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"financially, numerically, and in the quality of its performances," made by the Worcestershire and Districts Associations. This, we think, is largely due to the energetic officers who preside over its destinies, combined with the perseverance of the various bands of ringers affiliated to the Association. There are many older-established Associations who have not yet been able to record a Peal of London Surprise by an entirely local band, and great credit is due to the Kidderminster band, who have placed their Association in so proud a position. We hope, before another Annual Report is presented, we shall be able to record that other local bands have attempted and succeeded in accomplishing peals in the more intricate methods.

We regret, however, that the Honorary Members shew a slight decrease on the preceding year (and this is not an isolated instance, for other Associations are suffering from the same complaint). Without the subscriptions of Honorary Members many of our Associations would be unable to carry on the good work they have undertaken, and are now doing. It is to be hoped that many of those who are interested in Bells and Bell-ringers will come forward with their subscriptions in order that the excellent work of the Association may not be delayed for want of funds.

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At a meeting of the Midland Counties Association (a report of which we publish in this issue), the President, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., stated that "he hoped shortly to propose

that a tabulated list of the condition of bells throughout the country be prepared." We feel sure that all would be ready to help in the compiling of such a list.

The idea is an excellent one, and we hope it will be carried into effect. We venture to think, that all lovers of our Church Bells, would be astounded at the number of Peals of Bells that are in a dilapidated and unringable condition. The Bells of the Metropolis alone, would make a formidable list, to say nothing of those in the Provinces that have been allowed to fall into a state of decay.

The enterprising band of St. Stephen's, Westminster, are to be congratulated on the Peal of Superlative Surprise at St. John's Church, Croydon. The task they set themselves was no easy one, and all the band must have felt very gratified when they heard, the welcome "that's all."

A Peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells retained in hand is no everyday performance, and Mr. Charles Tyler and his colleagues are also to be congratulated on the success that has attended their efforts.

We beg to remind our numerous correspondents of the necessity of sending their reports as early as possible, many arriving after the paper has gone to press, causing much disapointment at their non-appearance. Reports intended for the current week's issue should reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society was held at the Rectory on Friday evening, when the President (the Venerable Archdeacon Lawrance) occupied the chair. The report of the hon. secretary was received, as also was the hon. treasurer's statement of accounts, which showed a small balance on the right side. On the proposition of Mr. Hammond, seconded by Mr. Barnes, Mr. H. L. Waddington was re-elected hon. secretary for the ensuing year, while Mr. W. Battle was re-elected hon. treasurer for a like period. The Rector appointed Mr. Battle conductor, and Messrs. E. J. Randall, R. E. Hammond, and A. Hallett were elected to serve on the committee. A resolution was passed fixing the subscription of non-ringing members at not less than 2s. 6d. per annum. After other business of a routine character had been transacted, the meeting closed with votes of thanks to officers for past services, and to the Rector for presiding.

Mr. John Nicoll, of Bermondsey, have just supplied for the bells of St. Saviour's, Southwark, a new set of 12 ropes.

CHANGE RINGING PERFORMANCES.

Maximus.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SHEFFIELD.

On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 41 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	 		2	ARTHUR CRAVEN ARTHUR BREARLEY	. 8
JOHN H. BOWER GABRIEL LINDOFF		••		DAVID BREARLEY CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON	
WILLIAM LOMAS JOHN MULLIGAN	 		5	THOMAS HATTERSLEY THOMAS SILVESTER	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by Thos, HATTERSLEY G. Lindoff and C. W. P. Clifton, for whom this peal was kindly arranged, hail from Lincoln, This is G. Lindoff's rooth peal.

Cinques.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. 114 HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, February 9th, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes. AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHARLES TYLER, ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES,

RLES TYLER LIAM J. ALLISS LED W. GROVES	9-10.
	IAM I. ALLISS

Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., and Conducted by Charles Tyler.

First peal of Cinques by the Association, and by all the band, Referee-Mr. Henry Stringer, Witnesses-Messrs. Burt, Heasman, and Corner.

Ronal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, 115 (BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH), SOLIHULL.

On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

PEAL OF BOB ROYAL. 5060 CHANGES.

					4 CVVI.		
GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU* JOHN JENNINGS			Treble		JOHN CARTER	 	6
JAMES JONES	• •			3	WILLIAM A. HANCOX	 4.4	8
					George HITCHMAN		
W. Rock SMALL		• •	• •	5	JAMES GEORGE	 	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Royal, First peal in the method on the bells. This peal has the 6th four times wrong and twenty-four times right, and is now rung for the first time,

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON. 116 CAMBERWELL. LONDON.

On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

HAROLD N. DAVIS		7	reble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS*		4.	6	
ARTHUR R. DAVIS			2	VICTOR W. WEST		4.	7	
ARTHUR HARDY	• •	• •	3	JAMES E. DAVIS			8	
			4	FREDERICK J. PITTS		50	9	
HARRY BARTON			5	GEORGE W. WILD.,		., 7	enor	

Composed by J. RILEY, and Conducted by HAROLD N. DAVIS.

* First peal. This is the first peal of Royal by the Society. The composition was rung in its reversed form, see "Snowden's Treble Bob," Part II., Page 105. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar the Rev. F. F. Kelly, for the use of the bells on this occasion.

Caters.

117 THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. GREENWICH, KENT.

On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES,

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HARRY HOSKINS*	Treble	REV. GEO. J. BAYLEY, M.A. 6
FRANK M. BUTLER		ISAAC G. SHADE 7
Joseph Waghorn, Sen		Frederick W. Thornton 8
HERBERT J. SKELT†		WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY!	5	WILLIAM BERRY* Tenor

Composed by J. Bradley, and Conducted by Fredk. S. Bayley.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt, + First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt, ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters as Conductor and first attempt. This peal was rung at the first attempt, and is now rung for the first time; the figures will appear in due course.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. 118 SHREWSBURY.

On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES, Tenor 43 cwt.

WILLIAM GREENLEAF	 Treble	George Burrows	• •	6
GEORGE BYOLIN†		THOMAS J. BRATTON		
HENRY A. HALL .		AARON GRIFFITHS		
JOHN OVERTON		JAMES E. GROVES		
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	 5	HENRY KING*		Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal, † First peal of Caters. The greatest credit is due to the "Tenor" man, he never having attempted a peal or long touch before. The ringers of Treble and Tenor hail from Hereford; 3, 6, 8, and 9 from Wolverhampton; 7th from Welshpool, 5th from Slough, 4th from Bridgnorth, and 2nd from St. Alkmond's Shrewsbury. This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters by the Guild.

Major.

119 GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER. GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, February 3rd, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5184 CHANGES, Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

FRED. G. MAY FRANCIS E. WARD JOHN AUSTIN FRANCIS E. HART	••	2	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ERNEST E. DAVIS ROBERT A. BARRETT* ARTHUR E. PEGLER	**	6
FRANCIS E. HART		•• 4 1	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	2.6	- Tenor

Composed by the late H. Johnson, and Conducted by John Austin. * First peal in the method.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

(THE MIRFIELD SOCIETY).

On Saturday, February 6th, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT PEACOCK	 Treble	RALPH ELLIS	 5
H. W. COLLINSON			
FRED ROBINSON	 3	BENJAMIN ROBINSON	 7
GEORGE THORNTON	 4	SAM PEACOCK	 Tenor

Composed by the late OBADIAH LANG, of Liversedge, and Conducted by BENJAMIN ROBINSON.

