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WE hope the remarks of Mr. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, at the Annual Meeting of the Yorkshire Association, will be brought home to many of our Clergy and Church authorities.

That Bells and Ringers are, in the great majority of cases, a secondary consideration, is alas, only too true, with the result that many of our finest peals are allowed to fall into a state of decay and become unringable.

We need go no further than our great Metropolis to find out to what extent Restoration and Reform is urgently required. Some of the finest peals ever cast, six, eight, ten, and twelve bells, are in such a dilapidated condition that their sound is seldom if ever heard. That this state of things should exist is surely a scandal to us as Churchmen; we who look upon our Churches as sacred buildings, to be used only for the Service and Glory of God, yet allow many of our Belfries, which is a part of the Church, to be uncared for, and generally in a filthy condition. How long, we ask, will the Clergy and Church authorities be content to see this particular part of the Church used as a lumber room; how long will they allow (without making an effort at restoration) the bells, which we must remember have been erected at great cost, and dedicated to the Service and Glory of God and His Church, to remain in this dilapidated state.

Ringers themselves have done much, through the various Associations, to further the work of Restoration and Belfry Reform, and we are sorry to admit, in many cases, without the support and practical sympathy of the Clergy.

Ringers are supposed and ought to be good Churchmen, yet is it to be wondered at that we often hear complaints of the

non-attendance of Ringers at the Services of the Church, when perhaps the Clergyman of their particular parish has never made it convenient to enter the Belfry to make himself acquainted with his parish ringers, or to speak a kind word of encouragement in their work and special privilege of calling others to worship.

We can only re-echo the words spoken by the Master of the College Youths, at their last Anniversary Banquet, "If the Clergy were found more at the West end of the Church, Bell-ringers would be found more frequently at the East end of the Church."

### SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Market Deeping, on Saturday, January 16th, when there were representatives from Stamford, Peterborough, Morton, and Deeping. Dinner was held at the "White Horse" Hotel, after which the business meeting was held, the Very Rev. Dean of Stamford, Rev. W. W. Howard, taking the chair and presiding over the meeting, the Rev. H. Law James being elected to represent the Central Council. The next meeting being the annual one, will be held on Easter Monday, at Stamford. A vote of thanks was passed to the Very Rev. Dean of Stamford, W. W. Howard, Rector of the parish, for presiding and for the use of the bells, after which the members paid another visit to the tower, the following ringing being done:—

At St. Guthlac, Market Deeping, the day being opened with 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. E. Gale, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; C. Harper, 4; W. Wadsley, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6. 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Gale, 1; C. Harper, 2; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Wadsley, 5; J. Fowler, 6. 720 of Single Court Bob. E. Gale, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; F. Dennison, 4; J. Rawlinson, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6. (First 720 of Oxford Bob by W. Wadsley) 720 of Double Court. E. Gale, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 6. (First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.) C. Lilley hails from Peterborough; Messrs. Wadsley, Fowler and Rawlinson from Morton; the rest from Stamford.

At St. James's, Deeping, 120 of Stedman Doubles and 240 of Grandsire. E. Gale, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), 5. Tenor 20 cwt.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

A quarterly meeting of this District was held at Crayford, on Saturday, January 16th, about 25 members attending. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Double Oxford and Superlative. It was decided, if the necessary permission could be obtained, to hold the next meeting on May 1st, at Hayes (six bells) and West Wickham (five bells).

### TO COMPOSERS OF PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

Will composers of the above method kindly send all their compositions as soon as possible, as the work of classifying will take up considerable time. I hope they will also send the peals they have already published in the ringing papers, dated if possible.

T. Lockwood.

## CHANGE RINGING PERFORMANCES.

### Royal.

#### 54 THE ST. STEPHENS' SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, LONDON.

*On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Three hours and Twenty minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE LANGFORD* .. .. Treble	SAMUEL ANDREWS.. .. 6
WALTER J. SORRELL .. .. 2	HENRY S. ELLIS .. .. 7
ARTHUR G. ELLIS* .. .. 3	FRANK BUCK .. .. 8
JAMES WILLSHIRE .. .. 4	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. .. 9
NATHAN J. PITSTOW .. .. 5	HENRY R. NEWTON .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

\*First peal on ten bells. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Ward, the Steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness for them.

### Caters.

#### 55 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (THE ST. LAWRENCE SOCIETY). READING, BERKS.

*On Wednesday, January 20th, 1897, in Three Hours, and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5021 CHANGES, Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. Treble	JOHNSON E. HERN.. .. 6
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 2	JAMES POTTER .. .. 7
FRANK TUBB .. .. 3	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. .. 8
HARRY TUCKER.. .. 4	WILLIAM NEWELL.. .. 9
CHARLES GILES .. .. 5	REUBEN SAWYER .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

### Major.

#### 56 THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. IRTHLINGBOROUGH- NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

*On Saturday, January 16th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES, Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ANDERSON TYLER .. .. Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. .. 5
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 2	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 6
WILLIAM VERNON NEWMAN .. 3	HLNRY STUBBS .. .. 7
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 4	JOHN B. MARTIN .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by JAS. HOUGHTON, JUN.

\*First peal with a bob bell. This peal has the 6th twenty-four times wrong and twenty times right, and is now rung for the first time.

#### 57 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

*On Saturday, January 16th, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. .. Treble	JOHN SADLER .. .. 5
CHARLES NORFOLK .. .. 2	DAVID ELLIOTT .. .. 6
WILLIAM DYER .. .. 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. .. 7
WILLIAM ELLIOTT .. .. 4	JAMES NEWMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ERNEST W. BECKWITH.

This peal was rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. D. Elliott, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th only in 6th place at the course ends. First peal by J. Newman.

#### 58 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WOOLWICH, KENT.

*On Tuesday, January 19th, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS* .. .. 5
ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 2	JOHN HACK .. .. 6
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3	HARRY WARNETT .. .. 7
HENRY G. HILL .. .. 4	HARRY BARRETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

\*First peal in the method. This composition contains the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th's place, each at five course ends, and is now rung for the first time.

#### 59 THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

*On Wednesday, January 20th, 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES, Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 27 lbs.

FRANK BENNETT .. .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 5
SYDNEY SAKER* .. .. 2	KEITH HART .. .. 6
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. .. 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. .. 7
HARRY WESTON .. .. 4	ALFRED J. TURNER .. .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

\*First peal of Major. This was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor; his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns, and it was also his first peal of Major as conductor. Sydney Saker belongs to Blacklands, Hastings; Herbert P. Harman to Bromley, Kent; Messrs. Goldsmith and Turner to the local band, the rest to St. Peter's, Brighton. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

#### 60 THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS SPELDHURST, KENT.

*On Wednesday, January 20th, 1897, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES, Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR GODLEY* .. .. Tenor	STEPHEN PERKINS.. .. 5
JAMES BAKER .. .. 2	WILLIAM H. CHARD .. .. 6
RICHARD PELLING .. .. 3	JAMES MAYNARD .. .. 7
GEORGE HEAD .. .. 4	GEORGE A. CARD .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. GARRARD, and Conducted by J. MAYNARD.

\*First peal. Messrs. Godley and Head were elected members before starting the peal.

#### 61 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

*On Thursday, January 21st, 1897, in Four Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7040 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. .. Treble	WILLIAM BALES .. .. 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. .. 2	FREDERICK DAY .. .. 6
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. .. 3	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 7
ALBERT G. WARNES .. .. 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor

Composed by the late JAMES PLATT, and Conducted by CHAS. E. BORRETT

This is the longest length on the bells, and with the exception of Messrs. Day and Borrett, by all the band. It was also Mr. F. H. Knight's fiftieth peal.

62 THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION,  
IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5008 CHANGES, Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM VERNON NEWMAN* .. Treble	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 5
WILLIAM PETTITT .. .. 2	ANDERSON TYLER .. .. 6
JAMES GARRATT .. .. 3	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7
ALPHAUS PERKINS* .. .. 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON (of Leicester), and Conducted by C. CLARKE.

\* First peal in the method. This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place at the course ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there. Great credit is due to J. Houghton, Senr., who did not learn to ring the method until he was well in his 67th year, when he rang this peal at the second attempt.

63 THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.  
CAMBERWELL, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. Treble	HARRY BARTON .. .. 5
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6
ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 3	WALTER C. HASTED .. .. 7
VICTOR W. WEST .. .. 4	HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

This is the first peal on the bells for several years. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, also the local band for the use of the bells on this occasion. Upon the completion of the peal the band was kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis, the parents of the ringer of the 6th. It being the anniversary of their wedding, which took place at the same Church 31 years ago. The above was also A. R. Davis's 50th peal.

64 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Two Hours, and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANGES, Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. in F sharp

HARRY SIMMONDS .. .. Treble	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 5
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. .. 2	ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 6
EDWIN J. MENDAY .. .. 3	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 7
HARRY SMITH .. .. 4	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. W. PIKE. Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

65 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
GREENWICH.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,  
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS .. .. 5
HERBERT J. SKELT .. .. 2	WALTER INGHAM .. .. 6
FREDERICK RUMENS .. .. 3	HARRY WARRETT .. .. 7
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 4	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

66 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES,  
Tenor 19 cwt.

W. OSTLER .. .. Treble	A. E. READ .. .. 5
REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON .. 2	H. HOWLETT .. .. 6
J. HEFFER, JUN. .. .. 3	W. FLORY .. .. 7
J. C. SELF .. .. 4	H. FOLKARD .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Folkard.

