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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

WHILE the daily press are continually reporting what some particular town or corporation have resolved to do to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, it is very gratifying to us, as Churchmen and Church Bell Ringers, to chronicle that the memorial so decided upon, is the complete restoration of some ancient fabric—and to us that which is quite as important—the addition of a new peal of bells, the augmentation to, and the thorough overhauling of the existing ring.

The indefatigable Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chatham, the Rev. J. Tetley Rowe, has aroused a keen interest in the project for the complete restoration of the old church fabric, and there seems every probability that the work will be successfully accomplished in due course. The restoration scheme embodies a tower and a peal of eight bells.

At a meeting recently held the Mayor of Chatham proposed a resolution to the effect that as the town of Chatham did not possess a peal of bells, the meeting hoped that every effort would be made to build a tower in the parish church and place a peal of bells therein in commemoration of the long reign of Queen Victoria. The resolution was carried with applause, and seven out of the eight bells were at once promised.

The meeting was supported by the Bishop and Dean of Rochester, who both spoke in support of the scheme.

We hope we may yet hear that steps are being taken to thoroughly restore the bells and belfries of Rochester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey during the present year; the condition they are now in are—at all events the latter place—a national disgrace.

RAINHAM, KENT.

RINGERS' DINNER.

On Saturday evening, February 13th, the Rainham band of Ringers and friends assembled at the "Cricketer's" Inn, where about 30 sat down to a capital dinner. Mr. E. Jelly was voted to the chair, and Mr. Hyland (Station Master) to the vice-chair. The Chairman having said grace, the party did full justice to the good things provided; the chief courses turning up in the shape of roast beef and mutton surprise, with plum pudding delight, and a variety of other good things to follow. After the cloth was removed, pipes and tobacco were produced, and some good songs and toasts were rendered. The Chairman, in submitting "The Queen," referred to the bells, and said he thought it would be a very good way of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee if they were augmented to eight and rehung, a remark which met with great appreciation from the ringers. Mr. R. Green gave "The Visitors"; Mr. P. Taffs, of Gillingham, responded. Other toasts and songs followed. Amongst those who took part being:—E. Dunster, Hadlow, Trice, Ockwell, Green, Alexandra, Goodwin, Champion, Baker, and Akers; Mr. R. Green presided at the piano. Touches were rung on the handbells during the evening. A vote of thanks to the Host and Hostess, and the Chairman, and the singing of the National Anthem, brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent by the Rainham ringers.

BILTON, NEAR RUGBY.

On Wednesday night, February 24th, by the kind permission of the Rector, the members of the St. Andrew's Association of Change-Ringers, Rugby, had the use of the bells at the Parish Church for a practice. Under the direction of Mr. J. George, several touches of Grandsire were rung by the visitors, and also the Bilton ringers, in one of which the Rector, who takes a practical interest in the art, rang the treble. The visit was a pleasant and instructive one, and the Rector was thanked for his kindness. Many people think the peal would be improved by the addition of another bell, to make it six, and it is suggested that if nothing better can be devised to celebrate the longest reign, this might be taken into consideration.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, February 20th, Mr. G. F. Clarke's team of Ringers visited East Markham, for the purpose of ringing two 720's of Plain Bob. On arriving about 3.30, they were met by Mr. C. Crawford and his band of Ringers, who then ascended the belfry, and the bells were soon in motion to a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor. The following were at the ropes:—J. Hurst, 1; H. Cartwright, 2; M. Phillipson, 3; G. F. Clarke (conductor), 4; R. Miles, 5; W. Freeman, 6. In the second, the following manipulated the ropes:—J. Hurst, 1; A. Street (conductor), 2; G. F. Clarke, 3; H. E. Page, 4; R. Miles, 5; C. Crawford, 6. This is Messrs. Cartwright, Page, and Freeman's first 720, to whom great credit is due. The East Markham band have now all rung a 720 change. Messrs. Clarke, Miles, Street, Phillipson, and Hurst hail from Retford; the remainder belong to the local company. The visitors were afterwards entertained to tea at the Vicarage, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Briggs, and we desire sincerely to return, through the medium of *Campanology*, our warmest thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his hospitality.

CHANGE RINGING PERFORMANCES.

Caters.

169 THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. BEDFORD.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, 1897, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES,

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D.

SAMUEL J. CULIP	Treble	HERBERT SHARP	6
CHARLES CHASTY	2	ISAAC HILLS	7
REV. W. W. C. BAKER*	3	FRANK HULL†	8
FRANK SMITH	4	CHARLES W. CLARKE	9
THOMAS R. HENSHER†	5	WALTER C. HUNT	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells away from tenor. This peal contains the 6th the extent wrong in the Tittums, and the inverted home position, and is now rung for the first time. This is the first peal on the new bells 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Major.

170 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CHISLEHURST, KENT.

On Thursday, February 25th, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	.. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY..	5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	WILLIAM BEDWELL	6
GEORGE CONYARD 3	HARRY WARNETT	7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	.. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

171 THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, February 27th, 1897, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WALTER PERKINS	Treble	ALPHAUS PERKINS	5
WILLIAM VERNON NEWMAN* ..	2	WILLIAM PETTITT	6
ANDERSON YORK TYLER	3	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. ..	7
JOHN B. MARTIN	4	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. ..	Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell, and first attempt. This composition will be found in the Peal Appendix for 1895, page 80.

Triples.

172 THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD. EALING,

On Wednesday, February 17th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM FOSTER	Treble	ALLEN H. TABER	5
EVERED J. WALDOM	2	GEORGE RANSOM	6
JOHN J. PRATT	3	JOHN BASDEN	7
EDWARD HARRIS*	4	HENRY BROWNING	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Pratt hails from Hillingdon, Ransom from Isleworth, the rest belong to the local company.

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HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, February 20th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qrs.

WALTER CHARMAN	Treble	JAMES GARMAN	5
ARTHUR CHARMAN	2	JOHN COOK	6
WILLIAM HOOKER	3	HENRY H. CHANDLER	7
HENRY BURSTOW	4	WILLIAM STANFORD	Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN, and Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(REIGATE SOCIETY).

REIGATE, SURREY.

On Monday, February 22nd 1897, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

BROOKS' VARIATION.

FRANK LINTER	Treble	HENRY REEVES	5
FRANCIS T. HOAD	2	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. ..	6
GEORGE THOMPSON	3	WILLIAM ARGENT	7
GEORGE F. HOAD	4	ARTHUR MOSELEY	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

An attempt was made for this peal on Thursday, February 18th, but after ringing 4800 changes a rope broke. We determined to start on the following Monday, when an excellent peal was the result. This is the first peal in this method by a Reigate Society.

175

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,

(MANCHESTER BRANCH),

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH	Treble	FREDK. DERBYSHIRE	5
WALTER BROWN	2	ALFRED CROSS	6
FRANK SMITH	3	RICHARD RIDYARD	7
GEORGE E. TURNER	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

Messrs. Derbyshire and Ridyard belong to Worsley; Brown to St. John's, Manchester, the remainder to Pendleton.

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(PLYMOUTH & DEVONPORT BRANCH).

PLYMOUTH.

On Wednesday, February 24th, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

C. LEGG	Treble	H. MYERS	5
E. TAYLOR†	2	W. H. MARSH	6
REV. J. M. CLARKSON†	3	W. FORD	7
E. HENDY	4	C. J. LEAT*	Tenor

Conducted by E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire as conductor. ‡ Chaplain H.M.S. Impregnable. The above was rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon Trefusis, on the occasion of his consecration as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton, Devon.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The date of peal No. 165 at Finchley should read February 16th not 11th as published.

The footnote to the peal at Romford should read: Umpires—J. Dale and E. Wightman, both having a copy of the peal, and marked off every six-end as it was rung.