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121 THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, LONDON. On Saturday, February 6th, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,	126 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, DRAYTON, BERKS.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST, A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,	On Saturday, February 6th, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes, At the Parish Church, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt. JAMES SCHOLESTreble SAMUEL JOYCE	Thurstan's Composition. Tenor 9½ cwt.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2 ERNEST CLAYTON 6 EDWIN WALLAGE 3 EMANUEL HALL 7 WILLIAM TRUSS* 4 SAMUEL HAYES	G. E. BLAY*
122 THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.	127 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6th, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES,	OLD WINDSOR. On Monday, February 8th, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.	A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
H. SIMPSON	WILLIAM WARE*
123 THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY, LINCOLN,	128 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. ASHSTEAD, SURREY,
On Wednesday, February 10th, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETEB-AT-ARCHES,	On Monday, February 8th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,	At the Parish Church.
5040 CHANGES, John W. Watson Treble Gabriel Lindoff 5 George Flintham*	/* PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, HOLT'S ORIGINAL. CHARLES RACE* Treble William Marks 5 WILLIAM MESSAM 2 HENRY WOOD 3 WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD 4 HENRY WILLIAM R 7 HENRY WILLIAM R 7
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by R. Dawson. * First peal in the method.	Conducted by Edward R. J. Dunk.
124 THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER,	* First peal. H. Wilkinson was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting, and belongs to the local band, E. Dunk hails from Westerham, the rest from Leatherhead.
LONDON.	129 THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CROYDON, SURREY. On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Thre Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,	(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY).
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,	BUSHEY, HERTS. On Wednesday, February 10th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,	At the Church of St. James,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt. in E flat.	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble JAMES WILLSHIRE	Holt's Ten Part.
A note to this peal will be found on another page.	Conducted by Edward P. Debenham.
Triples.	This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham on the occasion of marriage to Miss A. Maud Watson, of Winton, Bournemouth.
125 THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. TWICKENHAM.	130 THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, BRIGHTON. BRIGHTON.
On Thursday, February 4th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,	On Thursday, February 11th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, J. J. Parker's Six Part, No. 11. Tenor 21 cwt.	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
ARTHUR SCOTT	Holt's Original. J. Freeman
* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Howes, who hails from Kingston-on-Thames.	• First peal,

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CHILHAM.								
On Thursday, February 11th, 1897, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,								
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,								
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,								
Holt's Original. Tenor 183 cwt.								
Morton W. Pierce								
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.								
On Thursday, February 11th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,								
At the Church of St. Leonard,								
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES,								
Tenor 20 cwt.								
JAMES E. GROVES								
Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by James E. Groves.								
133 THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION								
HIGHAM FERRERS. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.								
On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,								
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,								
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,								
Hollis' Five Part. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.								
Walter C. Hunt 5 Charles W. Clarke 2 Alfred H. Martin 3 William Pettitt 4 Walter C. Hunt								
Conducted by Charles W. Clarke.								
W. C. Hunt hails from North Shields, and this is his first peal away from the tenor.								
								
134 THE DONCASTER SOCIETY.								
DONCASTER.								
On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,								
At the Church of St. George,								
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,								
HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 30 cwt.								
H. Fevre*								
Conducted by H. Fevre.								
* First peal as Conductor. † First peal.								
135 EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.								
SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.								
On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,								
AT THE CHURCH OF S.S. MARY AND NICHOLAS,								
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.								
TAYLOR'S BOB & SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.								
RICHARD MACKMAN								
EDWARD JARVIS 4 JOHN H. ELEY* Tenor								

Conducted by J. R. MACMAN.

* First peal. † First peal as Conductor. Messrs. F. and . Creasey hail from Fulney; G. Ladd from Pinchbeck; and J. R. Mackman from Lincoln; the rest belong to the local

company.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

136 THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER. KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE

On Sunday, February 14th, 1897, in Tw. Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. James Pagett, 129, Offmore Road,
On Handbells Retained in Hand,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
VICARS' SIX PART. Tenor 10 size in G.

James Pagett* 1-2 | William H. Barber . . . 5-6 Frederick Clayton . . . 3-4 | William H. Smith* 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal on handbells.

Minor.

187 THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

On Tuesday, February 9th, 1897, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* First peal. † First peal as Conductor. F. Blacketh hails from Armley, the rest belong to the local company.

138 THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS
AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
WOODLESFORD, YORKS.

On Saturday, February 13th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Holgate hails from Bramley; Haigh from Woodlesford; the rest from Rothwell.

GABRIEL	LINDO	FF'S	100	PEAL	S.		
				Rung.	Co	onduc	ted.
Six Bells	A.			5		4	
Bob Triples		**	11	4		2	
Bob Major		**	**	7		5	
Grandsire Triples				23		14	
Grandsire Major				1		_	
Grandsire Caters				3		I	
Union Triples		**		2		I	
Kent Treble Bob M	ajor			21		12	
Kent Treble Bob R	loyal			I		-	
Kent Treble Bob M		44	10.5	I			
Oxford Treble Bob		4.4		6		5	
Stedman Triples			**	7		2	
Stedman Caters				4	40	I	
Double Norwich Co		Major	88.	11		5	
Superlative Surprise				3	**	3	
Cambridge Surprise	٠	• •		I		I	
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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON TYNE.

Newcastle-on Tyne.
On Tuesday, February 2nd, at St. Matthew's Church, for practice, 360 of Bob Minor. R. M. Duke, I; A. Lamb, 2; H. B. Salkeld, 3; J. W. Dawson, 4; R. O. Hall (conductor), 5; E. E. Ferry, 6.
On Tuesday, February 9th, 840 of Bob Triples. R. M. Duke (longest touch), I; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. W. Dawson, 3; W. Liddle, 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; G. W. Dix, 6; J. E. R. Keen, 7; R. O. Hall, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt. Messrs. Dix and Keen hail from North Shields.

NORTH SHIELDS (Northumberland).

On Sunday, January 17th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 504 of Bob Triples. Jos. Browell, 1; N. Brand, 2; W. Lancaster, 3; C. Waugh, 4; J. E. Keen, 5; G. W. Dix, 6; G. R. Holmes (conductor), 7.
On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, 360 of Bob Minor. W. Lancaster, 1; N. Brand, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; C. Waugh, 4; G. W. Dix

(conductor), 5; G. R. Holmes, 6.

On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor. Jos. Browell, 1; N. Brand, 2; C. Waugh, 3; J. E. Keen, 4; G. W. Dix (conductor), 5; G. R. Holmes, 6. Also for evening service, 360 of Bob Minor. W. Lancaster, 1; Jos. Browell, 2; N. Brand, 3; C. Waugh, 4; J. E. Keen,

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On Tuesday, February 10th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Gertrude Mary Hill, second daughter of Mr. A. H. Hill, J.P., of North Shields, to Mr. Ernest L. Beckingham, Lintz Green, 560 of Bob Major. N. Brand, 1; W. Lancaster, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; G. R. Holmes, 4; Jos. Browell, 5; J. E. Keen, 6; C. Waugh, 7; Hugh Dall (conductor), 8.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDEACONAL BRANCH.)

BILDESTON (Suffolk).

On Tuesday, February 2nd, two 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Tewell, 1; T. Levett, 2; A. Long, 3; J. Taylor, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. Handbell Ringing.—A touch of Bob Major, 464 changes. T. Levett, 1-2; A. Long, 3; W. Stiff, 4; R. Bedingfield, 5; J. Taylor, 6; R. Grimwood (conductor), 7-8.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).

On Monday evening, January 25th, at All Saints Church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Snell, 1; H.C. Sewell, 2; T. Levett, 3; C. W. Grimwood, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6. Handbell Ringing.—464 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Levett, 1-2; J. Snell, 3; H. C. Tewell, 4; W. Stiff, 5; C. W. Grimwood, 6; R. Grimwood (conductor), 7-8. Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, February 4th, at the residence of Mr. C. W. Grimwood, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (9 bobs, 3rd the observation).

T. Levett, 1; J. Snell (first 720 in the method), 2; R. Grimwood (conductor), 3; C. W. Grimwood, 4; F. Cook (first 720 in the method), 5;

On Sunday, February 14th, at All Saints Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (9 bobs). R. Grimwood (conductor), 1; T. Levett, 2; J. Snell, 3; C. W. Grimwood, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff, 6.

