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Notes around Lincoln.

IN introducing our Brother Ringers into this part of the country, it would be well to give them a general review of the situation.

This county, as all are well aware, has never been prominent in Change Ringing Circles, notwithstanding, it being the County in which bells were first hung for ringing, namely, at Croyland Abbey.

With regard to that first ring, seven in number, the following extract may be of interest.

Turketyl the sixth Abbot (A.D., 946-975), cast a great bell for the Abbey, naming it Guthlac. Egelric his nephew and successor (A.D. 975-984), added six more bells, namely, two large ones which he named Bartholomew and Betelm, two middle ones named Turketyl and Tatwyn, and two lesser ones named Pega and Bega.

When these seven bells were rung, an exquisite harmony was produced thereby, nor was there such a peal of bells in those days in all England. Another writer says: "They resounded with melody through the extended plains of Holland (in that division of the County, situated round the wash) whence the proverb 'As sweet as Croyland Bells.'"

The sound of Guthlac was even better than music, for "the sound of Guthlac," according to Fuller, "was a remedy for the headache."

Peal ringing, by our forefathers in this part, seem never to have reached a very high standard. The peal of 'Garthing's Trebbles' rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, on June 20th,

1756, (Snowden's Grandsire) being about the only old record handed down of past glories.

From that date, up till the last five years, a peal of Grandsire, or Plain Bob, has been a performance of rare occurrence for the local men. Brother strings from other counties have occasionally made exploring expeditions, and we hear of a few peals being carried off by them. Such as Treble Bob at Gainsborough (in the forties) and Sibsey; Bob Major and Grandsire at Grimsby, by Yorkshire societies; Treble Bob and Stedman Triples at Lincoln Cathedral, by the Midland Counties Association. Of Stedman peals there is some doubt as to the first! Possibly some of our Norwich or Holbeach friends might be able to enlighten us in this matter. However, a peal of Stedman Triples is supposed to have been rung at Holbeach by a band from Norwich

One great reason for the dearth of local performances is, there being so few rings above six; which at the present time, in this, the second largest County, only amounts to twenty-six; about one third of which have been added to this list during the last decade.

Lately, things have begun to improve. Three Associations have been formed, viz: North, South, and East Lincs. Associations, and these doing quiet steady work, are gradually carrying our favourite art from tower to tower.

Not only have the ringers and ringing improved, but everything in connection with them. Several rings have been augmented to eight, one case of four to ten, new rings have been put in; and in other places where in bad condition, the bells re-hung.

But all that is necessary has not yet been done. At a great many places the bells are yet in sad need of repair. Though at a great many places young bands have sprung up, some of which are making rapid progress. Notes of which will be left till some future occasion.

BIG TOM.

THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of members of the above Association, in the two Archidiaconal Districts of Ely and the Isle of Ely, was held on Tuesday, October 6th, at Sutton, and was as well attended as could reasonably be expected, the afternoon being extremely wet and stormy. Several touches of Plain Bob were rung; also a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by the following members, all from Willburton:—James Markwell, 1; Joseph Markwell, 2; Henry Markwell, 3; A. Hazell, 4; A. Sharp, 5; Arthur Markwell, 6. Conducted by the last-named ringer. After tea in the Vicarage Room, adjoining the Church, the usual business-meeting was held, the Rev. Walter W. Crump (Haddenham), General Secretary of the Association, presiding. Several fresh members from Sutton and Haddenham were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next branch meeting at Soham, near Ely (where there is a fine peal of ten), early in the new year.

CHANGE RINGING PERFORMANCES.

Royal.

63 THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM. FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, October 10th, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS',

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble	HARRY BARTON 6
VICTOR W. WEST* 2	GEORGE CHARGE* 7
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3	JAMES NICHOLLS 8
HAROLD N. DAVIS 4	EDWARD H. ADAMS 9
WILLIAM T. ELSON 5	CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

* First peal of Royal. The above was rung on the occasion of the 28th Birthday of the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. This composition is now rung for the first time, has the 4th and 5th, each nine courses in 6ths, and the 6th ten courses at home. George Charge hails from Bishop's Stortford, Herts, and is his first attempt at Royal.

Major.

64 WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMISTER. KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 3rd, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS'

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

ERNEST C. HUNT* Treble	WILLIAM H. SMITH* 5
NOAH DAVIS* 2	THOMAS J. SALTER 6
RICHARD E. GROVE 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
THOMAS ELCOX 4	WILLIAM H. BARBERT† Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON (King's Norton), and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBERT.

* First peal in the method, † First peal as conductor on Tower Bells. This peal has only 4, 5, 6, in 6th place and the 2nd never in 5th's place at a course end.

65 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Monday, October 5th, 1896, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

GEORGE CHAPPELL* Treble	FRANK HOPGOOD* 5
HENRY WHITE 2	THOMAS BLACKBOURN 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JOHN W. WHITING 7
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by the late JOHN THORP, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

66 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (DERBY BRANCH). DERBY.

On Tuesday, October 6th, 1896, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS ANTHONY Treble	WALTER WALLACE 5
JOHN WM. THOMPSON 2	FRANK BRADLEY 6
JOHN HOWE 3	LOUIS L. LOMAS 7
JOHN NEWBOLD 4	ALBERT ED. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

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THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON SUSSEX.

On Friday, October 9th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight and a half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE A. KING Treble	JAMES N. FROSSELL 5
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
KEITH HART 3	REV. FRANCIS E. ROBINSON 7
FRANK HOPGOOD 4	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the 50th peal on the bells, comprising the following methods, Triples, Grand-sire 11, Stedman 12, Major, Kent Treble Bob 2, College Exercise 1, Double Norwich 8, Champion Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 7, New Cumberland Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 3, London Surprise 3.

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CHESTER.

On Saturday, October 10th, 1896, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES,

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODS Treble	GILBERT GERRARD 5
CHARLES PRICE 2	GILBERT GERRARD 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	WILLIAM MOULTON 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	HENRY DEW Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and Conducted by HENRY DEW.

This is the first peal of Major ever rung on the bells, and the first peal of Bob Major ever rung in this City, on tower bells, and was rung at the first attempt. The peal is a reduction of a 5376, containing all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6, in 5, 6; and the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th place at the course ends. The figures will appear next week. William Woods, Gilbert Garrard, 5th; Gilbert, 6th; and Henry Dew, belong to the Cathedral Society, Charles Price, James Swindley, and William Moulton, to the St. Mary's (without the walls) Society; H. W. Wilde, late of Duffield, Derbyshire.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, October 10th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	FRANK HOPGOOD 6
HARRY WESTON 3	JAMES N. FROSSELL 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Messrs. Turner and Goldsmith hail from Lewes, Gifford from Salisbury, Hopgood from Reading, and the rest from Brighton.

70 THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

On Sunday, October 11th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PRICE Treble	ROBERT JORDAN 5
JOHN RICE 2	EDWIN JORDAN 6
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WILLIAM WARD 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER

This composition is now rang for the first time, the figures and a further reference to this peal will appear next week.

Triples.**71 SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**
TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.*On Wednesday, September 30th, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

J. J. B. LATE'S FIVE PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL Treble	JAMES E. GROVES 5
THOMAS HORTON 2	SAMUEL REEVES 6
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3	CHARLES WATTS 7
SAMUEL SPITTLE 4	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal contains 240 bobs and 10 singles, and is now rung for the second time. It is also the tower-keeper, Mr. W. R. Small's 200th peal rang upon Church Bells, as follows—Stedman Cinques 11, Caters 13, Triples 34, Grandsire Cinques 5, Royal 2, Caters 28, Major 6, Triples 50, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Royal 7, Major 9, Plain Bob Royal 4, Caters 1, Major 16, Triples 1, Darlaston Bob Triples 4, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2, Double Oxford Bob Major 1, Forward Royal 2, Forward Major 2—Total 200 peals.

72 THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTED, SURREY.

On Saturday, October 3rd, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX PART, NO. 11.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble	HENRY WILKINSON* 5
G. C. SCOWEN 2	FRANCIS GROVE 6
WILLIAM CHANTLER 3	ALFRED E. BASSETT 7
JOHN WYATT 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY WILKINSON

* First peal as conductor.

73 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Monday, October 5th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

THURSTAN'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	GEORGE GRAHAM 5
HENRY WHITE 2	THOMAS BLACKBOURN 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7
GEORGE CHAPPELL* 4	JOHN W. WHITING Tenor

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON

* First peal in the method

74 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, October 5th, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

A. P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 6.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	FRED DERBYSHIRE 5
GEORGE WOODHOUSE* 2	ALFRED CROSS 6
JAMES H. RIDYARD 3	RICHARD RIDYARD 7
JOHN SMITH 4	GEORGE E. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method

75 THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

On Monday, October 5th, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS',**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE PART.

