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## WINTER I

INTER,—yes, Winter is coming on apace. To the true change-ringer it is a season of healthy belfry exercise—one affording many happy evenings in the company of brother ringers, in the practice of our favourite art. The unfavourable condition of the weather for out-door pastime and the swiftly declining evenings during the past month gives a zest to the Churchman who regularly attends the weekly practices of his company, in a comfortable ringing room, upon a well-hung peal of six or more, as the case may be. The cessation, more or less, of practices and peals in the summer months should awaken a further desire to do better than ever in the winter before us. We can foresee that many conductors whose misfortunes of last season will tend to their trying again—let us hope with success. In imagination, we can hear one aver that "that peal of Bob Major, lost through omitting a W in the last part, must be again arranged; that peal of Stedman Triples (not Brooks') will have to be ventured upon once more, *this* time omitting the 7-8 in the sixteenth part; or a team made up to attempt a first peal on the bells somewhere, if the hemp holds out." We are also prepared to have the pleasure of recording in our columns the names of several change-ringers that have prominently appeared of late, as a "peal-man" or "conductor" for the first time, and who have already shewn their respective abilities to become one.

There is our little colt to be pulled through his first peal of Grandsire on the treble, and from the lowest to the highest attainments of change-ringing there will be ample work to be

done in the majority of our half-pull towers during the three months between now and Christmas, without taking into consideration that the vacancies of good men will have to be filled up in many companies, where even now the material for the purpose is backward and raw.

So far our remarks have applied only to those difficulties and misfortunes which usually affect peal ringing, and we have purposely made them at this early opportunity in order that the various companies throughout the country may be respectfully reminded of one important fact affecting their constitution, viz.: the tuition of young members. Of what avail is all the study and knowledge of seven Surprise men without the eighth? there are several advanced parochial Societies we could name in Surrey, Sussex, Bucks., Yorks., and Worcestershire, who are so situated at the present time.

It must be remembered that the bells are for the use of the church, they must be decently and regularly rung—if only in rounds, so far as the congregation is aware—for the church services, and if the full number of bells in the tower are not used, then a certain amount of blame or reproach is due to each member of that tower who fails to assist to his utmost in providing and instructing at least two or more probationers. We were all beginners once, and in our advancement we must bring on the backward hands; as churchmen, we must secure a full and competent company for such parish, our own or our neighbours, as may need one, before aiming at higher attainments, and if we at once set about our duty in a kind and encouraging manner, many a round ringer will have scored his first peal; many a young bob caller, have called his first, before the close of the year, and our present suggestions will have had the support and effect it is our wish to receive from and give to the exercise at large.

## THE RECORD PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE AT DRAYTON.

We heartily congratulate Mr. James W. Washbrook and the band who took part in the long peal of London Surprise at Drayton. Such a length in this intricate method may, we think, be pronounced the greatest performance ever achieved in the annals of change-ringing.

At the same time we are of opinion, and believe the great majority of our readers are with us, that the time and place should have been duly advertised, in order to give brother ringers an opportunity, if they so desired, to listen to the peal.

# CHANGE RINGING PERFORMANCES.

## Caters.

### 28 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

On Thursday, September 24th, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANGES,

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. .. Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 6
GEORGE MOY .. .. 2	ALBERT ROUGHT .. .. 7
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. .. 3	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS .. .. 8
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. 4	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. .. 9
WILLIAM ROUGHT .. .. 5	CHARLES E. BORRETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE

This peal was arranged for Mr. Harrison, of Newcastle, and is his first in the method.

### 29 SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 26th, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES,

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HALL .. .. Treble	HENRY DAWKES .. .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT .. .. 2	GEORGE BURROWS* .. .. 7
HENRY A. HALL .. .. 3	AARON GRIFFITHS.. .. 8
BENJAMIN DALTON .. .. 4	JAMES E. GROVES.. .. 9
WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 5	FARRINGTON, JONES .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal of Caters. B. Dalton hails from Tottenhall, W. Smith from Darlaston, the rest belong to the local band.

### 30 ALL SAINTS', FULHAM ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26th, 1896, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS', FULHAM,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES,

Tenor 21 cwt.

A. OUGH .. .. Treble	W. T. ELSON .. .. 6
J. GREEN .. .. 2	J. W. DRIVER .. .. 7
G. R. FARDON* .. .. 3	J. NICHOLLS .. .. 8
W. E. GARRARD.. .. 4	E. H. ADAMS.. .. 9
H. ADAMS .. .. 5	S. HOW .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

\*First peal. This peal was rung to commemorate the long reign of Her Majesty The Queen.

## Major.

### 31 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. DRAYTON, BERKS.

On Thursday, September 17th, 1896, in Six Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 11,328 CHANGES,

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. .. Treble	EDWIN HIMS .. .. 5
FREDERICK EXON .. .. 2	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 6
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. 3	REV. F. E. ROBINSON.. .. 7
CHARLES EXON .. .. 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK.. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

This is the longest length composed and rung in this method.

### 32 NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, EYE, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, September 21st, 1896, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF S.S. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES,

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

F. DAY .. .. Treble	A. MARKWELL .. .. 5
G. MURTON .. .. 2	G. FORD .. .. 6
E. BROOME .. .. 3	J. NOLLER .. .. 7
H. SHARP .. .. 4	C. PALMER.. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield and Conducted by F. DAY.

Messrs. Markwell and Sharp are from Wilburton, Isle of Ely.

### 33 BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

ROBERT J. HUGHES* .. .. Treble	DAVID DAVIES* .. .. 5
REV. T. LEWIS JONES* .. .. 2	JOSEPH GAYTON .. .. 6
SAMUEL TAYLOR .. .. 3	MORRIS J. MORRIS .. .. 7
FRED W. TAYLOR .. .. 4	PHILIP W. DAVIES .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

\*First peal of Major. First peal of Major rung in the Diocese of Bangor. David Davies hails from Oswestry, the rest are of the local band.

### 34 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT, SOCIETY, TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK.

On Sunday, September 27th, 1896, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. KNIGHT .. .. Treble	JOHN MOY .. .. 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 2	JOSEPH GOWER .. .. 6
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. .. 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. .. 7
ALBERT ROUGHT .. .. 4	FREDERICK J. HARRISON .. .. Tenor

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, and Conducted by

FREDERICK J. HARRISON.

Messrs. Moy and Rought hail from Aylsham; Harrison from Jarow, the remainder, with the exception of Mr. Gower (the Steeple-keeper), from Norwich.

## Triplex.

### 35 BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

On Saturday, September 19th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

ROBERT J. HUGHES.. .. Treble	FRED. W. TAYLOR .. .. 5
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. .. 2	PHILIP D. DAVIES† .. .. 6
JOHN COLE* .. .. 3	JOSEPH GAYTON .. .. 7
SAMUEL TAYLOR .. .. 4	WILLIAM CRANE .. .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP W. DAVIES.

\*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to J. Cole who hails from Llandudno.

### 36 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERRY BRANCH).

DERBY.

On Monday, September 21st, 1896, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

AT THE HOUSE OF ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HOLT'S TEN PART.

GEORGE THOMPSON .. .. 1-2	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. 5-6
WALTER WALLIS .. .. 3-4	JOHN WM. THOMPSON .. .. 7-8

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.

Referees; ALBERT E. THOMPSON and JOHN A. THOMPSON.

### 37 SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Monday, September 21st, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

FARRINGTON JONES † .. .. Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT.. .. 5
WILLIAM G. HALL † .. .. 2	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. 6
HENRY A. HALL .. .. 3	AARON GRIFFITHS.. .. 7
EDWARD NICHOLLS .. .. 4	ISAAC PURSER* .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

\*First peal. †First peal away from Tenor. ‡First peal with a bob bell. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.



### 38. THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD. HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

On Monday, September 21st, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

HENRY G. ROWE .. .. .	Treble	ALBERT T. DAMPIER† .. ..	5
REV. H. G. BIRD .. .. .	2	WILLIAM ODELL† .. ..	6
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. .. .	3	REUBEN FLAXMAN .. ..	7
HENRY S. REEVES .. .. .	4	JOHN PEDDLE† .. ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH J. PARKER.

+ First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This is Mr. H. G. Rowe's 50th peal as follows—Grandsire Triples 35, Bob Triples 6, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Major 4, Canterbury Major 1, on six bells 2, conducted 19.

### 39. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, September 22nd, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM JOHN ALLISS .. ..	Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES .. ..	5
JOHN SMART .. .. .	2	GEORGE GATLAND .. ..	6
HENRY STRINGER .. .. .	3	CHARLES TYLER .. ..	7
GEORGE PAYNE .. .. .	4	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

### 40. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. TILEHURST, BERKS.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS ALICE WHITE .. .. .	Treble	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. ..	5
JOHN TUCKER .. .. .	2	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. ..	6
JOHNSON E. HURN .. .. .	3	HARRY GOODGER .. ..	7
FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. .	4	RICHARD HAINES .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Miss White was elected a Member of the Guild previous to starting.