177 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, February 27th, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES, HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES* Treble	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 2	WILLIAM RUMSBY† 6
WILLIAM GRIMES 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 7
GEORGE THURLOW 4	ARTHUR WOODS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal on eight bells and rung at the first attempt. † First in the method. The brothers Wightman hail from Cretingham; Thurlow and Woods from Framsdon; the rest belong to the band.

Minor.

178 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

On Saturday, February 20th, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY BOWERS Treble	CHARLES CLARKE 4
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE M. RASHBROOK .. 5
GEORGE ANDREWS 3	WILBY J. HAZELL* Tenor

Conducted by WILBY J. HAZELL.

* First 5040 as conductor. G. M. Rashbrook hails from Colchester, E. Andrews and C. Clarke from Thorington, W. J. Hazell from Little Bentley, W. J. Nevard and H. Bowers are local men.

179 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, February 20th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

London Treble, Baintree, Bocking, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, and City Delight. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs.

HARRY MOSTON Treble	SAMUEL HORSFALL 4
FREDK. THOS. SPENCE 2	CHAS. REG. GREENALL 5
THOMAS BURROWS 3	ROBT. GEO. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. THOS. SPENCE.

Rung to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of R. G. Lewis, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

180 THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 27th, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A Peal of 5040 changes of Bob Minor consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

ARTHUR ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER 4
CLIFTON NEWMAN 2	ERNEST UNDERWOOD 5
HERBERT J. JULIAN 3	WILLIAM R. HENSHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the first six-bell peal by all.

Date Touch.

SKIPTON (Yorkshire).

On Saturday, February 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1897 changes, in 1 hour and 8 minutes. Emanuel Greenwood, 1; Joseph Soothill, 2; Asa Smith, 3; F. Metcalf, 4; Stephen Doughty, 5; R. W. Jennison, 6; W. Billows, 7; W. D. Hillary, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Soothill, and Conducted by E. GREENWOOD. Messrs. Greenwood, Soothill, and Jennison hail from Keighley; the rest belong to Skipton.

Miscellaneous Reports.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY (Herts.)

On Wednesday, February 3rd, for practice, 504 of Bob Triples. W. E. Oakley, 1; F. A. Smith, 2; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 336 of Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8.

On Sunday, February 7th, for morning service, one course of Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley, 8. And 168 of Grandsire Triples. T. Hussey 8; the rest as before. Also for evening service, 252 of Bob Triples. F. Edwards, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; T. Hussey, 8.

On Saturday, February 13th, for practice, 504 of Bob Triples. J. J. Allen, 1; W. Thorn, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; W. I. Oakley, 6; F. Edwards, 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 336 of Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; F. Smith, 3; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

On Sunday, February 14th, for evening service, 336 of Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; R. J. Pate, 4; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. E. Oakley, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

On Saturday, February 27th, for practice, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (tenor covering). F. Smith, 1; F. Edwards, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 252 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. F. Smith, 1; W. Thorn, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8.

On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, 504 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. F. Smith, 1; W. G. Whitehead, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; F. Edwards, 4; W. I. Oakley, 5; A. J. Pate, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; J. J. Allen, 8. For evening service, 336 of Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; F. Smith, 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; W. E. Oakley, 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 8. And 252 of Canterbury Pleasure Triples. F. Smith, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; W. E. Oakley, 3; A. J. Pate, 4; F. Edwards, 5; W. Thorn, 6; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 7; T. Hussey, 8. Also 180 of Bob Major. J. J. Allen, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; W. G. Whitehead, 3; W. E. Oakley, 4; E. E. Huntley (conductor), 5; W. Thorn, 6; W. I. Oakley, 7; F. Edwards, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).

On Sunday morning, February 14th, eight members of the St. Lawrence's Society rang 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; W. K. Hexter, 2; W. Hexter, 3; J. R. Ward, 4; J. Poxon, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; J. Bailey (conductor), 7; A. C. Makins, 8. And in the evening, 840 of Stedman Triples. J. Harrison, 1; A. Ricketts, 2; W. R. Hexter, 3; J. R. Ward, 4; J. Poxon, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; W. Hexter (conductor), 7; A. C. Makins, 8.

On Sunday evening, February 21st, 200 and 576 of Duffield Major. J. Harrison, 1; W. Hexter, 2; J. R. Ward, 3; A. Ricketts, 4; J. Bailey, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; J. E. Hexter, 7; J. Poxon (conductor), 8.

On Sunday, February 28th, 910 of Grandsire Triples. J. Bailey, 1; J. E. Hexter, 2; J. Harrison, 3; W. Hexter, 4; J. Poxon, 5; F. C. Wicks, 6; J. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. C. Makins, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.

On Thursday, February 25th, at the Parish Church, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 51 minutes, on the occasion of the 21st birthday of E. Collingburn, one of the band. F. Bramley, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; G. Clayton, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; G. R. Winter (composer), 7; J. B. Joyne (conductor), 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the first three bells, and the longest completed length by all in the method. The ringers afterwards enjoyed the liberal hospitality of Mr. Collingburn at "The Vine" inn.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.

On Sunday, February 21st, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, for service in the afternoon, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. G. Lampard, 1; W. C. Lampard, 2; W. Withers, 3; R. Hasted (conductor), 4; J. W. Elkins (longest length with a bob bell), 5; W. Andrews, 6; J. Harris, 7; C. Russell, 8.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CITY OF LONDON.

On Saturday, February 27th, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, ten courses of Stedman Cinques in one hour and four minutes. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; F. Butler, 2; F. S. Bayley, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; W. Burkis, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; T. H. Taffender, 8; H. J. Tucker, 9; W. J. Cockerill, 10; E. P. O'Meara, 11; W. Prime, 12.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FEERING (Essex).

On Friday, January 29th, at the Parish (All Saints') Church, for practice, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Keeble, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; D. Elliott (conductor), 3; E. W. Beckwith, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman, 6. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. E. Hunwick, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; W. Keeble, 3; J. Newman, 4; D. Elliott, 5; E. W. Beckwith (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, January 31st, for service and as a birthday compliment to W. Hunwick, 360 of Bob Minor. G. Mays, 1; W. Hunwick, 2; D. Elliott, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. After service, 720 in the same method, conducted by J. Newman, standing as before. Also 720 in the same method, with J. Newman, 3, and D. Elliott (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, February 9th, for practice, 360 of Bob Minor. G. Mays, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; W. Hunwick, 3; G. Hum, 4; C. Rogers, 5; J. Newman (conductor), 6. And 180 of Canterbury Pleasure. G. Mays, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; J. Newman, 3; G. Hum, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 21st, for Divine service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Hum, 1; D. Elliott (conductor), 2; J. Sadler, 3; J. Newman, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; E. W. Beckwith, 6. And for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor. W. Hunwick, 1; G. Hum, 2; J. Newman, 3; C. Rogers, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, for practice, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure. C. Mills, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; W. Keeble, 3; G. Hum, 4; W. E. Hunwick, 5; D. Elliott (conductor), 6.

On Wednesday, February 24th, in honour of the birthday of Miss A. H. C. Newman, daughter of the conductor, 720 of Bob Minor. J. Willsher, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; J. Newman (conductor), 3; C. Rogers, 4; G. Hum, 5; W. E. Hunwick, 6. And a course of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hunwick, 1; H. T. Pye, 2; J. Sadler, 3; G. Hum, 4; J. Newman, 5; W. E. Hunwick, 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).

On Saturday, February 27th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 minutes. T. Overton, 1; J. E. Overton (longest touch as conductor), 2; John Overton, 3; W. Maund, 4; H. Hammond, 5; W. Richards, 6; H. W. Overton, 7; H. Jones, 8.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).

On Thursday, February 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 minutes. J. O. Griffiths, 1; S. J. Hughes, 2; J. Day, 3; R. Jones, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; W. H. Hughes, 6; W. Morgan (conductor), 7; E. Cowper, 8.

CONDOVER (Salop).