Monks Eleigh (Suffolk).
On Sunday, February 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (9 bobs). F. Fosker, 1; A. Keeble, 2; T. Levett, 3; C. Green, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).

On Saturday evening, February 6th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent

Treble Bob Minor (15 bobs). A. Symonds (conductor), 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Poulson, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; W. Hollocks, 6.

On Sunday, February 7th, 720 New London Pleasure (9 bobs). H. Poulson, 1; F. G. Symonds, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; T. Levett (first 720 in the method), 4; R. Grimwood, 5; A. Symonds (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON (Essex)

On Tuesday, February 2nd, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's Variation), 1260 changes in 47 minutes. E. Wightman (longest length in the method), 1; G. Perry, 2; E. A. Bacon (conductor), 3; G. Carter, 4; J. Rann, 5; F. Freeman, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Trapp, 8. E. Wightman hails from Woodford.

E. A. Bacon (conductor), 3; G. Carter, 4; J. Rann, 5; F. Freeman, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Trapp, 8. E. Wightman hails from Woodford.

ROMFORD (Essex).

On Wednesday, February 10th, on Handbells retained in hand, Thurston's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 36 minutes. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; E. Wightman, 7-8. Rung strictly non-conducted, no bobs being called or any intimation of them given whatsoever. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal with J. Watson ringing 7-8.

INCHLEY (Middlesex).

On Thursday, January 21st, at St. Mary's Church, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (8 bobs and 6 singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

Also 240 College Single Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway, 6.

On Sunday, January 24th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (22 singles). W. Mulley, 1; W. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6.

WRITTLE (Essex).

On Saturday, February 6th, eight members of the above attempted a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately, after 1 hour and 7 minutes' ringing, it came to grief. G. Sorrell, 1; A. Edwards (conductor), 2; E. Davis, 3; A. Head, 4; W. Lincoln, 5; W. Piper, 6; T. Lincoln, 7; W. Emery, 8. Messrs. Edwards and Piper hail from Widford.

On Sunday, February 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes. H. Lincoln, I; G. Sorrell, 2; E. Davis, 3; W. Emery, 4; W. Lincoln (conductor), 5; R. Wood, 6; F. Radley, 7; T. Lincoln, 8. Rung as a farewell touch with G. Sorrell, who is leaving the neighbourhood for South Wales.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN (Kent).

On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 574 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Walker, 1; S. Hutson, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; E. Allen, 4; R. Staines, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the on Idesday, February 2nd, 720 of Rent Treble Bob Millor, With the tenor covering. C. Willshire (conductor), 1; S. Hutson, 2; R. Staines, 3; E. Allen, 4; W. H. B. Wilkins (first 720), 5; C. Milway, 6; W. Tassell, 8, On Monday, February 8th, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Milway, 1; E. Allen, 2; W. H. B. Wilkins (first 504), 3; G. H. Kite, 4; R. Staines, 5; C. Willshire (conductor), 6; W. Tassell, 7; R. Weller, 8.

BRENCHLEY (Kent).

On Tuesday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). W. Perryman, 1; E. Lambert, 2; G. Henley, 3; J. Harris, 4; F. Lambert (conductor) 5; J. Beach, 6. Also 720 (21 bobs and 12 singles). J. Acott, 1; J. Beach, 2; G. Henley, 3; E. Lambert, 4; F. Lambert (conductor) 5; Harris, 6.

On Thursday, January 21st, 720 Violet Treble Bob (9 bobs). E. Lambert, 1; J. Harris (first in the method), 2; J. Beach, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (9 bobs). E. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6.

On Sunday, February 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob (9 bobs). E. Lambert, 4; G. Hodge, 2; W. Lambert, 4; J. L. Beach, 4; F. Butchers (conductor) 2; C. Hodge, 2; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers (conductor) 2; C. Hodge, 2; W. Lambert, 4; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers (conductor) 2; J. Beach, 4; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers (conductor) 2; J. Beach, 4; J. B

1; G. Hodge, 2; W. Lambert, 3; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers (conductor), 5; F. Lambert, 6. Also 360 Double Stedman (slow-course) Minor, and several 120's Stedman Doubles.

HAYES (Kent).

On Sunday morning, February 7th, for Divine Service, 720 of Canterbury On Sunday morning, February 7th, for Divine Service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (30 singles and 3 bobs). A. Lanaway, 1; H. Reader, 2; A., Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; H. Brown, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (0 bobs, 12 singles). F. Keech, 1; H. Reader (conductor), 2; A. Killick, 3; H. Brown, 4; J. Hack, 5; G. Harwood, 6. On Monday, February 8th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles; 4th the observation). G. Harwood, 1; H. Reader, 2; A. Killick, 3; A. Lanaway (first with a bob bell), 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; H. Brown, 6.

Brown, 6.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).

On Thursday, January 7th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor (9 bobs and 6 singles). G. Good, 1; E. Lambert, 2; G. Hodge, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6.
On Thursday, January 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (9 bobs). G. Hodge, 1; E. Lambert, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 1. Leach 6.

5; J. Beach, 6.

PENGE (Surrey). Penge (Surrey).
On Thursday, February 11th, for practice, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (9 bobs and 6 singles). J. Town, 1; H. Reader, 2; W. Weatherstone (first in the method), 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. And 360 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Reader (first in the method), 1; G. Durling, 2; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 3; T. Harford, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Hack, 6. And 3 leads in the same method, in which H. Brown, G. Harwood, and T. P. Richards took part. Also 120 of Stedman Doubles. T. Harford, 1; G. Durling, 2; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 3; T. P. Richards (first in the method), 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Town, 6. Messrs. Harford and Durling hail from Bromley; Weatherstone from Rotherhithe; Reader, Brown, Harwood, and Hack, from Hayes; the rest are local men. are local men.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).

On Thursday, January 28th, for practice, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. J. Miles, I; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; J. H. Martin, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway, 6. Also 120 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Mulley, I; W. Webb, 2; G. J. Miles, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; J. H. Martin, 4 Martin, 6.

On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (42 singles). W. Mulley, 1; E. H. Tubb, 2; F. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, February 4th, for practice, a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. H. Tubb, 1; G. J. Miles (first course inside), 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; F. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway, 6.
On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service, 360 College Single Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; E. Pratchett,

75; F. Carroway, 6.
On Tuesday, February 9th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single Minor, standing as be fore.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH).

On Thursday evening, February 4th, for practice, at St. Andrew's Church a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1296 changes, in 49 minutes W. Shardiow, 1; W. Wallace, 2; J. W. Thompson, 3; C. Draper, 4; W. H Found, 5; S. Maskrey, 6; C. E. Hart, 7; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 8.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).

Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, February 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples.
J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5-6; H.

Horwood, 7-8.

On Sunday, February 7th, for Divine service, at the Parish Church, several 120's Grandsire Doubles. F. Adams (first 120 in the method), 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; W. Devey, 4; H. Argyle, 4; W. Adler, 5; H. Devey (first 120 in the method), 6.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).

On Sunday, February 7th, for men's service in the afternoon, a quarterpeal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 minutes. J. Beadle (first in the method), 1; F. Goddard, 2; Willie T. Meaton, 3; S. Carter, 4; J. Aldridge, 5; C. Edwards, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; A. Sheard, (first in the method), 8

At All Saints Church, for service, six 120's Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6 and 8 covering), as a birthday compliment to J. Beadle. J. Beadle, I; F. Goddard (conductor), 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; W. Stanney, 4; A. Scott, 5; W. Naylor, 6; T. Beadle, 7; A. Sheard, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).

On Saturday, February 13th, for practice, at St. Margaret's Church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. J. Button (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln, 3; E. Wigg. 4; E. Bailey, 5; T. D. Bell, 6; C. Samson, 7; J. Button, 8. Also several touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with T. E. Schoping in the 15th P. B. Button, 8. with T. E. Shearing in place of E. Bailey.