67 THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS,  
LONDON.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,  
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM NUDDS .. .. Treble	WILLIAM WARD .. .. 5
ALBERT PITTAM .. .. 2	GEORGE SMITH .. .. 6
HENRY DAINS .. .. 3	JAMES PARKER .. .. 7
HENRY WOOD .. .. 4	JAMES E. HANNINGTON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

## Triples.

68 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM).  
WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

On Saturday, January 16th, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,  
THURSIAN'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. 27 lbs. in F.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble	GEORGE ESSEX .. .. 5
EDWIN MENDAY .. .. 2	JOSEPH HANDS .. .. 6
ERNEST MENDAY .. .. 3	THOMAS NEWMAN .. .. 7
ARTHUR W. PIKE .. .. 4	HARRY SIMMONDS .. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

69 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 16th, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,  
CARTER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES HARRISON .. .. Treble	JAMES E. HEXTER* .. .. 5
WILLIAM HEXTER .. .. 2	KEUBEN CLIFFORD .. .. 6
JOSEPH FOXON .. .. 3	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. .. 7
JOHN R. WARD .. .. 4	JOHN PALING .. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. HEXTER.

\* First peal as conductor.

70 THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,  
ST. GEORGES-IN-THE-EAST, LONDON.

On Monday, January 18th, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF S. E. JOYCE, 56, ANTHONY ST., COMMERCIAL RD., E

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,  
HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 16 size in B flat.

SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. .. 1-2	ARTHUR W. BARKISS .. .. 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. .. 3-4	ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKISS.

Umpire - - - MR. CHARLES KENNEDY

Mr. Kennedy ticked off every lead as rung. The above ringers wish to thank Mr. A. Hughes for the use of the bells on this occasion. This is Messrs. Joyce & Clayton's first peal on the handbells.

71 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, January 18th, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,  
HOLT'S SIX-PART.

J. MARSH .. .. Treble	J. GARDNER .. .. 5
J. TAYLOR .. .. 2	E. CAUNCE .. .. 6
L. GARDNER .. .. 3	T. H. JENKINSON .. .. 7
C. SHARPLES .. .. 4	H. J. MORLEY .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.



## 72 THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY).

BUSHEY, HERTS.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK A. SMITH .. .. Treble	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. .. 5
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 2	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. .. 6
WILLIAM J. S. THORN .. .. 3	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. .. 7
GEORGE N. PRICE .. .. 4	JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. N. Price who is home on a visit from the Cape.

## 73 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH).

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES HEATHCOTE .. .. Treble	JAMES PARTINGTON .. .. 5
WILLIAM GRUNDY .. .. 2	JAMES CALDERBANK .. .. 6
WILLIAM HULME .. .. 3	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. .. 7
JOHN MAKINSON .. .. 4	HENRY LORD .. .. Tenor

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

J. Makinson belongs to St. Peter's, Halliwell, all the rest belong to the Saviour's Bolton Company. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

**Minor.**74 THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 23rd, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A Peal of 5040 Changes of Minor in seven different methods,  
being 720 each of the following:College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury  
Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS BARBER .. .. Treble	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. 4
CHARLES BOUGHTON .. .. 2	JOHN BARBER .. .. 5
WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal as conductor on six bells.

**Miscellaneous Reports.**

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.

On Tuesday, January 19th, at the Church of St. Georges-in-the-East, for practice, the first 500 of Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Kennedy, 1; T. H. Taffender, 2; S. E. Joyce (conductor), 3; W. Truss, 4; E. Wallace, 5; E. Clayton, 6; A. W. Barkus, 7; W. Clow, 8.

*Handbell Ringing*—On Thursday, January 7th, at the residence of Mr. E. S. Joyce, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hour and 20½ minutes. S. E. Joyce, 1-2; C. F. Winney, 3-4; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 5-6; E. E. Clayton, 7-8. Tenor 16 size in B flat. Umpire, Mr. A. Hughes.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).

On Thursday, December 31st, at the Church of St. James, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Maddocks, 1; H. Pearce, 2; H. Poole, 3; E. Burgess, 4; W. Thorn, 5; G. Yandell (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 10th, a half-peal of Treble Bob Minor, being two of Kent and one-and-a-half of Oxford, each called differently, in 1 hour and 33 minutes. Frank Millard, 1; A. Doble, 2; J. Maddock, 3; E. Burgess, 4; H. Poole (conductor), 5; G. Yandell, 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

On Thursday, January 14th, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor, in 29 minutes. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; A. Doble, 2; H. Pearce, 3; E. Burgess, 4; H. Poole, 5; G. Yandell, 6. Rung for the birthday of H. Pearce, his brother

ringers wishing him many happy returns. First in the method by all, and first by the Association.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

On Saturday, December 12th, 1896, at St. Cuthbert's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. O. Hall (first 720 in the method), 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; R. Mordue, 3; Jno. Nicholson, 4; Wm. Holmes, 5; E. E. Ferry, 1. Tenor 7 cwt.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Tuesday, December 15th, 1896, for practice, at St. Matthew's Church, 720 of Bod Minor (42 singles). R. O. Hall, 1; S. O. Ferry, 2; H. B. Salkeld (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; J. W. Dawson, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; Wm. Holmes (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, January 12th, 1897, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Holmes, 1; J. W. Dawson, 2; A. F. Hillier, 3; W. Liddle, 4; S. O. Ferry (first 720 as conductor), 5; E. E. Ferry, 6.

On Tuesday, January 19th, 720 of Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 28 minutes. R. M. Duke, 1; Alf Lamb, 2; S. O. Ferry, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; Robt. O. Hall (first 720 as conductor), 5; E. E. Ferry, 6. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr., in D.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDECANAL BRANCH.)

PRESTON (Suffolk).

On Wednesday, January 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 of New London Pleasure (9 bobs). F. G. Symonds, 1; H. Poulson, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Moore, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6.

BILDSTON (Suffolk).

*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, January 22nd, at the residence of Mr. J. Taylor, 720 of Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 20 minutes. W. Whittell, 1; A. Long, 2; J. Taylor, 3; R. Bedingfield, 4; R. Grimwood (first 720 double-handed), conductor, 5-6.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).

On Thursday, January 7th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 of Double Oxford Bob (30 singles and 9 bobs) in 24 minutes. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6. Also 720 of Double Court Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles), 5 the observation. G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, 720 of York Surprise (9 bobs). G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Composed by Mr. N. Spindlow, Ducklington. Also for afternoon service, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). H. Little, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, January 14th, for practice, 720 of Dewsbury Surprise (9 bobs) 5 the observation in 25 minutes. G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Mr. H. J. Tucker hails from Bishop Stortford. Tenor 13 cwt.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.

On Sunday, January 24th, at St. Alfege, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 minutes, with the tenor covering. H. Skelt, 1; William Berry, 2; I. G. Slade (conductor), 3; W. Foreman, 4; F. W. Thornton, 5; H. Hoskins, 6; C. Langdon, 7.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).

On Sunday, January 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 minutes. A. Welsh, 1; W. Pollard, 2; G. Head, 3; H. Ford, 4; W. Latter, 5; G. Smithers, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; W. H. Card, 8.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).

On Sunday, November 29th, for Divine Service, 720 of Bob Minor (28 bobs and 18 singles) by J. F. Penning. R. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. S. H. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

On Sunday, December 6th, for Divine Service, 720 of Canterbury. R. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. And in the evening, 720 of Bob Minor (14 bobs and 2 singles). Rd. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 4; F. Timbrell, 5; E. Timbrell, 6. Also 720 of Woodbine. Rd. Kenyon, 1; E. Timbrell, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

On Saturday, December 12th, for practice, 720 of Duke of York. Rd. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. First in the method by all, and first on the bells by a local company.

On Sunday, December 13th, 720 of Grandsire. Rd. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F.

Timbrell, 6. And in the evening, 720 of Bob Minor (30 singles and 6 bobs) by N. J. Pitstow. Rd. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; T. Seed, 4; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

On Wednesday, December 16th, 720 of Duke of York. Rd. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

On Sunday, December 20th, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob, standing as above.

On Wednesday, December 23rd, 720 of Woodbine, standing as above.

On Sunday, December 27th, 720 of Plain Bob (14 singles and 4 bobs). Rd. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; J. Kenyon, 3; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 4; E. Timbrell, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

On Thursday, December 31st, at midnight service, 720 of Woodbine. Rd. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

On Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, 720 of Woodbine, standing as above.

On Sunday, January 10th, 720 of Woodbine, standing as above.

On Monday, January 11th, 720 of Plain Bob, Penning's (28 bobs and 18 singles). Rd. Kenyon, 1; J. Seed, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; T. Seed, 4; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 5; E. Timbrell, 6.

On Thursday, January 14th, 720 of Woodbine. Rd. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6.

#### RIBCHESTER.

On Sunday, December 20th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Kent. Rd. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed, 5; F. Timbrell, 6. And 720 of Plain Bob, standing as before. And 720 in the same method. W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 1; J. Seed, 2; F. Timbrell, 3; B. Walton, 4; E. Timbrell, 5; T. Seed, 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Grandsire. Rd. Kenyon, 1; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 2; J. Kenyon, 3; E. Timbrell, 4; T. Seed (first in the method), 5; F. Timbrell, 6. B. Walton belongs to the local company, the rest from Chipping.

#### THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

##### FINCHLEY (Middlesex).

On Sunday, January 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary, for evening service, 360 of College Single Minor. W. Mulley, 1; J. Cornell, 2; C. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Plain Bob Minor. E. H. Tubb, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. Webb, 5; F. Carroway, 6.

On Thursday, January 7th, for practice, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Mulley, 1; J. Cornell, 2; E. H. Tubb (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Miles (first 720 in the method), 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 120 of College Single. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway, 6.

On Sunday, January 17th, after evening service, 720 of College Single Minor. W. Russell, 1; F. Sparks, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Miles (first 720 in the method), 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. F. Carroway, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6.

On Monday, January 18th, 720 of College Single, and two 720's of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. This was an attempt for a 5040 of Minor, but was lost after ringing 1 hour and 13 minutes.

#### THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

##### EALING (Middlesex).

On Sunday evening, January 17th, at St. Mary's Church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 minutes. Hy. F. G. Luck, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; T. Beadle, 3; J. Bardin, 4; A. H. Taber (conductor), 5; L. Copsey, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; E. Harris, 8.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

##### MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).

On Tuesday, January 5th, for practice, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; G. C. Tunnicliff, 4; W. Earle, 5; C. Walden, 6; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 7; W. Brooks, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Earle (conductor), the rest as before.

On Saturday, January 9th, for practice, 476 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; C. Walden, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6; F. Hollingworth (conductor), 7; W. Earle, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. L. Hollingworth, 1; G. Tomlin, 2; H. Snape, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; C. Walden, 6; F. Hollingworth, 7; W. Brooks, 8.

On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, 336 Oxford Bob Triples. L. Hollingworth, 1; H. Snape, 2; G. C. Tunnicliff, 3; A. Lee, 4; W.

Earle (conductor), 5; C. Walden, 6; F. Hollingworth, 7; W. Brooks, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 minutes. G. Tomlin, 1; H. Snape, 2; L. Hollingworth, 3; A. Lee, 4; W. Earle (conductor), 5; C. Walden, 6; F. Hollingworth, 7; W. Brooks, 8. Also 294 in the same method. F. Hollingworth (conductor); the rest as before.

On Saturday, January 16th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 minutes. L. Hollingworth, 1; A. Lee, 2; H. Snape, 3; C. Walden, 4; W. Earle, 5; F. Hollingworth, 6. Composed by A. E. Barnes, of Melbourne, Australia, and conducted by F. Hollingworth.

#### NUNEATON.

On Friday, January 1st, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. W. Chapman, 1; H. W. Horwood, 2; H. Argyle, 3; W. Stone, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; F. Adams, 8. This was rung between 12 and 1 a.m.

On Thursday, January 7th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor on Handbells. W. Stone, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5-6. Rung as a farewell to W. Stone, who is leaving for Worcester. Also 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Stone, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. Clarke (conductor), 7-8.

#### THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

##### EYE (Suffolk).

On Saturday, December 26th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, at the above Church, but, after ringing 2560 changes, in 1 hour and 40 minutes, it came to grief. Tenor 24 cwt. G. Murton, 1; J. A. Trollope (composer and conductor), 2; E. Broome, 3; F. Day, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; W. Grimes, 6; H. W. Baldry, 7; A. W. Brighton, 8. Another attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but this came to grief after ringing 2 hours and 50 minutes. J. A. Trollope, 1; A. Oakes, 2; E. Broome, 3; F. Day, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; G. Murton, 6; H. W. Baldry, 7; A. W. Brighton, 8. Composed by S. Thurston, and conducted by J. A. Trollope. Messrs. Grimes and Rumsey hail from Debenham, Baldry from Brandeston, Trollope and A. W. Brighton from Norwich.

##### NORWICH (Norfolk).

On Sunday, December 20th, 1896, at the Church of St. Gregory, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (tenor observation). W. Bales, 1; J. A. Trollope, 2; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; F. J. Howchin, 5; F. H. Knights, 6. Also at St. Lawrence, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. P. Sadler, 1; G. Howchin, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 4; F. H. Knights, 5; W. Bales, 6.

On Monday, December 21st, at St. Michael's Coslany, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 5184 changes, with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Newman, late Choirmaster, but, after ringing 3 hours and 10 minutes, 5120 changes, the tenor rope broke. F. J. Howchin, 1; G. Howchin, 2; J. A. Trollope, 3; W. Bales, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5; A. W. Brighton, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; S. Smith, 8.

On Tuesday, December 22nd, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, was rung in 43 minutes. H. W. Stanley, 1; P. Sadler, 2; A. W. Brighton, 3; F. J. Howchin, 4; G. Smith, 5; A. G. Warnes, 6; F. H. Knights, 7; W. Bales, 8. Composed by A. J. Perkins, and conducted by A. W. Brighton.

#### THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

##### EDINBURGH.

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, on the front six bells, 720 of Grandsire Minor (38 bobs and 22 singles) in 30 minutes. E. F. Price, 1; J. Murray, 2; D. McKillop, 3; W. C. S. Heathcote, 4; W. H. Martin, 5; C. C. Ellis (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 17th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). W. C. S. Heathcote (conductor), 4; the rest as before. This is Mr. McKillop's first 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and Mr. Heathcote's first as conductor.

#### THE ST PAUL'S GUILD, BRIGHTON.

##### BRIGHTON (Sussex).

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, at the Church of St. Paul's, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; S. Jarman, 5; H. Stalham (conductor), 6; P. Allfrey, 7; G. Hill, 8.

On Christmas morning, December 25th, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, 1; F. Hill, 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. Hill, 5; H. Stalham, 6; P. Allfrey (conductor), 7; J. Roser, 8. And in the evening, 480 in the same method. H. Stalham (conductor); the rest as before.

On Sunday, December 27th, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. H. Griffiths, H. Hill, F. Hill, P. Allfrey, G. Hill (conductor), H. Stalham, J. Roser.

*Handbell Ringing.*—On Tuesday, January 12th, at the residence of W. Allfrey, 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Allfrey, 1; W. Allfrey (conductor), 2; F. Hill, 3; H. Stalham, 4; P. Allfrey, 5-6.

On Thursday, January 14th, at the Church of St. Paul's, for practice. A. Allfrey, 1; P. Allfrey (conductor), 2; H. Griffiths, 3; H. Hill, 4; G. King (St. Peter's), 5; H. Stalham, 6; R. Hart (St. Peter's), 7; G. Hill, 8.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## CAPEL (Surrey).

On Tuesday, January 5th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Ansell (first 720), 1; J. Akehurst, 2; C. Taylor, 3; E. Jordan, 4; E. Holloway, 5; T. M. Stedman (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Ansell, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And for the evening service, 720 College Exercise. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

## CHRISTCHURCH (Hants.).

On Christmas Day, December 25th, for early service, 1064 Grandsire Triples. H. Bagshot, 1; T. Best, 2; S. Best, 3; E. Hinton, 4; G. Vey, 5; E. Waters, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; W. Saffery, 8. Also for 11 o'clock service, 518 in the same method. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Waters, 2; E. Hinton, 3; S. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. Best, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; W. Saffery, 8. And for afternoon service, 504 in the same method. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Hinton, 2; G. Preston (conductor), 3; E. Waters, 4; G. Vey, 5; T. Best, 6; S. Best, 7; W. Saffery, 8.

On Friday, January 15th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's six-part Peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 2 hours, through the tucking of a rope coming out. H. Bagshot, 1; E. Hinton, 2; E. Waters, 3; T. Best, 4; G. Vey, 5; W. Billingham, 6; G. Preston (conductor), 7; W. Saffery, 8.

## CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).

On Saturday, January 23rd, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Grandsire Minor (with 6-8 covering), in 28 minutes. M. Close, 1; S. Hopton, 2; J. Prickett, 3; H. Morgan, 4; J. Morley, 5; F. Bye, 6; R. Thompson (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles (with 7-6-8 covering). A. Couldrick, 1; S. Hopton, 2; J. Prickett, 3; H. Morgan, 4; J. Morley (conductor), 5; G. Goulder, 6; F. Bye, 7; G. Hobson, 8. G. Goulder and G. Hobson hail from Tidenham, Gloucestershire, and this is their first six-score.

On Saturday, January 9th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, on the back six, in 30 minutes. E. Williams, 1; S. Hopton, 2; J. Prickett, 3; J. Morley, 4; H. Morgan, 5; R. Thompson (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

## CLENT (Worcestershire).

On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs). W. H. Barber, 1; J. Barber, 2; W. Shillock, 3; W. Short, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6.

## HEVER (Kent).

On Thursday, January 14th, for practice, 6 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. W. Belton, 1; A. Harrington, 2; J. Eastman, 3; R. Eastman, 4; J. Steddy (conductor), Edenbridge, 5. First 720 by the first four ringers.

## HIGHAM FERRERS (Northamptonshire).

On Sunday, January 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first quarter of Holt's Original. W. Newman, 1; A. H. Martin, 2; A. Tyler, 3; J. Garratt, 4; A. Perkins, 5; J. Houghton, junr. (conductor), 6; J. Martin, 7; G. Brown, 8.

## KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).

On Sunday, January the 24th, for morning service, 576 of London Surprise Major. T. J. Salter, 1; N. Davis, 2; J. O. Bennet, 3; G. Salter, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; J. Pagett, 6; W. H. Barber, 7; W. H. Smith (conductor), 8.