On Sunday, February 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 48 minutes. William Greenleaf, 1; James E. Groves (conductor), 2; H. A. Hall, 3; F. W. Taylor, 4; G. Burrows, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. Wynn, 8.

SHREWSBURY (Salop).

On Sunday, February 14th, at St. Chad's, for morning service, 360 of Grandsire Caters. W. Dolman, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; J. E. Groves (conductor), 4; W. Taylor, 5; G. Burrows, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; C. F. Vickers, 8; H. A. Hall, 9; J. T. Wall, 10. Tenor, 43 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).

Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, February 23rd, 336 of Grandsire Triples. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; W. Devey, 7-8. Also several courses of Triples, F. Adams and H. Denny ringing treble.

On Thursday, February 25th, at the Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. A. Measures, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. Argyle (conductor), 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; J. Clarke, 6; H. Horwood, 7; F. Adams, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).

On Sunday, January 10th, for morning service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. M. Phillipson, 1; A. Street, 2; W. Johnson, 3; H. Lambert, 4; G. F. Clarke, 5; J. White (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, January 12th, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor. M. Phillipson, 1; H. Merrills, 2; A. Street, 3; H. Lambert, 4; G. F. Clarke, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. Also 720 of College Singles. M. Phillipson, 1; A. Street, 2; R. Potter, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; G. F. Clarke, 5; J. White, 6.

On Sunday, January 31st, for Divine service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. M. Phillipson, 1; A. Street, 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Lambert, 4; G. F. Clarke (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. And in the evening, 720 of College Singles. M. Phillipson, 1; A. Street, 2; G. F. Clarke, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Preston, 5; J. White, 6.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor. M. Phillipson, 1; A. Street (conductor), 2; G. F. Clarke, 3; R. Potter, 4; R. Miles, 5; J. White, 6. Also 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. M. Phillipson, 1; A. Street, 2; R. Potter, 3; H. Lambert, 4; G. F. Clarke, 5; J. White, (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 15th, 720 of Bob Minor. M. Phillipson, 1; H. Merrills, 2; A. Street, 3; H. Lambert (conductor), 4; W. Johnson, 5; J. White, 6. Also in the evening, another 720, standing as before.

Messrs. Potter and Miles hail from West Retford, W. Preston from Worksop, the remainder belong to the local company.

EAST RETFORD.

On Sunday, February 21st, for Divine Service, 540 of Bob Royal in 25 minutes. F. W. Abbott, 1; A. Collingburn, 2; G. Clayton, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; G. R. Winter, 5; T. H. Denman, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; H. Haigh (conductor), 9; J. B. Joyes, 10.

WEST RETFORD.

On Wednesday, February 17th, for practice, by the Amalgamated Society, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob in 26 minutes. A. Sheet, 1; R. Potter, 2; G. F. Clarke, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh, 5; J. White (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR SOCIETY, SOUTHWARK.

SOUTHWARK (London).

On Thursday, February 25th, at St. George's Church, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, in 26 minutes. C. H. Deer (longest length), 1; H. Green, 2; W. Truss, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; W. Humberstone, 5; F. Clements, 6; W. Langdon, 7; W. H. Smith, 8.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

WESTMINSTER.

On Sunday evening, February 21st, at the Church of St. Margaret, for Divine Service, 1026 of Grandsire Caters. W. Baron, 1; H. Barton (conductor), 2; E. P. O'Meara, 3; S. Goodchild, 4; F. Boreham, 5; J. Evans, 6; F. J. Pitts, 7; W. Truss, 8; J. C. Truss, 9; H. N. Davis, 10. Messrs. Goodchild, Boreham and Evans, hail from Hughendon; and Mr. J. C. Truss from Gt. Marlow, Bucks.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).

On Saturday, February 20th, at the Parish Church, for combined practice at the quarterly meeting of the Guild, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Miss A. White, 1; J. Staples, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; H. White, 6. 518 of Grandsire Triples. W. Butler, 1; Rev. C. T. P. Edwards, 2; Miss A. White, 3; J. Staples, 4; T. Cole, 5; H. White, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 8. 672 Grandsire Triples. W. Butler, 1; T. Cole, 2; Miss A. White, 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; G. Barnes, 5; H. White, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 8. 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; J. Staples, 2; Miss A. White, 3; A. B. Bennett (first in method) 4; W. H. George, 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; W. Wilkinson, 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. Miss A. White, 1; J. Strowe (first in method), 2; J. Staples, 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; F. Trasler (first in method), 5; A. E. Tomlins, 6; W. H. George, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8. Also two 120's of Stedman Doubles.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.

On Sunday, January 3rd, at the Church of St. Paul, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. F. Keech, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Lightfoot, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; I. Hills, 7; H. Tysoe, 8; F. Smith, 9; J. N. Frossell, 10. Also 224 of Superlative Surprise Major. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; F. Hull, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; C. W. Clarke, 8.

On Tuesday, January 12th, 540 of Grandsire Caters. F. Ball, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; F. Hull, 3; H. Sharp (conductor), 4; C. Chasty, 5; W. Hall, 6; I. Hills, 7; H. Tysoe, 8; C. W. Clarke, 9; F. Keech, 10. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to T. G. E. Elger, Esq., late Hon. Treasurer of the Beds. Association of Change Ringers.

THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Cheshire).

On Sunday, February 7th, at the Church of St. Thomas, Hazel Grove, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross (first as conductor), 6. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells by a local band. Also for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. S. Rutter (first as conductor), 1; J. Dean, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6. Also 4 six-scores of

Bob Doubles, in 18 minutes. J. Fernley, 1; S. Fernley (conductor), 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross, 6.

On Wednesday, February 10th, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. J. Dean, 1; S. Fernley, 2; G. D. Warburton, 3; S. Rutter, 4; A. Fernley, 5; J. Shallcross (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).

On Sunday, February 20th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1152 of Oxford Treble Bob Major. E. H. Nixon, 1; W. Bedwell (conductor), 2; T. Deal, 3; H. Hoskins, 4; G. Daynes, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett, 7; H. Barrett, 8.

On Sunday, February 28th, 560 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. C. Bedwell, 1; E. H. Nixon, 2; W. Bedwell (conductor), 3; H. Barrett, 4; G. H. Daynes, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Warnett, 7; H. Chandler (Warnham), 8.

RODMERSHAM (Kent).

On Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, 720 of Oxford Single Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles). E. Sedge, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway, 6.

On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, 720 of Cambridge Surprise. E. Day, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Superlative Surprise. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, February 4th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure (14 singles and 4 bobs). C. Sellen, 1; S. Beach, 2; C. Millway, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; E. Day, 6.

On Sunday, February 7th, 720 of Superlative Surprise. E. Allen, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 14th, 720 of Plain Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles). E. Sedge, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Allen, 5; S. Beach, 6.

On Saturday, February 20th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise. E. Day, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Plain Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles), and 720 of Superlative Surprise, standing as before.

On Sunday, February 28th, 720 of Plain Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles). E. Sedge, 1; H. Coast, 2; G. Coast, 3; J. G. Grensted, 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).

On Thursday, February 25th, at the Church of St. Peter, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 minutes. A. Welsh, 1; E. Manke-low, 2; W. Latter, 3; G. Head, 4; W. H. Card, 5; W. Steed (first in method), 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; H. Wood, 8. W. Steed hails from Tonbridge.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).

On Thursday, February 11th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor (18 singles and 3 bobs). W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. L. Sparks, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; G. J. Miles, 3; E. H. Tubb, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 14th, for morning service, 360 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Mulley, 1; E. H. Tubb, 2; W. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; F. Carroway, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 21st, for morning service, 360 of Plain Bob Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. Webb, 2; G. J. Miles, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. L. Sparks (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (14 singles and 4 bobs). G. J. Miles, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; E. H. Tubb, 3; W. Webb, 4; J. Cornell, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, February 25th, for practice, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. J. Miles, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; F. L. Sparks, 5; F. Carroway, 6. And 240 in the same method with C. H. Martin, 4; the rest as before. And a course in the same method. F. L. Sparks, 1; J. Cornell, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; W. H. Tubb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; F. Carroway, 6. Also 240 of College Single Minor. W. Mulley, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; F. Carroway, 3; W. Webb, 4; G. J. Miles, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. C. H. Martin hails from Hendon.