### 41. BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS',

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

TAYLOR'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

FRANK WINSOR .. .. .	Treble	JAMES HARVEY .. ..	5
CHARLES H. HORTON .. ..	2	ALBERT WATERS .. ..	6
HERBERT CHARD .. .. .	3	JOHN WINSOR .. ..	7
JOHN BISHOP .. .. .	4	CHARLES WINSTONE .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WATERS.

Rung in commemoration of Her Majesty Queen Victoria having reigned longer than any other Monarch on the British Throne. After the peal was rung, Queens and Firing were kept going for some time. F. Winsor, age 15, first peal; also H. Chards, first inside. C. H. Horton Hails from St. Stephen's, Bristol; A. Waters from Barrow Gurney, rest are local men.

### 42. THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. TONBRIDGE, KENT.

On Wednesday, September 23rd 1896, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF S. PETER AND S. PAUL.

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN CHIVERS* .. .. .	Treble	WILLIAM STEED .. ..	5
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. ..	2	GEORGE A. CARD .. ..	6
G. H. STONESTREET .. ..	3	THOMAS CARD .. ..	7
B. WADMORE* .. .. .	4	JOSEPH SMITH* .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

\* First peal. A note to this peal will be found elsewhere.

### 43. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

On Sunday, September 27th, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. ..	Treble	RICHARD STAINES .. ..	5
GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. ..	2	CHARLES MILLWAY .. ..	6
STANLEY HUTSON .. .. .	3	WILLIAM TASSELL .. ..	7
GEORGE H. KITE .. .. .	4	WILLIAM WALKER .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

G. Willshire belongs to the Quex Park Band of Change-ringers; the others hail from Borden, Kent. P. G. Powell, Esq., owner of the estate, and others heard the peal, and congratulated the ringers on the excellent striking.

## Minor.

### 44. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (AIREDALE BRANCH). KILDWICK.

On Friday, September 18th, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A Peal of 5040 Changes of Minor, in seven different methods, being 720 each of the following:

Kent, Violet, Duke of York, Oxford, Woodbine, New London, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BROWN .. ..	Treble	CHARLES LAW .. ..	4
SETH TILLOTSON .. .. .	2	CLARENCE HOLMES .. ..	5
JOHN BODDY .. .. .	3	JOHN HILL .. ..	Tenor

First six Conducted by JOHN BODDY; and the last by JOHN HILL.

### 45. WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. ARLEY CASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 19th, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes;

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### 5040 Changes, in Seven different methods, upon Six Bells, being 720 each of the following:

College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR SPITTLE .. .. .	Treble	SAMUEL SPITTLE .. ..	4
WILLIAM J. SMITH .. .. .	2	EDWARD HAMPTON .. ..	5
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. ..	3	JOHN SMITH .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

### 46. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (PRESTON BRANCH), CHIPPING, LANCASHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, 1896, in Three Hours One Minute-and-a-Half.

AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,

#### A Peal of 5040 changes of Minor in seven different methods, being 720 each of the following:—

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

RICHARD KENYON .. .. .	Treble	EDWIN TIMBRELL .. ..	4
WILLIAM TIMBRELL .. ..	2	THOMAS SEED .. ..	5
JOHN T. KENYON .. .. .	3	FREDERICK TIMBRELL .. ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN TIMBRELL.

## Miscellaneous Reports.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. TAUNTON (Somersetshire).

On August 9th, at the Church of St. James' 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Doble, 1; H. Pearce, 2; H. Poole (conductor), 3; E. Burgess, 4; J. Maddock, 5; G. Yandell, 6.

On September 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 minutes. F. Millard, 1; H. Poole, 2; H. Pearce, 3; E. Burgess, 4; G. Yandell, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 minutes. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; A. Doble, 2; G. Yandell, 3; E. Burgess, 4; H. Poole, 5; W. Thorn (first 720 of Oxford), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 minutes. W. Gillard (first 720), 1; A. Doble, 2; H. Poole (conductor), 3; F. Millard, 4; G. Yandell, 5; W. Thorn, 6.

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

## UPPER CLAPTON (Middlesex).

On Saturday evening, September 19th, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 40 minutes. W. Burkin (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; F. Rumens, 4; Albert Coles, 5; G. J. Smith, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; Arthur Coles, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## GREENWICH (Kent).

On Sunday September 27th, at St. Alfege Church, for evening service, 524 Grandsire Triples. J. J. Lamb, 1; H. W. Grout (Chiswick), 2; J. G. Shade, 3; W. Foreman, 4; E. E. Richards, 5; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 6; H. Hoskins, 7; W. Berry, 8.

## LEWISHAM (Kent).

On Sunday evening, September 20th, for divine service, 464 Bob Major. A. Bedwell, 1; G. Daynes, 2; T. Deal, 3; H. Skelt, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. Warnett (conductor), 8.

On Sunday, September 27th, for evening service, 464 Bob Major. C. Bedwell, 1; A. Bedwell, 2; G. Daynes, 3; T. Deal, 4; T. Chandler, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Barrett, 7; H. Warnett (conductor), 8.

## PENGE.

On Saturday, September 5th, at St. John's Church, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Knott with Miss Lovell, two 720's Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; H. Edwards, 2; J. Town, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6.

On September 24th, 720 Bob Minor and 360 Canterbury Minor. G. Conn, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; J. Town, 3; J. Marshall, 4; W. J. Battson, 5; G. Wickens (conductor), 6.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## LIVERPOOL (Lancashire).

On Wednesday, September 16th, at St. Peter's Church, 504 of Grandsire Triples. R. S. Mann, 1; J. Moore, 2; C. E. Wilson, 3; T. Hammond, 4; G. E. Fisher, 5; H. Coley, 6; J. Martin (conductor), 7; C. Hallwood, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## LEICESTER.

*Handbell Ringing*—At the house of Mr. Willson, 1200 Grandsire Triples. W. Willson, 1-2; T. W. Chapman, 3-4; G. Cleall, 5-6; J. Buttery, 7-8.

## LUTTERWORTH (Leicestershire).

On Thursday, September 10th, eight members of the Nuneaton Society attempted a peal of Bob Major, at the Parish Church, which came to grief after 2 hours and 15 minutes' ringing. W. Johnstone, 1; W. Stone, 2; J. Clarke, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Willson (Leicester), 5; W. Devey, 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 8.

## NUNEATON (Warwickshire).

On Sunday, September 20th, for evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Johnson, 1; H. Argyle, 2; W. Devey, 3; W. Stone, 4; J. Clarke, 5; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 6.

## CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## HIGHAM FERRERS (Northampton).

On Tuesday, September 8th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; G. Warner, 3; J. Garrett, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. Houghton (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. And 608 Bob Major. A. Everitt, 1; G. Warner, 2; J. B. Martin, 3; J. Garrett, 4; G. Brown, 5; J. Houghton, 6; W. Parker, 7; A. H. Martin (conductor), 8. And 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Garrett (conductor), 1; J. B. Martin, 2; G. Brown, 3; G. Warner, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; W. Parker, 6; J. Houghton, 7; A. Everitt, 8. Also 384 Bob Major conducted by J. B. Martin. An attempt was also made by the same company for a peal of Bob Major, but came to grief after ringing 2000 changes by visitors knocking at the doors; J. Houghton (conductor).

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## LEISTON (Suffolk).

On Sunday morning, September 27th, for Divine Service at St. Margaret's Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Major. A. J. Lincoln (Conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; T. J. Staulkey, 3; E. Wigg, 4; E. Bailey, 5; J. M. Button, 6; C. Samson, 7; G. Wilson, 8. And after service, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Wilson, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; E. Wigg, 4; C. Samson, 5; J. M. Button, 6; T. J. Staulkey, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8. Weight of Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

## PULHAM (Norfolk).

On Sunday, September 20th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Borrett (conductor), 1; C. Baker, 2; F. Roope, 3; D. Ruth, 4; J. Allen, 5; W. Roope, 6.

And for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Borrett (conductor), 1; F. Surridge, 2; F. Roope, 3; D. Ruth, 4; C. Baker, 5; W. Roope, 6.

## REDENHALL (Norfolk).

On Sunday, September 20th, before afternoon service, a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; R. Whiting, 3; F. Borrett, 4; E. Poppy, 5; J. Tann, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8. And after service, 448 Superlative Surprise Major by the same band, and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Betts, 2; R. Whiting, 3; J. Tann, 4; F. Borrett, 5; H. Fairhead, 6; F. Smith, 7; J. Souter, 8.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## CRAWLEY (Sussex).

On Wednesday, September 23rd, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 504 Grandsire Triples. B. Paine, 1; J. Rice, 2; G. Attfield, 3; J. Lewnam, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. W. Rice (conductor), 7; F. Merritt, 8. Also 504 in the same method, conducted by J. Rice, standing as above with the exception of R. Jordan and G. Paice changing places. The above was rang in honour of Her Majesty the Queen having reigned longer than any other British Sovereign.

