the course of his remarks the cover of an inkpot standing on the table in front of the Bishop of Crediton, fell with a ring. Dr. Earle wittily remarked that it reminded him of the ringing of the Bishop of Exeter's bell at the Diocesan Conferences, as a sign for the speaker to stop talking.

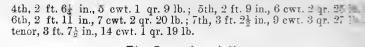
CHANGE-RINGING.

South Wigston.

NEW CHURCH BELLS.—On Saturday eight members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers visited South Wigston to attempt a peal on the new bells at St. Thomas's Church, which, together with the tower, have recently been given by Mr. Thomas Ingram. A s'art was made for the peal, which consisted of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, at 3.45 p.m., and it was successfully accomplished in 2 hrs. 59 mins., the ringing throughout being of striking regularity. Tenor, 143 cwt, key F.

nor, 145 Cwi, hey r	•			
Alfred Millis	100	1	John O. Lancashire	5
George Burrows		2	John Buttery	. 6
Samuel Cotton	44		Arthur R. Aldham	7
George Cleal	44	4	Alfred Martin	., 8
Composed by John	0.	Lancashir	e and conducted by Geor	ge Cleal.

Mr. Aldham hails from Barwell, and the others are Leicester men. The change-ringers were afterwards entertained by the donor. The diameters and weights of the peal, as furnished by the founders, Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, may be of interest. The bells have been tured on Messrs. Taylor's new principle, so that every part is in harmony with the ground tone. Treble, 2 ft. 1 in., 3 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.; 2nd, 2 ft. 2 in., 4 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lb.; 3rd, 2 ft. 4 in., 4 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.;



The Essex Association.

HORNCHURCH.—On Saturday, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, being the first on the bells. I. Dear. 1: W. H. Doran, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; H. Torble, 4: J. Moule, 5; G. Hayden, 6; W. H. Judd, 7; J. Dale, 8. Has the 6th at home throughout. *Handbell Ringing.*—A 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. H. Doran, 1-2; J. Moule, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6: J. Dale, 7-8.

Some Bells Inscriptions.

THE Rev. A. D. Hilton, vicar of St. John's, Uxbridge Moor, writes to us: 'As a regular reader of CHURCH BELLS from its first start, I write to inform you that in your interesting record of Church bells and inscriptions round Uxbridge, you have omitted to mention the solitary Saint's bell at Uxbridge Moor Church, which is of far the most ancient date in this part of Middlesex, and probably in the whole county. It is Moor Church took its name from its bell, a Saint's bell of sweet tone, which, before its removal in 1840 to its present quarters, had already marked time at Flaunden, Herts, for 262 years, and has now seen five centuries. It is thus inscribed :-

+Sancte Johani ora pro nobis. W. K., 1578.

The W. K. shows it to have been cast at William Knight's famous bell-foundry at Reading.

WALTON, BUCKS (Holy Trinity).

Walton is an ecclesiastical parish, formed in 1846 out of Aylesbury parish. The church, erected in 1845, consists of chancel, nave, aisle, west porch, and a western tower containing three bells inscribed as follows:

Treble. Gilbert & Co., Croydon, 1886.

Same as the treble. 2nd.

Tenor.

Gilbert & Co., Croydon, 1886. Fredk. Young, Vicar.

W. Longley, Churchwardens. G. T. Fraine,

NOTE .- G. T. Fraine is incorrect; it should have been inscribed G. T. de Fraine.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKS (St. Mary-the Virgin).

This parish possesses an ancient and interesting church, consisting of chancel, nave, vestry, north and south porches, and an embattled western tower, containing five bells, inscribed as follow .:--

- Treble. Chandler made me, 1700.
- 2nd. No inscription; same shape as treble, and probably cast by the same founder.
- Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum. A coat of arms, probably 3rd. an engraving of a sheaf of corn inside square : and a circular design, about the size of a five-shilling piece, and a name, Mitchell or Nicholls, and a date, not discernible, but sometime in the fifteenth century.
- 4th. NOTE.-A floreated design round upper rim. This bell was made 1608. I+C.

Blessed be the name of the Lorde, 1590. (Old English lettering.) I + C. Tenor.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, tonight, November 15th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John at Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on November 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on November 21st; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 22nd.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on November 25th.

The Waterloo Society at St. John the Divine, Kennington, on November 18th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 20th.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT the Abbey Church of St. Lawrence, Waltham Abbey, Essex, on November 9th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

William J. Rudds	1	Harry F. Dawkins		5
John R. Sharman	2	William Keble	- 44	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	James Parker		7
Ernest Pye	4	William Pye		8
Composed by Henry Dai	ns, and	conducted by William	Pve.	Rung

on the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII. This is W. Pye's fiftieth peal of SUPERLATIVE.