SYDNEY T. DARLINGTON .. Treble	A. W. DARLINGTON 5
HENRY BARNETT 2	WILLIAM BENNETT 6
C. BUTTON 3	LEWIS J. DARLINGTON 7
P. J. DARLINGTON 4	WALTER G. DARLINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY BARNETT.

76 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING, BERKS.*On Tuesday, October 6th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,**A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

HUBBARD'S TEN PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES* .. Treble	ALFRED W. REEVES 5
CHARLES GILES 2	FREDERICK SWEETZER 6
EDWIN J. MENDAY 3	ALBERT E. REEVES 7
ARTHUR H. EVANS 4	WILLIAM HIGGS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT EDWARD REEVES.

* First peal; age 16. E. Menday hails from Caversham.

77 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

On Wednesday, October 7th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6
JOHN W. WHITING 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7
HENRY WHITE 4	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This was the first peal of Stedman on the bells. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was elected a member of this Guild previous to starting. It was rung on the 500th anniversary of the induction of the first Rector of Havant, the Rev. Geo. Aylward.

78 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT).

GREENWICH, KENT.

On Friday, October 9th, 1896, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
ERNEST HOLT NIXON* 2	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 6
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7
JOHN HACK 4	WILLIAM FOREMAN Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and conducted by
FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON,

* First peal with bob bell. This is a five part composition, and was published January 12th, 1884. W. Bedwell and E. H. Nixon hail from Lewisham, J. Hack from Hayes, W. Berry and W. Weatherstone from Rotherhithe.

79 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT)

WOOLWICH, KENT.

On Monday, October 12th, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH S. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN JAMES LAMB Treble	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6
ERNEST HOLT NIXON 3	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7
JAMES CHARLES HARVEY .. 4	CHARLES LANGDON* Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of His Grace the late Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Date Touch.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).

On Saturday, October 3rd, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1896 Changes, in one hour and six minutes. G. Goodchild, 1; H. Tinsley (longest length), 2; S. Pitt, 3; D. Chapman, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; S. Allport 6; J. A. Brown, 7; Inspector Hamilton, 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect towards seven ringers of the old Parish Church, Wednesday, and also John Tinsley, of Darlaston, who died August 17th, 1896. Messrs. Tinsley hails from Wednesbury, Brown from Bilston, the rest are members of St. Giles' Society, Willenhall.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.

On Saturday, October 10th, at the church of St. Michael, Cornhill, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hour 40 minutes, through the 6th rope breaking. J. Pettitt (conductor), 1; H. Springhall, 2; E. Horrex, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; S. Joyce, 5; W. Burkin, 6; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 7; F. W. Thornton, 8; H. J. Tucker (Bishop's Stortford), 9; W. T. Cockerill, 10; E. P. O'Meara, 11; W. Prime, 12.

On Sunday, October 11th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettitt (conductor), 1; W. Jones, 2; W. Cooter, 3; E. Horrex, 4; H. Springhall, 5; G. Muskett, 6; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), 7; C. F. Winney, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; E. Carter, 10; W. T. Cockerill, 11; E. P. O'Meara and T. H. Taffender, 12.

THE BIRMINGHAM FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 8th, in 1 hour and 15 minutes, on Handbells retained in hand, half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. H. P. Harman (Bromley), 1-2; W. A. Hancox, 3-4; R. Hunt (conductor), 5-6; R. Hackley, 7-8. Referee, J. Porter.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.

On Sunday, July 12th, at Holy Trinity Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hawse, 1; W. Smallwood, 2; T. Naisby, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; Noah Holyoak, 5; R. Miller, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8.

On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Smallwood, 1; J. Hawse, 2; R. Miller, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; T. Naisby, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. For evening service, 672 Plain Bob Triples, standing as before.

On Sunday, August 16th, 420 Plain Bob Triples. R. Miller, 1; J. Hawse, 2; W. Smallwood, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; T. Naisby, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8.

On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, 420 Plain Bob Triples. T. Nanson, 1; J. Hawse, 2; W. Smallwood, 3; T. Naisby, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; R. Miller, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8.

On Sunday, September 20th, for evening service, 420 Plain Bob Triples. W. Smallwood, 1; J. Hawse, 2; T. Naisby, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; R. Miller, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8.

On Tuesday, September 22nd, for Harvest Festival, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Hawse, 1; W. Smallwood, 2; R. Miller, 3; T. Ditchburn, 4; N. Holyoak, 5; T. Naisby, 6; J. Naisby (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FERRING, (Essex).

On Tuesday, September 29th, at the Church of All Saint's, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Evers, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; W. Keeble, 3; J. Sadler, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5; J. Newman, 6.

On Friday, October 9th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. G. Mays, 1; J. Willsher (first 720 with a bob bell), 2; G. Hum, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. Also 720 in the same method by C. Mills, 1; J. Newman, 2; G. Hum, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).

On Sunday evening, October 4th, at the Abbey, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival and as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. A. Alps, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes in 44 minutes. F. Freeman, 1; G. E. Peace, 2; F. Carter, 3; G. Carter, 4; J. Rann, 5; W. A. Alps (conductor), 6; W. Lebbon, 7; W. Clark, 8. Messrs. F. Freeman, G. Carter, J. Rann, W. Lebbon, and W. Clark, hail from Loughton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PENDLETON (Lancashire).

On Sunday, October 11th, at the Church of St. Thomas, for afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. G. Downs, 1; G. E. Turner, 2; J. Smith, 3; H. Chapman, 4; S. Greenhalgh, 5; Josiah Rogers, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; H. Croft, 8.

BACUP (Lancashire).

On Sunday, September 6th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 720 College Pleasure. Levi Holt, 1; Z. Lord, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. Geo. Shotten, 1; A. White, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, September 13th, 720 Ebor Treble Bob. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, September 20th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. Z. Lord, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, September 27th, 720 College Pleasure. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; J. S. Lomas, (conductor), 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(PENARTH BRANCH).

On Wednesday, September 16th, at St. Augustine's Church, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 720 of Plain Bob. D. Thomas, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; G. Watkins (Barry), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; H. Roberts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Watkins, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; H. Roberts, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6.

On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles). J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; A. Rowley, 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Cox (Newport) (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (9 bobs). D. Thomas, 1; W. B. Biss (conductor), 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; A. Rowley, 4; T. Northey, 5; J. Cox, 6.

On Tuesday, October 6th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (9 bobs). O. W. Laying (Swindon), 1; D. Thomas, 2; J. Vinnicombe, 3; W. B. Biss (first in the method as conductor), 4; F. Bartlett, 5; T. Northey, 6.

On Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob (26 singles). J. Jones, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; T. Northey, 4; D. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING BARNET (Herts).

On Monday, October 5th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Dolton, 1; H. S. Reeves (conductor), 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; J. Stevens, 5; J. W. Ginns, 6; A. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. And 210 in the same method. J. Stevens, 1; A. Chidwick, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq. (conductor), 3; W. J. Dell, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; J. W. Ginns, 7; E. Dolton, 8. And 3 plain courses of Stedman Triples. H. S. Reeves, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; F. A. Milne, Esq., 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; J. W. Ginns, 6; A. Belton, 7; E. Dolton, 8. Also 224 Bob Major. F. A. Milne, Esq., 1; J. Cornell, 2; H. S. Reeves, 3; J. Stevens, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. Belton, 6; J. W. Ginns, 7; C. H. Martin (conductor), 8.

On Thursday evening, October 8th, an attempt was made by the following band for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately failed after about 2,100 changes had been rung. C. H. Martin (conductor), 1; A. Chidwick, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Stevens, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. E. Dolton, 6; A. Belton, 7; A. T. King, Esq., 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. F. C. Cass, Rector of Hadley; whose remains were interred in Hadley Churchyard, on Friday, October 9th.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).

On Thursday, September 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. H. Tubb, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; G. Miles (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. And 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; F. Sparks, 2; E. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carraway, 6.

On Sunday, September 20th, after evening service, 720 of College Single (15 bobs and 2 singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carraway (conductor), 6. And 360 of Oxford Bob. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Carraway, 5; F. Sparks, 6.

On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (15 singles and 3 bobs). W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; F. Sparks, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carraway (conductor), 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.

On Sunday evening, October 4th, at St. Werburgh's Church, after Divine Service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 minutes. T. Anthony, 1; J. W. Thompson, 2; C. Draper, 3; J. Newbold, 4; F. Bradley (conductor), 5; H. Found, 6; L. Lomas, 7; T. Griffiths, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).