UFFORD (Suffolk).

On Thursday, February 4th, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Ward, 1; W. Drew, 2; Edwin R. Todd, 3; C. Ward, 4; A. S. Barrell, 5; H. Smith (first in the method), 6; E. Sherwood (conductor), 7; W. 5; h. C Ward, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MORTIMER (Berks)

On Saturday, February 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1036 Grandsire Triples, in 35 minutes. H. Cox, 1; A. Pye, 2; J. Tucker, 3; C. Giles (conductor), 4; W. Jerrom, 5; K. Mason, 6; H. Tucker, 7; F. Eatwell, 8

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).

On Thursday, February 4th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. W. Holford (first 720), 1; J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter 3; A. Gasson, 4; C. Holman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor) 6. And 360 Plain Bob. G. Wedge (first 360), 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson (conductor), 4; C. Holman, 5; E.

On Monday, February 8th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. W. Holford, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 480 Plain Bob. G. Backshall (longest length), 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Stretter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, February 11th, for practice, some plain courses were rung with W. Holford on an inside bell.

Messrs. G. Wedge, Holford, and Backshall are young beginners, the two

last knew nothing about a bellrope before the end of last October.

On Sunday afternoon, February 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 41 minutes. T. W. Shoesmith, 1; F. Banks, 2; T. Miller, 3; H. Jones, 4; C. Painter, 5; A. J. Turner (conductor), 6; J. S. Gold-

smith (composer), 7; W. Hemsley, 8. The ringers of the 1st, 6th, and 7th belong to Southover, Lewes.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.

On Saturday, February 13th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarterpeal of Stedman Triples, three courses of Grandsire Caters. J. W. Elkins, 1; G. Smith, 2; W. J. Sevier, 3; C. J. Chooet, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. C. Lampard, 6; R. Hasted (conductor), 7; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 8; W. H. George, 9; D. Froome, 10.

CHELSEA (London).

On Wednesday evening, February 10th, at the Church of St. Luke, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Moss, 1; H. R. Newton (conductor), 2; J. Steddy, 3; C. Hindes, 4; G. Farden, 5; J. Barber, 6; T. Barber, 7; G. Chesterman, 8. J. Steddy hails from Edenbridge.

KENSINGTON (London).

On Tuesday, February 2nd, at St. Mary Abbots, for practice, 742 Grandsire Triples. G. Brush, 1; H. W. Cotton, 2; W. E. Judd, 3; C. Charge, 4; A. Bradley, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; A. Bulgin, Tenor, 32 cwt.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of Campanology.

SIR,—At Mr. Slater's request, I enclose a copy of the Quarter-peal rang at Baddow, but there seems to be no record of the 5040 at an earlier date.

"GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

ON THE 7TH OF MARCH, 1819.

The Quarter Peal of Bob Major, 10,080 Changes, was rung on the eight bells at St. Mary's Church, by the following persons :--

				Robert Thornback	 	5th
Joseph Howard						
John Baker						
James Carter	 • •	• •		James Rowland	 • •	8th
			Tenor	T3 CWf.		

This Peal was called by Joseph Howard, and nobly brought round in five hours and fifty minutes, being the master-piece of the art ever performed in the County.'

I enclose another report which may interest Mr. Slater, as Mr. R. Lowe took part in it, he and R. Thornback, who rang in most of the peals at the

took part in it, he and R. Thorndack, who rang in most of the peals at the time, lived at Writtle.

"'Ringing,' On Sunday, February 25th, 1844, a complete Peal of 5040 Changes of Bob Major, was rung upon eight bells, at Mr. Hunt's, at the 'Cock and Bell' Inn, Writtle, in the County of Essex, and most nobly brought round in the short space of three hours and twenty minutes by the Young Company of Practitioners of Ringing, all residing in that village, in Table at and and Polyst Louis Second and and the George. viz. —Treble, 1st and 2nd, Robert Lowe; Second, 3rd and 4th, George Fitch; Fifth and Sixth, John Cook; Seventh and Eighth, Thomas Evered. This Peal was correctly called by Robert Lowe, Junr."

Mr. George Fitch is still living in the village, and I have heard the above peal was rung "lapping" or sometimes known as "Blanket Bob," and that the treble bell was chalked, but it was rubbed off before the door was opened, someone was employed to snuff the candle, and the chalking

business leaked out.

If Mr. Slater pays a visit to the Annual Meeting at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, it might interest him to go to Baddow; if so, he will not find them a musical peal of eight, for they are the most peculiar sounding bells I have ever heard. A little tuning might improve them, but they go very well, and don't sound so bad after you get accustomed to them; but don't ring Major with the 2nd in 6th's place.

I should not be surprised to hear that the Chelmsford United Youths, rang a 5000 at Gt. Waltham in their time, as they seem to have an idea at Waltham, a peal of Major has been rung there some years ago.

W. LINCOLN.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. UNVEILING CEREMONY AT BARROW GURNEY.

Unveiling Ceremony at Barrow Gurney.

On Saturday, January 30th, at the Parish Church, a handsome pealtablet was dedicated by the Rev. J. A. W. Wadmore. It records the second peal rung on the bells. An attempt was made for 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), but came to grief. G. Clements, I; A. Waters (conductor), 2; J. Young, 3; C. H. Gordon (Bristol), 4; C. H. Horton (Bristol), 5; J. Harvey, 6; J. Winson (Wrascall), 7; C. E. Boutflower (Bristol), 8. Afterwards, a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, was rung in 42 minutes. The tablet is surmounted by the arms of the Association, and is inscribed as follows:—"Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. On Tuesday, June 6th, 1896, was rung in this tower, in 3 hours and 5 minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes (Taylor's variation). G. Clements, treble; R. Devenish, 2; C. Horton, 3; J. Bishop, 4; J. Harvey, 5; A. Waters, 6; J. Winsor, 7; A. Brown, tenor. Conducted by A. Waters. Rung as a compliment to C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., on his return home from his wedding tour." return home from his wedding tour."

OUR ILLUSTRATION: ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, LONDON.

TISITORS to the Metropolis will not have failed to notice the Church of St. Martin was formed and the vicarage endowed between the years 1222 and 1275, to provide for the

does in Trafalgar Square. To most campanologists it spiritual wants of the settlement grouped about the Abbey at



St. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, LONDON.

will be familiar as the head-quarters of the Royal Cumberland Youths who meet there once a fortnight, particulars of which growing. The green meadows and country walks of the parish will be found in our list of practices.

gave it the name of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Beyond this

information little can be given until the reign of Henry VIII. Of the size of the parish in Tudor times some notion may be

formed when it is stated that it included the now extensive parishes of St. James's; St. George's, Hanover square; St. Paul's, Covent Garden; and St. Anne's. In 1576 the rated inhabitants numbered but 164, in 1601 but 260, and in 1630 they had actually reached 798! The rates collected at these

dates were £27, £112, and £442.

James I. and Prince Henry were great benefactors to the church. In 1626 a petition to Charles I. among the State papers states 'that since the beginninge of the happy raygne of your late Royall father of blessed memory over this kingdome the number of the inhabitants of this parish is tripled, and that number is much encreased by your Majesty's servants and the retinue of noblemen, together with a greatt nomber of sutors attenginge aboute your Majestie's court and lodginge in this parish doe resort to this church, soe as ye same is nowe not capable to recayve the one halfe of those yt doe or would come thither heare diulne service, albeit the sayd church hath been dyvers wayes enlarged as much as possible by art and cost it can be.'