Dedication of the New Church of All Hailows', Easton.

In honour of the dedication the ringers at All Saints' (City) rang a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins, standing as follows :---

F. G. May			1	R. Clark			5
J. Thomas			2	C. Gordon			6
C. Tomkins			3	J. Burford			7
W. Knight			4	G. T. Daltry			8
Composed 1	oy F. G.	May	and	conducted by G	4. T. Da	ltry.	

ROMFORD.-On Sunday evening, October 27th, for Divine service, 1184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. W. Nash, 1; G. R. Pye (conductor), 2; H. Dawkins, 3; A. J. Petkins, 4; G. Roughton, 5; W. Pye, 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8.

ST. MARY'S BELLS, WARWICK.-After a recent organ recital in this burch, the ringers rang the ten bells in the tower for the last time previous to their being taken down this week by men from Messrs. John Taylor & Co., the celebrated bell-founders, of Loughborough. The bells have been removed to the foundry, and, after being thoroughly overhauled, will be rehung in the tower in a frame made on the latest scientific principles.

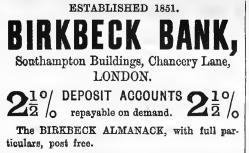
WHEN inserting the Rev. A. D. Hilton's interesting letter in our last issue, on the solitary Saint's bell at Uxbridge Moor Church, we inadvertently omitted to state that the valued contributor of the series of articles on 'Bell Inscriptions' had already mentioned the bell, giving its Inscription, in an article which appeared in our issue of August 23rd. Mr. Hilton, however, says the bell is dated 1578.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

AYLESBURY, BUCKS (St. Mary).

This church, which stands on the western side of the town on an elevated position, is a fine cruciform building. The tower contains a ring of eight bells, which are said to be the finest in the county. There is no ringing chamber, consequently the bells are not rung, as the draught of the ropes from the floor of the church to the belfry is too long to enable the ringers to control the bells. The following are the inscriptions on the bells :-

Sanctus. W J. M. A floreated design around the bell.



FRANCIS RAVENSCROFT, Manager.

Treble.	Pack & Chapman of London, Fecit 1773.
	I mean to make it understood,
	That tho' I'm little yet I'm good.
2nd.	Pack & Chapman of London, Fecit 1773.
*	If you have a judicious ear
	You'll own my voice is sweet and clear.
3rd.	Pack & Chapman of London, Fecit 1773.
	Such wondrous power to Musick's given
	It elevates the soul to Heaven.
4th,	Pack & Chapman of London, Fecit 1773.
	Musick is medicine to the mind.
5th.	C. & G. Mears, founders, London.
	Edward Bickersteth, M.A., Vicar.
	Acton Tindal Church Wardens.
	Alfred Self
	Edward Redhead) Sept. 1, 1854.
	Praise ye the Lord.
	NoteEdward Bickersteth was afterwards appointed
	Dean of Lichfield.
6th.	Pack & Chapman of London, Fecit 1773.
7th.	Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness,
	Be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess.
	Pack & Chapman of London, Fecit 1773.
Tenor.	C. & G. Mears, Founders, London, 1850.
	In wedlock bands all ye who join,
	With hands your hearts unite,
	So shall our turoful tongues combine

So shall our tuneful tongues combine

To laud the nuptial rite.

Tho, Tindal Zachariah Daniel Hunt - Church Wardens.

Moses Lovett

An oak peal-board hangs in the bell-loft with the following inscription :-

Nov. 12th, 1804.

was rung in this steeple a compleat peal of Grandsire Tripples of 5040 changes by the Aylesbury Society in three hours 16 mins. by the following persons :--

Jno. Wheeler, junr.		1	Wm. Bunce	 5
Jno, Tompkins	2.41	2	Jno. Wheeler, senr.	 6
Hord. Jno. Bunce.	44.	3	Wm. Cartwright	 7
Thos. Clark		+	Jacob Murfit	 8

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS (St. Giles).

This church is an ancient building in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, with chancel, nave, and two aisles. The communion rails were the gift of Bishop Hare, dean of St. Paul's, and are said to have come from that Cathedral. Several people of note are buried in this church : Sir Philip de la Vache, a friend of the Black Prince; Francis Hare bishop of Chichester, 1731 to 1740; Admiral Sir Hugh Palliser, bart., died March 19th, 1796.