On Sunday, October 4th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Services, 400 of Stedman Triples and a course of Plain Bob Major, was rung at 6.20 a.m. For morning service, 560 of Double Norwich and a course of Grandsire Triples. Also for evening service, a course of Superlative Surprise Major and a course of London Surprise Major. After service, two courses of Stedman Triples, the following took part in the above:—T. Newman, H. Simmonds, H. Smith, G. Essex, J. Hands, E. J. Menday, E. W. Menday, R. T. Hibbert, A. Cullum, A. W. Pike, J. F. Tarrant, H. Terry, J. Tucker, and F. Tubb. The conductors were T. Newman and E. Menday.

BRADFELD (Berks).

On Saturday, October 3rd, being the Annual Meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch, 720 of Bob Minor. Charles Giles, 1; E. Holloway, 2; E. Bruce, 3; H. Keel, 4; H. Tucker, 5; Joseph Hatto (conductor), 6. Messrs Giles and Tucker belong to Reading, Holloway to Bradfield, the rest to Beenham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURGH (Suffolk).

On Wednesday evening, October 7th, 720 of Sandle Exercise Treble Bob in 25 minutes. J. E. Kidby (first 720 in the method), 1; H. A. Wright (first 720 in the method), 2; Samuel Smith, 3; T. G. Dowsing 4; W. Smith, 5; A. F. Dowsing (first 720 as conductor), 6. Also several touches of Kent and Oxford were rung with A. J. Dowsing, 1.

LEISTON (Suffolk).

On Tuesday, September 29th, at St. Margaret's Church, for practice, upon the back 6, a 720 of Bob Minor. F. Wolfe (first 720), 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; T. Bell, 4; J. Button, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, October 6th, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. R. H. L. James (first 720), 1; E. Wiggs, 2; E. Bailey, 3; A. J. Lincoln, 4; C. Samson (conductor), 5; G. Wilson, 6.

THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD.

PETERBOROUGH.

On Thursday evening, September 24th, at St. Mary's, on the occasion of Harvest Festival, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. R. Squire, 1; G. Baker, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; J. Binks, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5; G. Martin, 6. And a touch of Minor. W. Johnson, 6; C. R. Lilley, 4. 120 of Grandsire after service. G. I. Martin, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; E. G. Baker, 3; G. Baker, 4; R. Squires, 5; J. Binks, 6.

On Sunday, September 27th, 120 of Grandsire. G. Baker, 1; R. Squires, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4; G. Martin, 5; J. Terrell, 6.

On Tuesday, September 29th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles), tenor observation bell in 28 min. G. Martin, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; E. G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; A. Johnson, 5; W. T. Johnson, 6. Tenor 8 cwt., this is the first 720 by the Guild, and first by E. G. Baker and R. Squires on an inside bell, it is a period of nearly three years since 720 was rung by a Peterborough Band.

OAKHAM (Rutland).

On Saturday, September 26th, at the Parish Church of All Saint's, 120 of Grandsire Doubles on the back 6. J. Binks, 3; G. I. Martin, 4; E. G. Baker, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6; R. Rowell, 7; R. Squires, 8. The two trebles being raised, 120 of Grandsire on the front 5 (768 covering). R. Rowell, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; R. Squires, 3; G. I. Martin, 4; E. G. Baker, 5; F. Sewell, 6; J. Binks, 7; R. W. Baker, 8. And 360 in the following methods: 120 Lincolnshire Singles, 120 April Day, 120 Plain Bob. J. Clarke, 6; the rest standing as before. And 480 in the following: 120 Lincolnshire Singles, 120 Grandsire, 120 Plain Bob, 120 April Day. R. Rowell, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; R. Squires, 3; G. I. Martin, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; R. W. Baker, 6; J. Binks, 7; F. Sewell, 8; 120 Grandsire, 120 Plain Bob, J. Clark, 6; R. W. Baker, 8; the rest as before. The bells then being lowered in peal. C. R. Lilley, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; R. Rowell, 3; G. I. Martin, 4; R. Squires, 5; Dexter 6; Dexter, 7; R. W. Baker, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. in F, which are a very musical peal, it being difficult to ring change-ringing on 8 on account of the position of the ropes, the back 6 being a good circle, the treble rope comes at the back of the 3 and 4, and the 2 at the back of the 4 and 5; the Dexter's being local men, Messrs. R. W. Baker, Sewell and Clarke, Langham, the rest Peterborough; supposed to be the first in the method on the bells of Lincolnshire Singles and April Day, there not being a change-ringing company there. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar Rev. F. Baggallay and Churchwardens, for the use of the bells, and local ringers for having everything in readiness.

THE STAFFORD AND WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).

On Thursday, October 1st, at St. Martin's Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the bells were rung before and after evening service, with Grandsire and Bob Minor, by the following:—W. R. Small, A. H. Hill, G. James, W. James, F. Bywater, J. Small, C. Faulks, G. Cutler.

On Sunday, October 4th, before morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 minutes. A. H. Hill, 1; W. R. Small, 2; W. James, 3; G. James, 4; H. Mason (conductor), 5; F. Bywater, 6. Also before evening service, Plain Bob Minor, and Stedman Doubles. F. Bywater, 1; W. R. Small, 2; W. Micklewright (conductor), 3; G. James, 4; W. James, 5; J. Small, 6; S. Boncut, 7; A. H. Hill, 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BUSHBURY (Staffordshire).

On Thursday, October 1st, 720 of Bob Minor, in 23 minutes. F. Jones, 1; G. Burrows, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; H. Knight, 4; H. A. Hall, 5; A. Griffiths, 6. Tenor 11 cwt.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 288 of Grandsire Caters. F. Jones, 1; C. H. Watts, 2; W. G. Hall, 3; H. A. Hall, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; E. Nicholls, 6; G. Burrows, 7; H. Knight, 8; A. Griffiths, 9; T. Purser, 10. Also for evening service, 350 of Grandsire Triples, 468 of Grandsire Caters standing as above.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).

On Sunday Evening, October 4th, after Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 minutes. W. G. Hall, 1; B. Dalton, 2; J. E. Groves (conductor), 3; G. Burrows, 4; H. Knight, 5; A. Griffiths, 6. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. J. E. Groves, 1; W. G. Hall, 2; H. A. Hall, 3; H. Knight, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; W. T. Harley, 6. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLTON KINGS (Gloucestershire).

On Sunday evening, October 4th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 minutes. W. T. Pates, 1; F. Townsend, 2; G. Hamlett, 3; W. Brinkworth, 4; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 5; W. Dyer (conductor), 6; W. James, 7; W. Bush, 8.

COALEY (Gloucestershire).

On Tuesday, September 22nd, for practice, several six scores of Stedman Doubles, called differently. T. Prout, 1; F. K. Howell, 2; G. Prout, 3; G. Condict (conductor), 4; T. Savage, 5; ———— 6. Also 180 Bob Minor. F. K. Howell hails from Thornbury, the rest are local men.

FROCESTER (Gloucestershire).

On Friday, September 25th, for Harvest Festival, 180 Bob Minor. ———— 1; T. Prout, 2; G. Prout, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; T. Savage, 5; G. Condict (conductor), 6. Also a six score of Stedman Doubles. T. Prout, 1; F. K. Howell, 2; G. Prout, 3; G. Condict, 4; T. Savage, 5; ———— 6. F. K. Howell hails from Thornbury, the rest from Coaley.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire).

On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes. A. Smith (first quarter peal), 1; T. Verry, 2; W. H. Godden, 3; B. Starkey, 4; T. Westwood (conductor), 5; R. Faux, 6; W. Verry, 7; R. Speakman, 8. Composed by H. Johnson. Rung as a birthday touch for the ringers of 3 and 4.

HOMERTON (London).

On Sunday, August 16th, at St. Paul's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; G. Bean, 5; H. Stubbs, 6.

On Sunday, August 23rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles). W. Meads, 1; the rest standing as before.

On Sunday morning, September 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and 2 singles). W. Lewin, 1; the rest standing as before.

On Sunday morning, September 27th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). H. Spencer 1; the rest standing as before.

RUSHDEN (Northamptonshire).

On Monday, September 28th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob (38 bobs and 22 singles). J. Bailey, 1; C. West, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; L. Chapman, 6. And 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Bailey, 1; L. Chapman, 2; W. A. Hall, 3; C. Green, 4; H. Clayton, 5; C. West (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, October 1st, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service, 360 Colledge Single. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; C. West, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Bailey, 1; G. Heath, 2; C. Green, 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. A. Hall (conductor), 5; L. Chapman, 6. And for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. L. Chapman, 5; W. A. Hall (conductor), 6; the rest as before.

NORTH SHIELDS.

On Sunday, September 27th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Holmes, 1; N. Brand, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; C. Waugh, 4; A. Tully (conductor), 5; G. Dix, 6. And 672 Grandsire Triples. N. Brand, 1; W. Lancaster, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; C. Waugh, 4; A. Tully, 5; J. Keen (conductor), 6; G. Dix, 7; G. Holmes, 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 minutes. N. Brand, 1; G. Holmes, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; C. Waugh, 4; Joel Hern, 5; J. Keen (conductor), 6; A. Tully, 7; G. Dix, 8.