## LONDON.

On Sunday, January 3rd, at the Church of All Hallows Barking, Tower Hill, for morning service, 260 of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes. E. E. Clayton, 1; W. Truss, 2; E. Wallage, 3; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 4; J. Scholes, 5; S. Parmenter, 6; E. Hall, 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in E. Composed by J. Bradley, of West Ham.

## PENGE (Surrey).

On Thursday, January 21st, for practice, at St. John's, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 minutes. W. G. Conn, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; W. J. Batson (conductor), 3; J. Marshall, 4; J. Town, 5; H. Edwards, junr., 6.

## PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).

On Wednesday, January 13th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles (4-6-8 covering). J. Major, 1; D. Davis, 2; C. Pockett, 3; T. Compton, 4; C. Tovey, 5; R. C. Balcombe, 6; T. Pendrey, 7; E. Court, 8. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles (4-6-8 covering). R. C. Balcombe, 1; D. Davis, 2; C. Pockett, 3; T. Compton, 4; C. Tovey, 5; E. Court, 6; T. Pendrey, 7; J. Major, 8.

## SELLY OAK (Worcestershire).

On Thursday, January 21st, at the Parish Church, 896 of Kent Treble Bob Major. B. Wittchell, 1; J. Getteridge, 2; A. F. Cole, 3; O. Stanworth, 4; J. Withers, 5; F. Bryant, 6; J. Dowler, 7; W. H. Barber (conductor), 8.

## BRIGHTON, ST. NICHOLAS.

## ANNUAL SUPPER.

On Tuesday evening, January 17th, the above Society held their Annual Supper at the "Castle" Inn, Castle Yard, where about thirty ringers and friends sat down to an excellent repast served by host Valler. The chair was taken by the Vicar of St. Nicholas, Rev. C. Bond, and the vice-chair by Mr. Holloway. The cloth being removed, toasts and harmony were the order of the evening. Amongst other toasts, was that of the "Queen." The chairman in rising to propose "Success to the Sussex Association," coupled with it the name of Mr. G. Williams, said no doubt those present, expected an explanation as to why he kept them waiting for their dinner, but at the time he ought to have been with them, he was wandering about (through a misunderstanding) in the neighbourhood of the Castle Hotel, Middle Street. He asked there if the St. Nicholas ringers had arrived, the reply was they had not seen them, but he might call later on. However, he was pleased to be with them as he had done for the last six or seven years. The Sussex Association, he said, was one of the best in the country, and was doing a great deal of good. It brought them together in friendship and unity, and he hoped the good feeling that existed between the St. Nicholas and St. Peter's ringers, would continue to go on. In Mr. Williams they had a man they might well be proud of; as a ringer, he had few, if any, equals. Mr. Williams on rising to respond, was loudly cheered. He thanked them very much for the kind way his name had been mentioned; they at St. Peter's were always glad to lend St. Nicholas a hand, and it would be a great pleasure to him to see more of St. Nicholas at St. Peter's on practice night, and go in for Surprise methods. Mr. Merritt proposed "Success and Prosperity to the St. Nicholas Society," coupling with it the name of the Master, Mr. Palmer.

In rising to respond, Mr. Palmer was loudly cheered. He said, looking round the room, he was glad to see ringers from all the three towers in Brighton, which showed the friendly feeling that existed amongst them; in that room were some of the best ringers in the country, and perhaps some of the worst. He did not profess to be much of a ringer himself, but he did not suppose there was anyone present who had done as he had in his younger days, for thirteen years he was roaming about the world, and he thought they would have a job to mention a sea in which he had not struck bells aboard ship.

At ten o'clock, the Chairman rose and stated that he was very sorry, but he should have to leave them now, he had enjoyed himself very much, and hoped all had done the same. "For he's a jolly good fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne" was sung as he left the room.

Amongst others, the following songs were sung during the evening: Mr. Hart, "Off to Philadelphia"; Mr. Palmer (tenor), "The Farmer's Boy"; Mr. Davey, "The Farmyard"; Mr. Jay, junior, "The Miner's Dream"; Mr. Ireland, "Paradise Alley"; Mr. Merritt, "I bet you a dollar you don't"; Mr. Palmer, junior, "India's reply"; Mr. Rann, "The Old Signalman"; Mr. Biggerstaffe, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." Messrs. Jay and Hart gave tunes on the handbells, and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. Williams. At eleven o'clock, "God Save the Queen" brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent by the Brighton ringers.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION,  
YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held at the house of Mr. W. Blackburn, Little Saddle Inn, Densbury. About 100 members assembled from Ossett, Earsheaton, Mirfield, Batley, Batley Carr, Lindley, Densbury, Thornhill, Armitage Bridge, Liversedge, Almondbury, and other places. Mr. Fred. Schofield, president, presided. The first item on the agenda was the passing of a vote of condolence to the family of the late Tom Bottom, Kirkheaton, which was moved by the Chairman. The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed. 14 new members were made, making a total of 216. The Balance Sheet was read and passed, which showed a balance in hand of £10 10s. 5d. at the end of the year, and it was ultimately resolved to invest £10 in the Densbury Building Society, Messrs. Frank Bailey, Jno. Blackburn, and David Stephenson being nominated Trustees for the same. The following officers were elected:—Mr. S. Goodall, President; Mr. John Blackburn, Vice-President; Mr. John Garforth, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. Geo. H. Simon, Hon. Secretary; Messrs. G. H. Hardy and Walter Stubley, Auditors. It was resolved to allow the ringing members outside the stationed company to compete at future contests, and that the contests be held on Easter and Whit Mondays, as usual. The ballot was drawn for the next contests, Almondbury and Tong respectively. A vote of thanks was passed to retiring officers, and to the landlord for the use of the room, which concluded the business.

CORRECTION.—The report of peal (No. 51) rung at Bournemouth, should read 3 hours 14 minutes, not 2 hours 14 minutes as published.

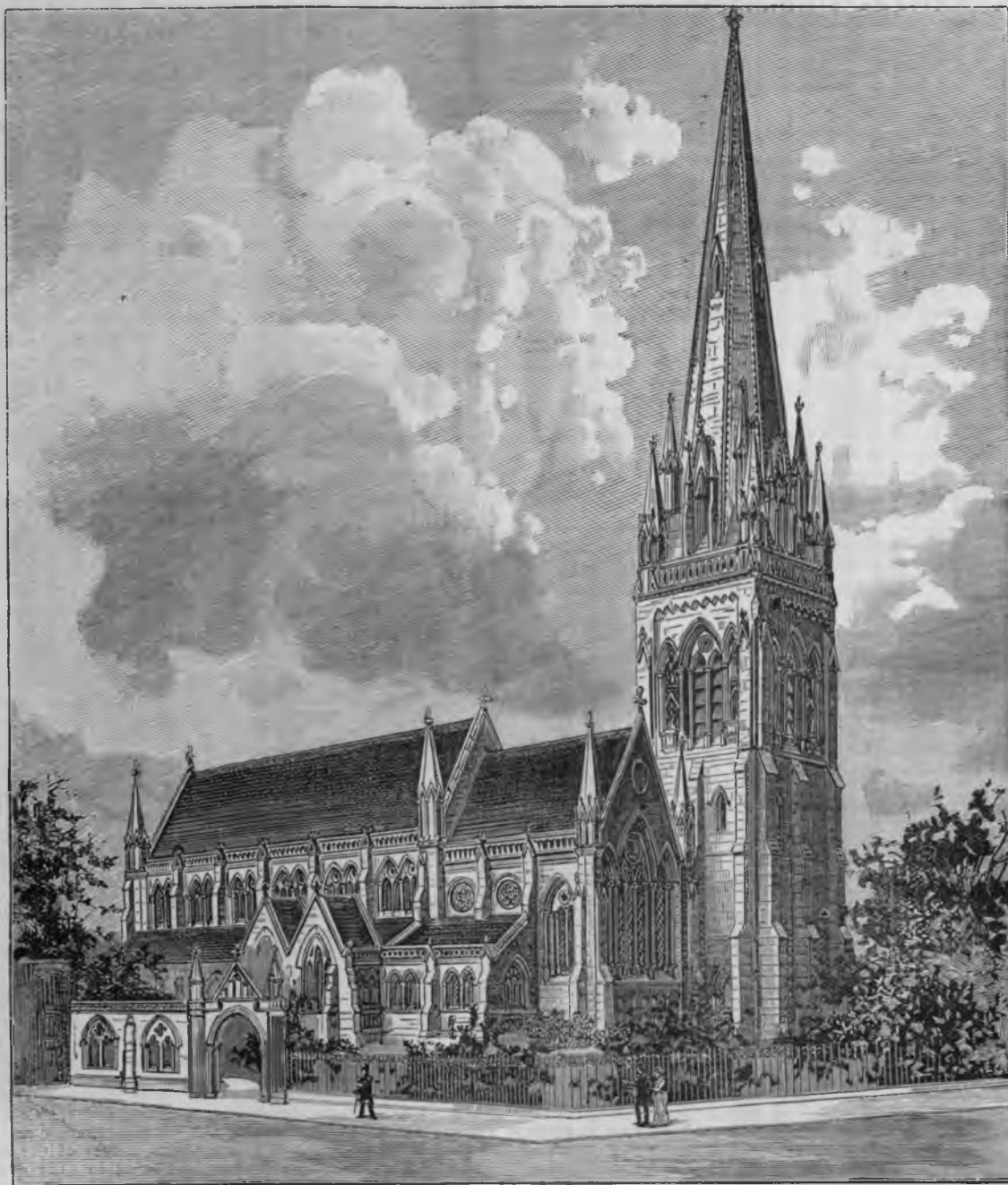
Our next issue will contain an illustration of St. Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.