The bells were rehung in 1889 at a cost of 3981. They are inscribed follows :-

Treble. Lester and Pack of London, fecit 1764; raised by voluntary subscriptions. 2nd.

		\mathbf{R}	and	С,	fecit	1742.	
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	Tho' I am small, I will	
Be heard among you all.	Be heard among you all.	

1764, Lester and Pack of London, fecit.

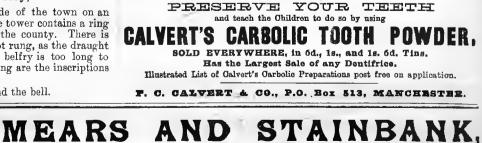
T. Mears, London, 1820. 4th.

3rd.

Decimus Reynolds, Rector, R. Catlin, 1742. 5th.

Tenor. T. Mears of London, fecit 1820.

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Northamptonshire Church Bell-ringers.

RINGERS from Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough, Finedon, Earl's Barton, Desborough, Rushden, Irthlingborough, Ravensthorpe, and Rothwell recently spent an enjoyable time at Burton Latimer, where, by the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Jacques, they had the privilege of ringing the bells of the Church of St. Mary. The Rector was good enough to arrange for tea in the church schoolroom at five o'clock, to which about thirty sat down, including the Rev. W. B. Jacques, the Rev. H. Priestland, and Mr. Bell (churchwarden), of Burton Latimer; Mr. W. Horden, Kettering; Rev. E. C. Channer, Ravensthorpe; and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. J. Dennes), Wellingborough. The business meeting followed. The Rector, in reply to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and the hearty welcome he had given the members, expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them, and gave some particulars of his own experience of ringers and ringing in the north of England. He thought associations such as theirs were very beneficial, as they were the means of bringing clergy, churchwardens, and ringers together for their mutual advantage. With regard to their tower and bells, he feared they would soon have to go to the expense of repointing the spire, and they proposed, as soon as possible, to add another bell to increase the ring to six. The Rector concluded with some kindly words of advice and encouragement. Two new ringing members were elected from Kettering. It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Higham Ferrers, if convenient, on Saturday, February 8th. Mr. Dennes unentioned that he understood that the church bells at Isham were shortly to be rehung and improved by the addition of another bell. He also referred to the illness of their President, the Archdeacon of Oakham, and felt sure that all wished him a speedy recovery. Mr. Ball proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary. Burton Latimer bells are aring of five. They were rehung after the rebuilding of the tower and spire in the year 1864. The trebl

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE autumn meeting of the above Guild was held at Caversham. A peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was started, but after ringing nearly three hours, and when only sixteen changes remained to be rung, the sixth rope broke, and the attempt came to an abrupt conclusion. Subsequently there was full choral evensong in the Church of St. Peter, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. H. Cleaver. After the service came tea in the schoolroom. The Rev. F. E. Robinson (master of the Guild) presided, supported by the Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver, Mr. Pole Routh, and Messrs. W. Newell, F. Hopgood, C. Giles, W. Wilkinse A. W. Pike (assistant hon. secretary), and other representatives from, Sonning, Henley, Reading, Aldermaston, Great Marlow, Goring, Basingstoke, &c. Grace having been said by the Vicar (Rev. O. W. E. Cleaver), a short business meeting was held. Many new members were elected, and, on the preposition of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by W. Wilkins, the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. Paget) was unanimously elected to the post of President of the Guild, thus following in the footsteps of the previous Bishops of Oxford. A most cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the Vicar of Caversham, the organist, choir. and special preacher for the bright and hearty service. In reply, the Vicar said he was glad to welcome the ringers there, and trusted it was not the last time they would pay him a visit. During the evening some capital ringing took place at St. Peter's, Caversham, and St. Mary's, Reading.



CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow, on November 9th, 1901, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tener. $19\frac{3}{2}$ cwt.

Robert Maynard, jur	1	1	William B. Manning		fi
Frederick Rumens		2	James Cullen		7
George Grimwade		3	Charles T. Hopkins		8
Robert J. Maynard			William H. Freeman		9
Frederick C. Perrin		5	Thomas Maynard		10
Composed by J. P.			nd conducted by W.	B. Ma	unning.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of the King

AT St. Margaret's Church, Barking, Essex, on November 12th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR (5038 changes), in 3 hrs. 16 mins-Tenor, 22[‡] cwt.