STOKE NEWINGTON (London).

On Monday, September 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). H. Spencer, 1; G. Gains, 2; G. Long, 3; G. Bean, 4; W. Meads, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6.

On Monday, September 28th, 720 in the same method (16 bobs and 2 singles). All standing as before, except ringers 3, 4 and 5, which were; J. Barry, 3; A. Fisher, 4; W. C. Waterman, 5.

THORNBURY (Gloucestershire).

On Sunday evening, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, for Divine Service, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Davis, 1; F. K. Howell, 2; A. P. Phelps, 3; F. Poole, 4; C. Eddington, 5; T. Alsopp, 6; J. W. Poole, 7; J. Phillips, 8. Also another 504. J. Phillips, 1; W. Davis, 8; the others as before. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

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Dr. Edward White Benson.

(ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY).

Born at Birmingham, 1829. Died at Hawarden, Oct. 11th, 1896.

LONG before our Journal reaches the hands of its readers, all the world will have heard that the Primate of all England, the head of our beloved Church, has been taken from our midst.

The sudden death of the Archbishop of Canterbury has come as a great shock to us all. Apparently in the best of health, his Grace had just returned from a visit to Ireland, where he had been the guest of the Archbishop of Armagh, and at the time of his demise was the guest of Mr. Gladstone, at Hawarden Castle.

On Sunday morning last, the Archbishop and Mrs. Benson were present at the eight o'clock celebration of the Holy Communion, and went again to the eleven o'clock service, when he was suddenly taken ill, and never recovering consciousness passed peacefully away.

The muffled bells will during this week tell out the sad tidings that the Church has lost one of her most faithful sons, and at a time when he could ill be spared; but God knows best; though his spirit has passed away, it will be many a long day before the influence of the great Archbishop has passed from us.

Dr. White Benson, in the midst of his many duties, took a great interest in Bellringers, and was President of the Kent County Association. It will be fresh in the minds of our readers the encouraging and kind words he spoke to a band of ringers in Kent, who had rang the bells to welcome his Grace to the village.

The sympathy of England will go out generously to those who mourn his loss as a father and friend.

He died as he had lived, in the service of God and His church, kneeling in the house of prayer, and joining in the familiar service in which he had so often ministered.

It was the death of a soldier of the church might have chosen from all others—the peaceful and pious ending that befitted a life spent in the humble service of his Maker.

Henry Hubbard—A sketch.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued).

Following the various methods, and before proceeding to composition, Hubbard considered it necessary to say a few words on the nature of rows—odd and even. Probably he had no harder task in his whole book and certainly he altogether failed in his object. It requires a very ample knowledge of the subject he attempts to explain to understand what he is driving at.

And now we come to the most valuable part of his book, the compositions. We may pass the five and six bell compositions as being of no exceptional interest and come to Triples. Here three 5040's of Plain Bob are given, one of which will last as long as change ringing as "Hubbard's 10 part," but for all that, we are compelled to state that the peal is not his. It was published and rung years before by Benjamin Thackrah, and in Shipway's

6720 of Superlative Surprise Major, the same composition does duty for another method in which the leading characteristic (the danger of course ends with 5-6 bells reversed,) is the same. Another of these 5040's, Annables 6-part, is par excellence the most symmetrical possible in the method, and thus the earliest known extent remains to this day the best.

As is only natural, it is in the methods on eight bells that the best compositions are found. A minute review of each individual peal would be very tedious, besides occupying more space than this article will allow. But to take the most notable. First we see a peal of Plain Bob by Annable; this is not his famous 3-part, which does not appear at all, but is a composition void of any merit save its antiquity. A very close variation of the well known peal appears over the initials H.H. The five part peals on the same page, without shewing much merit in composition, are well known and often rung on account of their symmetry and simplicity.

Very little originality can be claimed for the 120 course peal of Plain Bob which in its essential features is a copy of Reeve's ingenious peal (see Clavis, page 157). A similar peal is the 7680 of Double Bob on page 76. The compositions in Double Norwich are very similar to those of Bob Major, and contain nothing of unusual merit. A glance at the two peals side by side, 6000 by H.H., and 6160 by S. Thurston, shews that the rules of variation where not observed so closely as they are (or ought to be) now.

Of Treble Bob Major, Hubbard gives a very large assortment, there being over 60 compositions, a large proportion of which is his own. We notice nearly all the long peals by Thorpe, Harrison, Lockwood, and Day, besides several excellent one part compositions, some of which have the fifth and sixth their extent each way in 5-6.

The next composition that claims our attention is Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise, which is

here published for the first time, and was an undoubted gain to the exercise. Whether Middleton hit on it "more by luck than by wit," or whether he worked it out systematically, I cannot say; I should imagine the former. Near this peal we find the well-known peal of Superlative Surprise that usually goes by John Cox's name, and which is continually being "composed" in some fresh method. A careful search into the matter has convinced me, that so far as a Superlative is concerned, it belongs to Thackrah and for all other methods to John Reeves (see Clavis, page 349).

In Grandsire Caters we find two or three very popular peals which help to retain Hubbard's name in the memory of the exercise, and turn from thence to Stedman's Principle. Here are half-a-dozen peals, the last one unfortunately false. In the first peal Hubbard makes a new and excellent departure in Stedman composition by fixing the sixth in second's place instead of the treble.

We will therefore take leave of Hubbard here, and in summing up, we shall I think come to the conclusion, that though he produced no peal of surpassing merit as did John Holt, Thomas Thurston, and a few others, yet his compositions are of very high order and on the roll of the Fathers of the Art of Change Ringing whose fame will stand the test of time, a very high place must be given to Henry Hubbard.



THE LATE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS: ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE.

ST. Giles' Parish Church, Cripplegate, is one of the most interesting to be found in the City of London. The first church was built about the year 1090 by Alfune, afterwards Hospitaller or Proctor of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Stow, in his "Survey of London," says that "the church was at first a small thing, but hath been since at divers times much enlarged as the parish hath increased, and was newly

shows considerable portions of the ancient edifice. The plan gives a nave, side aisles, and Chancel, with a large and massive square tower at West end of four storeys, the upper part of red bricks (fifteen feet added in 1682). The ancient parts of the tower and the South side of the church are built of stone in irregular masses, interspersed with tile and brick. From the nature of the materials as well as the form of the arches, it



ST. GILES', CRIPPLEGATE.

built." This took place about the year 1392. In 1545 the interior of the church was destroyed by fire, a great loss to the Antiquary and Archaeologist, as all the brasses and monuments were destroyed. Allen in his "History of London," published in 1830, gives the following description of the church:—

"It is a spacious and substantial building, and though much disfigured by modern alterations and detached buildings, still

is evident that these portions were not destroyed in the fire of 1545, but are the work of a period anterior to that date."

The building was speedily restored, and may be looked upon as substantially the same as that built in 1392. It is one of those churches that escaped the Great Fire of London in 1666.

The monuments within the church are of exceeding interest.

A monument to Thomas Busby, a benefactor to the poor of Cripplegate, 1575, is the oldest in the church. John Fox, author of the famous "Book of Martyrs," who was for some time Vicar, lies buried in the Chancel. There are also monuments to Sir William Staines, Alderman of Cripplegate from 1793 until his death in 1807. He served the office of Lord Mayor, 1801. Of humble birth, and never disowning his lowly origin, by his industry and integrity he amassed considerable wealth, and not unmindful of those who had failed in the race of life, he built and supported during his life, four Alms-houses for poor men and women. John Speed, a faithful servant of Queen Elizabeth, King James I., and King Charles I., died 1629. In 1888, a memorial to Sir Martin Frobisher was erected by the Vestry of St. Giles', in commemoration of the Tercentenary of the defeat of the Spanish Armada, and of Frobisher's connection with St. Giles' Parish. But that which constitutes by far the most interesting memorial of all, is the monument of John Milton, the poet, whose remains lie within the walls, he died in 1674, and was buried next to his father in the Chancel of the church. The fact that such a monument exists has drawn thousands from all parts of the world to the church. An Amber window at the East end of the church is considered to be one of the finest in London, it was painted by a lady some 50 years ago.

Quite recently an important discovery has been made. On removing the black plaster which encased the pulpit, some of the finest old oak carving was disclosed, and is considered to be one of the best specimens of old oak carving to be seen.

The oak Reredos in the Chancel, which dates from about the year 1706, is very handsomely carved, and is in the Renaissance style of architecture.

The black marble step next to the Communion rails, is the same on which Oliver Cromwell knelt while being married to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir James Bouchier, on the 22nd August, 1620.

St. Giles was appointed to be one of the four City Churches that were to give the time to ring the Curfew Bell.