BRENCHLEY (Kent).

On Wednesday, February 24th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor in 29 minutes. J. Acott, 1; E. Lambert, 2; W. Lambert, 3; J. Beech, 4; G. Henley, 5; J. L. Harris (conductor), 6. Messrs. J. Beech, E. and W. Lambert, hail from Horsmonden.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).

On Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (32 bobs and 12 singles) in 24 minutes. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

On Thursday, December 24th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 23½ minutes. T. Watson (conductor), 1; W. Dennison, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

On Friday, December 25th, for early morning service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles). T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 18 singles) in 24 minutes. J. Huddleston, 1; T. Townson, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (34 bobs and 10 singles) in 25 minutes. T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. Townson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

On Sunday, February 14th, for evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 25 minutes. T. Watson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).

On Sunday, February 21st, 504 of Bob Triples. S. Kerrison, 1; W. Peirce, 2; J. Howard, 3; A. Took, 4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5; G. Tovell, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; G. Lee, 8. Also 252 of Bob Triples. E. Easter, 4; W. Lee, 8; the rest as before.

Handbell Ringing.—On Monday, February 22nd, 350 of Grandsire Triples. G. Leek, 1; W. Peirce, 2; A. Took, 3-4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5-6; R. Howard, 7-8. Also 360 of Stedman Doubles. A. Took, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3-4; Mrs. F. Lambert, 5-6.

HUNDON (Suffolk).

On Sunday evening, February 21st, an attempt for a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was lost after halfway; afterwards, 108 of same method. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; B. Pettit, 2; W. Purdy, 3; C. Howe, 4; H. Perkins, 5; P. Newman, 6. Tenor 19 cwt. Howe hails from Clare; the rest from Cavendish.

HUNTINGFIELD (Suffolk).

On Wednesday, February 17th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles. T. Mower, 1; J. Mudd, 2; W. Bloomfield (conductor), 3; H. Barrell, 4; A. Ransby, 5.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).

On Sunday, February 7th, 672 of London Surprise Major. J. Pagett, 1; N. Davis, 2; J. O. Bennett, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; E. C. Hunt, 5; T. J. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; W. H. Barber, 8.

On Saturday, February 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, but came to grief in the 19th course, after 2 hours and 15 minutes ringing. J. Barber, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; J. O. Bennett, 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; R. E. Grove, 6; F. Clayton, 7; W. H. Barber (conductor), 8.

On Sunday, February 14th, 224 of Cambridge Surprise Major. E. C. Hunt, 1; N. Davis, 2; G. Salter, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; J. O. Bennett, 5; J. Pagett, 6; F. Clayton, 7; W. H. Barber, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

LONDON.

On Sunday afternoon, February 21st, at St. Paul's Cathedral, for Divine service, three courses of Stedman Cinques. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Springall, 2; W. Cooter, 3; R. French, 4; J. Waghorn, jun., 5; H. R. Newton, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; J. C. Truss, 8; T. H. Taffender, 9; E. P. O'Meara, 10; W. Prime, 11; F. E. Daw and C. Lee, 12.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).

On Wednesday, February 24th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 360 of College Single. S. C. Reaves, 1; H. Gowers, 2; W. Miller, 3; J. Mardell, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; J. Marks, 6. Also 720 of Bob Minor in 26 minutes. S. C. Reaves, 1; G. Cornell, 2; J. Mardell, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Marks, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6. This 720 was rung in honour of Mrs. Reaves 90th Birthday, the mother of Mr. S. C. Reaves. It was the longest touch of College Single by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Tenor 13 cwt.

RUMBURGH (Suffolk).

On Wednesday, February 3rd, 720 of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. T. L. Wilson, Esq., 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; F. Clarke, 3; S. Bird, 4; W. Hunt, 5. Also 360 of Grandsire. F. Woods, 1; T. L. Wilson, Esq., 5; the rest as before.

SEAL CHART (Kent).

On Tuesday, February 9th, at St. Lawrence's Church, for practice, 360 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Kettel, 1; R. J. Saxby, 2; M. J. Exeter (first with a bob bell), 3; J. P. Cox, 4; J. Goldsmith, 5; T. Grombridge (conductor), 6.

WOOLWICH (Kent).

On Sunday, February 28th, at St. Mary Magdalene, for evening service, 504 of Stedman Triples. H. Hill, 1; J. E. Beaven, 2; W. Watchorn, 3; E. Wells, 4; W. Aldridge, 5; H. Harvey, 6; J. C. Harvey (conductor), 7; G. Carter, 8.

BEDFORD.

On Sunday evening, February 7th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Barker, 1; Frank Lowe, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Lightfoot, 4; Sam Constant, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday evening, February 9th for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Barker, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; T. Foote, 3; Chas. Chasty, 4; S. Constant (conductor), 5; Harry Toll, 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. S. Constant, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; Frank Lowe, 3; Harry Toll, 4; Frank Hull, 5; C. Chasty (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice, 720 of Woodbine. Frank Hull, 1; S. Lowe, 2; Frank Lowe, 3; Harry Toll, 4; A. Robinson, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob standing as before.

On Sunday evening, February 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Robinson, 1; S. Lowe, 2; F. Lowe, 3; A. Davison, 4; Harry Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. A. Davison belongs to the Biddenham company.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. Frank Parrott, 1; S. Constant (conductor), 2; W. Barker, 3; F. Lowe, 4; S. Lowe, 5; Harry Toll, 6. W. Barker's first 720 away from Treble.

On Saturday evening, February 27th, 720 Woodbine. A. Davison, 1; A. Robinson, 2; S. Lowe, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; Harry Toll, 5; S. Constant (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob standing as before.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).

On Sunday, February 28th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 480 of Grandsire Doubles. Val. Sear (conductor), 1; A. G. Crane, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; F. Hedges, 6.

BOBBING (Kent).

On Wednesday, February 10th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Jeffrey, 1; H. S. Goord, 2; R. Staines, 3; E. Apps, 4; A. Trowel, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (first as conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 21st, 720 of Grandsire Minor. H. S. Goord, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; E. Apps, 4; A. Trowel, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).

On Thursday evening, February 25th, for practice, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). W. Underwood (conductor), 1; B. Pettit, 2; H. Perkins, 3; H. Evans, 4; E. Perkins (first in the method), 5; P. Newman, 6.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).

On Tuesday, February 23rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor. R. G. Beere (first in the method), 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; C. Clarke, 3; G. Miles, 4; G. Lancaster, 5; G. A. Andrews (first as conductor), 6. Also 720 of Cambridge Surprise. G. Lancaster, 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; W. J. Hazell (conductor), 3; C. Clarke, 4; H. Bowers, 5; G. A. Andrews, 6.

On Sunday, February 28th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Andrews (first in the method), 1; W. J. Nevard, 2; W. J. Hazell, 3; C. Clarke, 4; H. Bowers, 5; G. A. Andrews (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Taylor, 1; W. J. Nevard (conductor), 2; W. J. Hazell, 3; C. Clarke, 4; G. Lancaster, 5; G. A. Andrews, 6. G. Lancaster, C. Clarke, R. G. Beere, and W. and G. A. Andrews belong to Thornton.

GREENSTEAD GREEN (Essex).

On Sunday, February 28th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, at St. James's Church, a 720 of Court Single Bob. S. Burst, 1; W. Rodgers, 2; H. Wiffin, 3; G. Arnold, 4; W. Root, 5; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 6. And after service, 720 New London Pleasure and 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Burst, 1; W. Rodgers, 2; W. Burst, 3; G. Arnold, 4; A. Saunders, 5; E. Ridgewell (conductor), 6. S. Burst and W. Rodgers hail from Earls Colne; the rest are local men.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).