## OUR ILLUSTRATION: ST. MARY ABBOT'S, KENSINGTON.

THE Parish of Kensington is an Ancient one, being mentioned in Domesday; and it remained entirely in lay hands till the end of the eleventh century. At that time

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ST. MARY ABBOT'S, KENSINGTON.

it was held by Aubrey de Vere, one of whose sons, Geoffrey, a person of feeble health, derived mitigation of his sufferings from the treatment of the then Abbot of Abingdon in Berkshire. The Abbot did not succeed in curing the young man's malady, but as his father and brother assented to his dying request that the Abbot should receive a gift of land as an acknowledgment of his medical attendance, the De Vere family were apparently satisfied with the skill of this spiritual physician. So a portion of the Manor of Kensington was

detached from the rest and given to the Abbot. This portion included the Parish Church together with the advowson thereof, and in consequence of being situated within the Abbot's Manor in Kensington, the church became known as St. Mary Abbot's, although the Parish Church at the same time of the remainder of the original Manor. From this addition to the name of the patron Saint, the entire parish has obtained its official title of "The Parish of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington," though the still surviving name of Earl's Court reminds us to this day that the parish contained also a Manor in lay hands. Needless to add, the Abbot took the earliest opportunity of appropriating the Rectory, and the parish has ever since been served by a Vicar.

The mediæval church of St. Mary Abbot's, having become dilapidated and inadequate, was demolished in the year 1694; but the steeple was left standing. The jerry builder then came on the scene and erected a red brick edifice, which nearly fell down within a few years, and had to be almost entirely rebuilt in 1704. The old tower was taken down and a new one built in 1772; for which a ring of eight bells was cast at Janaway's Foundry at Chelsea. I have not yet succeeded in ascertaining how many bells there were here before this time, but certainly not more than six; and I doubt whether they numbered as many.

In 1869, the church and tower were levelled to the ground, and the present edifice commenced. It is large, faced with stone, and built from designs by the late Sir Gilbert Scott in the earlier pointed styles. There has been no stint about expenditure on the building within or without, and it remains a monument of the generosity of the parishioners. The steeple which was completed in 1879, is beyond all doubt a fine composition, reaching a total height of 235 feet to the top of the cross. The excellent proportions of this handsome structure cannot be adequately appreciated from the street, but are best seen from a distance. The finest view of this steeple is to be obtained in the lane leading from Holland Street to Holland Walk and Holland House.

When the steeple was completed, the treble, second, and sixth, of Janaway's peal, were recast by Messrs. Warner, who also added a new treble and tenor. The latter weighs about 32 cwt., and is stated to be in the key of D flat.

The inscriptions on the bells which I copy from rubbings taken by Mr. Henry Wilson, which he has kindly allowed me to use, are as follows:—

(Treble.) 'Cast by John Warner & Sons, London. This Bell was added to the old Peal of Bells in Kensington Parish Church A.D. 1879. I invite—I warn—I rejoice—I mourn. The Hon<sup>le</sup>. and Rev<sup>d</sup>. Edward Carr Glyn. Vicar. Robert Henry Pearson, Jubal Webb, Churchwardens. Reuben Green Vestry Clerk.'

(Second.) 'Prosperity to the Parish of Kensington. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Janaway fecit 1772. Recast 1879. The Hon<sup>le</sup>. and Rev<sup>d</sup>. Edward Carr Glyn. Vicar. Robert Henry Pearson, Jubal Webb, Churchwardens. Rueben Green Vestry Clerk. Cast by John Warner & Sons.'

(Third.) 'When from the Earth our notes rebound  
The Hills and Valleys echo round.  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Janaway fecit 1772. Recast 1879. The Hon<sup>le</sup>. and Rev<sup>d</sup>. Edward Carr Glyn. Vicar. Robert Henry Pearson, Jubal Webb, Churchwardens. Reuben Green Vestry Clerk. Cast by John Warner & Sons London.'

(Fourth.) (A running pattern) 'Musica est mentis medicina. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Janaway fecit 1772.'

(Fifth.) (A running pattern of different design from the last) 'Intactum sileo Percute dulce cano. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Janaway fecit 1772.'

(Sixth.) 'Let Aaron's Bells continually be Rung  
The word still Preach<sup>d</sup>. and Hallelujah<sup>s</sup>. Sung.  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Janaway fecit 1772 E. † L.'

(Seventh.) 'The Ringers Art our grateful Notes prolong  
Apollo listens and approves the Song.  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Janaway fecit 1772. Recast 1879. (The remainder of the inscription as on third).'

(Eighth.) '(Impressions of three coins, each about the size of a half-crown).  
'Ye Rulers that are put in trust to judge of wrong and right :  
Be all your judgments true and just regarding no mans might.  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Janaway fecit 1772.'

(Ninth.) (A running pattern) 'Cast July 1772 By Subscription : James Waller Vicar Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stokes & W<sup>m</sup>. Simpson Churchwardens John Lessingham Esq. Twenty Pounds.  
Be it known both great and small  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Janaway made us all.'

(Tenor.) 'Cast by John Warner & Sons London. This Bell was added to the old peal of Bells in Kensington Parish Church A.D. 1879. Those Evening Bells how many a tale their music tells. The Hon<sup>le</sup>. and Rev<sup>d</sup>. Edward Carr Glyn. Vicar. Robert Henry Pearson, Jubal Webb, Churchwardens.'

The conjunction of Aaron and Apollo in these Rhymes seems somewhat singular, but Founders' Couplets are a strange species of poetry. It will be noted that on the sixth appear the initials of Edward Lulham, referred to in connection with Janaway's Foundry, in one of the Articles on Founders of Sussex Bells recently appearing in *Campanology*.

Since the old eight bells were hung in 1772 to the present time, I have found 59 Kensington peals recorded, beginning with a peal of 5040 Bob Major, rung by the Cumberland Youths in 1773, and ending with 5087 Stedman Caters accomplished by the College Youths a few weeks ago. It is curious that the Cumberlands, who rang the first peal on the bells, never rang another here for upwards of eighty years. They then rang the four last peals on the old eight, and the first three on the present ten. Of the 59 peals, the College Youths have rung 43; the Cumberland Youths, 8; the St. James' Society, 4; The London Youths, 3; and the Junior Cumberlands, 1. 24 of these peals were Grandsire Triples; 16 Treble Bob Major; 11 Bob Major; 2 Stedman Triples; 2 Stedman Caters; and 1 each of Bob Major Reverse, Union Triples, Grandsire Caters, and Treble Bob Royal. Sixteen of these performances are commemorated by tablets in the belfry; and it should be added that the pealboards from the old tower, were on its demolition rescued from a rubbish heap and preserved to be set up again by Mr. Jubal Webb, whose name appears as one of the Churchwardens for 1879, on the bells then cast by Messrs. Warner.

R. A. DANIELL.

#### THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.

The annual business meeting of this Society was held in the Choir School-room, on Wednesday evening, January 13th. The Rev. H. J. Lawlor, Vice-President of the Society, occupied the chair. The appointment of office-bearers took place. Mr. C. C. Ellis was appointed Conductor in place of Mr. W. H. Martin, resigned, and Mr. John Murray was appointed Secretary and Treasurer to the Society, in the place of Mr. C. C. Ellis. Messrs. W. H. Martin, D. McKillop, and E. F. Price were elected as the Committee for the ensuing year. The silver badges of the Society were re-distributed to those members who, according to their attendance for the past year, were found qualified to receive them. The Secretary stated in his report that the attendances of some of the members had been most satisfactory. During the year the Society have suffered from the removal from Edinburgh of their Instructor, Mr. Routledge, and the absence of one of its regular members for a considerable time in Glasgow, as well as from the illness of other members. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the close of 1896 found the Society in a very efficient state as regards the quality of the ringing, which is a satisfactory proof of the benefit received from their instruction in the early part of the year.

## SUSSEX CAMPANOLOGISTS IN KENT.

On Friday, the 15th January, twelve members of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers (composed of nine members from Christ Church, Blacklands, two from St. Clement's, Hastings, and Mr. Henley from Rye), paid a visit to Stone, in Kent, situate about 6 miles from Rye, the object of the outing being the advancement of the Art of Change-ringing, and to afford encouragement and assistance to the ringers at Stone, who have recently started learning the Art, under the tuition of Mr. C. Tribe, late of Midhurst, Sussex, a very energetic member of the Sussex Association.

The party proceeded to Rye by the 3.50 train from Hastings, the remainder of the journey being accomplished by a pair-horse conveyance, and, upon nearing the village, the welcome sound of the bells was heard, the ropes being manipulated by Mr. Tribe and his pupils in the method of Grandsire Doubles.

Upon arrival, the visitors were conducted to the Schoolroom close by, where the Rector, the Rev. E. P. Edridge, was found waiting to receive them, with a most bountiful tea in readiness, to which his own ringers had also been invited to join the party.

Time being short, the tea was at once proceeded with in earnest, under the presidency of the Rector, and, after ample justice had been done with the good things provided, the Rector spoke a few words of welcome to the visitors, embodying in his remarks, in a very kindly manner, good advice to all as to their duties as Church workers, and as to the purpose for which bells are placed in the towers of our churches, and concluding by thanking those who had undertaken such a long journey to pay them a visit, thanking Mr. Tribe for his efforts and kindness in endeavouring to teach his band change-ringing, and thanking his own ringers for their attendance and perseverance in endeavouring to make themselves proficient, stating that he was very pleased to hear their ringing and was very proud of them, but he hoped that they would always bear in mind that the bells were placed in the tower for the praise and glory of the Almighty.