The earliest notice of bells and chimes is in the year 1580. The parish accounts shew many items of interest relating to "ye bells" and "ye ringers," amongst them being a record that the bellringers were paid 3/6 to ring merrily when the Lord High Protector dined in the City, 34 years after he had knelt at the Altar in the church.

The tower contains a fine peal of twelve bells, which were originally one of ten cast by Pack & Chapman, at the Whitechapel foundry in 1771, the weights being as follows:—

Treble,	7 cwt., 1 qrs., 0 lbs.	6th	11 cwt., 1 qrs. 21 lbs.
2nd	6 " 3 " 1 "	7th	15 " 1 " 10 "
3rd	7 " 3 " 13 "	8th	17 " 2 " 3 "
4th	8 " 2 " 5 "	9th	24 " 0 " 4 "
5th	9 " 2 " 21 "	Tenor	36 " 1 " 24 "

Two new trebles being subsequently added by Warner.

Amongst the records in the belfry, are tablets recording the following peals:—

December 10th, 1844, 5016 Stedman Cinques by the Royal Cumberland Youths, "The first peal ever achieved in this intricate method upon these bells."

April 27th, 1847, 5136 Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

February 15th, 1848, 5376 Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

January 6th, 1851, 7524, Stedman Cinques by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

February 7th, 1853, 5088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus and 22nd March, 1886, 5014 Stedman Cinques by the same society.

The Church has been thoroughly restored, every care has been taken to beautify the interior, and it is well worthy of a visit. The church is open on weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The present Vicar is the Rev. Prebendary Albert Barff, M.A.

Visitors to Cripplegate should not fail to see the fine Old Gateway entrance to the Churchyard erected in 1660, at a cost of £60, a heavy round headed arch, the spandrels being occupied by an hour glass, a scythe, death's head and crossbones, and other emblems of mortality.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WALTHAMSTOW.

On Monday, 5th October, the members of the above Society visited Southend. Leaving Walthamstow by the 10.7 Midland train, Southend was reached at about 11.10, when some of the party went to Prittlewell Church for a ring on the newly-augmented peal of 8 bells, while the remainder went for a stroll round the town and on the pier. The weather being all that could be desired, and the tide being up, and there being a fresh breeze, the walk along the longest pier in England was greatly enjoyed.

Assembling at the "Ship" Hotel at 2 p.m., 21 members and friends sat down to a capital dinner, which was served up to everyone's satisfaction. The health of the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Mary's having been drunk, a move was next made for a drive in a pair-horse brake to Shoe-burness, to inspect the guns, &c. The latter place being reached after a beautiful drive through the very pretty country, a stroll was taken along the beach, and a visit paid to the batteries, where the big guns were a source of great interest to the party. Under the superintendence of Bombardier Maynard and Cornet Wilkins, both members of the St. Mary's Society, a minute examination of the beautiful work and mechanism of the guns was made, and the points ably explained by them. The drive was then continued to Prittlewell and, after a cup of refreshing tea had been obtained, a move was made for the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were brought round. Tracks were then made for the Station and, after an enjoyable ride, home was reached at about 10.30 p.m., everyone having spent a most enjoyable day. The members wish, through the medium of *Campanology*, to express their thanks to the Clergy of the Church, and to Mr. Bedwell for having everything in readiness, and to the other members of the Prittlewell Society for the hearty welcome accorded to them.

ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, HOMERTON.

On Saturday, October 3rd, the above Society paid a visit to Knebworth, Herts, and rung 720 Plain Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles) at the church of St. Giles Codicote. H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; G. Bean, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Also an attempt was made for 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with J. Barry on the treble), but after ringing 20 minutes, it came to grief owing to the noise of the bells, a call being misunderstood.

On Sunday, October 4th, at Knebworth Church, 720 Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and 2 singles). H. Spencer, 1; F. Webb, 2; G. Long, 3; A. Fisher, 4; G. Bean, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. The ringers wish to thank (through the medium of this paper) the Rectors and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also the ringers for their hearty welcome to us.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD

On Saturday, September 26th, by invitation of Mr. R. W. Baker, six members paid a visit and rang upon the bells of St. Peter and Paul's Church, 120 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Binks, 1; G. J. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; H. Hedgson, 6. After which a date touch was attempted, and lost through the belfry door being opened after 60 changes were rung. 120 April day, 480 Plain Bob, and 260 of Grandsire. R. Rowell, 1; G. J. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 4; R. Squires, 5; R. W. Baker, 6. Two courses of Grandsire Minor. J. Binks, 1; G. J. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; R. Rowell, 5; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 6. After which the ringers were invited to tea, provided by Mr. R. W. Baker. All sat down, Go been called, and all came into rounds, after which the Handbells were brought into use. Upon another visit to the tower, 240 of Grandsire Doubles. C. R. Lilley (conductor), 1; R. W. Baker, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; G. J. Martin, 4; F. Sewell, 5; R. Squires, 6. 480 in the following methods: 120 April day, 120 Lincolnshire Singles, 120 Plain Bob, 120 of Grandsire. R. Rowell, 1; G. J. Martin, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; R. Squires, 4; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 5; R. W. Baker, 6. 120 of Grandsire. R. Squires (conductor), 1; R. W. Baker, 2; E. G. Baker, 3; G. J. Martin, 4; R. Rowell, 5; A. Buttress (Oakham), 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in G. The bells then being lowered in peal. Messrs. R. W. Baker, Sewell, and Hedgson are local men, and is supposed to be the first in the method of Lincolnshire Singles, and April day on the bells. The ringers wish, through the medium of *Campanology*, to thank Mr. R. W. Baker for his kind hospitality and making arrangements, and having everything ready, also the Vicar, the Rev. F. Baggallay, and Churchwardens, all having enjoyed their outing, and hoping it will not be long before we meet again. They arrived at Peterborough at 10.40 p.m.

St. Paul's Bells Bedford.

The history of St. Paul's Bells, re-opened, and re-dedicated on Tuesday, September 29th, commences with the year 1745, when they replaced a peal of five, some, if not all, of which probably dated from the pre-Reformation period.

The requirements of the art of change-ringing, which even before the middle of the 17th century had become a fashionable amusement in the Metropolis and elsewhere, doubtless led to the recasting of the old rings and (in order to give greater scope to the ringers) to the increase in the number of the bells. That this was the reason why the old peal of five at St. Paul's was in 1745 replaced by one of eight is not probable, for there is nothing to show that change-ringing in the proper sense of the term was practised here till the Bedfordshire Association was established in March 1882. "Churchyard Bob," or "round" ringing, was apparently up to this period the only method followed in Bedford. The wear-and-tear of centuries was the most probable reason for the substitution of a new peal of eight bells in 1745. The work was entrusted to Lester & Pack of Whitechapel. They were opened in the spring of the year 1745, as is shown by the following minute in the records of the Common Council relating to a meeting of that body held on April 19th, "It is voted, ordered, and agreed unto at this court of Common Council, that the Chamberlains of this Corporation shall pay amongst eight men that shall come from St. Michael's Cornhill, London, the sum of six guineas for their trouble in ringing the new peal of eight bells which are hung up in the steeple of the parish church of St. Paul in this town." On the restoration of the church and the rebuilding of the tower and spire in 1868, the bells underwent partial restoration. The treble and third bells were re-cast and the ring re-hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel. Though a few of the bells were fairly good, notably the seventh, the tone of the tenor and that of some of the others, was unsatisfactory. Hence for some time past, especially since the inauguration of the new chimcs in 1879, and the establishment of an excellent society of change-ringers, a strong feeling has existed in the town and neighbourhood that the peal should be thoroughly overhauled and two trebles added to make a ring of ten worthy of the Metropolitan church. With this view, a representative committee was formed in December last, and an executive sub-committee selected to invite subscriptions and carry out the work of restoring the bells, and ultimately the chimcs which have been so long silent. This body consists of the Mayor of Bedford (Mr. F. A. Blaydes), chairman, the Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. L. Woodard), the two Churchwardens (Messrs. Cuthbert and Bull), Sir Frederick Howard, Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. T. Gwyn Elger, hon. sec. At the request of the Committee, Messrs. Taylor & Co., the celebrated bell founders of Loughborough, prepared a very complete report on the condition of the bells, and estimated for the necessary work of restoration and addition. It was the unanimous opinion of the Committee after receiving this report, that it would be desirable to have an entirely new peal of ten, with a tenor weighing about 34 cwt., but the result of an appeal, widely circulated throughout the town and county, for defraying its cost, was so discouraging that they were reluctantly obliged to fall back upon the more modest plan which is now completed, viz.: to replace the old tenor by a new bell of greater weight, and add two trebles, making a ring of ten, and to have the other bells rendered as satisfactory as possible. The tenor and the two new trebles were cast at the Loughborough foundry on June 26th, and turned out to be excellent bells, but in the process of tuning the peal as a whole, it was found that the treble of the old ring, which is, of course, the third of the new one, had been years ago so injudiciously chipped in the sound-bow in the endeavour first to sharpen its note, then to flatten it, that it was wholly impossible to make a satisfactory bell of it except by recasting it. This was accordingly done, so that of the ten bells now hanging in the tower of St. Paul's, four are new, viz.: the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and the tenor, and the remainder have been retuned and replaced in the tower on strengthened framing.