JI 224 UW D.							
John Moule	44	40	1	William Keble	21.1	14	5
Bertram Prewett			2	John R. Sharman.			6
Isaac G. Shade			3	Ernest Pye	2	21	7
George R. Pye		4.4	4	William Pye			8
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.							

ALSO, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Chipping Barnet, Herts, on November 18th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

	John Armstrong*		1	W. H. L. Buckingham		5	
	Bertram Prewett		2	Ernest Pye.		6	
	Sidney Wade		3	Frank Blondell*		7	
	Ernest E. Huntley	110	4	John R. Sharman		8	
(Composed by Gabriel 1	Lindoff,	an	d conducted by John R.	Shar	nan	۱,

[* First peal of SUPERLATIVE. F. Blondell was formerly a ringer at this church, and this is his sixtieth peal.]

Sussex County Association,

AT Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on November 19th, a peak of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 204 cwt.

W. Billennes	38	1	C. R. Carter	14	1.1	5
S. F. C. Sake	er*	2	S Saker			6
A. E. Barrow	v	., 3	W. Franks			7
F. Lock		4	J. Livermore		- 52	8
<i>n</i> . 11	11. D	TH D	7 7	. 1 7	~	C1 1

Composed by the Rev. E. Banks James, conducted by S. Saker-Rung to commemorate the twenty-third anniversary of the licensing of the church for public worship by the late Bishop of Chichester, and of the Rev. Alfred Hodges' ministry. Messrs. Franks and Carter are members of the Battle Society of Change-ringers, and the remainder of the Blacklands Ringers' Guild. [* First peal.]

AT St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on November 10th, for evening service, 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 45 mins. C. Dempsey, 1; H. Torble, 2: J. Scholes, 3; S. Hayes, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; A. W. Barker (conductor), 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt. in D flat.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.—On November 9th, in honour of the King's Birthday, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, at St. Mary's Church. W. Spalding, 1; J. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Woods, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; A. Williams, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

THE work in connection with the rehanging of Pilton (Devon) bells, a beautiful peal, has been commenced. It is hoped that by the end of the present month the bells will be in full swing, after being idle for six months. About 50% has already been promised towards the work.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society : at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, tonight, November 29th.

night, November 29th. The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John at Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on December 3rd; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on December 5th; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 6th. The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on December 6th

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John the Divine, Kennington, on December 2nd; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 4th. The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 4th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on December 6th.

The St. Alphege's Society: at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on December 6th, at 7.30.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Scciety of College Youths.

ON Tuesday, November 26th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: --Master, Mr. W. H. Pasmore; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill; Treasurer, A. Hughes; Senior Steward, H. Langdon; Junior Steward, E. H. Oxenham; Trustees, Messre, C. F. Winney and W. Prime,

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AT DINNER.—Mr. Francis E. Dawe presided at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, over a notable gathering, that of the College Youths, the oldest bell-ringing Society in the world, on the occasion of their 264th anniversary dinner. The company, from all parts of England, numbered nearly 200. The toast of the evening, 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' was proposed by the Chairman, who specially thanked the Secretary, Mr. Cockerill, for bringing so many new young faces to the art of bell-ringing, and he was further pleased when he saw so many old faces about him.

The St. Stephen's (Bristol) Ringers' Society.

HANDSOME GIFTS TO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

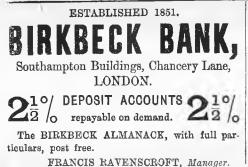
Two new stained-glass windows have been erected in the baptistery of St. Stephen's Church, Bristol. They form a sequel to the decorative scheme carried out for many years by the members of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers for the adornment of St. Stephen's Church since 1873. The windows are of a style typical of that pre-vailing in the fifteenth century. Each window is of four lights of somewhat lengthy proportions, the upper parts being filled with tracery work. The new glazing is of an historical and loyal character, the south window referring to the days of Queen Elizabeth, who granted a south window referring to the days of Queen Elizabeth, who granted a Charter to the St. Stephen's Ringers, and the west window to Queen Victoria, during whose reign the restoration of the church has been taken in hand by the Ringers' Guild. The windows have been designed and executed by the well-known firm of Messrs. Clayton & Bell, of Regent Street, London, under the direction and supervision of Messrs. Walter S. Paul & James, the architects of the St. Stephen's Ringers' Cuild Guild.

Re-dedication of Bells at Winston.