## CAVENDISH (Suffolk).

On Sunday, September 20th, on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving, 720 Bob Minor. W. Underwood (first 720 as conductor), 1; F. Inch, 2; W. Purdy, 3; H. Evans, 4; H. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. Inch hails from Foxearth, the rest are members of the Cavendish company.

## GREENSTEAD GREEN (near Halstead, Essex).

On Sunday evening, September 20th, at St. James' Church for Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 720 of New London and 360 Kent Treble Bob. S. Burst, 1; E. Ridgewell, 2; W. Burst, 3; G. Arnold, 5; H. Wiffen (conductor), 5; W. Root, 6.

## HALSTEAD (ESSEX).

On Sunday afternoon, September 20th, at St. Andrews Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Ward, 1; E. Ridgewell, 2; G. Arnold, 3; W. Root, 4; W. Burst, 5; H. Wiffen (conductor), 6.

## HORSMONDEN (Kent).

On Wednesday, September 23rd, at the Parish Church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 29 minutes. G. Good, 1; E. C. Lambert, 2; F. Butcher, 3; G. Hodge, 4; J. Beach, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. Rung in honour of Her Majesty Queen Victoria having reigned longer than any other English monarch.

## NORTH SHIELDS.

On Sunday, September 6th, for divine service, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, 18 singles 3 bobs. N. Brand, 1; J. Browell, 2; A. Tully, 3; C. Waugh, 4; J. E. Keen, 5; G. Dix (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, September 13th, 840 Bob Triples. N. Brand, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. Browell, 3; W. Lancaster, 4; C. Waugh, 5; J. E. Keen, 6; G. Dix (conductor), 7; A. Tully, 8. Also 504 standing as above.

## LLANDEGAI (North Wales).

On Monday, September 14th, 720 Bob Minor. John M. Rowlands, 1; Samuel Taylor, 2; F. W. Taylor, 3; B. Broadbent, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; M. J. Morris (conductor), 6. B. Broadbent hails from Ashton-under-Lyne, the rest from Bagnor. These bells sadly require thoroughly overhauling by a practical bellhanger. The above was considered well struck under the circumstances, and is the first 720 on the bells.

## MELFORD (Suffolk).

On Monday, September 21st, at Holy Trinity Church, a touch of Bob Major. J. Cadge, 1; E. Ambrose, 2; C. Bixby, 3; A. Ambrose, 4; H. Duce, 5; S. Ford, 6; F. Connell, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. Also three courses of Bob Triples. J. Cadge, 1; E. Ambrose, 2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3; A. Ambrose, 4; H. Duce, 5; S. Ford, 6; C. Bixby, 7; H. S. Richold, 8. This is the first touch of Bob Triples by all except the conductor.

## MITCHAM (Surrey).

On Sunday, September 27th, at the Parish Church, the following rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, before and after Divine Service in the morning. R. Sewell, J. Derwitt, G. Foster, W. Short, A. Calver, J. Fayers, J. Currell, G. Welling, W. S. Smith, and F. M. Butler. For Divine Service in the evening 11 courses of Stedman Triples. R. Sewell, 1; J. Derwitt, 2; J. A. Lambert, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; A. Calver, 5; F. M. Butler, 6; G. Welling (conductor), 7; J. Fayers, 8; and after the service 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Foster, 1; J. Derwitt (conductor), 2; R. Sewell, 3; J. A. Lambert, 4; J. Fayers, 5; A. Calver, 6; F. M. Butler, 7; G. Welling, 8. The above were rung on the occasion of Harvest Festival Services, and also to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's long reign.

## Bell Archaeology.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,  
CITY OF LONDON.

**B**OW bells have ever been notorious from the supposition that, to be a true 'Cockney,' one must have been born within their sound. Their history shortly is as follows:—

In very early times a citizen, named John Downe, left two tenements in Hosier Lane (now Bow Lane) for the maintenance of the great bell. Stow, in his *Survey of London*, after mentioning the names of several donors to the expenses of erecting the old tower, says: 'The said work of the steeple was finished in the year 1512. The arches or bowes thereupon, with the lanthorns, five in number, to wit, one at each corner, and one on the top in the middle upon the arches, were also afterwards finished of stone, brought from Caen in Normandy, delivered at the Customer's key for 4s. 8d. the ton; William Copland, tailor, the king's merchant, and Andrew Fuller, mercer, being churchwardens, 1515 and 1516.' He then goes on to say: 'It is said that this Copland gave the great bell, which made the fifth in the ring, to be rung nightly at nine of the clock. This bell was first rung as a knell at the burial of the same Copland.' From this it appears that the peal consisted of five bells at that time. Lights were also ordered to be exhibited in the lanthorns at the top of the steeple to direct travellers to the metropolis about this period.

Both bells and steeple were destroyed in the great fire of 1666. The steeple was afterwards rebuilt by Wren, and part of £400 paid to the church by the city for the site of All Hallows, Soper Lane, which was not rebuilt after the fire, was appropriated to a set of bells. Dame Dyonis Wilkinson also gave £2000 towards beautifying the steeple, which was then prepared for twelve bells, but only eight were hung there. In 1738, the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Phelps; and in 1758 it was decided to recast the other seven bells, and to add two trebles to make a peal of ten. This was done, and the new peal of ten was rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762, being King George's birthday. The peal was not increased to twelve until 1881.

The following are the inscriptions on the present peal of twelve:—

(Treble.) 'CAST AND HUNG BY MEARS & STAINBANK. OCTR. 1881. MARSHALL H. VINE, RECTOR.

JAMES HUGHES,	}	CHURCHWARDENS.
WILLIAM TEGG,		
C. H. BOWDEN,		
F. T. TYARS,		
JONATHAN CROCKER,		

(Second.) 'CAST AND HUNG BY MEARS & STAINBANK. OCTR. 1881. MARSHALL H. VINE, RECTOR.

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JONATHAN CROCKER,		

(Third.) [Monogram] 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. WM. GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CH: WARDENS.'

(Fourth.) [Two bells] 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. WM. GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CH: WARDENS.'

(Fifth.) [Star ornament] 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. WM. GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CH: WARDENS.' [Three coins 1 in. diam.]

(Sixth.) [One bell] 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. WM. GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CH: WARDENS.'

(Seventh.) [Two bells] 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. WM. GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CH: WARDENS.' [Two coins 1½ in. diam., two coins 1¼ in. diam.]

(Eighth.) 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. WM. GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CH: WARDENS.' [Two coins of Charles II. 1½ in. diam., two coins 1¼ in. diam.]

(Ninth.) [Ten bells] 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. WM. GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CH: WARDENS.' [Three coins 1½ in. diam., two coins 2 in. diam. Chain ornament.]

(Tenth.) [Star ornament. Medallion with two heads.] 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. RT. REV. DR. THOS. NEWTON, RECTOR, WM. GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CHURCH WARDENS OF BOW, THOS. & JNO. STEVENSON CH: WARDENS OF ST. PANCRAS.'

(Eleventh.) 'LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. WILLIAM GIBSON & JAS. PIERREPONT CH: WARDENS OF BOW.' [Six coins 1½ in. diam., two coins 1¼ in. diam. A crown.] 'SAMUEL BLACKWELL, ESQ. GAVE L50-0-0.' [Arms of Blackwell.]

(Tenor.) 'SAMUEL LISLE, D.D., RECTOR, ROBERT GREEN, WM. CANNELL, THOS. PARIS, INO. WALDRON, INO. RAINFORD, CHURCH WARDENS. BOW BELL 1699. RECAST 1738. RICHARD PHELPS & THOS. LESTER LONDINI FECIT. 53 CWT. 0 QRS. 22 LBS. C.' [This last is incised in the bell.] [Seven fleurs-de-lis. Ten coins of various sizes from ¾ in. to 1½ in. diam.]

The weights of the bells are as follows:—Treble, 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.; Second, 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.; Third, 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.; Fourth, 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 2 lbs.; Fifth, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.; Sixth, 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lbs.; Seventh, 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.; Eighth, 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.; Ninth, 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.; Tenth, 24 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.; Eleventh, 34 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.; Tenor, 53 cwt. 0 qrs. 22 lbs.; diam., 5 ft. 6½ in.; note C.

There are tablets in the belfry recording the following peals:  
Jan. 3, 1803, 5200 TREBLE BOB ROYAL  
by the Cumberland Youths.

Mar. 8, 1808, 5049 STEDMAN CATERS	"	"
Mar. 28, 1837, 5200 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL	"	"
Mar. 17, 1840, 5079 STEDMAN CATERS	"	"
Dec. 19, 1863, 5081 STEDMAN CATERS by the College Youths.		