The following are the particulars of the new bells:—

Treble (new), diameter 2 ft. 3 9-16th inches, weight 5 cwt., 3 qrs., 2 lbs.; note F sharp; inscription, "John Taylor & Co., founders, Loughborough, 1896."

2nd (new), diameter 2 ft. 5 in., weight 6 cwt., 0 qrs., 11 lbs.; note E; inscription, "John Taylor & Co., founders, Loughborough, 1896."

3rd (new), diameter 2 ft. 7 1-8th inches; weight 7 cwt., 0 qrs., 8 lbs.; note D; inscription, "John Taylor & Co., founders, Loughborough, 1896."

4th, diameter 2 ft. 8 in.; weight 6 cwt., 3 qrs., 8 lbs., note C sharp; inscription, "Thomas Lester made me, 1744."

5th, diameter 2 ft. 10 1/2 in.; weight 7 cwt., 0 qrs., 9 lbs.; note B; inscription, "Mears & Stainbank, founders, London."

6th, diameter 3 ft. 2 in.; weight 9 cwt., 3 qrs., 13 lbs.; note A; inscription "Thos. Lester made me 1744."

7th, diameter 3 ft. 4 5-8th in.; weight 12 cwt., 0 qrs., 4 lbs.; note G; inscription, "By a sudden fall my subscribers did surprise. But now I am come to please their lisening ears and eyes. T.L. 1744"

8th, diameter 3 ft. 7 in.; weight 13 cwt., 3 qrs., 14 lbs.; note F sharp; inscription, "Thomas Lester, made me."

9th, diameter 3 ft. 11 1/2 in.; weight 18 cwt., 3 qrs., 7 lbs.; note E; inscription, Thomas Lester, of London, made me, 1744."

Tenor (new), diameter 4 ft. 6 7-8th in.; weight 28 cwt., 3 qrs., 6 lbs.; note D; inscription, "To the glory of God. + 1896. This bell was recast by John Taylor of Loughborough. Lambert Woodard, vicar; J. M. Cuthbert, T. Bull, churchwardens; F. A. Blaydes, mayor. At the same time two trebles were added to the old ring of eight." The old Tenor weighed 26 cwt. 3 qrs., 7 lbs.

Total weight of the new bells at St. Paul's exclusive of fittings, 6 tons, 6 cwt., 0 qrs., 26 lbs. The tenor, with the exception of the solitary bell at Woburn new church, weighing 2 ton, 15 cwt., (presented by the Duke of Bedford in 1867), is the heaviest bell in the county. The new tenor at St. Paul's is about 2 cwt. heavier than the old one which it replaces.

The new bells are cast of the purest bellmetal most carefully mixed and are in perfect tune with each other; this being tested with accurate scientific instruments. The old bells have also been tuned as far as it is possible to do so, that is to say their main notes are in tune, but these six bells all possess more or less inharmonious undertones which we are unable to control except by recasting. The two smallest bells and the tenor are equipped with entirely new fittings comprising all the latest improvements, notably the iron girder headstocks and the Heywood lubricators for the bearings. The two new smallest bells are hung upon very stout rolled steel girders, and the timber frame for the tenor bell being found too weak, has been taken out and replaced with a massive iron framework.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above, was held at Manchester, on Saturday, September 26th, and was well attended by members from Bolton, Blackburn, Liverpool, Flixton, Pendleton, Worsley, Walkden, Deane, Pendlebury, Bacup, Rawtstall, Helmshore, Ramsbottom, Waterfoot, Newchurch, Rusholme, Southport, Ormskirk, East Crompton, Leesfield, Ashton, Heywood, Rochdale, Radcliffe, Wigan, Dalton-in-Furness, Prestwich, Eccles, and the local companies. Service was held in the Cathedral at 3 p.m., the clergy in attendance being the Dean of Manchester, Revs. Canon Kelly, Canon Woodhouse, Canon Charles Lowe, and the Revs. H. J. Elsee and C. A. Clements. The preacher was the Honorable and Rev. A. T. Lyttleton, M.A., Vicar of Eccles, who taking as his text, Psalm 98, verses 4, 5, 6, in the course of a brief and eloquent sermon, said that every office of the church had its own special signification, the Clergy, Choir, Ringers, each and all had their own special office, and the special signification of the ringers' office, was surely to be ministers of joy to the world; for church bells express more particularly joy, for even when they are muffled to express our grief, there is also expressed by them the glorious joy of the Resurrection to Life Eternal. He thought ringing brought out the great lesson of unselfishness, as they knew each depended on the other and all worked for one end, and without each other their work was of none effect. He trusted that they would do their work well in the church, and at all times consider that they were engaged in taking part in God's worship, and hoped that all they did would be done to the Glory of the Lord.

After service, the members adjourned to the Cathedral Schools, and sat down to an excellent tea, and when ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the Dean briefly addressed the meeting, extending a hearty welcome to the Association and delighting the members by his happy, humorous reminiscences of bells and ringers, concluding by earnestly exhorting his hearers to ever bear in mind the importance of their office, and above all to endeavour as frequently as possible, after ringing the worshippers to church, to let example follow precept by attending the service themselves.

The Rev. Canon Lowe, a former President of the Association, expressed the great pleasure it afforded him of meeting the members once more, and seeing so many of his old friends amongst them that day, and emphasized the remarks of the Dean as to the importance of the Ringers' Office, and the duty incumbent upon them of attending Divine Service after ringing.

The President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., in opening the proceedings of the business meeting, referred to the long and prosperous reign of Her Majesty the Queen, and felt sure they would all join with him in their congratulations, and in wishing that she may still enjoy good health and continue the government of our great nation. The members responded to the President's invitation by rising and singing, in a hearty manner, the National Anthem. The President then gave his address, and congratulated the members on the progress made by the Association during the past year. 62 new members had been elected, whilst only 7 of the old members had lapsed, bringing up the total membership to 911. Speaking of the Treasurer's Balance Sheet, he pointed out that, for the first time for many years, an adverse balance was recorded on the year's working, the income for the year being £37 17s. 3d., and the expenditure £39 13s. 11d., showing a loss for the year of £1 15s. 10d. This he accounted for partly by the fact that one or two items of expense were included in this year's Balance Sheet which rightly belonged to the previous year, partly also by the special expense incurred in printing the Rules and Diagrams for Ringing, which were issued to the members with last year's report; but chiefly he attributed the adverse balance to the fact that a good many members, he was sorry to say, had allowed their contributions to fall into arrear, and hoped that this would be remedied by all the members endeavouring, as far as possible, to pay their subscriptions regularly, and thus ensure a good substantial margin of income over expenditure. The total balance in hand

is now £81 9s. 4½d. Referring to the number of Peals rung during the year, he said he must congratulate them on the improvement made in ringing in the advanced methods, and exhorted them to persevere in the study and practice of various methods, as being the best means of keeping up their interest and zeal in ringing.

The Committee's Report and the Treasurer's Balance Sheet being read, the election of Officers was proceeded with; the President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.), the Honorary Secretaries, Messrs J. Redford and J. Wilson, and the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson, all of Bolton, were unanimously re-elected, whilst the vacancies on the Committee were filled up as follows, viz.:—Mr. R. S. Mann, Liverpool; Messrs. Z. Lord and J. B. Taylor, Rosendale; Mr. Mather, Preston; Mr. Maries, Fylde; and Mr. Slater, Blackburn.

The Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. Eachus and Redyald, and the President, were elected Representatives to the Central Council.

Several new ringing members, together with two non-resident and two honorary members were elected, and after discussing the claims of various places, it was decided by vote to hold the next Annual Meeting at Newchurch, in the Rosendale Branch.

Mr. Chatterton (a former Secretary of the Association), in a few well chosen words, moved a vote of thanks to the Dean, the Cathedral Authorities, the ladies for presiding at tea, and the preacher for his eloquent sermon. This was seconded by Mr. Hill, of Southport, and carried with acclamation.

Votes of thanks to the President and retiring officers, brought one of the most successful meetings in the history of the Association to a close, the members dispersing to the various towers in the city, kindly placed at their disposal for the day, including the bells at the Manchester Town Hall.