Mr. Saker responded on behalf of the visitors, thanking the Rector and his ringers for the very hearty reception given them, assuring them that their first idea in visiting Stone was to assist their friend, Mr. Tribe, as much as possible in introducing change-ringing at Stone, and that they had no idea of being received in such a hearty manner, nor of being made the recipients of such an enjoyable tea as had been provided for them by the Rector. He was very pleased to be able to say that the Blacklands ringers knew what it was to have the assistance of a kind Vicar, as the Rev. A. Hodges took a great interest in their work, and looked very carefully after their spiritual welfare, and they were very fond of him; and he felt sure that if the ringers of Stone persevered, that, with such an instructor as Mr. Tribe, and with a Rector who took such an interest in them as the Rev. Edridge evidently did, they would soon get on.

Mr. Tribe then spoke a few words of thanks to the Rector for the kind things he had said of him, and to the ringers for the energy they had displayed in endeavouring to carry out his instructions. He was very pleased with the progress they had made in so short a time, and to be able to say that they had accomplished their first 120 of Grandsire Doubles at the previous Tuesday evening's practice.

The members then adjourned to the tower, and the bells were kept going until the time for departure, which arrived all too soon, each member of the local band, in turn, being put through a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. Two plain courses each of Bob Minor and Grandsire Minor were also accomplished by the members of the Blacklands Guild, with Mr. C. Tribe on the tenor, but it was found impossible to ring a longer touch of Minor, in consequence of the bad "go" of the tenor.

The bells are a very musical ring of six, the tenor weighing about 13 cwt., but they sadly want re-hanging in a new frame, and fitting with new ropes, and great credit is due to the ringers for their courage in attempting to learn change-ringing upon them in their present condition. It is a great pity that so valuable a portion of the property of the Church should be allowed to get into that state, but the raising of funds at Stone, for such a purpose, would be a difficult matter, the parish extending as it does over a very large area, and with but few inhabitants.

It was at first suggested that permission be applied for to include a visit to Rye Church in the outing, there being a splendid old peal of eight bells in the tower, but owing to the vivid recollections of a few of the band of their experiences upon a previous visit, when change-ringing was found impossible, in consequence of the dilapidated condition of the frame and fittings, and the great noise in the ringing chamber, the idea was abandoned.

A pleasant moonlight drive to Rye, and return to Hastings by the 9.21 train, terminated a very pleasant outing much enjoyed by all.

## STEYNING, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, January 14th, eight members of the Sussex Association of Change Ringers attempted J. J. Parker's 6-part peal of Court Bob Triples, 5040 changes, but came to grief after ringing 3024 changes in 1 hour and 47 minutes, of excellent striking, through a change course. H. Green, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Smart, 3; W. Woolgar, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; A. Gatland, 6; H. H. Chandler (Warnham), 7; E. Turrell, 8.

The whole of the local company, with Mr. G. Smart (St. Peter's, Brighton), Mr. T. Searle (Upper Beeding), H. Chandler (Warnham), the Vicar (the Rev. A. Pridgeon), Mr. T. Duke (churchwarden), Mr. J. Cherryman, Mr. W. Pelham, and others adjourned to the "Norfolk Arms" Hotel, Church Street, where a knife and fork surprise peal was attempted and successfully brought round in the shape of an excellent spread, served by Host Bateman. After having paid their respect to the good things provided, and the cloth removed, the Chairman, the Rev. A. Pridgeon, rose and gave the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," which was heartily responded to, the company rising and singing the National Anthem. After this, pipes were brought forward and the rest of the evening spent in conviviality. Mr. Cherryman commenced by rendering in his usual grand style "Lads of the Ironclads," followed by Mr. W. Pelham "Forgive and Forget." After this, Messrs. G. Gatland and C. Smart gave a selection of tune ringing on the handbells, which was well rendered. Mr. Duke then proposed the toast, "The Bishop and Clergy," ably responded to by the Vicar. Mr. W. Woolgar then rendered in excellent style "The Stowaway," followed by Mr. T. Searle singing "The Girl I love so true." Mr. J. Smart next proposed "The Sussex Association," responded to by Mr. H. H. Chandler (Warnham). Mr. H. Tidey next gave "Where is my love, I wonder, gone," which was heartily received. Messrs. G. Gatland and C. Smart then gave another selection on the handbells, followed by Mr. C. Smart rendering "The Anchor's weighed"; also Mr. G. Gatland in his usual style gave "The old Grey Mare." Mr. W. Ropley next gave a parody on "The Miner's Dream of Home." Mr. T. Duke then gave the toast of the evening, "Success to the Steyning Branch of Change Ringers," who, in a few words on behalf of the Vicar and himself, felt very proud of having such a band of ringers to help in the work of the Church. Mr. G. Gatland responded in suitable terms. Mr. T. Stint next gave "Rhine Wine," followed by Mr. Duke, well rendering the "Englishman," for which he was heartily applauded. Mr. W. Pelham next gave a selection on the Piano, followed by Mr. J. Smart singing "Men of Merry England," Mr. H. Chandler next proposed the health of The Host and Hostess, which was drank with musical honours, Mr. H. Bateman responding. Mr. A. Gatland next gave "When the old man came home sober," for which he was (encored) Mr. W. Green, junr., well rendered "When other lips." Mr. G. Hubbard "For Me." Mr. E. Turrell and J. Matthews next gave a part song "Hunting Song," followed by Mr. G. Gatland, W. Woolgar, C. Smart giving a selection on the handbells, this was followed by "Time, Gentlemen, Please," at 11 o'clock, the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem brought to close a very pleasant evening. Messrs. W. Pelham and Cherryman acted as accompanists during the evening.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

The monthly ringing meeting for united practice was held on Saturday, January 9th, by kind permission of the Rev. H. Vigne, at St. Mary's, Sunbury. It was also intended to visit Hampton, but this project was abandoned at the last moment on account of illness near the church. Considering the unpropitious state of the weather on this occasion, it may be said that there was a very fair attendance of members, who journeyed from Staines, Kingston, Isleworth, Heston, Hillingdon, and Ealing, the local company also turning up in force. Members arriving at 5 o'clock were met by the verger, Mr. Buggs, who very courteously conducted them through the church, and drew attention to several little items of interest dating back in the 16th century. As the visitors, with perhaps one or two exceptions, were strangers here, this little consideration proved to be interesting and was much appreciated. The Rev. H. Vigne is now within a few months of completing his 55th year as vicar here, having been appointed in 1842. It is an interesting fact that his predecessor occupied the living for 52 years, the two vicars thus serving the village for over a century.

This little village is fortunate in possessing the grand heritage of a decent ring of six bells. Here then was the chief attraction, and needless to say one made good use of—a start being made with a well struck 120 Stedman Doubles. This was followed by a series of necessarily short touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor. A visitor now appeared in the form of the village policeman, who came with the news that the churchwardens wished to entertain the ringers to tea. An adjournment was then made to the "Flower Pot" Inn, where an excellent repast was furnished, from 16 to 20 members sitting down. After tea a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the churchwardens for their generosity on the occasion of this first visit, also to the vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Buggs, with the local company, for their attention and efforts in making the meeting a success. A return was made to the tower and ringing again indulged in, being finally brought to a close with a 360 of Bob Minor. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Heston a month hence.

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## The Learner's Column.

O.S.—Can anyone recommend me a book, or any work on ringing, where the in-and-out-of-course changes is thoroughly explained.

H.J.—We have a young band, commencing to learn change-ringing. Which is the best method to learn first! Grandsire or Plain Bob?

In answer to A LEEDS NOVICE, with regard to the opening of leads, some ringers do and some do not. Both have their advantages and disadvantages, but think the majority open them, which I would advocate.—G L.

E. W. SMITH.—Maidstone Bob Major is a method of 100 years ago; peal boards are erected in various towers in Kent for peals; I have never seen the figures of the method, but if some of our readers could supply them, it would prove interesting.—Ed.

A.F.—Several correspondents have offered to give their views of calling Holt's Original in our next issue.—Ed.

### NOTE TO THE PEAL AT SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Conductor, who attained the age of nineteen on the Wednesday previous. An attempt was made for the same peal on the 5th inst., but owing to the rope of the second becoming jammed in a broken pulley wheel when scarcely a 1000 changes had been rung, it had to be abandoned until a new wheel could be put in. After the first attempt, the members of the band and other members of the Southover Society, were invited to the King's Head (of which the mother of the Conductor is proprietress) when it was found that a most excellent repast was in course of preparation, and nothing would satisfy Mrs. Goldsmith until she saw all seated at the festive board enjoying themselves in mitigation of the disappointment caused by the loss of the peal.

Upon all being in their places, the "courses" came up in most excellent order, and upon "this is all" being called, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Goldsmith for her kindness and generosity, was unanimously carried together with the best wishes of all to the Conductor, for many happy returns of his birthday.

Mrs. Goldsmith responded in her usual happy manner, and said it gave her very great pleasure indeed to administer to the enjoyment of Change-ringers, and that the accomplishment of a peal gave her quite as much pleasure as to the ringers themselves; she was pleased to see her son making so much progress in the art; his late father was a ringer, and each of his Great Grandfathers held the position of Parish Clerk for thirty years.