On Sunday, February 14th, for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 minutes. A. Papworth, 1; B. Pettit, 2; W. Underwood, 3; G. Rice, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Gowers (conductor), 6. After service, 720 of Court Bob. W. Underwood (first in the method), 1; H. Thompson, 2; A. Clarke, 3; O. Garwood, 4; J. Bradman, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6.

On Monday, February 15th, 360 of Bob Minor. R. Gowers, 1; A. Clarke, 2; A. Papworth, 3; H. Pask, 4; R. Brett, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6.

Handbell Ringing—On Saturday, February 6th, 720 of Bob Minor. Albert Gowers, 1; A. Papworth, 2; R. Brett, 3; H. Pask, 4; R. Gowers (conductor), 5-6.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk)

On Saturday, February 27th, for practice, at the Church of St. Mary, six score of Plain Bob Doubles. G. Moss, 1; E. Buckham, 2; C. Nunn, 3; E. Youngs, 4; A. Symonds, age 14 years (conductor), 5. Tenor 13 cwt.

UPCHURCH (Kent).

On Tuesday, January 12th, for practice, 720 of Plain Bob Minor. H. Clout, 1; G. Dennis, 2; H. Witherden, 3; W. H. B. Wilkins, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, 480 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Trowel, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; W. H. B. Wilkins, 4; G. Dennis, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6.

WISSETT (Suffolk).

On Wednesday, February 24th, for practice, a six-score of each of the following methods:—St. Simon's Morning Star, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Old Doubles. S. Kerrison, 1; A. Took, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Pierce, 4; C. Kerrison, 5. Also 480 of Grandsire Doubles. S. Kerrison, 1; C. Kerrison (conductor), 2; W. Kemp, 3; W. Durrant, 4; F. Dunnett, 5.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL CHANGE RINGERS.

The quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, February 20th. Ringers being present from Preston, Penwortham, Higher Walton, Chorley, Blackrod, St. James, Leyland, and St. Andrew's, Leyland. Ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of Lancashire Delight, College Single Bob, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob; at 6 o'clock the members with a few friends adjourned to the "Roe Buck" Hotel, where a splendid repast was awaiting them, after which the business meeting was held. The President (Mr. J. Banister), taking the chair; the minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, it was unanimously agreed to hold their Annual Meeting on Whit-Saturday, at Penwortham, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the Bells, also to the ringers for kindness. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Platt (Churchwarden), and likewise to the Chairman for their presence at this meeting, to which the two gentlemen suitably replied, the meeting then being brought to a close.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL.

On Tuesday, February 16th, Mr. Crawford, of East Markham, with his son, and a youth named Brett, visited Ordsall, and rang 720 of Bob Minor in 25 minutes. A. B. Crawford (aged 12 years), 1; A. Street (conductor, aged 15 years), 2; T. Brett (aged 14 years), 3; C. Crawford, 4; R. Miles, 5; J. White, 6. This 720 reflects the highest credit on the performers, especially the ringers of the front three bells, as a similar performance has not hitherto been achieved by three ringers the same age in the same 720 by Association Ringers. A word of praise is also due to Mr. Crawford, sen., for the pains he has taken in training the East Markham Ringers.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, STROOD.

Those who were present at a baptismal service at St. Nicholas Church, Strood, in the afternoon of Sunday last, were considerably alarmed by a portion of the ceiling falling into the body of the building with a great crash, whilst simultaneously the feet and legs of a man were seen dangling through the lath and plaster. After a period of suspense, during which everybody expected to see the owner of the nether appurtenances and superior corpus dashed to pieces on the stone floor, the extremities disappeared through the hole with a struggle, and shortly afterwards a man descended from the belfry in a most dilapidated and agitated condition. He proved to be the new bell-ringer, who, not realising the danger, had been incautiously taking a modicum of exercise by walking on the joists over the heads of the congregation. Stumbling, he fell on the lath and plaster, and nearly into the church. He sincerely apologised to the vicar for the untoward mishap.—*Daily Telegraph*.

TWO QUARTER-PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By GEORGE ASTBURY, *Flixton, Manchester*.

1260.

2 3 1 4 5 6 4 8 12

2 3 6 4 5 1 s

6 3 1 4 5 2 -

4 5 2 3 1 6 - - s

Four times repeated.

1260.

2 3 1 4 5 6 5 6 7 8 12 13

3 4 5 2 6 1 - - - -

4 2 6 3 1 5 - - - -

1 2 5 3 4 6 - - - -

Four times repeated.

To avoid disappointment, all ringing reports and touches should be forwarded without delay.

OUR ILLUSTRATION: WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

THE Cathedral of Worcester, although of considerable size and impressive in its general proportions, is singularly lacking in external ornamentation, and in this respect stands at the opposite pole from the two great churches of Ely and Lincoln. Still, the general arrangement of the building is striking.

to be desired. This restoration, which was finished fifteen years ago, cost £150,000, of which much was due to the liberality of the late Earl of Dudley, who, at his own cost supplied the marble pavement. Worcester Cathedral is now one of the most perfect churches in England.

The history of the church, and of the adjacent monastic



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

As soon as the visitor enters the Cathedral door, he is struck by the contrast between the plainness of the outside and the rich decoration of the interior, where the choir is adorned with shafts of Purbeck marble, the walls are richly arcaded, and the spandrels of the arches are filled with sculpture. Moreover, the completeness of the furniture of the church, and the traces of care in every detail, bear witness to a thoroughness of restoration which, though at first it impairs the sense of antiquity attaching to the building, leaves nothing

buildings, is of great interest, and is a good example of the continuous growth of English architecture. The oldest part is a Norman crypt, of unique beauty, dating from 1090, supported by five rows of pillars, and extending under the whole length of the choir. Only a few traces remain of the Norman church which was built upon it; but the two westernmost bays of the nave mark the period of transition to Early English, and were left when the rest of the building was remodelled. A round Chapter House, with a central pillar, dates from

about 1140; it is adorned with a beautiful arcading, and is built in alternate bands of differently coloured stones.

At the beginning of the thirteenth century, the monks of Worcester found themselves rich enough to extend their church. They built to the eastward a beautiful Lady Chapel, of the finest Early English work, and a little later transformed their Norman choir into harmony with it. As this addition altered the original design, and extended the length of the church some fifty feet, they carried it off by throwing out transepts from the choir, though they did not make them of sufficient importance to effect their purpose so far as the external appearance of the building is concerned. The transformation of the nave was carried on in the fourteenth century, when the north side was first remodelled in the Decorated style, and afterwards the south side in the Early Perpendicular style. Finally, the transepts and the tower were undertaken when the Perpendicular style was fully developed. The interesting point to notice is the manner in which, throughout all these changes, the general arrangement adopted by the Early English builders was followed by their successors, while they worked out details in the style congenial to themselves.

The cloisters were remodelled in the Perpendicular style, and the Refectory, which has just been restored as a Grammar School, is a beautiful example of a Decorated hall. Of the monuments inside the Cathedral, the most interesting is that of King John, the earliest monumental effigy of any of the English kings. There is also the tomb of Prince Arthur, eldest son of Henry VII., inside a chantry chapel by the side of the high altar.

In the magnificent central tower of Worcester Cathedral is hung a splendid set of sixteen bells. They were erected in 1869 through the exertions of the Rev. Canon Cattley, who was successful in obtaining the necessary funds by public subscription, the late Earl of Dudley and Mr. Alderman Wheeley Lea being amongst the largest contributors. The last-named gentleman also provided a Carillon Machine at a cost of £500, and subsequently his son, Mr. Charles Lea, gave two of the extra Semitones costing £350. The weights and inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

No.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Inscription.
1	6	3	19	S. Matthias.
2	7	0	22	S. Judas Jacobi.
3	7	2	10	S. Simon Zelotes.
4	8	3	0	S. Jacobus Alphæi.
5	10	1	21	S. Matthæus.
6	11	0	24	S. Bartholomeus.
7	12	0	0	S. Thomas.
8	15	2	11	S. Phillipus.
9	21	2	11	S. Andreas.
10	26	1	8	S. Johannes.
11	34	2	12	S. Jacobus.
12	50	0	0	S. Petrus.