The old church of St. Martin is shewn in Vertue's prints to have had a low square tower. Newcourt describes it as 'fitter to be taken down and rebuilt'; and this was done in 1721-24. The cost of building the present edifice (James Gibbs being architect) was near £37,000, of which £33,450 were raised by rates. And yet so rapidly did subscriptions come in that a donation of £500 was refused of one lady who wished particularly to enrich the altar-piece (Malcolm). George I. gave 100 guineas among the workmen, and upon being chosen churchwarden, the organ by Schreider worth £1500. The previous one was by Schmydt, who played here for a salary. These have long since given place to one by Bevington. The portico has a Latin inscription upon it. The church was consecrated October 20th, 1726.

In the old church were buried Nell Gwynne, the mistress of Charles II.; Nicholas Stone, the sculptor and mastermason, employed at the Banqueting-house, Whitehall; and Sir Edmundbury Godfrey, who was murdered at Primrose Hill, 1679, during the popish tumults. In the present church were buried Roubiliac, the sculptor, and, in 1793, John Hunter, though in 1859 his remains were removed to the Abbey. And in the burial-ground was buried none other than Jack Sheppard, the notorious housebreaker, executed at Tyburn, 1724.

The tower contains a fine peal of twelve bells, tenor 314 cwt. on which some notable performances have been achieved, The particulars of the bells have already appeared in Campanology, No. 11, page 130.

ST. PETER'S, TITCHFIELD, HANTS.

Special Dedicatory Services took place at the Parish Church of St-Peter's, Titchfield, on Tuesday, February 2nd, on the occasion of the restoration and addition to the peal of bells, and the gift of a new brass eagle

lectern as a memorial.

Titchfield Church, like the parish itself, is full of historic interest, not the least being that attaching to the Earls of Southampton. In the church is a magnificent monument of alabaster to the founder of the family, Thomas Wriothesley, Lord Chancellor of Henry VIII., his wife, and his son, the second Earl, which Henry, the third Earl—the friend and patron of Shakespeare—raised at a cost, it is said, of £12,000. Lord Wm. Russell's devoted wife, Rachel, was the daughter and co-heiress of the fourth Earl, and she was brought up at Titchfield.

Much useful and necessary work of restoration has been carried out in the church, but it was not till recently the matter of the bells was taken in hand. There were formerly four bells. The oldest of the bells was not nand. There were formerly four bells. The oldest of the bells was not dated, but judging from the inscription on it, "Ave gratia plena," experts have given the date as from 1275 to 1300. Another bell had the motto "In God is my hope," and the date 1628; the treble was inscribed "Richard Brovne, Church Warden, 1675"; and, on the fourth, the tenor bell, were the words "R. Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts, Fecit mdcclxviiii." It was found necessary to re-cast these four bells, but the inscriptions have been expredicted in the casting and while about the work it was received to reproduced in the casting, and, while about the work, it was resolved to receive one dozen neat peal cards.

add two new bells, and to incorporate other desirable improvements. An influential committee was formed, with the Vicar, the Rev. Reginald A. R. White, as chairman and treasurer, and Mr. W. O. Smith as secretary. Funds were generously forthcoming, and, as a result, the whole of the work undertaken has been practically paid for on completion, the money having been collected in less than seven months. The total weight of the bells is 47 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs., made up thus:—Old Bells (recast): Tenor, 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.; 5th, 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.; 4th, 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.; 3rd, 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs. New Bells: 2nd, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs.; Treble, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lbs. Besides the peal of bells there is a small priest's bell, which, it is known, from an inventory lately discovered, has been in existence for 344 years—how much older it is, no one is able to say It is proposed to re-hang this on the same level as the other bells. The committee also decided to erect the Ellacombe chiming apparatus, and to affix the more musical Westminster chimes to the clock in the place of the ordinary two-stroke chime which used to go at the quarters. The contractor for the bells and the Ellacombe chiming apparatus was Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, and the Westminster chimes were put up by Messrs. Burdon Brothers, also of Salisbury. The total cost has been about £300. It may be mentioned that the bells are hanging in a tower which is at least 800 years old, and possibly older – it is known to be early Norman, and there are Saxon signs in the base of the tower, and likewise in the church.

The services on Tuesday commenced with Holy Communion at half-past

seven, and was followed at noon by the Dedication, the principal part in the service being taken by the Right Rev. the Loid Bishop of Guildford, D.D., to whom the Rev. R. A. R. White was curate for seven years, during the time the Bishop was rector of Old Alresford. There was a numerous congregation, but the heavy downpour of rain no doubt interfered with the attendance. In addition to the Bishop of Guildford and the Vicar, the clergy present were the Revs. R. C. M. Harvey, Vicar of Eastleigh; R. Nevill, Vicar of Hook with Warsash; C. E. Matthews, Curate of Hursley, and Secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers; and the Rev. H. Wheat, Curate of Titchfield. A shortened form of Matins was arranged. The special Psalms were the 81st and the 150th. The special lesson (Numbers, x., 1 to 11) was read by the Rev C. E. Matthews. Hymn 303, "When morning gilds the skies" was sung, and then the Bishop offered the prayers for the dedication of the bells. At the conclusion of the dedication of the bells. tory prayers there was a brief interval, during which the bells were rung. Kneeling at the lectern, the Bishop next offered the prayers for the dedication of the lectern, and, after this, the hymn "The Saints of God! their conflict past" was joined in. The singing of the choir in this hymn, and generally throughout the service, deserves a word of commendation. Mr. Jennings presided ably at the organ.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

The Societies of Change-ringers connected with the St. Albans Cathedral and St. Peter's Church have subscribed to a fund with a view to making a presentation to Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. of Bushey, who formerly resided at St. Albans, and took a lively interest in all matters connected with campanology. He was for about two years conductor at the Cathedral. Mr. Buckingham was married on February 9th, and in recognition of the happy event, his friends amongst the bell-ringers of St. Albans procured for him a handsome aneroid barometer, which was presented to him on behalf of the Societies named by Mr. H. L. Wadding-

presented to him on behalf of the Societies named by Mr. H. L. Waddington and Mr. E. P. Debenham, on Friday.

On Tuesday, February 9th, at the Cathedral, in honour of the marriage of Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, the first part of Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. H. L. Waddington, 1; H. J. Samuel, 2; S. F. Barnes, 3; A. Hallett, 4; R. E. Hammond, 5; T. Waller, 6; W. Battle (conductor), 7; G. Wright, 8. Also 168 in the same method. H. J. Samuel, 1; E. Wish, 2; G. Steabben, 8; the rest as before.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT CROYDON.

The peal recorded in another column was rung as a birthday compliment The peal recorded in another column was rung as a Dirthday compliment to Messrs. H. R. Newton and S. E. Andrews, their brother ringers wishing them "Many happy returns." It being the off-week at our own tower, the question was, "Where shall we go?" and Croydon was selected. "You've got your work cut out this time," said some of the knowing ones, "You will never manage a peal of Superlative single-handed with that tenor"; but our spirits were not damped. A start was made at ten minutes past six, and, without a hitch, a splendid peal was scored. On leaving the tower between thirty and forty ringers from Croydon Bedding. leaving the tower, between thirty and forty ringers from Croydon, Beddington, and Mitcham, gave us quite an ovation, and all heartily congratulated us on our performance. The bells are very fine, and if only two trebles could be added, for which there is ample space, the Croydon ringers could boast of a splendid peal of ten. The St. Stephen's Society wish, through the medium of Campanology, to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for allowing the use of the bells, and also those friends who so kindly met and arranged matters for us.

By enclosing 1/- Postal Order or stamps with report of peal, you will

The Learner's Column.

A System of Learning to Call Holt's Original.

Few Bob callers have the same system of committing to memory this composition, and, consequently, adopt their several plans to suit themselves. When I determined to learn it, I cut it up into six equal parts, and intended to learn the work of one bell throughout a part.