After the completion of the peal at the second attempt, the band had another treat in store for them, Mrs. Goldsmith again showing in a very practical manner her appreciation of their efforts, by having in readiness a cold collation, which needless to say was much enjoyed by all.

The above mentioned are not the first occasions upon which Mrs. Goldsmith has treated the members of the Sussex Association in this most hospitable manner, and those who were fortunate enough to be present wish again to express their appreciation of her kindness, which, to such a busy lady as Mrs. Goldsmith is, must cause considerable extra trouble.

### THE ST. PETER'S AT ARCHES SOCIETY, LINCOLN.

The members of this Society, together with some friends, held their annual dinner at the "Hare and Hounds" Inn, on January 15th. Mr. G. Lindoff, the master, presided. After the dinner, which was served up in grand style by the hostess, the evening was spent in a convivial way with songs, &c.; also touches of Grandsire Caters, and Treble Bob Royal were brought round on the handbells.

Towards the close of the evening, Mr. G. Chester, on behalf of the Society, presented Mr. Arthur Craven (who is leaving for Deepcar) with a handbag and ink bottle, as a token of regard and esteem, referring at the same time to the good work done by Mr. Craven since he had been with the Society, and also wishing him success in his new sphere of employment. Mr. Craven replied in suitable terms. Votes of thanks were accorded to the visitors and the hostess, after which the night's enjoyment concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

### HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service, 504 of Bob Triples. T. Kerrison, 1; A. Took, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; E. Lincoln, 4; R. Howard, 5; J. Howard, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; W. Pierce, 8.

"From Treble Bob to London Surprise," by *Brother String*, will be continued in our next issue, when the subject will be "Cambridge Surprise."

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of *Campanology*.

SIR,—I now write to thank Mr. Wm. Lincoln for his kind answer to me in *Campanology*, Page 210. In reply to him, I am of the same opinion about the time that the 6000 was rung at Writtle, and I have not the slightest doubt but what there was one rung, but the time not exactly correct. Mr. Lincoln states that some of the band that rung the 5040 Bob Major at Writtle, in 1821, rung about that time a 10,080 of Bob Major at Great Baddow. Will Mr. Lincoln or some other kind friend, give us the full record of the 10,080 that was rung at Great Baddow, as I have others in complete Essex records; two of which I now give here, taken from the old local newspapers of that date.

"GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 1781.

A musical peal of eight bells, cast by Messrs. Mears, of London, was opened by the Chelmsford Ringers, who besides other peals, rung with ease and propriety the complete peal of 5040 Bob Major in 2 hours and 53 minutes, striking the bells close to an excellent pitch, and giving full satisfaction to a respectable company assembled on the occasion."

"COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 1781.

Was rung at St. Peter's Steeple, by a company of gentleman from Long Melford, a complete peal of 5040 Bob Major in 3 hours and 15 minutes, the first performance of the kind ever performed there, though often attempted, and by many different companies."

Can any of our Essex friends give us the names of the ringers as they stood in the above peals, which are without doubt the first peals rung upon these bells, with the full record of the 10,080 mentioned above, and oblige,  
SAMUEL SLATER, GLEMSFORD.

To the Editor of *Campanology*.

SIR,—On the 20th June in the present year (n.v.), Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen will complete her Diamond Reign, an event unprecedented in the annals of our history as a nation. The day falls upon a Sunday, and the Archbishops and Bishops will doubtless enjoin all the Clergy to use the Form of Service in the Book of Common Prayer prescribed for that date. Special references from the pulpit will sure to be one of the characteristics on that day, the National Anthem will probably be sung, and all this will no doubt be done in common throughout the land. But my object in writing this, is to enquire how the Church Bell Ringers propose to honour the occasion, as they, by their work, really constitute the West End Choir, and, apart from their special occupation on Sundays, they have the privilege of honouring important events, either National, Local, or Individual. The 20th of June therefore would seem to be one in which they should be ready and willing to co-operate with the clergy in some uniform arrangement, and as there are so many services now on Sundays in the churches, perhaps the best way would be to commence and close the day at a given time by the ringing of merry peals from every tower where the bells are in ringing order. If this was done, the event would be marked by the ringers in a special and impressive manner, but perhaps some other Correspondents may be disposed to favour us with their views on the subject through your columns, and as there are nearly five months to the time, some common action may, in the meantime, be decided upon.

E. O. MASTERS,

Hon. Sec., St. Mary's, Woolwich, Church Bell Ringers,

SIR,—In your issue of January 6th, there appeared a method under the name of Clent Delight Minor; but the method is false in its construction. Mr. Clayton stated that Plain Bob Compositions would apply to it. But take this 720 for instance,

720
2 3 4 5 6
5 4 2 6 3
2 5 6 3 4
6 2 3 4 5
3 6 4 5 2
5 4 3 2 6
2 3 5 6 4
5 2 6 4 3
6 5 4 3 2
4 6 3 2 5
3 4 2 5 6

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## WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

By the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. H. Vaughan, the ringers and choir were entertained to supper on New Year's Eve, at the "Battle Axe" Inn. Amongst the visitors were Mr. Lawson, Organist at St. Mary Red cliff, Bristol, and Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The supper was served in grand style by Host Pollard, every course being brought round in an excellent manner. The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and as usual at such gatherings were well received. A vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness (this being the 16th year he has entertained the ringers and choir) brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

## Notices.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above, will be held at Brentwood, on Saturday, January 30th. Tea will be provided at the Church House, at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting. The tower of South Weald, (6 bells), will be also open for ringers. Members intending to be present, must signify the same and the station from which they start, not later than the previous Tuesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT).

The annual meeting of this District will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, January 30th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at the Oddfellows Hall at 5.30, to be followed by the business meeting. Allowances *Half-fare only* up to but not exceeding 2/- each member, will be paid at the Committee meeting. All subscriptions must be paid before any allowance will be made. All members intending to be present at the Tea, must send me notice not later than Wednesday, January 27th.

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

## THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under Lyne Society will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 7.

S. BOOTH, Hon. Sec., 35, Uxbridge Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

## THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Burley Church (6 bells), on Saturday, January 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Meeting House, the Cardigan Arms, Kirkstall Road. Members and other friends, are cordially invited.

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

## THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30th, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Meeting time at (St. Margaret's) 5 p.m. Meat Tea will be provided at 1/6 per head, for all those sending their names to me by January 27th.

H. BARTON, Hon. Sec., 36, Havil Street, Camberwell, S.E.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The next committee and quarterly meeting of this Association, will be held in the School-room, Old Swinford, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, January 30th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The Rev. A. B. Timbrell, Rector, Clerical Secretary, has kindly consented to preside. A short service with a brief address, will be held in the church 4.45 p.m., to which all members are cordially invited. The bells will be available for ringing. Also the peal of eight at St. Thomas's, Stourbridge. Tea will be provided for all members sending their names to me on or before Wednesday, January 27th, not later. Election of Representatives for Central Council at this meeting. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive the annual subscriptions which are now due.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Secretary, 36, Simm's Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Petherton, on Saturday, February 6th. Brake from Martock Station after arrival of 1.49 p.m. train. Full particulars later. Will all members who intend to be present, kindly inform the Hon. Secretary at once.

HY. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. & Treas., The Cottage, Old Cleeve, Washford.

## THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Heston, St. Leonard's, on Saturday, February 6th. Ringing at 5.30.

Hv. F. G. LUCK, Hon. Secretary, 7, Warwick Place, Ealing.

## THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 20th, the Twenty-ninth Anniversary of this Society, will be celebrated by a dinner at the York Hotel, Waterloo Road. Dinner Tickets 3/6 each, may be had of the following Committee:—Mr. H. N. Davis, 419, Old Kent Road, S.E.; Mr. V. West, 71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.; Mr. H. Barton, 36, Havil Street, Camberwell, S.E.; Mr. A. Hardy, 51, Kay Road, Stockwell, S.W.; Mr. F. G. Perrin, 42, Aylesbury Street, Walworth, S.E.; Mr. F. J. Pitts, 128, Leathwaite Road, Clapham, S.W.; or of the Secretary,

WALTER C. HASTED, 37, Rita Road, Vauxhall Park, S.W.

## THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

Alteration of practice night, on account of Divine Service being held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Society's usual practice night. Until further notice, the meetings will be held every alternate Friday, commencing January 22nd.