EXTRA SEMITONES.

13	9	2	0	S. Paulus.
14	11	1	6	S. Marcus.
15	18	0	14	S. Lucas.

16 LARGE HOUR BELL.

Weight, 4 tons 10 cwt.; Diameter, 6 ft. 4½ in.; Note, B flat; Thickness of Sound Bow, 6 in.; Weight of Clapper, 246 lbs.; Round the crown is cast in beautiful 15th century letters—Eph. v., 14, "Surge qui dormis et exurge a mortuis, et illumina te Christus." (See Durandus de Campanis). Also on the lower part of the bell, "Johannes Taylor, Loughborough, fudit, Anno Domini MDCCCLXVIII." Beneath which is "In usum Ecclesie Cathedralis Christi et Beatae Mariæ Virginis in Civitate et Comitatu Vigorniensis." There are likewise four Coats of Arms on its waist—(1) England; (2) See of Worcester; (3) Dean and Chapter of Worcester; (4) City of Worcester.

Total weight of the sixteen bells, 17 tons, 1 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

By enclosing 1/- Postal Order or stamps with report of peal, you will receive one dozen neat peal cards.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the above Association, held at Rothwell on Saturday, ringers from Desborough, Kettering, Rothwell, Warkton, Wellingborough, Ecton, Earls Barton, Wollaston, and Rushden attended and took turns at the bells of the Church of Holy Trinity, a peal of Six, Tenor 22 cwt. They found them to go somewhat unpleasantly. The scheme for the restoration of this, one of the most interesting Churches in Northamptonshire, now being carried out by stages, includes the "opening out" of the West Arch, the re-hanging of the bells, and various other Belfry improvements. The beautiful groined ceiling of the tower is now obscured by the ringing room floor. The Vicar of Rothwell, the Rev. W. S. Parker most kindly provided the visitors with a meat tea, and lent a room in the newly erected Church House for their meeting, but indisposition unfortunately prevented him being with them. About forty partook of tea, including the Rev. C. M. Wetherall, Rector of Rushton, Rev. E. C. Channer, Vicar of Ravensthorpe, Mr. Toms, Lay Reader, and Mr. R. C. Lane, one of the four Churchwardens of Rothwell. Mr. Lane in responding to a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for their kindness and hospitality, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet the Members of the Association, and of the benefit he felt sure such gatherings were to them all. With regard to their Bells, he stated that they meant in due time to put them in good order, "second to none," and possibly add two Trebles. At the usual business meeting, Mr. Lane presided, and he and the Rector of Rushton consented to become Honorary Members. Mr. H. Toll of Bedford, and Mr. W. C. Hunt, of North Shields, were elected "Out of County" Ringing Members. The Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes, spoke of the loss the Association had sustained in the death of Mr. Alexander Arch, of Mears Ashby, and felt sure they would all regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. G. Lewis, one of the senior ringers at Kettering. Gratification was expressed at the news that Finedon Bells were to be increased to eight by adding two trebles, one in celebration of the Jubilee of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Paul, and the other of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Rothwell bells are very similar to those at Finedon, the Tenor being of a deep rich tone, well calculated to make a good "cover" for a ring of eight. A peal of Handbells brought over by the Wellingborough Company were well used during the evening.

The Bells at Rothwell, are inscribed and dated as follows:—

1. Cantate Domino Canticum Novum Henricus Bagley Me Fecit 1682.
Under which is incised: Edward Hill, Esq., 1682. (Diam. 32 in.)
 2. Henry Bagley Made Mee 1682. (Diam. 35 in.)
 3. William Stephens and Thomas Driver Chvrchwardens. Mathew Bagley Made Mee 1682. (Diam. 38 in.)
 4. J. Taylor & Son Founders Loughborough 1860. (Diam. 40 in.)
 5. Ihs Nazarene Rex Judeorum Fili Dei Miserere Mei Gloria Patri Filio Et Spiritui Sancto. T. Eayre Kettering 1726. (Diam. 44 in.)
 6. J. Taylor & Son Founders Loughborough 1857. (Diam. 49½ in.)
- Two Peal Tablets hang in the Ringing Room recording a 5000 rung in 1749 and another in 1847.

EAST RETFORD RINGERS.

ANNUAL DINNER.

On Saturday, February 20th, the members of the East Retford Society held their Annual Dinner and Meeting at the "White Hart" Hotel. Mr. T. H. Denman occupied the chair, and Mr. H. Warburton, the Master, the vice-chair. The evening's proceedings commenced with an excellent repast, to which the company did full justice. The bill of fare consisting of Roast Beef and Boiled Mutton Exercise, and Chicken Surprise, etc., etc. "Go" was called at 8.15 prompt, and was with the utmost alacrity obeyed. The various course ends came up with astonishing rapidity until 9 o'clock, when, to the regret of all, the conductor called "stand," and after the loyal toast of "The Queen" had been duly honoured, Mr. Denman, (the donor), rose and briefly addressed the meeting on various matters connected with tower and handbell-ringing, and concluded his speech coupling the name of Mr. H. Warburton, (the Master), with the toast, to which the latter briefly responded. The evening was interspersed with songs by Mr. Spurr, (he being well up in the Lung department with Little Tommy Top-weight); tunes upon the handbells and speeches by various members, whilst Mr. Denman, by means of slides thrown on a screen by a powerful Lantern, entertained the company with views of the streets of Naples, the Ruined Cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, and other wonderful illustrations too numerous to mention.

Towards the close of the evening Mr. Warburton proposed, and Mr. Haigh seconded a vote of thanks to the donor, Mr. Denman, for his generosity in providing such an excellent dinner, and also for his interesting and instructive entertainment with the lantern and slides. Mr. Denman replied, assuring the members it gave him much pleasure to meet them around the festive board once again, and he hoped to meet the same familiar faces on many other occasions in the future. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the handbell ringers playing "Auld Lang Syne" and all singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

English Bell-foundries.

THE NORWICH FOUNDRY.

THE following notes on Norwich bell-founders are taken from "Church Bells of Norfolk," by J. L'Estrange, 1874.

WILLIAM OF NORWICH, was the earliest founder of whom we have any record. He carried on business as early as the 14th century, but there are only very few of his bells still in existence. He usually described himself in his inscriptions as "William de Norwyco."

The next founder was, JOHN SUTTON, described as a "bellezetter" (i.e. bell caster). He was made a freeman of the city in 1404.

He was followed by THOMAS POTTER, described as a "brasyer." No doubt he did a trade in casting brass pots and other utensils as well as bells. On his bells he usually placed a figure of a three-legged pot, (probably a pun on his name), and a grotesque lion's face; and lest he himself should forget that his bells were his own work, his favourite inscription was, "Has tu campanas formasti Pottere Thomas." The tenor at St. John Sepulchre, Norwich, is his work.

At his death he was followed by RICHARD BAXTER, who used the same type for his inscriptions as Potter did.

Next to him we find the name of RICHARD BRASER, who was admitted to the freedom of the city in 1424. He died about 1480, leaving his business to his son, RICHARD BRASER, the younger, who was mayor in 1510 and died in 1513. He was buried in St. Stephen's Church, and there, may be found memorials to Robert Brasyer his grandfather; Richard Brasyer, his father; and himself. The emblem used by this family on their bells, consisted of a shield charged with three bells, (two above and one below), the lower one being surmounted by a crown, between the bells were five marks known in heraldry as "ermine." The tenor at Norwich Cathedral was cast by Richard Brasyer the elder. After the death of the younger Richard Brasyer a break occurs in the list of Norwich founders.