THE EASTERN COUNTIES GUILD

The autumn meeting of this Guild was held at Walpole St. Peter, on Saturday last, when ringers from Pinchbeck, Spalding, Peterborough, Moulton, Walpole and Walpole St. Andrew, Marham, and King's Lynn attended. The day's proceedings were opened by a 720 Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles) by the following:—J. Wright (Spalding), 1; E. G. Baker (Peterborough), 2; H. Hill (Walpole) conductor, 3; H. Tedder (Marham), 4; L. Wright (Marham), 5; W. Wright (Walpole), 6. Divine Service in the Parish Church was at 1 o'clock, at which all the members attended. The Psalms and Canticles were chanted for the first time by the Guild, the Hon. Mrs. Macmichael presiding at the organ. The Rector, the Rev. C. Macmichael, preached an appropriate sermon, taking his text from the 12th chapter of St. Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, at the 27th verse, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." The Rev. gentleman, who is President of the Guild, after bidding its members a hearty welcome to his Parish, for the third time since he became Rector, proceeded to give an account of the origin of bells, their uses, and what was expected of all good ringers. After service, the ringers went round this, the grandest of Marshland Churches, with its Sanctus bell above the Chancel, to view the lovely flowers, fruit, and vegetables, which had been left since the Harvest Festival, on the preceding Sunday, and which were greatly admired by all. An adjournment was then made to the "Plough" Hotel, St. Andrew's, where Host Wright had in waiting an excellent dinner, consisting of boiled beef, mutton, and roast beef, vegetables, plum pudding, and dessert. Ample justice having been done by the company to the good things provided for them, the President gave the loyal toast of "Church and Queen," which was heartily drunk, with the wish that Her Majesty might live many more years to reign over us. The Hon. Lay Secretary, Mr. W. G. Cross, then read the minutes of the Peterborough meeting, which were signed. Copies of the Balance Sheet, prepared by the Rev. W. Disney, the Guild's excellent Treasurer, and Hon. Clerical Secretary, were handed round to each member present. Two honorary members and one ringing member were elected. The place of the next meeting having been proposed and seconded, viz., Pinchbeck, near Spalding, and a vote of thanks to the Rectors for the use of the bells, to Mr. Wright, the Host, for providing so excellent a repast, the members again adjourned to the towers, where, at St. Andrew's tower, were rung six score of Grandsire Doubles by C. Crust, 1; E. Jarvis, 2; W. G. Cross, 3; C. R. Lilly, 4; G. Ladd, 5. And at St. Peter's, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles), by J. Cherrington, 1; H. Merrishaw, 2; G. Ladd, 3; W. Wright, 4; H. Allen, 5; E. Jarvis, 6. At the "Plough" Hotel, the Handbells were kept going in various methods during the day, and some capital tunes were rung by the Walpole men. It is a pity that St. Andrew's tower does not contain a peal of six bells, the present five are in good tune and very mellow, and it is hoped with the excellent Vicar, the Rev. H. Smith, that, before long, another bell may be added to the peal. The day, which to a good many of the ringers was short, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It should be added that the Secretary had provided several copies of *Campanology*, which he gave to the ringers, and, after carefully looking through the same, several decided to take copies from the booksellers, many being heard to say that the paper was excellently printed, and its appearance far and away the best, and it deserved support.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3rd, a quarterly meeting was held at Husband Crawley and Aspley, the following towers being represented: Bedford St. Paul's, St. Peter's, St. Mary's, Woburn, Milton Bryant and Aspley. Some good ringing was done upon the six bells at Crawley and Aspley in various methods, also courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, on Handbells, by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Mr. Charles Herbert and his two sons (Cyril and Ernest), C. W. Clarke, and J. Hills.

It was decided to hold an intermediate meeting at Kempston in a month's time, and that the next quarterly meeting be held at Leighton Buzzard.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26th, a quarterly meeting of this Society was held at Basingstoke. The bells of the Parish Church (St. Michael and All Angels) were set in motion soon after 2.30 p.m., for combined practice, and were kept going in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob, until 4.45, when a move was made to the Basingstoke Cafe for tea. Mr. H. White had his belfry in "apple-pie" order, as every belfry should be, considering it is a part of a consecrated building. The following bands were represented:—Fareham, Gosport, Portsea, Guildford, Hursley, and the Cathedral. Two or three unattached members were also present. Evensong was said by the Rector, Dr. Cooper-Smith, at 5.30, and at 6 the business-meeting was held in the Church Room, fifteen members being present. The Master, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, presided. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and passed. Three new hon. members were elected, including Admiral Durrant, C.M.G., and the Hursley band were elected performing members. Mr. G. H. Plummer was elected Hon. District Secretary for the Christchurch Division, in the place of Mr. S. Merritt, resigned. A grant of £1 1s. was made towards the fund for the restoration, re-casting, and addition to the Titchfield bells. When completed, this tower will possess a ring of 6. It was remarked that such a donation could not be regarded as establishing any precedent in the matter of bell restorations—such a course did not strictly come under the objects for which the Guild was established. Nevertheless, when funds admitted of such assistance, it would be readily accorded. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Woking and Horsell, on December 5th. At this meeting, the votes for Representatives on the Central Council will be counted. A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the room, concluded the business of the meeting.

C. E. M.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening, October 10th, the Staveley Branch of the Yorkshire Association of change-ringers, paid a visit to Chesterfield to test the going of the bells which have recently been rehung by Mr. Day, of Eye, Suffolk, and reflects great credit upon him for the able manner in which he has carried out the work. As the "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, whoever may take the opportunity of attempting a peal, will find them well worthy of a visit. After ringing two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, and 880 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which were brought round in a very creditable manner, by the following:—S. Palmer, 1; S. Price, 2; J. Worthington, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Worthington, 5; W. Daffin, 6; S. Smedley, 7; J. Harris (conductor), 8; A. Worthington, 9; H. Madin, 10. First attempt on Royal by Messrs. J. Worthington, S. Smedley, W. Daffin, and S. Palmer. Hunt and Price belong to Chesterfield, all the rest hail from Staveley.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

St. Margaret's Tower on Monday the 5th inst., was the scene of a pretty little ceremony, when in the presence of a large number of members, the Rev. C. E. Robins, a Vice-President of the Society, presented one of their number with a handsome clock, on the occasion of his marriage. Mr. George Bishop was the recipient as readers of *Campanology* doubtless observed by a notice a week or two ago.

Mr. Bishop has been a most useful member of the St. Margaret's Society, he having been connected with the Church since his boyhood, and having been a faithful and loyal member of the Society through thick and thin.

Mr. Robins in a suitable speech congratulated Mr. Bishop upon the event, and gave him some useful advice upon entering his new sphere of life.

Mr. Bishop suitably responded, and thanked his fellow members for their kindness and good wishes.

All members and friends sincerely wish Mr. Bishop a long life, health, and prosperity, and hope he will continue to be a regular attendant at St. Margaret's.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

Owing to a large number of ringing reports, etc., reaching us as we are going to press, we regret to have to hold them over until next week.

Notices.**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

The practice at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, on Thursday next, the 15th inst., will be deferred on account of the sad death of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT).

The Annual Meeting of this District will be held at Lewisham, on Saturday, October 17th. The tower of St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. A tea will be provided in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m., to be followed by the Business Meeting. A service will be held in the church at 7.30 p.m., when a short address will be given by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Bickersteth, M.A., who has also kindly promised to preside at the meeting. Members intending to be present at the tea, must let me know not later than Wednesday, October 14th.

W. BEDWELL, Hon. Sec., Albacore Crescent, Lewisham.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT).

A meeting of this district (without allowances) will be held at Chiddingstone, on Saturday, October 17th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the National Schools at 6 o'clock.

W. LATTER, Hon. District Sec., 67, Goods Station Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ST. MARGARET'S, ROCHESTER.

The new bells at St. Margaret's, Rochester, will be dedicated and opened for ringing on Thursday, 22nd October, at 3 p.m. The bells will be opened for ringing during the evening.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec., 65, Olive Road, Rochester.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A special ringing meeting will be held at Ripley, on Saturday, October 17th, at 3.30. All members and friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, Hon. Sec.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting will be held at Brighouse on Saturday, October 17th Meeting house, Ring of Bells.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Road, Batley Carr.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

The next quarterly meeting will be held at the schoolroom, Caerleon, Mon., on Saturday, October 17th, at 3.30. There will be a short service at St. Cadoc's Church at 3 o'clock.

REV. D. H. GRIFFITHS, H. G. WHITE, Hon. Secs., Salisbury Road, Cardiff.