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Crewe branch of the above guild held a ringing meeting at Sandbach, on Saturday, September 19th. At half-past four the usual meeting was held in the school-room, the president, the Rev. G. J. Howson, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, presided. The towers represented being Sandbach, Alsager, Crew, Kidsgrove and Lawton, 26 members being present, after reading and passing the minutes of the previous meeting, the following gentlemen were elected Hon. members, the Rev. W. O. M. Hughes, Rector of Tarporley, and the Rev. J. R. Armistead, Vicar of Sandbach, also Mr. George Mason of Sandbach, as a ringing member. A vote of condolence was moved by the Rev. G. J. Howson, and seconded by J. Stringer, Esq., sympathizing with the relatives and friends in their bereavement, through the death of the late Mr. F. R. T. Bolton of West Kirby, and secretary of the Wirral Branch of the above Guild. After the meeting the members present sat down to a splendid tea in the school-room, kindly provided by J. Stringer, Esq., and the Sandbach ringers, and which all thoroughly enjoyed, after a hearty vote of thanks to J. Stringer, Esq., and the Sandbach ringers for the kind and hearty reception they had given the visitors that day, and also a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. Johnson, and the ladies present for kindly making tea for them. The ringers then adjourned to the tower and ringing was kept up until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, and the ringers wended their various ways home, all having spent a very enjoyable afternoon with their Sandbach friends. Among various touches rung during the afternoon were a 504 Grandsire Triples by A. Harding, 1; R. Langford, 2; J. Davies, 3; P. Mason, 4; G. Harding, 5; T. Johnson, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; James Edwards, 8; also another 504 of Grandsire Triples, J. Mason, 1; T. Cartwright, 2; A. Archer, 3; W. Cartwright, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Baddiley, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; R. Langford, 8; also 350, James Edwards, 1; J. T. Elshy, 2; J. Davies, 3; W. Cartwright, 4; A. Harding, 5; Geo. Baddiley (conductor), 6; R. T. Holding, 7; J. Spooner, 8; also two courses of Bob Major, J. Mason, 1; T. Cartwright, 2; A. Archer, 3; R. Langford, 4; Hy. Dean, 5; W. Cartwright, 6; G. Baddiley, 7; R. T. Holding, 8; also several touches of Treble Bob Minor by mixed bands.

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS: ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

**B**IRMINGHAM Parish Church, St. Martin's, better known to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood as "The Old Church," is situated in the centre of the Bull Ring, and although a very noble and interesting structure, is somewhat dwarfed by being placed in a hole, whence the newer portions of the City rise on every side.

It was probably built in the latter part of the thirteenth century, by one of the ancient lords of Birmingham, whose castle formerly stood close by, giving names to the two existing thoroughfares of Moat Lane and Moat Row.

As originally designed, it probably bore very much its present general appearance, but received a *Restoration* (?) towards the latter part of the seventeenth century, which, doubtless, brought it more into harmony with the debased architecture of that period. The whole edifice, including the tower, was cased with brick, the windows were made plain and round headed, and the parapet balustraded; while other alterations conceived in the same spirit were made from time to time during the eighteenth century, producing an effect familiar, but none the less horrifying, to some of the present older inhabitants.

In 1853 was started a restoration of the tower and spire to its present condition, from the designs of Mr. Philip Hardwick, the top stone of the spire being fixed on the occasion of the visit of the Prince Consort, November 22nd, 1855.

The incongruity of the style of the main building so forcibly contrasted by the elegant tower and spire must have appealed so strongly to the inhabitants, that in 1873 we find all classes of the community, even Dissenters and Roman Catholics, uniting in raising the necessary funds—somewhere about £32,000—to place it in its present condition. This was done under the direction of that celebrated architect, Mr. J. A. Chatwin.

The style is Early Decorated, the exterior walls being of Grimshill and Derbyshire stone, while the interior is faced with the warmer tinted Codsall stone. The Church now consists of a chancel with aisles, clerestoried nave, aisles, transepts, and a tower at the West end of the North aisle. The tower is 72 feet 6 inches high, with open trefoiled parapet, double buttresses at the angles, crocketed pinnacles, and an octagonal spire rising 127 feet 6 inches above the tower. At the west end of the South aisle there is a vaulted crypt 16 feet by 15 feet, and a chamber beneath the chancel.

During the modern restorations, many interesting features of the ancient building were brought to light. For instance during the restoration of the tower in 1854 the builders met with two arched recesses, each about 7 feet wide, with subsidiary arched traceries of a remarkably beautiful character, and the tombs beneath them being opened were found to contain four skeletons. The stone coffins containing these remains were again covered in and the recesses carefully restored to correspond with the style of their respective dates. While the main building was being rebuilt in 1873, traces of roof decoration were discovered, especially on one tie beam which formed part of the timber framing above the chancel arch, where was a fragment of a painting of The Last Judgment. On removing the plaster from the chancel, remains of wall paintings were disclosed, illustrating the history of the Patron Saint of the Church, St. Martin of Tours, and from the character of their execution assigned to the end of the reign of Edward III., or the beginning of the reign of

Richard II. This early work had been partly defaced by being painted over with scroll texts in the seventeenth century.

Fragments of Norman work were also met with, and coins of various dates. One of the most attractive features of the interior is the noble arch opening to the church from the south-west side of the tower, which was previously filled in and blocked with a gallery.

In the chancel are several monuments of great interest as commemorating members of the 'de Bermingham' family, the former lords of the manor. The most ancient is an altar tomb, panelled round the sides with quatrefoils enclosing shields and supporting the recumbent effigy of a knight, cross legged, in ring mail covered with a tunic. This is supposed to represent Sir William de Bermingham of the time of Edward I.

Next in point of date is the recumbent effigy of a knight in the armour of the late fourteenth century, with traces of having originally been coloured. This is probably that of Sir William de Bermingham, of the reigns of Edwards II. and III. Another is an altar tomb of alabaster, panelled round with cinquefoiled arches, supporting a similar armed effigy also of alabaster, but clad in plate armour, and with the head resting on a tilting helmet. This probably represents Sir John de Bermingham, a knight of the shire for the County of Warwick in the reign of Richard II. The most curious and interesting of all the monuments, however, is an altar tomb, the front of which displays an arcading of seven slightly recessed crocketed arches, divided by pinnacled buttresses, and containing figures of angels holding shields. The cornice is embattled, and on the upper slab lies the recumbent effigy of an ecclesiastic, vested in cassock, surplice, and amice, which very probably represents a canon of the reign of Henry VII. Under the floor of the north aisle, during the restoration, there was discovered a stone slab with an incised but mutilated inscription to William Colmore, 1566, and Johanna his wife.

Unfortunately, the greater number of the memorials were destroyed in 1786, so that there are now no monumental records of the Clodshales, nor of William Lench, founder of the Lench Trust, who was buried here in 1525.

In the chancel below the splendid stained East window, presented by Messrs. Hardman and Riddell, is a reredos of marble in three compartments, the centre one being a representation of "The Last Supper," while on either side are statuettes of the Evangelists. In the South transept is a stained window, designed by Mr. William Morris, the poet, and presented by Mr. T. Ryland, in memory of his wife, while in the North transept is a memorial window to Mr. John Gough, a former churchwarden. The West window is also stained, and the old East window is now placed in the organ vestry.

The registers date back from the year 1554 for marriages, and 1555 for baptisms and burials, and there are also preserved MS. volumes of minutes of Parish meetings dating back to 1676.

The present Rector is the Rev. William Wilkinson, D.D., Hon. Canon of Worcester, who has held the living since 1866. During his long term of office he has always identified himself with all movements in any way calculated to benefit the city and community, and is deservedly very popular.

It is probably well known to most ringers that St. Martin's tower is one of the few provincial ones containing a full ring of twelve bells. For many years past they have been in excellent



ringing condition, so that a peal of Cinques is by no means a rarity, and many of the celebrated ringers of the present day have been enabled to score their first peal of Cinques or Maximus upon them.

The ring is in the key of C, the tenor weighing between 35 and 36 cwt., and each bell carries its weight engraved upon

April 17th, 1820—7200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 5 hours and 8 minutes.

December 28th, 1820—6600 Stedman Cinques, in 4 hours and 35 minutes.

February 1st, 1832—a peal of 5104 Kent Treble Bob Cinques, in 3 hours and 47 minutes.



ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM.

it. They were a complete new ring of ten in 1758, augmented to twelve in 1772, and since the occasion of their last restoration by a Birmingham firm in 1870, when the fourth and fifth were recast, have gone remarkably well.

An inspection of the peal tablets in the ringing chamber shew many meritorious performances, among which are—

January 11th, 1848—a peal of 5280 Stedman Cinques, in 3 hours and 31 minutes.

March 21st, 1848—5088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 3 hours and 53 minutes.

December 12th, 1848—7392 Stedman Cinques in 4 hours and 55 minutes.