THE service of re-dedication of the church bells was held at Winston, Norfolk, recently. There was a crowded congregation, and all ioined heartily in the interesting and solemn service. Some of the Debenham Choir kindly assisted in the musical portion. After the singing of the second hymn, the Bishop of Norwich and clergy proceeded to the belfry, where the Bishop r-ad the special collects of dedication, at the conclusion of which a peal was rung; the clergy returned to the the conclusion of which a peal was rung; the chergy returned to the chancel, and the Bishop preached a very earnest sermon, appropriate for the occasion. At the close of the service a hearty peal was rung, and good band of ringers, some from neighbouring parishes, for whom a suitable repast was provided at the vicarage. The rehanging of the bells was carried out very efficiently by Messrs. George Day & Son, of Eye, at the cost of 90%, and at the close of the day's proceedings a checked for that amount was handed to Mr. Day. cheque for that amount was handed to Mr. Day.

Yeovil Parish Church Bells.

THE state of the bell-cage at the parish church is giving some anxiety to the ringers, especially in view of a recent accident at Huish Episcopi. A scheme for a new cage and the completion of the peal to eight bells has been in the air for about twenty years, a fund having been started for that purpose by the late Archdeacon Salmon. Owing,



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however, to the accident to the tower a few years ago, which necessitated an expenditure of 900*l*, and other parish schemes, the matter **b** never been seriously taken in hand. The dangerous state of the cage calls for immediate action, and a meeting of the churchwardens and ringers was recently held at the church-house to consider what should be done. After considerable discussion, it was resolved to send a specification of the necessary work to various bell-founders, and to await their reply before coming to a decision.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Essex County Association,

ROMFORD.—At St. Edwards, on November 10th, a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1280 changes. W. Nash, 1; R. Pye (con-ductor), 2; H. Dawkins, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; G. Roughton (first quarter-peal in the method), 5; W. Pye, 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8. No-vember 17th, 720 BOB MINOR. A. Joslin, 1; G. Roughton, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; H. Joslin, 4; H. Dawkins, 5; W. Watson (conductor), 6. November 24th, a quarter-peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. G. Roughton, 1; W. Watson, 2; R. Pye (conductor), 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; H. Dawkins, 5; W. Keeble, 6; W. Pye, 7; E. Pye, 8. DALTONIN-EURNESS.—At the Parish Church on November 14th

H. Dawkins, 5; W. Keeble, 6; W. Pye, 7; E. Pye, 8.
DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on November 14th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 14 singles and 4 bobs, in 26 mins.
A. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of MINOR for A. Jackson, who is sixteen years old. On Sunday, November 17th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 33 bobs and 18 singles, in 26 mins. E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2: W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 42 singles, in 24 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

CHANGE-RINGING AT CLARE (SUFFOLK) .- Through the kindness of the Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, the Poslingford company of ringers met at the Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, the Poslingford company of ringers met at the parish church and rang a 720 of BOB MINOR upon the back six, tenor 28 cwt., standing as follows: H. Curtis, 1; O. Evans, 2; D. Gridley, 3; C. Howe, 4; A. Richardson, 5; W. Atkinson (conductor), 6. As the company are accustomed to ring upon a light peal of five bells, the above was a creditable performance. After the usual tower-bell practice at Poslingford, a 336 of BOB MAJOR was rung upon hand-bells by A. Hicks, 1; O. Evans, 2; G. Moore, 3; A. Richardson, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; C. Howe, 6; D. Gridley (conductor), 7–8; being the longest length in the method by the ringers of the first three bells.

PRITTLEWELL (ESSEX) CHURCH BELLS .- The Vicar, the Rev. T. O. Reay, has made an appeal on behalf of a fund to provide new frames and wheels for the bells of the ancient church of this parish. The cost will be 2381. The bells have been rung at the coronation of the last sixteen sovereigns of England, in addition to other events of historic interest. The Mayor of Southend has interested himself in the Vicar's appeal.

AT Allesley Parish Church the work of rehanging the peal of bells in the upper chamber of the belfry has been going on during the last week or two. The peal numbered five well-toned bells. The third of the series has, by the generosity of Mrs. Brae, been recast, and a new tenor bell has been added, being the gift of Mrs. Luncaster. The old framework and machinery have been taken away, and the renovated peal is supported by an arrangement of steel girders and new hangings. The work is being carried out by John Taylor & Co., the Loughborough hell-casters bell-casters.

ALL SAINTS' (SHEFFIELD) CHURCH BELL - RINGERS .- The All Saints' Society of Change-ringers held a social gathering in honour of the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the bells. The Rev. C. F. Knight, M.A., presided.

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