WILLIAM BARKER however commenced business on the same premises in 1530, and was followed by THOMAS LAWRENCE in 1541. After him the foundry passed into the hands of the Brend family, whose bells may be found all over Norfolk and the adjoining counties.

JOHN BREND began business about 1564, and seems to have been assisted by his son Robert. His bells are usually inscribed in large rude Roman letters, and his initials I. B. in larger letters still on the waists. He sometimes placed the inscription "Fili Dei vivi miserere nobis" on his bells, but generally only the words "Anno Domini" and the date in rude Arabic numerals. His figure "5" was often inverted, and consequently looked like a "2." This was the case on the second bell at Attleburgh, and an archæologist who wrote a book called *Memorials of Attleburgh*, but was unaccustomed to bell inscriptions, mistook the date, "1581" for "1281," and described the bell as an ancient Saxon one! John Brend died in 1582, and in his will he declares that he was "greatlie indetted vnto diuse men in diuse somes of money," and he directs that his "Mansion House" be sold and his personal estate, in discharge of his debts, and if any overplus remained it was to be equally divided between his two sons, Robert and William.

WILLIAM BREND succeeded his father in the business, but he removed the foundry from St. Stephen's parish to Best Street, in All Saints. He used at least half-a-dozen different styles of type, some, "Black-letter," and some "Roman." He generally placed his initials only on his bells, and in some cases a monogram comprising his own initials and those of Alice,

his wife, "W. A. B." He also, sometimes, used Brasyer's shield. He seems to have had but a small stock of inscriptions, such as "Per me fideles invocantur ad preces,"—"Omnis sonus laudet Dominum." "It joyeth me much to goe to God's church,"—"As God will so be it." William Brend died in 1634 and was buried "under ye 4th stone in ye body of ye church" of All Saints, on December 1st in that year. By his will he left all his property, bell-founder's stock-in-trade and house to be equally divided between Alice, his widow, and John, his son. This will was duly executed in the presence of two witnesses. on September 27th, 1634, and a silver spoon was given to Alice, his wife, and a hammer to John, his son, in earnest of what they were to receive after his death.

JOHN BREND, THE YOUNGER began business in 1634, on the death of his father. He used only Roman letters in his inscriptions, and discarded all the old foundry marks, simply inscribing his bells, "John Brend made me." He rarely used any epigrams, his only stock one seeming to be "Tuba ad iudicium campana ad ecclesiam." During the civil wars he does not appear to have done much business. He died in 1658, and was buried at All Saints, on September 18th in that year. His will, dated 1654, provides as follows:—"Item, I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Brend, Ellen Brend, Daniel Brend, Elias Brend, Francis Brend, and Hester Brend, my children, all that message and tenement which I now live in, with the yard on the North side and the worke-house and part of the yard to the theap bushes against the end of the house so farre as I lay my clay with the two great beams and scales with all the great weights and stones with the furnace and two paire of great bellows, the pann and duddles and all the working patterns belonging to ye great bells and the barrells for pulling of bells out of the pit and the clay board, the said house and workehouse with the tooles aforesaid to be let and the first yeares rent beginning halfe a yeare after my decease to be paid to Elizabeth Brend, my daughter, she allowing five shillings for that yeare towards the reparacons of the said house." The will further goes on to state that the third, fourth, fifth and sixth year's rents were to be paid respectively to Ellen, Daniel, Elias, Francis and Hester Brend, each allowing five shillings for repairs, and the seventh year's rent to Elizabeth Brend and so on successively. "And if default shall be made of the said yearly rent successively or any part or parcell thereof by my executors hereafter named unto any of my said children I give and bequeath the same house, workehouse, yard and tooles unto him or her performing the said payments aforesaid unto the said children successively, and my minde and will is the longest liver of all my before-named children from one to another to the last and longest liver shall either give or sell the same to whome he or she please, both the house, workehouse, yard and all the aforesaid tooles."

It appears that his two daughters, Elizabeth and Ellen, were his executrixes, and his son ELIAS BREND carried on the foundry. He does not appear however to have done much business, though he carried on the business for nearly ten years. At his death it passed out of the hands of the Brend family and was taken on by EDWARD TOOKE. This man continued to cast bells from 1671 to 1679, and after his death the business was carried on by his foreman, SAMUEL GILPIN, up to the year 1705. After him came THOMAS NEWMAN who seems to have been an itinerant bell-founder, casting bells in other places besides Norwich. Although on his bells he usually put "Thomas Newman of Norwich made me." He was buried at St. John's Sepulchre, April 20th, 1745.

After Newman's death THOMAS GARDINER took the foundry and carried it on up to 1753. He had formerly a foundry at Sudbury, and he seems to have soon become tired of Norwich, for we find him back at Sudbury in 1754. So ends the career of the Norwich foundry after an existence of over 370 years.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS FOR JANUARY, 1897.

	Six Bells.	Plain Bob.	Grandsire Methods.	Treble Bob.	Double Methods	Stedman.	Surprise Method.					
	One Method	Three Method	Seven Method	Triples.	Major.	Royal.	Triples.	Caters.	Cinques	Superlative Major.	London Major.	Total
1 Lancashire Association	1				1					1		9
2. Sussex County Association			1		1					1		7
3. Oxford Diocesan Guild				1								6
4. Kent County Association					1			1	1	1		6
5. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham											2	6
6. Ancient Society of College Youths												4
7. Winchester Diocesan Guild												4
8. Norwich Diocesan Association			1		1							4
9. Essex Association				1	1							4
10. Yorkshire Association												4
11. Gloucester and Bristol Association					1							3
12. Worcester and District Association			1									3
13. Royal Cumberland Youths					1							2
14. Central Northamptonshire Association					1							2
15. Bedford Association										1		2
16. Waterloo Society						1						2
17. South & West Middlesex Association												1
18. Midland Counties Association												1
19. Bath & Wells Diocesan Association					1							1
20. Hertford Association					1							1
21. Devonshire Guild					1							1
22. Hereford Diocesan Guild					1							1
23. South Lincolnshire Association		1										1
Independent Societies					1				1			3
	1	2	3	1	9		18	2	1	2	1	73

THE ST. FRANCIS SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

On Tuesday, February 16th, the above Society of ringers held their first Anniversary Dinner, in commemoration of the opening of the new church and peal of eight bells, on February 13th, 1896. The ringers, together with a number of the congregation enjoyed a most sumptuous repast at the house of Mr. J. Paton, the "Bellmount" Hotel. The cloth having been removed, a most enjoyable evening commenced. The President and Instructor to the Society, Mr. R. Binns, occupied the chair, and briefly explained the object for which they had gathered together. Harmony prevailed for some time, when the chairman rose to propose the toast of the evening, "The St. Francis Society of Change Ringers," coupling with it the name of their good Pastor, the Rev. Father McAuliffe, and, in doing so, alluded at some length to the duties of ringers, especially amateurs. During the past twelve months that he had been amongst them as instructor, he had been the recipient of every kindness and attention. Many obstacles had presented themselves, but, by the united patience and perseverance of the whole Society, they had been, he hoped, all surmounted. He was also glad to say that the general routine of a belfry had been firmly established, and, one most striking feature of the year was, he could say, without the least hesitation, that of 40 members who had been taught to manage a bell, about 10 remain who can ring Bob Major, and that, with the same attention in the future as in the past, as regards the method they know, they will become, at no distant date, a company of the most formidable competitors to be found in the North of England. They can safely boast that they possess one of the finest rings of eight in existence, of which all Roman Catholics may be justly proud, and urged them that whatever they did, was to try and maintain the high standard of excellence at all times when ringing, for their esteemed and beloved priest was a great admirer of the art, and that he fully appreciated their endeavours was apparent from his kindly expressions from time to time of the great pleasure he derived to think of their rapid progress.