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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION)

A meeting will be held at Pevensey, on Saturday, 17th October. Bells available, Pevensey, 2.30 to 5 and 6.30 to 9; Westham, 3 to 5 and 7 to 9. Service at 5. Meat tea gratis, by the kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Lewis. Local Secretaries will assist by sending word by Friday the 16th instant, how many intend being present.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec., 101, Braybrook Road, Hastings.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Radcliffe, on Saturday, October 17th. The tower will be open for ringing at 4 p.m. Business Meeting will be held in the Institute close by the Church, at 6.30 prompt, when the Rev. Stanley Swinburn will preside.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec., 54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Bury, on Saturday, October 24th. The rector will provide teas in the Hill Street schools to those sending their names to Wm. Bracewell, 44, Rochdale Road, Bury. Names to be sent in by the 21st. Tea on the table by 5 o'clock.

J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec., Industrial Terrace, Helmshore.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

A quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, the 19th inst., at 7.45 p.m., when members are requested to attend.

H. BARTON, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The 19th annual meeting will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Monday, October 26th. Committee Meeting in the vestry of the cathedral at noon.

Divine service at the cathedral in the Lady chapel at 1 o'clock, with address by Rev. Canon Gough. Dinner at the White Hart hotel, Cloth Market, at 2; members, 1s. 6d., non-members, 2s. 6d. each. The bells of the various churches in the city will be at the disposal of members. Those intending to be present at the meeting should inform the secretary of their intention not later than Friday, 23rd. N.B.—Three representatives on the Central Council will be chosen at this meeting.

THOMAS HUDSON, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 314, High Street, W. Sunderland.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

On Friday, October 23rd, at Society's Head Quarters, Bedford Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand. Members are invited to attend as the business to be transacted is of special importance.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec., 10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey N

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Society will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, October 31st. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

S. BOOTH, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall (8 bells), near Bristol, on Saturday, October 31st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rector, Rev. H. Vaughan. Tea and business meeting to follow. Towers open, Backwell (6 bells) and Nailsea (6 bells).

H. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this Society, will be held at St. Francis Church (R.C.), Manor Road, Holbeck, on Saturday, October 31st. Ringing from 2 till 7 p.m.

Any company members of the Society, ringing the best struck touch on six and eight bells, will be awarded some suitable present for each number, by the Amateur Society, the conditions almost similar to those used at contests. The number of changes to be rung in any method, will be forwarded on application to the undersigned. A prompt start is urgently requested, as ringing cannot proceed beyond 7 p.m. under no circumstances this day. Business meeting in the School adjoining, at 7.30. Handbells provided at the Bellmount Hotel, David Street, close by.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec., 4, Kirkland Square, Kirkland St., Beeston Rd., Leeds

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The 259th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the "Champion" Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3/6 each, can be had of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, W. Burkin, F. M. Butler, F. E. Dawe, G. Dorrington, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, T. Mash, G. T. McLaughlin, G. Muskett, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettitt, W. Prime, S. Saker, C. F. Winney, or

W. T. COCKERILL, 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON CENTRAL COUNCIL, 1897.—Compounding and unattached members who have not yet received voting cards for above, should send me their full addresses without delay.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec., Hursley, Winchester

THE METROPOLIS.

The Bells are rung for Divine Service at the following Churches on Sunday next, October 18th—

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. 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. John's, Vassal Rd, Brixton - Tuesday, Oct. 20th 8 "

St. Clement Danes, Strand - Monday, Oct. 19th 8 "

St. Mary's, Woolwich - - - Every Thursday 8 "

St. Magnus, London Bridge - Thursday, Oct. 29th, 8 "

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields - Friday, Oct. 23rd, 8 p.m.

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

OUR COMPOSITION PAGE.

14 A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By H. N. DAVIS, *Camberwell.*

5000.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
5	2	3	6	4	2 2 2
3	2	6	5	4	2 1
5	6	2	3	4	2 2
<hr/>					
2	4	3	6	5	I 1 2
2	3	6	4	5	1 2
6	4	2	3	5	I 1
<hr/>					
4	5	2	3	6	I 2
3	2	5	4	6	2 2
5	4	3	2	6	I 1
2	3	4	5	6	2 2

First rung at All Saints', Fulham, by the Fulham Association, May 2nd, 1896. Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

15 A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

5120.					
2	3	4	5	6	M W H
3	2	6	5	4	2 2
3	6	5	2	4	I 2
6	3	4	2	5	2 2
4	5	2	3	6	I 1
3	2	5	4	6	2 2

Repeated.

This Composition has the 6th her extent at home, with 4-5-6 only in 6ths place.

Rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, September 3rd, 1896. Conducted by C. E. BORRETT (Oxford Variation).

16 A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By A. CRAVEN.

5248.					
2	3	4	5	6	I 4 5 6
5	3	6	2	4	- - -
2	6	3	5	4	- - -
2	4	3	6	5	- - -
4	3	2	6	5	- - -
6	2	3	4	5	- - -
2	3	6	4	5	- - -
3	6	2	4	5	- - -
6	4	2	3	5	- - -
3	2	4	6	5	- - -
2	3	5	6	4	- - -
3	5	2	6	4	- - -
5	4	3	2	6	- - -
4	2	3	5	6	- - -
5	3	2	4	6	- - -
3	2	5	4	6	- - -
2	5	3	4	6	- - -
4	3	5	2	6	- - -
3	5	4	2	6	- - -
2	4	5	3	6	- - -
4	5	2	3	6	- - -
5	2	4	3	6	- - -
3	4	2	5	6	- - -

Repeated.

First rang at Irthlingborough, September 19th, 1896 (Peal No. 7). Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

17 A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By FRANK HOPGOOD, *Reading, Berks.*

5003.								
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
4	2	3	5	6	9	7	8	7th in, out at 3
3	4	2	5	6				9th in 3
2	3	4	5	6				9 in 3
4	3	6	5	2				8-9
6	3	2	5	4				8-9
2	6	3	5	4				9 in 3
3	2	6	5	4				9 in 3
6	2	5	4	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
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4	5	3	6	2				8 in 3
3	4	5	6	2				9 in 3
5	3	4	6	2				9 in 3
4	3	2	6	5				8-9
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
5	4	2	6	3				9 in 3
2	4	3	6	5				8-9
3	2	4	6	5				9 in 3

2	6	4	3	5				8 in 3
6	4	2	3	5				7-8'
2	4	5	3	6				8-9
4	2	5	3	6	8	7	9	9 in, out at 2 double
2	3	5	4	6				9 in 3
5	2	3	4	6				8 in 3

2	4	3	5	6	8	7	9	9 in 3
3	2	4	5	6	-	-	-	8 in 3
4	3	2	5	6				8 in 3
2	3	6	5	4				9-8
6	3	4	5	2				9-8
4	6	3	5	2				8 in 3
3	4	6	5	2				8 in 3
6	4	2	5	3				9-8
2	6	4	5	3				8 in 3
4	2	6	5	3				8 in 3
6	2	3	5	4				9-8

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

Rounds the lead previous to the last course end; 5 and 6 either in 5ths or 6ths place throughout.

We shall be glad to receive any new Compositions that have been rung (and not published), with the date and place of their performance, for insertion in "Our Composition Page," and we beg to respectfully inform our friends that no charge whatsoever is made.

18 A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS

By FREDERICK J. PITTS, *London.*

5008.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	6	5	4	1	3	9	7	8
5	6	2	3	1	4			
5	6	4	2	1	3			
5	6	3	4	1	2			
3	6	5	2	1	4			
3	6	4	5	1	2			
3	6	2	4	1	5			
2	6	3	5	1	4			
2	6	4	3	1	5			
4	6	5	3	1	2			

These nine courses, four times repeated, adding a Bob at 4, in the first course of each part, produces 1 6 2 4 5 3 9 7 8. Round by Bobs at 3, 5, and 8.

This Composition has the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th each nine courses behind the 9th, with the 6th fixed in 2nds place, and was first rang by the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, October 3rd, 1896 (Peal No. 50). Conducted by H. N. DAVIS.

19 A PEAL OF SUPELATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HY. DAINS.

5088.					
2	3	4	5	6	B M W H
4	2	3	5	6	- - -
6	3	2	5	4	- - -
2	6	3	5	4	- - -
3	2	6	5	4	- - -
3	2	5	4	6	- - -
5	4	3	2	6	- - -
6	3	4	2	5	- - -
5	2	4	3	6	- - -

Twice repeated.

This Composition, now published for the first time, is a variation of the Peal rang by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at St. Mary's, Battersea, on October 3rd (Peal No. 53). Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

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By J. HACK, *Hayes.*

2	3	4	5	6	3	2	5	4	6	5
4	5	2	6	3	5	3	5	6	2	5
2	4	6	3	5	6	2	3	4	5	5
6	3	2	5	4	3	6	4	5	2	5
2	6	5	4	3	4	5	3	2	6	5
5	4	2	3	6	5	2	3	4	6	5
2	3	5	6	4	5	4	2	6	5	3
5	2	6	4	3	6	5	4	3	2	5
6	4	5	3	2	5	4	6	3	2	5
5	6	3	2	4	3	4	2	5	6	

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