A better plan afterwards suggested itself to me, as follows, which has

proved very successful:—

Get out the bells "before" in "Common meter verse form," that is:—8 in the first and third, and 6 in the second and fourth lines, a figure being equal to a syllable, as for instance :-

If your enquirer will continue this treatment, he will find it runs to five verses, and a small bit, which I call the "Amen," thus:-

Observation or checking places may be chosen by the caller. The lead-ends at the first call in each verse are easy to learn, running

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This is only one instance, there are almost numberless opportunities of checking the progress of the peal, which one needs get out for themselves.

I may add, with one exception (and that is 2 and 6 changing course), the I may add, with one exception (and that is 2 and 0 changes, other calling is a check to the peal, as a change-course, with any two bells, other than the above would, sooner or later, lodge a bell in the hunt, which ought, at that period, to be called hefore.

A.E. P.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

A most social and enjoyable gathering was that which took place at the King's Head on a recent Monday evening, on the occasion of the aunual dinner of the Battle branch of the Sussex County Association of Church dinner of the Battle branch of the Sussex County Association of Church Bellringers. The Rev. E. H. Rogers, Curate, presided, and the company included Messrs. T. Cane, E. T. B. Austin, W. Franks, C. J. Hyland, Hon Sec., F. Mathis, J. Mathis, F. Russell, W. Pepper, W. Putland, W. Eldridge, W. Metcalf, E. Cruse, A. Smith, W. Thwaites, W. Thomas, F. C. R. Carter, C. Lock, and J. Livermore (Blacklands, Hastings), and Colour-Sergeant King. Host Hooker put a thoroughly good spread upon the table. The Chairman submitted the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," which was drunk with cheers and the singing of the National Anthem. The Secretary said he had received letters from the Dean, Messrs, Hotham and Cale Chairman and Cale Cha Messrs. Hotham and Cobb (Churchwardens), Mr. Saker, and other gentlemen, who all regretted their inability to be present. Mr. Cane, in submitting "The Bishop, Clergy, and Churchwardens," spoke in high terms of Bishop Wilberforce, whose name was a household word. He coupled with the toast "The health of the Chairman," the Rev. E. H. They had always been fortunate in their Curates, who had been hardworking, conscientious men, and he was sure Mr. Rogers would prove no exception to the rule. The Chairman, who was most cordially greeted, said he hoped they would accept his presence as representing the head of the church in the parish. The Dean, owing to having several engagements crowded into the present week, regretted being absent. He (the speaker) was thankful to receive the investment that had taken place. was thankful to recognise the improvement that had taken place in modern times in the conduct of the belfry, and that the ringers were recognised by the authorities as churchworkers. Without taking advantage of his position, he would just remind them that those who called the congregation together should themselves form part of the congregation. He was glad to notice the good feeling existing among all classes of churchworkers, and if he could do anything to minister to the wants of the ringers he should only be too glad. Mr. Austin then proposed "Success to the Battle Branch of the Sussex County Association of Church Bellringers." The pleasure of submitting the toast was enhanced by the fact that, whereas in 1895 the members did not get through a single peal they had, during the past year, successfully accomplished no less than four. Great credit was due to them for their performances during the year. Referring to the remarks made by

Chairman to the effect that ringing was really a part of the service he was, he said, sure the Battle ringers were quite cognisant of and appreciated that fact. With the toast he was pleased to couple the name of Mr. Walter Franks, the worthy conductor of a worthy band; an expert campanologist, a capital instructor, and one, always patient with novices, well qualified in every way to extend the knowledge of the campanological art. Mr. W. Franks said, as regarded the ringing, they had never in one year gone through the number of peals alluded to by Mr. Austin, until the last year. They were much indebted to their honorary and active members from Hastings, and although the peals had proved a source of instruction to them, the members generally would have been at a great disadvantage without the presence of those who had come over to assist. without the presence of those who had come over to assist. They hoped, in the near future, to accomplish other methods, which some of them were already acquainted with. The Rev. Mr. Rogers hereupon vacated the chair, which was occupied for the rest of the evening by Mr. Thomas Cane. Mr. Franks proposed "The Honorary Members and Subscribers," and said the hon. (ringing) members were invaluable to them, and very little could be done without their aid.

During the evening, Mr. Cruse delighted the company with his able rendering of songs of a martial tone, and which were very ably rendered. Mr. Cane was also in form, and Mr. Franks' adventures in the midnight train were a source of great amusement. Songs were also contributed by Messrs.

Russell, Thomas, Bradley, &c., all helping in the spending of a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, the annual meeting took place, when accounts were passed and election of officers took place. Mr. W. Franks re-elected as Leader, and Frank Mathis elected as Secretary.

Obituary.

"ALEC" (ALEXANDER) ARCH.

On Thursday, February 4th, the remains of "Alec" (Alexander) Arch, the youngest son of Mr. C. Arch, of the Red Lion Inn, Mears Ashby, Northants., were laid at rest amid many signs of respect. The deceased, who died on January 30th, aged 28 years, was a well-known local bass singer, and a member of the village choir from his youth. His illness was very short one, less than a week, congestion of the lungs following upon influenza. The coffin, which was of polished oak, with dead-black furniture, and covered with wreaths, was borne by some of the friends of the deceased, and followed by the members of the family:—Mr. C. Arch, sen. (father), Mrs. Coleman (sister), and Messrs. C. Arch, jun., A. Arch, and T. Arch (brothers), and many friends, including Miss K. Davis, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Clark, &c. A large number of the villagers also attended the Davis, Mrs. Clark, &c. A large number of the villagers also attended the service. The members of the choir, with the organist, sang Helmore's burial service, and hymns 230, 499, and 401 (A. & M). Wreaths and crosses, many of them very beautiful, and bearing inscriptions expressive of valued services and deep regret and sympathy, were sent by the following:—Father, sister, brothers, and Kate; the vicar, organist, choir, and ringers; the Misses Stockdale; Officers and Brothers of the "Charles Dickens" Lodge, R.A.O.B.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Barker; Mrs. Middleton; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simcoe; Mr. and Mrs. Neal (Sywell); Sywell friends; his sorrowing coursing a friend; and servants at the Manor House. Mr. W. sorrowing cousin; a friend; and servants at the Manor House. Mr. W. Barker, of Mears Ashby, was the undertaker, and the musical part of the service was conducted by the organist, Mr. R. F. Gibbs. On the following Sunday morning, the Vicar made a feeling allusion to the event, referring to the deceased's valuable services in the church. A muffled peal was rung in the evening by his fellow ringers—his bell, tenor, being left silent. At the close of the service, the organist played the "Dean March in Saul," the congregation remaining standing. Alexander Arch was a much respected member of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bellringers. The Association, in him, loses a thorough lover of bells and bell-music. He had a great wish to see the Mears Ashby Bells increased from five to six.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Wednesday, February 10th, eight members of the above Society rang, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Edward Moses, of Reigate, having been a member of this Society for several years. W. C. Hasted, 1; W. Webber, 2; V. W. West, 3; W. Truss, 4; H. Mulley, 5; W. Meads, 6; W. H. Passmore, 7; F. J. Pitts, 8.

RUGBY.

On Wednesday, February 3rd, an attempt was made to ring the first peal on St. Andrew's bells, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 4760 changes in 3 hours. J. Carter, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; J. W. Timms, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; T. J. Bratton, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Shotton, 8. The method was Grandsire Triples.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this association was held at Oldswinford, on Saturday, January 30th. Proceedings commenced with a short, bright service in church, and a brief address of welcome from the Rector, who said he thought it was very good for them to be there and commence their business by meeting in the House of God with prayer and praise. Afterwards the party repaired to the mission room, Heath Lane, where tea was provided, following which the business meeting was held. The number of representatives present was almost the largest the association has ever had, the following bands being represented:—Areley Kings, Bromsgrove, Bridgnorth, Cradley, Dudley, Old Hill, Netherton, Kidderminster, Tipton, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Worcester, Malvern, Oldbury, Clent, Belbroughton, Oldswinford, Halesowen, and Wolverhampton. The Rev. A. B. Timbrell presided, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been

confirmed, called upon the secretary to read the annual report.