April 17th, 1849—6336 Grandsire Cinques, in 4 hours and 25 minutes.

February 28th, 1881—9238 Stedman Cinques in 6 hours and 48 minutes. (Still a record peal in the method.)

March 23rd, 1887—9020 Grandsire Cinques, in 6 hours and 17 minutes. (Only recently beaten as a record peal, at Ashton-under-Lyne.)

And on March 17th, 1891—5040 Duffield Maximus, in 3 hours and 56 minutes—being the only peal of Maximus ever rung in that method.

Among the celebrated ringers at one time or other connected with this tower and bells may be mentioned those of the well known and eminent composers, Henry Cooper, Thurstans, Lates, Thomas Day, and Henry Johnson.

The existing St. Martin's Guild of Change Ringers are today the representatives of the Ancient Society of St. Martin's Youths, dating back from 1755, and the more modern Holt Society of Aston, and in the achievements of their predecessors have the best of all incentives to a high quality of ringing.

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### FESTIVAL HYMN.

Written for the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

"There are.....so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification."—1 Cor., xiv., 10.

The sacred Bells of England,  
How gloriously they ring!  
From ancient tower and steeple,  
For cottager, for king;  
We love to hear their voices  
While o'er the fields we roam;  
How sweet to think the echo  
May reach our Heavenly Home!

Church Bells of happy England!  
Your songs of olden time,  
Are chanted down the ages  
For Vespers and for Prime;  
On Merry Christmas morning,  
On holy Easter Day,  
Fulfil your festal calling  
Bid Churchfolk up and pray.

Church Bells of Christian England!  
Ring out your message wide,  
Whene'er Our Lord is blessing  
The bridegroom and the bride;  
Or when the tenor tolling,  
With passing-knell we hear,  
May one and all remember  
A soul to God is near.

Ringers of Happy England!  
Who peal in earthly fanes  
For Christ our Lord and Master  
(He all your homage claims);  
Complete your sacred office  
While pilgrims on this strand,  
That ye may swell the praises  
In that Eternal Land.—AMEN.

C.E.M.

The above Hymn was first used (tune—"The Church's one Foundation") at the Annual Festival of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers, held at Dorking, on July 13th last. The writer has endeavoured to demonstrate that the Ringer must always be a *Church-Worker*, that his office is a sacred one. Every scientific change-ringer can make an offering of his proficiency in the Art—to God, and to His Church.

Copies of this Hymn (for use at Dedication Services, Association Festivals, &c.), may be obtained at "CAMPANOLOGY" Office, price 1/9 per 100.

### New Methods.

KIDDERMINSTER PREMIER MAJOR.

By JAMES PAGETT, *Kidderminster.*

#### FOUR BELL WORK.

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SLOW EIGHT.

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QUICK EIGHT.

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The same for Cumberland.

CUMBERLAND.—Peals of Bob Major, without bobs before, will run true in this method.

F. PITSTOW,  
*Saffron Walden.*

Twice Repeated.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Norwich on Tuesday September 22nd, and was attended by members from Norwich, Aylsham, Beccles, Debenham, Somerleyton, Yarmouth, Blofield, Wickham Skeith, Quidenham, Tunstead, Cawston, Fundenham, Eye, Stradbroke, Wiveton St. Cross, Fressingfield, Leiston, North Elmham, Hethersett, Aldeburgh, Grundisburgh, CLOPTON, Wenhamston, Ipswich, Diss, Bramfield, Wetheringsett, Ufford, and Haddiscoe. The Norwich towers available were St. Peter Mancroft, St. Andrew, St. Michael Coslany, St. John Maddermarket, St. Mary Coslany, St. Lawrence, St. Gregory, and St. Peter Permountergate.

From half-past twelve to half-past three there was a complete cessation of the ringing, during which time the members assembled, first in St. Peter Mancroft Church for Divine service, and afterwards adjourned to the Assembly Room of the Norfolk and Norwich Conservative Club to dine and transact the business of the annual meeting.

At the service, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, the secretary, read the prayers, and the Rev. Dr. Raven, president, read the Lesson, the Rev. W. P. Burn preaching a brief and admirable sermon from Isaiah xli. 6, "They helped everyone his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." The preacher dwelt on the principle of mutual help, which ought also to be observed amongst ringers, for as bells were God's witnesses calling men to His service, those who were instrumental in ringing men should consecrate themselves to Christ.

At the dinner, Dr. Raven presided, and was supported by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Revs. W. Pelham Burn, T. H. Marsh, H. J. Coleman, J. H. Pilkington, C. F. Blyth, A. G. Blyth, F. J. Moule, G. S. Ives, J. Goodwin Johnson, and W. Morley Smith, Messrs J. W. Spratt, F. Knights, and others.

Alongside the upper table was a framed portrait of Her Majesty, with the inscription, "Presented to James Chandler by Queen Victoria, in recognition of his having assisted to ring the bells of Fressingfield Church on every anniversary of the birth of Her Majesty."

The President gave the toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," with thanks to the Rev. W. Pelham Burn for his able and interesting discourse.

The Rev. W. Pelham Burn said that it was a pleasure to see the ringers of the Diocese at St. Peter Mancroft. Since their last visit the tower had been made secure for many generations to come. The two lower storeys were left unrepared at the time of the restoration for want of funds, but during the past two years a great effort had been made to complete the job, and it had all been paid for with the exception of about £100. Ringers would be able to continue ringing in the tower for as long a period as it had stood.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer then presented the annual report, which he said contained some welcome features, while others were not so cheering. The numerical strength of the society was stationary, about 800 resident members, the number of new members being barely sufficient to counterbalance the losses. They had to regret the retirement of two Vice-Presidents, Archdeacon Neville and Sir Lawrence Jones, the latter having gone to reside abroad for some time. They had lost by death the Rev. C. Ward, of Ipswich, Mr. J. Cullum, of Fundenham, Mr. B. Smith, of the Redenhall Company, and Mr. William Degee and Mr. Saul, of Ipswich. There had been a considerable diminution in the number of peals rung as compared with the previous two years; but on the other hand the character of the performances achieved exhibited a marked advance over former years, for Superlative Surprise Major again appeared in the record, the perseverance of the company practising at Redenhall having been deservedly rewarded by the achievement of an excellent peal in that beautiful method. Several peals of Double Norwich Court had also been rung—two of them by a band under great disadvantage as regarded eight-bell practice, and two on hand-bells by four members of the Ipswich Company, the only previous record of the kind having been by the Cambridge University Guild. The number of towers actually in union or represented by one or members was 92, of which 23 were five-bell and 31 six-bell towers. Few, comparatively, of these smaller towers were represented ten years ago—the increase was therefore very gratifying.

The peal records for the year showed that 59 performances had been accepted for entry in the Peal Book, comprising one peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ipswich, one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal at St. Peter Mancroft, one of Superlative Surprise Major at Redenhall, seven of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (two of which were on hand-bells), sixteen of Oxford and thirteen of Kent Treble Bob Major, nine of Bob Major, two of Grand Sire Triples, and one of Bob Major. Of the six-bell performances one was in seven Treble Bob methods, two in seven mixed methods, one in three methods, and one of Bob Minor. Of five-bell performances, there had been only two, one in seven methods and one in four methods.

After referring to the meetings held during the year, the report showed that the financial position of the Association continued satisfactory. Although there were great difficulties to be faced in sustaining the organisation of a society dependent upon annual subscriptions, owing to the straitened circumstances of clergy and laity, yet they might look forward without

misgiving if the company members would be true to themselves and alive to the responsibilities of their office as church bell ringers. Every ringer should anxiously ask himself whether he was faithfully subserving or thwarting the work of the Church in his parish. The future of change ringing and of ringing societies would be found in the long run to hinge upon that. Each member should, therefore, strive to do away with the causes that tended to decay. The number and quality of change ringing performances, however excellent, were but as the dust in the balance compared with the value of a good example set by an honest and fearless obedience to the principles of Christian faith and practice.

Dr. Raven having thanked the Secretary for his invaluable services and his annual report, then retired from the presidency.

The Rev. W. Earle Bulwer, in retiring from the post of secretary, said the time would come when he would have to relinquish the position, and they would have to elect his successor.

The Rev. C. F. Blyth said that every year they had to go through the little comedy of the President and Secretary retiring for two or three minutes. There ought to be a rule that they should give ten years' notice. He moved that Dr. Raven be re-elected President, and the Rev. W. Earle Bulwer Secretary.

The Rev. T. H. Marsh seconded, and the motion was carried with very hearty unanimity.

Dr. Raven said that he would again accept the position, to do what little he could for the Association, as it was one of his greatest pleasures to be amongst them.

The Rev. Earle Bulwer thanked them for his re-election, undertook the office for another year, and said that if he was wanted at any place in case of a muddle he would be at their service.

The Secretary, Messrs. J. Moles, W. L. Catchpole, and J. A. Trollope were elected representatives on the Central Council, and it was resolved next year to hold quarterly meetings at Halesworth and Yarmouth.