A. JACOB, Hon. Secretary.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Representatives who have been elected to the Central Council, are respectfully reminded that in accordance with the decision of the Council at its last meeting, the next meeting will be in held London, at Whitsuntide instead of Easter. The latest date for forwarding to the Hon. Secretary, Notices of Motions, &c. (which must be in writing, and signed by two representatives), will be therefore Saturday, May 8th. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscription to the Council of 2s. 6d. for each Representative is now due, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer *without delay*, together with the names and addresses of the Representatives elected,

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec., Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

## MEETINGS FOR PRACTICE.

St. Luke's, Chelsea	- - - -	Every Wednesday	7.45 p.m.
St. John's, Waterloo Road	- - - -	Every Wednesday	8 "
St. Mary's, Woolwich	- - - -	Every Thursday	8 "
St. Margaret's, Lee	- - - -	Every Thursday	8 "
St. Mary's, Finchley	- - - -	Every Thursday	7.30 "
All Saints' Fulham	- - - -	Every Thursday	8 "
St. Stephen's Westminster	- - - -	Every Friday	8 "
St. Alfege, Greenwich	- - - -	Every Friday	8 "
St. Margaret, Westminster	- - - -	Every Monday	8 "
St. John the Baptist, Chip. Barnet	- - - -	Every Monday	7.30 "
All Saints', Isleworth	- - - -	Every Monday	8 "
St. Saviour's, Walthamstow	- - - -	Every Monday	8.30 "
All Hallows, Tottenham	- - - -	Every Tuesday	8.30 "
S.S. Peter & Paul, Bromley, Kent	- - - -	Every Tuesday	8 "
S. Mary Abbots, Kensington	- - - -	Every Tuesday	8 "

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

## THE METROPOLIS.

The Bells are rung for Divine Service at the following Churches on Sunday next, January 31st, 1897:—

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. Stephen's, Hampstead	—10 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.
S.S. Peter & Paul, Bromley, Kent	—10 a.m.
St. Mary's, Woolwich	—10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.
St. John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet	—10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
St. Mary's Finchley	—10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
All Hallows, Tottenham	—10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
St. Mary Abbots, Kensington	—10.45 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

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## THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9th, the above Guild held their meeting at St. James's, Wigan. By the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Bull), the bells were opened to the ringers at 3.30, and at five o'clock a good company (including members from Wigan, Ormskirk, Aughton, etc.), assembled in the school, and amongst those present were the Vicar and Churchwardens (Messrs. R. O. Burland and R. Bannister), Mr. Councillor G. B. Walker, Mr. Thos. Taylor, and Mr. J. Meadow.

The Vicar, who was in the chair, opened the meeting, and said he was very pleased to see those present, and thought that during the short time he had heard the bells, they had been rung very well, and he must compliment them on their work. He said it was all very well to have good bells, but they should also be well rung, and he hoped it would not be the last visit to St. James tower of the Ringers' Guild.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Bentham), was then called upon to read the minutes of the last meeting, which was passed. A vote of condolence to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bulpit, and Mr. Martin, in their late bereavement, was proposed by Mr. Sholicar, and seconded by Mr. R. Fisher, and carried unanimously. The place for the next meeting was postponed pending Mr. Martin's consultation.

Mr. Councillor Walker then addressed a few words to the ringers. He said he felt proud to have the opportunity to speak to them, and to be amongst them that day, and he was always glad to meet them whether it was to ring or for business purposes. As far as St. James' tower was concerned, he found they were a good hearty lot of men, and he thought that if they adhered to their work they would make a first-class set of ringers.

While he had that opportunity he would like them to remember that whenever they rung those beautiful bells they were also assisting in God's work by calling the congregation to worship. There was another point to which they ought to look, and that was to their own attendance at church. He wished them to attend regularly to services, and be an example to the rest of the people. As he had mentioned on previous occasions, they ought always to remember the donors of the bells, and the good work they had done in the parish. He said they should not forget the cost which had been borne, and hoped they would be careful in the use of the bells. He was quite sure there could not be a better set for miles round than those of St. James', and he was always glad to hear their sweet tones. He thanked the people of St. James' for the courtesy shown to him on that and many other occasions. He also expressed his pleasure to have had the privilege of speaking to the Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

Mr. Burland was then called upon. He said he was not very familiar with bell ringing, but he was sure that visitors were most heartily welcome at St. James' tower, and he hoped they were pleased with the bells, and that they would go away with a good impression. He said he would be pleased to see them again at any time, and he could assure them that the bells would always be at their disposal on any future occasion.

Mr. Meadow moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and Mr. S. Turner seconded, which was unanimously carried.

The Vicar, in replying, thanked them very much for their vote of thanks, and more so because he could see it was hearty. As Mr. Walker had previously mentioned, he would also like to impress upon them the necessity of a regular attendance at church, which, as they knew, was very much neglected by some ringers. They knew that when there was anything at all connected with bell ringing people were apt to say unkind things, and they should be very careful indeed, and try to set a good example by their behaviour. Another matter he should like to mention was that there should be union amongst the ringers. He did not see why they should not avoid disputes and illfeeling, and he hoped they would avoid, by forbearance and restriction of temper, any unpleasantness, and he hoped they would work together in harmony. He expressed his pleasure to see the ringers of the Guild of St. James', and he was sure they would always find a hearty welcome. A vote of thanks was passed to the Churchwardens for kindly providing refreshments, and also to Mr. John Meadow for having the bells ready.

During the evening a silent touch of 500 changes (Holt's first part) of Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers stood as follows:—John Meadow, 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; Wm. Fairclough, 3; Alexandra Shaw, 4; John Barker, 5; William Bentham, 6; Robert Fisher, 7; John Watts, 8. Fairclough, Bentham, and Watts, hail from Aughton, the rest are Wigan ringers.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

One of the most successful meetings ever held in connection with the above branch, was held at the Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 16th, when about fifty members and friends attended the gathering, representing the following places, viz.: Cheddleton, Didsbury, Flixton, Gorton, Heywood, Hyde, Leek, Macclesfield, Milnrow, Northwich, Pendleton, Pendlebury, Rusholme, Stockport, Swinton, Worsley, Wolstanton, and Wilmslow, beside a fair contingent of the Manchester ringers. The ringing during the evening consisted of Triples, Major, Caters, and Royal, in following methods, viz., Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise.

About 7.15 p.m. ringing ceased, for the transaction of business, when the Rev. H. A. Hudson kindly attended to preside at the meeting. On being elected to the chair, he gave the ringers a hearty welcome, followed by a short discourse upon bells and various other kinds of musical instruments and their uses, closing with a short history of the various curacies he had held in different parishes, showing in one instance where there were no bells, he had been instrumental in getting two placed in the tower, and where other towers had four bells in, he had been successful in having them augmented into peals of six—bringing his audience gradually on in his discourse to the Cathedral where he (the chairman) now holds his present position, and where they (the ringers) had assembled together that evening to have a friendly pull with each other. Altogether the address was amusing, instructive, and interesting, and was received with much gratification on the part of the ringers.

Proceeding to the business programme, it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at St. Philip's Church, Hulme, on Saturday, February 13th. There were ten new members enrolled—six resident and four non-resident—all performing members. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and likewise to the Rev. H. A. Hudson for presiding at this our record meeting.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Leighton Buzzard, on January 2nd, which was fairly well attended. By the kindness of the Churchwardens, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Willis, and Dr. Lawford, tea was provided for the visitors at the Coffee House on their arrival. After tea, a vote of thanks to these gentlemen for their kind hospitality, was moved by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and briefly responded to by Mr. Richmond.

On arriving at the belfry, it was soon found that a great improvement had been made in deadening the sound of the bells since the Association last met at Leighton, and it is now possible to conduct a touch so as to be heard by all the ringers, which was formerly impossible.

Touques of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob and Treble Bob Major, were rung, with some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles in which two of the local ringers rang the treble. The Conductors were Mr. C. W. Clarke, and Mr. James George, of Rugby. Arrangements were made for giving instruction in change-ringing to the local band.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.)

On Saturday, January 23rd, in honour of the 36th birthday of the Countess of Albemarle, the company of ringers met at the Church of St. Andrew's, and rung 720 of Bob Minor (14 singles and 4 bobs), and another 720 (9 bobs and 6 singles), and another 720 (18 bobs and 2 singles). Afterwards the party were invited up to the hall to partake of refreshment, when they drank the Countess's health and wished her "many happy returns of the day"; then the handbells were brought into use, and some short touches were rung, with which the family were very much delighted. After thanking the Countess for kindly providing refreshments, they returned to the tower and rung a short touch, and fired the bells 36 times, being the age of the Countess. The following took part in the ringing.—W. Hensley, J. Tite, J. Sage, G. Haylett, R. Haylett, W. Ringer, J. Woods (conductor).

On Tuesday, January 19th, the following rung 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; G. Haylett, 3; W. Ringer, 4; R. Haylett, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6.

## HANDBELL RINGING AT UPTON PARK.

On Wednesday, January 20th, Mr. Thos. Beakall, of Upton Park (late of Liverpool), invited the Barking ringers to his residence to have a ring upon his splendid peal of bells. The company included Messrs. T. Faulkner, A. Hardy, R. Penn, C. Fenn, A. Whight, E. Lucas, and A. Deards. Seven different methods were rang with bells in pairs retained in hand, viz.:—Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major, Duffield Major, Canterbury Pleasure Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Mr. Beakall's married daughter, who holds a certificate for singing from the Liverpool College of Music, presided at the piano and sang. Mr. Lucas and Deards also sang. Refreshments of different kinds were liberally served, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

## PORTSMOUTH.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at the Vicarage on December 31st, 1896, the Rev. C. G. Lang (vicar) in the chair. The following members were elected to serve:—Vice-President and Treasurer, Rev. A. R. Warburton; Hon. Secretary, J. R. Webb; Foreman, Mr. Harper; Committee, Messrs. Matthews, Grooves, and Symons. Mr. Harper was requested to represent the St. Mary Band for the Winchester Guild. Mr. Ingram was proposed as a probationer ringer. The meeting then dissolved, adjourning to a good dinner kindly given by the vicar. After dinner they adjourned to the smoking room, and then, after having a few songs, they adjourned to the tower to ring for the midnight service.

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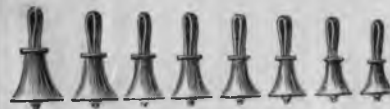
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