Mr. Smith read the report, which stated the committee had much pleasure in presenting the report, the work having progressed financially and numerically, and in the quality of its performances. During the year 32 peals had been rung, being an advance of 15 upon the number of last year. Special mention should be made of the peal on six bells in seven Treble Bob methods at Netherton, and the peal of London Surprise Major just accomplished at Kidderminster, being the first in the methods by members of the association. The committee were pleased to note the progress made by the King's Norton Guild during the year, and hoped their success would continue, also that made by the Oldswinford company under the tuition of Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, and trusted they would continue to make further advancement in the knowledge and proficiency of the art. During the year there had been four meetings at Kidderminster, Worcester, Redditch, and Evesham. At Kidderminster, two honorary members and two new companies, belonging to Welland and Hanley Castle, had joined the association. At Redditch, the Rev. Canon Newton was elected an honorary member, and it was also resolved that his band become members if their names were forwarded to the secretary, but the committee regretted that this had not been done. At the Evesham meeting the secretary was instructed to write to the Rev. G. N. Whittingham, asking for permission for the Bengeworth ringers to have the use of the campanile bells for the practice of change-ringing once in a month, without interfering with the privilege of his own ringers, but the committee were sorry to state that this mild request was refused. Numerically, the association had increased about 22 performing members during the year, but regretted there was a falling off in the honorary members, only 21 having paid their subscriptions, against 23 last year. The balance-sheet having paid their subscriptions, against 23 last year. showed the receipts for last year were \$\(\frac{1}{32}\) 17s. 11d., and the expenses £20 8s. 2d; the total worth of the association was now £23 9s. 1od. report was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Spittle (Dudley), seconded by Mr. Mason (Old Hill), it was resolved to hold the annual meeting at Worcester, on Easter Monday. Messrs. Grove (Kidderminster), and Pritchett (Kings Norton), were elected delegates to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. It was resolved to give Mr. Parsons an honorarium for expenses incurred in getting to and from Old Hill to instruct the Oldswinford band, and eulogistic reference was made to the great improvement the ringers had made under his tuition. Mr. Spittle moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and also for the bright service provided in church. He thought the step taken by the chairman was one in the right direction. It was well to remind ringers, as part of the church workers, that it was their duty after ringing other people to church, to go in themselves at least once a day. Mr. Parsons seconded. If they could all put their hearts into the quarterly meetings as they had that day, they would soon put the associa-tion on a better standing than it was at the present time. One of the best steps the officers of the association ever took was when they invited the Rev. A B. Timbrell to become clerical secretary. Mr. Small supported the motion, and suggested that the clergy should make more acquaintance with the ringers, which would result in getting a better band, and also in getting them into church. He was afraid the clergy stuck to the east end

of the church and the ringers to the west.

The chairman thanked them for the vote of thanks. It was quite unnecessary, because it had been the greatest possible pleasure to him to preside or have anything to do with anything that affected the service of the church. He was very glad to welcome them to Oldswinford for the first time, and he was glad to have been able to arrange such a meeting as was evidently so satisfactory to them. He was very pleased with his own band of ringers; they were young men whom he had known from boyhood, and they had grown up under his own eye, and he was very proud indeed of the work, especially since they had been under Mr. Parsons, to whom they were very grateful. The ringers, too, were regular attendants at church and communicants, and he should like to see it a rule of the association that the ringers should be communicants; he would much rather them be good Christians than good bell-ringers. He agreed with Mr. Small as to the lukewarmness of the clergy with regard to the ringers. He was much obliged to them for the reference to his choir, who always did their best to make things go nicely. He thanked them for the vote of thanks and he would use his best endeavours to advance the interest of the

Church Bell-ringers' Association. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector for the use of the bells.

During the day visits were made to the Oldswinford and St. Thomas's towers, and touches were rung in the following methods:—Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob at Oldswinford, and at St. Thomas's—224 Bob Major, 240 and 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Among the touches rung after the meeting, on the bells of St. Thomas, Stourbridge, was one of 384 changes of London Surprise Major, by the band of St. Mary's, Kidderminster, which has held its premier position in the association for upwards of six years, under the leadership of the indefatigable and persevering Dick Grove.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chesterfield on Saturday, January 30th, when some 48 members and friends (not easily discouraged by the wretched weather) assembled from Derby, Duffield, Burton, Leicester, Loughborough, Lincoln, Sheffield, and villages round Chesterfield. The afternoon passed as usual with touches on the peal of ten, in various methods, inspections of the large and handsome church, and touches on the handbells at the ringers' meeting house. With keen appetites, members assembled at the Victoria School at 5 p.m., and did full justice to a capital meat tea, at which the Hon. and Rev. C. J. Lyttelton, vicar of Chesterfield, honoured us by his presence. To commence the business of the meeting, the President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (who had an important engagement elsewhere) for the use of the bells, which was seconded by the Hon. Treasurer, and carried with applause. The Vicar, in the course of an interesting speech, urged more earnestly upon ringers to consider their duties as churchmen, mentioning that at his previous living, viz., Penkridge, every ringer was also a communicant.

The President then proposed the Vicar as an honorary member of the Association, which was seconded by Mr. Knight, and carried nem. con.

The hon. Secretary then read the minutes, which were signed, as also the names of four new members, who were duly elected.

The President, in addressing the meeting, stated that 13 peals had been rung during the past quarter, viz.:—2 Grandsire Caters, I London Surprise, I Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2 Bob Major, 1 Darlaston Bob Triples, 3 Grandsire Triples, 2 Minor, and 1 Doubles. Of these peals, 6 had been rung by the Leicester and Loughborough branches between them, 2 by the Derby branch, I by the Burton branch (viz., London Surprise), I by the Birmingham branch (Canterbury Pleasure Major), 2 by the Long Eaton, and I by the Melbourne Society. He urged upon members to take to heart the Vicar's earnest words. He must say, however, that ringers had done a great deal for themselves, and many well-arranged towers had arrived at a certain standpoint and could not get any further. It was most difficult to get the authorities to understand how necessary it was (especially heavy peals) that the bells should go well, and that ringers should also have lavatory accommodation. How could they be expected to attend service when they were simply wet through with perspiration, and their coats and hands dusty and dirty. If the authorities would only meet ringers half way, he was sure they would be better churchmen. He hoped shortly to propose that a tabulated list of the condition of bells throughout the country be prepared, and he ventured to think that they would do all in their power to help. In conclusion, the President stated that at the annual meeting tea it would probably be found impossible to make the 6d. allowance to visiting members; he hoped that none would stay away on that account.

A vote of thanks to the President was then proposed by the hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. G. Toplis, and carried with applause

Members then adjourned to the tower and the ringers' meeting house, and thus closed another meeting made most enjoyable in spite of the inclement weather, by the meeting of old friends and by the Chesterfield ringers' hearty welcome.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting in connection with this association was held at South Petherton on Saturday, February 6th. Notwithstanding the wet weather and the difficulty of getting to and from South Petherton from other parts of the diocese, there was a good attendance, 24 members being present and representing the following towers:—St. James's (Taunton), Milverton, Old Cleeve, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Barrington, and Shepton Beauchappe, During the manning the mathematical forms. Beauchamp. During the morning the members from Taunton started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing over 4,000 changes in good style. At 3 p.m. there was a short service in the Church with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Lefroy. After service an adjournment was made to the Crown Hotel, where all sat down presided, and he was supported by the Revs. F. A. Lefroy, J. Hamlet (Barrington), A. Lethbridge (Shepton Beauchamp), and A. G. Edwards (Norton-sub-Hamdon), Mr. F. N. Quantock-Shuldham, hon, local secretary, and Mr. H. W. Tomkins, hon secretary and treasurer. After tea the usual business meeting was held. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and five honorary and twenty-eight performing members were elected. The next meeting (the annual) was fixed to take place at

Bath on Saturday, May 1st. Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the Church and bells, and to Mr. Quantock-Shuldham for making arrangements for the meeting, and for his generosity in providing conveyances for the members were passed unanimously. This was all the business, and an adjournment was made to the tower, where further ringing was engaged in. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles, and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major (the first by the association) were successfully brought round.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

CLYST ST. GEORGE BRANCH.