The company then dispersed to the several towers to resume the ringing, which was continued till shortly before the departure of the several trains.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, HAVERSTOCK HILL, LONDON.

On Saturday, September 12th, the above Society held their outing, the place selected being Southend-on-Sea. A start was made at 8.43 a.m. from Kentish Town by the Midland Railway, Southend being reached at 10.15 a.m., and after refreshing the inner man we parted for a stroll round, some going on the Pier, others along the shore, all meeting at 1 o'clock sharp for dinner. After doing justice to that and a pleasant smoke a move was made for Prittlewell for a ring on the fine peal of 8, permission having been previously obtained; arriving there about 4 o'clock we were soon up above. A start was made with 308 Grandsire Triples, after which we were joined by some Crayford friends and Mr. Judd, of Southend, and after a general welcome all round we meant business. The following touches being rang:—168 Grandsire Triples, 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 252 Stedman Triples, 288 Kent Treble Bob, 224 Bob Major, 224 Canterbury Pleasure Major, and 112 Grandsire Major conducted by E. Barnett, C. Wilkins, G. Smith, J. Nixon; the following taking part:—N. Alderman, R. Bevan, G. Smith, J. Nixon, T. Titchener, E. Young, H. Ellis, H. Watson, W. H. Judd, E. Barnett, C. Wilkins, G. Conyard, J. Saxby, — Coomes, and after lowering the bells a move was made for tea, our Crayford friends having to leave us to catch their train. After tea a walk back to Southend for an hour or two before leaving for home which was reached about 11.15 p.m.; all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We wish to thank the Vicar of Prittlewell for the use of the bells, and Mr. Bedwell for having all things in readiness; also Mr. Judd and our Crayford friends for having assisted us. G. S.

## LUTTERWORTH (LEICESTERSHIRE).

On Wednesday afternoon, September 23rd, the members of the St. Mary's Society paid a visit to Newbold and Rugby. They first drove to Newbold, where they were met by Messrs. Turland and Grant, two of the village band. After several touches on the bells, under the conductorship of W. Manger, they adjourned to the Crown Inn, where they partook of an excellent meat tea. After tea, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells was cordially passed. An hour or so was spent pleasantly together, and then the whole party drove over to the Parish Church at Rugby. There they were received by Mr. James George, the ringing master of the Rugby Society, and, ascending the new tower, proceeded to raise the eight bells, the band being as follows: W. Manger, 1; W. Granger, 2; W. Herbert, 3; S. Poole, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Green, 6; T. A. Rogers, 7; and W. J. Tilcock, 8. In honour of the Queen's long reign the bells were "fired," and several touches, conducted by Mr. George and Mr. Manger, were rung. In these, Messrs. Turland and Grant, and other members of the Rugby Society, took part. A little diversion with the handbells, a social hour with some of the local band, and a pleasant drive home in the bright moonlight, brought a very pleasant outing to a close, and they hope soon to master the art of change ringing in its more complicated details.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH.)

A highly successful meeting of this branch of the above Association was held on Saturday, September 19th, at Monks Eleigh. There was a very good muster of members from the following places. Sudbury (1), Lavenham (8), Monks Eleigh (6), Hitcham (4), Preston (2), Melford (8), Bildeston (3), Hadleigh (1), Ipswich (1), 34 in all. During the morning a band was got together and two touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of Lavenham Church, conducted by Mr. C. Sillitoe of Sudbury, the following being the ringers: W. Bobby, Treble; F. Symonds, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; R. Grimwood, 7; C. Sillitoe, Tenor. At Monks Eleigh touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening, by various mixed bands. The bells are one of the finest peals of six in the county, but the tenor bell wants thoroughly rehanging it being very hard work to ring her any length of time. However a half peal of Bob Minor was rung by E. Ambrose, (Melford), Treble; A. Ambrose, (Melford), 2; H. Duce, (Melford), 3; S. Ford, (Melford), 4; F. Connell, (Melford), 5; C. Sillitoe, (Conductor), (Sudbury) 6. A half peal of Treble Bob was also rung, Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, ringing the tenor, conducted by Mr. A. Keeble, of Monks Eleigh.

The tea and business meeting was held at the "Bull Inn," where a most excellent repast was put on the table, by host Fathing. It was certainly the best spread the Association have yet sat down to. The chair was occupied by the genial Vicar, Rev. A. J. Connell, supported by Mr. C. Sillitoe, (District Secretary), Messrs. E. and F. Ambrose, C. Bixby, F. Connell, Melford, W. Bobby, H. Smith, A. Symonds, W. Moore, Lavenham, etc. At the conclusion of the repast the vicar proposed the toast of the "Queen" which was drunk with enthusiasm. He also in a few well chosen remarks welcomed the Association to Monks Eleigh, and hoped it would not be the last time he should see a gathering like the present in his parish. He thought these meetings did a great deal of good, and he wished the Association every success and prosperity.

Mr. Green, Monks Eleigh, proposed, and Mr. Moore Lavenham, seconded, that the Vicar be elected an honorary member of the Association, which was carried unanimously. The Vicar said he was obliged to them for electing him a member of the Association. He would always be pleased to grant the use of the bells to any band of the Association visiting the place. As he had an important engagement, he was sorry to say he should have to leave them now, he would ask Mr. Sillitoe, their Secretary, to kindly preside for the rest of the business, and he wished them a hearty good night.

Mr. Sillitoe then took the chair, and proceeded to the election of members, the following being elected:—Mr. A. Bowell (Ipswich), non-resident life member; Messrs. C. and E. Herbert (Woburn, Beds.), G. Maxim (Waltham Cross), J. Ambrose (Melford), J. S. Cowen (Hadleigh), R. Brett (Stanstead), R. Keeble, A. Bowers (Monks' Eleigh), performing members.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Lavenham, on the first Saturday in January, 1897.

This being all the business of importance, Mr. J. Ambrose proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to their Secretary, Mr. C. Sillitoe, who worked hard to bring these meetings to a success which was carried unanimously. Mr. Sillitoe briefly responded, and the proceedings terminated.

During the year nine peals have been rung by the Society, the longest being one 7040 changes of Kent Treble Bob, rang in 4 hours and 9 minutes, at Walter Belchamp, conducted by the Secretary.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Armley, on Saturday, September 26th. The various towers represented were Bramley, Tong, Rothwell, Leeds, Holbeck (R.C.), Armitage Bridge, St. Michaels, Theadingley, Pudsey, together with the local company. Ringing was commenced a little after 2.30 by an attempt for a peal, but unfortunately, soon after a most promising start fate was against it and soon collapsed, it being now too late, according to rule, to make another start. Ringing was soon taken up by mixed companies, who rang at intervals up to 9 p.m. touches in the following methods: Arnold's Victory, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Tulip, Violet Oxford and College Treble.

A business meeting was held at the "Barley Corn" Inn, Town Street, and was well attended, the President, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, presided. The minutes of previous meetings was passed as read. A notice was next presented from Mr. M. Broadbent, seconded by Mr. J. Turner to make a grant from the society's funds to head a subscription list in aid of a worthy and respected member Mr. David Wilson, of Birstall, and that an appeal be made to members and other ringing friends for subscriptions through *Campanology* and "Bell News." The Hon. Sec., Mr. R. Binns, was next unanimously elected the representative on the Central Council, proposed by Mr. J. Thackray, seconded by Mr. W. Chapman. The next meeting being announced to be held at St. Francis (R.C.), Holbeck. The Amateur Society of Ringers (through their instructor, Mr. R. Binns) offered two money prizes for six and eight bell ringing, as an encouragement to good striking at that

meeting was readily accepted, proposed by Mr. J. Thackray, seconded by Mr. M. Broadbent.

The customary votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and Ringers, for use of bells, &c., was proposed by Mr. J. Turner, seconded by Mr. J. Brown and carried unanimously. The Chairman's usual compliment concluded. Handbell ringing followed, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, Caters, and Oxford Minor, were creditably performed.

## GARDEN PARTY AT DUFFIELD.

As previously announced, Mr. A. Percival Heywood's Garden Party took place at Duffield Bank, near Derby, on Saturday last, September 26th. Notwithstanding the day was dull and gloomy, ringers to the number of about one hundred availed themselves of the generous hospitality of that gentleman. Most of those present assembled at Derby station, and on reaching Duffield at 3.30 found Mr. Heywood's pretty little train waiting to convey them through the beautiful grounds. Several touches were rung upon handbells, conducted by A. H. Ward of Derby, and J. George of Rugby. At the conclusion of a very pleasant afternoon a very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Mr. and Mrs. Heywood for their kindness, and a move was then made to All Saints' Church where the peal of ten were kept going until 9 p.m., touches in several methods being brought round, including 395 of Grandsire Caters, by W. E. White, 1; J. Jennings, 2; J. Woolley, 3; J. Hickman, 4; J. Jones, 5; H. W. Wilde, 6; J. Collinson, 7; G. Walker (conductor), 8; W. Hicklin, 9; W. Patchett, 10. Representatives of the following places were present among many others, viz.:—Burton, Birmingham, Chester, Duffield, Derby, Hastings, Loughborough, Leicester, Long Eaton, Matlock, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Rugby, Ripley, Sandiacre and Sheffield.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above association was held at Evesham on Saturday last, September 26th. Notwithstanding that it had been freely advertised, the attendance was exceedingly scanty, only sixteen members putting in appearance from Birmingham, Bingleworth, Bromsgrove, Dudley, Kidderminster, Netherton, Old Hill, Pershore, Worcester and Tipton. The Vicar (Rev. J. Napier Whittingham) had been announced to preside, but was not present; under these somewhat discouraging circumstances the Master, Mr. S. Spittle, was voted to the chair.

Preliminary business having been completed, the Secretary was requested to communicate with the Vicar of Redditch, with a view to the rev. gentleman and his band joining the Association. Oldswinford was the place unanimously selected at which to hold the next meeting. Messrs. Micklewright (Dudley), and Parsons (Old Hill), were elected Auditors for the ensuing year, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and Vicar for the use of the bells.

Owing to the bad "go" of the bells, but little ringing was done; however a short touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. Austin of Gloucester, and another of Stedman, were successfully brought round.

## ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday last, September 24th, at the weekly meeting of the above Society, Mr. Driver, in the name of the members, congratulated Mr. E. H. Adams on the occasion of his wedding, and presented him with a handsome clock as a mark of their esteem. Mr. Adams responded.

A few weeks ago a presentation was made to another member, Mr. C. Charge, to mark a similar event.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of *Campanology*.

ST. ALPHEGE COMPANY OF CHANGE RINGERS, CANTERBURY.

SIR,—The members of the above Company are arranging an entertainment to be given in aid of a fund for putting a new window in the belfry which is much needed, and among other things, they wish to have a few tableaux or living pictures, and would be very glad if any of your readers could suggest any stories that would be suitable for it, in which bells or bell ringing could be introduced.

Suggestions will be gladly received by the Rector, the Rev. T. G. Crosse, Eastbridge, Canterbury, or by myself. Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this,

I am, Sir, yours truly,

17, St. Mary Street,  
Canterbury,  
Sept. 22, 1896.

EDW. H. BENEY,  
Hon. Sec., St. Alphege Company.

CORRECTIONS.—The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Bridgnorth should be "Arthur Espley," not "Esptey" as published in our last issue; and under Miscellaneous Reports, "Fellenhall" should read "Tettenhall."



## Notices.

### THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

There will be a District Meeting of the above at Prittlewell, on Saturday, October 3rd. The tower of Prittlewell (8 bells), will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at "The Beehive" Inn, at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present may signify their intention, and the station they are proceeding from, not later than the previous Monday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Assistant Sec., Great Totham Vicarage, Witham

### SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, at Breewood. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Nearest railway station, Four Ashes, on the L.N.W.R. Tea 1s. each. A brake will start from Wolverhampton, L.N.W. Railway station yard, at 3 o'clock, if a sufficient number send in their names not later than September 30th. Fare for the return journey, 1s. 6d.

### THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting will be held at Brighthouse on Saturday, October 3rd. Business meeting at 4 p.m.

F. P. POWELL, Hon. Sec.

### STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the above will be held at Longton, on Saturday, October 3rd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. Woods, 44, Uttoxeter Road, Longton.

### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting to be held at Husborne, Crawley, on Saturday, October 3rd. The bells at Aspley Guise will also, it is hoped, be available.

### ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

All subscribers to the wedding present of Mr. G. Bishop are requested to attend on Monday, October 5th.

C. W. WARD, 3B, Peabody Buildings, Orchard Street, S.W.

### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, on Saturday, October 10th. The tower of Christ Church will be open for ringing from 5 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the "Cherry Tree" Inn, at 7.30 p.m., where tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend, the business to be transacted being of more than ordinary interest.

### EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD.

The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Walpole St. Peter, on Saturday, October 10th. Service, with short address, at 1 p.m. Dinner at "Plough" Hotel, Walpole St. Andrew, at 2 p.m. Business meeting to follow. The towers of St. Peter (6 bells) and St. Andrew (5 bells) have been placed at the disposal of the members.

Rev. W. DISNEY, W. G. CROSS, Hon. Secretaries.

### THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Banstead, on Saturday, October 10th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Time and place of meeting for tea will be announced later.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec., 13, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, S.W.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Autumn meeting will be held at Witney, on Saturday, October 17th. Seven towers open for ringing. Meat tea in schools at 6 p.m., price 6d. Evensong at 7, preacher—Rev. Canon Norris. Apply—Rev. H. G. Scott, Witney.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH)

Notice to members.—The next meeting will be held in November, of which due notice will be given.

HENRY COLEY, Branch Sec., 3, Rumford Place, Liverpool.

### NOTE TO THE PEAL AT TONBRIDGE.

This peal was arranged for the two-fold object of commemorating in a way worthy of ringers, the unprecedented reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to enable Mr. Wadmore, with the other two junior peal ringers, to get through that ambitious performance, namely their first peal. And, it is to their credit to say, that it was rung in a way worthy of an old and practised band. After "this is all," the bells were ceased in the Queen's Change, and an adjournment made to a favourite hostelry, where, through the liberality of Mr. B. Wadmore, the toast of "The Queen," the "Conductor," and the "New Peal Ringers" was heartily drank. A pleasant evening came to an end only to soon, but it is hoped that this is only initiatory to many future meetings, for, with the ringing talent in and around Tonbridge, many peals might be rung, not only in Grandsire, but in the higher methods, *ad libitum*, if all work together.

### NOTE TO THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.

This Peal was rung to celebrate the opening of the New East-end Park by the Mayor, C. T. Mander, Esq. The band is an entirely local one, and this is supposed to be the first peal rung by all local ringers for upwards of fifty years. In the year 1866; the ringers who were then a fairly good band for Caters, had a dispute with the Rev. Archdeacon Illes, the then Rector of Wolverhampton, which arose over the ringing of a Muffled Peal for one of the ringers, it being the custom of the ringers to ring muffled three consecutive Sunday mornings after the death of a ringer, the consequence of the dispute was that the ringers got locked out by the Rector. From 1866 until five years ago nothing was done in the shape of change ringing by a local band, when the present Captain, Mr. J. E. Groves came to Wolverhampton and has since been the means of keeping together a fairly good band.

### THE METROPOLIS.

The Bells are rang for Divine Service at the following Churches on Sunday next, October 4th:—

St. Paul's Cathedral—9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.  
St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, E.—10 a.m.  
St. Stephen's, Westminster—10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
All Saints', Fulham, S.W.—10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
St. Luke's, Chelsea, 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
St. Alfege, Greenwich, S.E.—10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.  
St. Mary's, Lewisham, S.E.—10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.  
St. Mary's, Woolwich—10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.  
St. Margaret's Westminster—6 p.m.  
St. Peter's, Walworth—10 a.m.

### MEETINGS FOR PRACTICE.

St. Luke's, Chelsea	- - -	Every Wednesday, 7.45 p.m.
All Saints' Fulham	- - -	Every Thursday 8 "
St. Stephen's Westminster	- - -	Every Friday 8 "
St. Margaret, Westminster	- - -	Every Monday 8 "
St. Mary, Lewisham	- - -	Every Monday 8 "
St. John's, Waterloo Road	- - -	Every Wednesday 8 "
St. Mary's, Woolwich	- - -	Every Thursday 8 "
St. Magnus, London Bridge	- - -	Thursday, Oct. 1st, 8 "
St. Alfege, Greenwich	- - -	Friday, Oct. 2nd (Harvest Festival), 6.45 p.m. and 8.45 p.m.

The Editor will be pleased to receive from the Secretaries and custodians of the various towers any addition to this list.]

### "NO COERCION."

We have been favoured with a copy of a circular, dated August 22nd, addressed to the Members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, by Mr. Ben T. Copley, and regret that pressure upon our space will not permit us to reproduce it in its entirety.

Our motto is Unity, Peace, and Concord; we do not intend to indulge in personal recriminations, nor do we desire to engage in wordy warfare with anyone whose views do not happen to coincide with our own. However, the following extract from Mr. Copley's extraordinary effusion is such a flagrant perversion of the truth, that we cannot, in justice to ourselves, let it pass unnoticed.

"Further, if my information be correct, this new paper is being brought out by a few south-country ringers who have constantly opposed the proposals of our Association in the Central Council, with regard to peals in minor methods and proxy voting."