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On Monday, February 1st, three six-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Rickard, 1; F. Smith, 2; Rev. R. Gibbs, 3; C. Glass, 4; G. Start (conductor), 5; J. Potter, 6. This is the first 120 in the method by all the band; and the first on the tower by men of the parish.

PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH,

PLYMOUTH (Devonshire).

On Tuesday, January 19th, at Charles Church a quarter-peal of Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled out of respect for the Rev. A. Coode, E. Taylor (conductor), 1; Rev. J. M. Clarkson, 2; Rev. M. Kelly (first in method), 3; E. Hendy, 4; A. J. Richards, 5; H. Myers, 6; W. Ford, 7; W. H. Marsh, 8.

On Thursday, January 21st, at Stoke Church, Devonport, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Taylor (conductor), 1; Rev. M. Kelly (first in method), 2; Rev. J. M. Clarkson, 3; E. Hendy, 4; H. Myers, 5; W. H. Marsh, 8.

Motices.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY.

On Friday, February 19th, at the Society's head quarters, "Bedford Head Hotel," Maiden Lane, Strand, a Special Meeting will be held. It is earnestly requested that members will make an effort to be present, there being very important business to transact.

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH).

The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Phillips' Church, Hulme, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting to be held in the British Workman's Club room, at 7 p.m. Free invitation to ringers.

WALTER Brown, Branch Sec., 54, Wenlock St., Hulme, Manchester.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Rothwell, near Kettering, on Saturday, February 20th. Usual arrangements. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec., Wellingborough.

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 NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT).

The 28th quarterly meeting will be held at Kelsale, on Saturday, February 20th. The tower of the Parish Church will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially welcome.

H. J. BUTTON, Hon. District Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, February 20th, when the tower of the Parish Church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at the "East Indian Chief" at 6 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Cheap tickets issued to members travelling to Hatfield on the Great Northern Railway provided a sufficient number announce their intention of attending and inform me by Wednesday, February 17th, of the stations from which they will travel. Receipts for the current year's subscriptions must be produced at the Booking Office on applying for the tickets.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec., St. Albans.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

The next Monthly Meeting of the Society will be held on Monday evening, February 22nd, at the Princes Head, Princes Street, Westminster, after the usual ringing practice. All members possible are requested to

A. HARDY, Hon. Sec., 51, Kay Road, Stockwell.

ST. JOHN'S, VASSAL ROAD, BRIXTON.

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd. After that, fortnightly meetings as usual until further notice.

Victor W. West, Hon. Sec., 71, Langton Road, Brixton, S.W.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The Guild's Annual "Johnson Commemoration" Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 27th, at the Market Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, when A. Percival Heywood Esq., President of the Central Council of Change Ringers has promised to preside. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets, free to full ringing members, and to other members or friends 3/- each, and may be obtained from the undersigned by application before the 24th February. The 12 bells at St. Martin's, in the Bull Ring, will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec., 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A Hot Pot Supper will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting, 6 p.m. Rev. W. T. Bullpit, Hon. Secs.

W. BENTHAM,

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(CENTRAL DIVISION).

A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, February 27th. Tower open from 3 p.m.; a short service at 5 p.m.; tea at 5 30, free. Members intending to be present should let me know not later than Tuesday, February 23rd, as the Vicar (who provides the tea) requests me to let him know how many are likely to be present.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Hon. Div. Sec., 2, Grove Street, Brighton.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, February 27th (Fence Houses is the nearest railway station). The Committee will meet at 4 o'clock at the "White Lion" Hotel. Meat tea will be provided at the "White Lion," at 1/- each. The bells of the Parish Church will be at the disposal of members during the day. Those intending to be present, please notify-the same on or before February 25th to Thomas Hudson, Hon. Sec. and Treas., 314, High St., West Sunderland. N.B.—Subscriptions for 1896-7 are now due,

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The next Monthly Ringing Meeting of the Society will be held at St. Michael's Church, Headingley (8 bells, tenor 20 cwt.). on Saturday, February 27th. Ringing from 3 to 5, and 5.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at the Skyrack Inn. Nominations for the various officers for the ensuing year will be received. Contributions now due. Members please note change of Secretary's address.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec., 18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

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 -				No practice		
St. Margaret's, Lee				Every Thursday	8	11
St Mary's Finchley		-	_	Every Thursday	7.30	
All Saints' Fulham	_	-	_	Every Thursday	8	11
All Saints' Fulham St. Stephen's Westminster St. Alfege, Greenwich -		_	-	Every Friday	8	,,
St. Alfege, Greenwich -	-	_	_	Every Friday	8	,,
St. Margaret, Westminster	٠.	_		Every Monday	8	21
St. John the Baptist, Chip.					7.30	
All Saints', Isleworth					7.58	17
St. Saviour's, Walthamsto					8.30	
All Hallows, Tottenham					8.30	
S.S. Peter & Paul, Bromle					8	
S. Mary Abbots, Kensingto				Every Tuesday	_	**
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields						
St. Magnus, London Bridge						**
St. Mary's, Walthamstow				Saturday, Feb. 20th,		2.0
St. Mary S, Waithamstow	-	-		Saturday, Feb. 20111,	7.30	11

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

OUR COMPOSITION PAGE.

PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, Deepcar, Sheffield.

Five times repeated.

Substituting single for the bob at 1 in the 7th course of 3rd and 6th parts.

Five times repeated.

Substituting single for the first bob at I in the 3rd and 6th parts.

This peal has the 2nd never in 5-6, and the 3rd never in 6th's place.

Five times repeated.

Substituting single for the last bob at 1 in the 3rd and 6th parts.

Five times repeated.

Substituting single for the last bob at 1 in the 3rd and 6th parts.

PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, Deepcar, Sheffield.

Five times repeated.

Substituting single for bob at I in the 6th course of 3rd and 6th parts.

Five times repeated.

Substituting single for bob at I in the 4th course of 3rd and 6th parts.

Five times repeated.

Calling single in place of the first bob at 1 in the 3rd and 6th parts.

This peal has the 2nd never in 5.6, and 3rd never in 6th's place.

Five times repeated.

Substituting single for the first bob at 1 in the 3rd and 6th parts.

This peal has the 2nd never in 5-6.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, Deepcar, Sheffield.

8064.

Five times repeated.

Contains the extent of 4, 5, 6, in 6th's place, and 2nd and 3rd never in that position.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, Royal Cumberland Youths.

5184.

23456 M B W H

35426 - ×
36524 × - .
53624
42635 - .
56234 - .
35264 - .

4 2 3 5 6 Twice repeated.

This variation in the calling of the last two courses of this peal are available for use.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By JAS. PAGETT, Kidderminster.

2 3 1 4 5 6 H L Q
6 2 5 4 3 1 - - - - 3 4 5 2 6 1
1 2 5 3 4 6 - - Four times repeated.

CORRECTIONS.—The Compositions of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, by J. HACK, Hayes, of December 30th.

The foot note to the second should read "Tenors not always the right way behind;" in the third, the foot note is also to read as in the second, and the two last rows of figures should read:—

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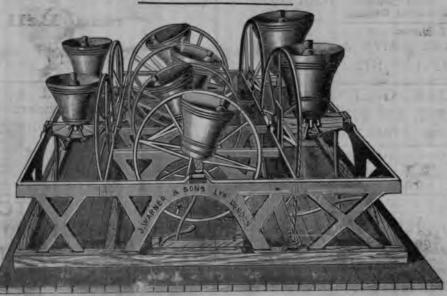
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