To this we give a most emphatic denial. In the first place, this Journal is the property of, and edited by one individual only. Secondly, that individual as a Representative (until recently) of the Kent County Association, attended but one meeting of the Central Council, and did not vote in opposition to the proposals of the Yorkshire Association on the questions of Peals in Minor methods and proxy voting.

We are indeed sorry that the Secretary of an important Association should abuse his position, by attempting to coerce his fellow-ringers, and greatly fear the outcome of Mr. Copley's rush into print, before assuring himself of facts, will be to forfeit a large amount of that esteem and respect in which we believe he has for many years, been held by his brethren.

# OUR COMPOSITION PAGE.

## PEALS OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

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5021.

2 3 4 5 6

3 5 2 6 4 1 2 5 2  
 2 3 5 6 4 9 in 3  
 5 2 3 6 4 9 in 3  
 2 6 3 5 4 8 in 3  
 3 2 6 5 4 9 in 3  
 6 3 2 5 4 9 in 3

These six courses five times repeated, calling the first course of each part, 8 in 2; and the 4th course of the 3rd and 6th parts, 8th in 3 s, produces—

6 2 4 5 3

4 2 3 5 6 8-9  
 3 4 2 5 6 9 in 3  
 2 3 4 5 6 9 in 3  
 5 3 4 2 6 1 s  
 3 2 4 5 6 8 in 3  
 4 3 2 5 6 9 in 3  
 2 4 3 5 6 9 in 3

6 4 3 2 5 1 s and 8-9 s

Repeat the above seven courses, calling the first course 8th in 3, produces 2 4 3 6 5. Round with bobs at 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1.

This peal in eight parts contains the 5th and 6th the extent behind the 9th.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

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5004.

2 3 4 5 6

3 5 2 6 4 1 2 5 2  
 4 3 5 6 2 9 in 3 s  
 5 4 3 6 2 9 in 3  
 2 5 4 6 3 9 in 3 s  
 3 2 5 6 4 9 in 3 s  
 5 3 2 6 4 9 in 3  
 4 5 3 6 2 9 in 3 s  
 2 4 5 6 3 9 in 3 s  
 5 2 4 6 3 9 in 3  
 4 5 2 6 3 9 in 3  
 3 4 5 6 2 9 in 3 s  
 5 3 4 6 2 9 in 3  
 2 5 3 6 4 9 in 3 s  
 4 2 5 6 3 9 in 3 s  
 5 4 2 6 3 9 in 3  
 3 5 4 6 2 9 in 3 s  
 2 3 5 6 4 9 in 3 s  
 5 2 3 6 4 9 in 3

3 2 4 6 5 8-9  
 4 3 2 6 5 9 in 3  
 2 4 3 6 5 9 in 3  
 6 4 3 2 5 1 s  
 4 2 3 6 5 8 in 3  
 3 4 2 6 5 9 in 3  
 2 3 4 6 5 9 in 3

5 6 3 2 4 8 in 2

Repeat the first 25 courses, calling the first course 1 s, produces 3 2 4 5 6. Round with calls at 1, 1, 6, 1, 1 s.

This peal contains the 5th and 6th the extent behind the 9th.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

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5003.

2 3 4 5 6

6 2 3 5 4 7th in and out at 3 s  
 4 5 2 6 3 8 in 2  
 2 4 5 6 3 9 in 3  
 5 2 4 6 3 9 in 3  
 3 6 2 5 4 8 in 2

2 3 6 5 4 9 in 3  
 4 2 3 5 6 9 in 3 s

Five times repeated, calling the first course of each part, and the 6th course of the 3rd and 6th parts; 9th in 3 s produces—

2 3 4 5 6

4 3 6 2 5 1 s and 8-9  
 6 4 3 2 5 9 in 3

4 2 3 6 5 8 in 3  
 3 4 2 6 5 9 in 3  
 2 3 4 6 5 9 in 3  
 6 3 4 2 5 1 s  
 3 2 4 6 5 8 in 3  
 4 3 2 6 5 9 in 3  
 2 4 3 6 5 9 in 3

Round with bobs at 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1.

This peal in seven parts, contains the 5th and 6th the extent behind the 9th.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield*.

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5021.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

3 5 4 2 6 9 in 3  
 5 4 3 2 6 8-9  
 4 2 3 5 6 9 in 3

3 4 2 5 6 9 7 8 7 in and out at 3

2 3 4 5 6 9 in 3  
 4 2 3 5 6 9 in 3  
 3 2 6 5 4 8-9  
 6 2 4 5 3 8-9  
 4 6 2 5 3 9 in 3  
 2 4 6 5 3 9 in 3  
 6 4 3 5 2 8-9  
 3 6 4 5 2 9 in 3  
 4 3 6 5 2 9 in 3  
 6 3 2 5 4 8-9  
 2 6 3 5 4 9 in 3

4 2 6 5 3 9 in 3 s  
 6 4 2 5 3 9 in 3  
 2 6 4 5 3 9 in 3  
 4 6 3 5 2 8-9  
 3 6 2 5 4 8-9  
 2 3 6 5 4 9 in 3  
 6 2 3 5 4 9 in 3  
 3 2 4 5 6 8-9  
 4 3 2 5 6 9 in 3  
 2 4 3 5 6 9 in 3  
 3 4 6 5 2 8-9  
 6 3 4 5 2 9 in 3

2 5 3 6 4 8 in 2  
 3 2 5 6 4 9 in 3  
 5 3 2 6 4 9 in 3  
 2 3 4 6 5 8-9  
 4 3 5 6 2 8-9  
 5 4 3 6 2 9 in 3  
 3 5 4 6 2 9 in 3  
 4 5 2 6 3 8-9  
 2 4 5 6 3 9 in 3  
 5 2 4 6 3 9 in 3  
 4 2 3 6 5 8-9  
 3 4 2 6 5 9 in 3

5 3 4 6 2 9 in 3 s  
 4 5 3 6 2 9 in 3  
 3 4 5 6 2 9 in 3  
 5 4 2 6 3 8-9  
 2 4 3 6 5 8-9  
 3 2 4 6 5 9 in 3  
 4 3 2 6 5 9 in 3

2 3 5 6 4 8-9  
 5 2 3 6 4 9 in 3  
 3 5 2 6 4 9 in 3  
 2 5 4 6 3 8-9  
 4 2 5 6 3 9 in 3

Round as usual. This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent behind the 9th.

JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby*.

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5003.

2 3 4 5 6

2 3 4 5 6 1 3 1  
 3 4 2 5 6 7-8  
 4 2 3 5 6 7-8  
 6 5 2 4 3 8 in 2

3 4 5 6 2 8 in 2  
 2 3 4 6 5 9 in 3 s  
 4 2 3 6 5 9 in 3  
 5 4 2 6 3 9 in 3 s  
 3 5 4 6 2 9 in 3 s  
 4 3 5 6 2 9 in 3  
 2 4 3 6 5 9 in 3 s  
 5 2 4 6 3 9 in 3 s  
 4 5 2 6 3 9 in 3  
 2 4 5 6 3 9 in 3  
 3 2 4 6 5 9 in 3 s  
 4 3 2 6 5 9 in 3  
 5 4 3 6 2 9 in 3 s  
 2 5 4 6 3 9 in 3 s  
 4 2 5 6 3 9 in 3  
 3 4 2 6 5 9 in 3 s  
 5 3 4 6 2 9 in 3 s  
 4 5 3 6 2 9 in 3

3 5 2 6 4 8-9  
 2 3 5 6 4 9 in 3  
 5 2 3 6 4 9 in 3  
 6 2 3 5 4 1 s  
 2 5 3 6 4 8 in 3  
 3 2 5 6 4 9 in 3  
 5 3 2 6 4 9 in 3

4 5 3 6 2 9th in and out at 2  
 2 4 5 6 3 8 in 3 s  
 5 2 4 6 3 8 in 3  
 3 5 2 6 4 8 in 3 s  
 4 3 5 6 2 8 in 3 s  
 5 4 3 6 2 8 in 3  
 2 5 4 6 3 8 in 3 s  
 3 2 5 6 4 8 in 3 s  
 5 3 2 6 4 8 in 3  
 2 5 3 6 4 8 in 3  
 4 2 5 6 3 8 in 3 s  
 5 4 2 6 3 8 in 3  
 3 5 4 6 2 8 in 3 s  
 2 3 5 6 4 8 in 3 s  
 5 2 3 6 4 8 in 3  
 4 5 2 6 3 8 in 3 s  
 3 4 5 6 2 8 in 3 s  
 5 3 4 6 2 8 in 3

4 3 2 6 5 9-8  
 2 4 3 6 5 8 in 3  
 3 2 4 6 5 8 in 3  
 6 2 4 3 5 1 s  
 2 3 4 6 5 9 in 3  
 4 2 3 6 5 8 in 3  
 3 4 2 6 5 8 in 3

Round the lead previous to the last course-end.

This peal contains the 6th, the extent wrong in the tittum, and inverted home positions.

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