Mr. T. Sullivan, Secretary to the Society, also supported the remarks of the chairman, and alluded, in most affectionate terms, to the Rev. Father's anxiety for their success, he also said that much credit was due to their instructor for the unwearied exertions he had displayed to bring them to such a state of efficiency. A plain course of Bob Major was next "lapped" on handbells in perfect style, and loudly applauded. Songs of every

description, both comic and sentimental, was ably rendered by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Miss Gaughan, Mrs. Gillott, Mrs. Meehan, Mrs. Paton, and Messrs. W. O'Neil, J. Watson, J. O'Hara, and P. Meehan, accompanied on the piano by Mr. T. Milnes. Mr. R. Varby next proposed, and Mr. C. Adams seconded the toast "The worthy host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. James Paton" which was drunk with musical honours. Mr. Paton in responding thanked all for the hearty manner his name and good wife had been received. It was he said his greatest pleasure to cater in any way for the ringers of St. Francis and any ringers from the surrounding towers, and would do all he could to assist them to become one of the best change-ringing societies in the county. In concluding an interesting and most enjoyable evening, Mr. G. McKale proposed, seconded by Mr. T. O'Hara, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. J. Moran, and all ladies and gentlemen who had come forward and rendered such valuable assistance in making the event such a success.

LITTLE HORWOOD, BUCKS.

On Saturday evening, February 20th, the Bletchley St. Mary's Bell Ringers paid a visit to the above parish, and rang a 360 of Grandsire Doubles on the five bells, which was thought very good work for this band, as they had always been used to ringing Grandsire Doubles on six bells. It may be said that this is the first bit of change-ringing that has ever been rang on these bells in the remembrance of the present ringers, and I should think that would be over 50 years ago. I should like to see this parish, with several other parishes, form a Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. I understand that some time ago these bells were put into good repair, and the Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, passed these bells. I should like to see a few belfreys round Bletchley join this Guild, and hope each local band will try and do their best to form a Branch. The ringers stood as follows:—Val Sear (conductor), 1; A. G. Crane, 2; A. N. Atkins, 3; E. Marks, 4; J. Atkins, 5. V.S.

NEWTON LONGVILLE.

On Sunday afternoon, February 21st, the Bletchley St. Mary's Bell Ringers paid a visit to the above parish, and rang 480 of Grandsire Doubles. Val Sear (conductor), 1; F. Hedges, 2; R. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; A. G. Crane, 5; A. N. Atkins, 6.

Our Poet's Corner.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH.

(A Poem by F. BARBER, one of the Ringers at the Church of St. Mary, Wilbye (Northamptonshire).)

THE Grand Old Spire of Wilbye Church
 Stands pointing to the Skies,
 Reminding us of our Dear Lord
 Who from this earth did rise
 To sit upon His Father's Throne,
 And plead for ever there
 The Sacrifice of His Dear Blood,
 And all our sorrows share.

And when the Bells on Sunday morn
 Do call us to our place,
 May those who wander far away
 Be called to seek Thy grace;
 For cold and thoughtless are our hearts,
 But thou forgivest all
 If only we will turn to Thee
 In answer to Thy call.

And when we enter in those doors
 Of this Thy House of Prayer,
 O! may we ne'er forget His Words
 "Each others burdens share;"
 And when we all are gathered there
 To worship and adore,
 O may we learn in simple faith
 To love Thee more and more.

For much it is we ought to learn
 While here on earth below,
 To fit us for that Home above
 Where Thou would have us go;
 But many, many are the ties
 Which bind us to this earth,
 The ties of home, and ties of friends
 Who loved us from our birth.

Those tall and stately Chestnut trees,
 So beautiful and grand,
 Which stand around that Hallowed spot,
 The dearest in the land;
 They have withstood the test of time,
 Of storm and winter snow,
 Though planted there by man's own hand
 So many years ago.

Beneath the shadow of those trees,
 Ah! many a Christian lies,
 Whom Thou hast seen most fit to call
 To Sunny Paradise.
 It may be too that we shall soon
 Be gathered with the rest
 Of those who have gone on before
 To mansions of the blest.

Both young and old, it matters not,
 To each it soon will come;
 O may we learn to live and say
 O Lord, "Thy Will be done;"
 And then whene'er Thou seest fit
 To call us to Thy rest,
 We all may say in faith and hope,
 "He knowest what is best."

The roses either side the walk,
 The crimson and the white,
 They tell us of a Saviour's Blood
 And robes that shine so bright;
 They tell us of that Sharon's Rose
 Around Whose Pierced Feet
 Fair flowers of Paradise do grow
 In fragrance ever sweet.

And all around the dear old Church
 The flowers which we see,
 Remind us too of long lost Friends
 Which have been called by Thee
 To realms of glory, joy, and love,
 Free from all toil and care,
 To sing with angels up above,
 Their happiness to share.

So may we to Thy Will resign,
 And pray that Thou wilt bless
 The work of all Thy Churches here
 With Thine own righteousness;
 And still we'll praise Thy Holy Name
 For all that Thou hast done,
 For mercies given in the past,
 "Our Life, Our Health, our Home."

Notices.

THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.

The next monthly meeting will be held (by kind permission of the Rev. R. Digby Ram), at Hampton, on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing at 5.30.
 Hy. F. G. Luck, Hon. Sec., 7, Warwick Place, Ealing.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

A meeting of this Branch will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom. The bells will be open to ringers any time during the afternoon. The Rev. J. J. Lewis has kindly offered to provide tea to those ringers sending their names to J. Wolstenholme, 33, Crow Lane, Ramsbottom. Business meeting will follow tea.

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

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Will all members whose present addresses are incorrect in the 1895 report, kindly notify me or their local Secretaries at once.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION,
YORKSHIRE.

All members wishing to take part in the contest to be held this year, should pay their subscriptions on or before the 1st of March, or they will not be eligible to ring.

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

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH).

Members of the above are kindly requested to forward their yearly subscriptions (now due) to the Secretary, the Rev. W. W. Crump, Haddenham Rectory, Ely, as early as convenient. C. SILLITOE, East Street, Sudbury.

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	- - - -	No practice
St. Mary's, Finchley	- - - -	Every Thursday 7.30 "
All Saints' Fulham	- - - -	Every Thursday 8 "
St. Stephen's Westminster	- - - -	Every Friday 8 "
St. Alfège, 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 "
St. Magnus, London Bridge	- - - -	Thursday, Mar. 4th 8 "
St. Mary's, Walthamstow	- - - -	Thursday, Mar. 4th 7.30 "
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields	- - - -	Friday, Mar. 5th 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, March 6th, 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. Alfège, 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	—10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
St. Mary Abbots, Kensington	—10.45 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.
St. Margaret's, Westminster	—6 p.m.

OUR COMPOSITION PAGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By J. P. BRADLEY, *West Ham*.

5001.

2 3 1 4 5 6 4 5 1 6

5 6 4 3 1 2*
5 6 2 4 1 3
5 6 3 2 1 4
3 6 5 4 1 2 - -
3 6 2 5 1 4 - -
3 6 4 2 1 5 - -
4 6 3 5 1 2 - -
4 6 2 3 1 5 - -
2 6 4 5 1 3 - -
2 6 3 4 1 5 - -

3 6 5 1 2 4 - -
5 6 3 4 2 1 - -
5 6 1 3 2 4 - -
1 6 5 4 2 3 - -
1 6 3 5 2 4 - -
1 6 4 3 2 5 - -
4 6 1 5 2 3 - -
4 6 3 1 2 5 - -
3 6 4 5 2 1 - -

* Produced by bobs at 1, 2 : 4 single, 6, 7, 11.

Second part three times repeated, produces
1 6 2 3 5 4 round at 2, 4, 5, 9, single.

First rung at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, February 13th, 1897. Conducted by Mr. F. S. Bayley.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ALBERT E. PARSONS,

5152.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 3 6 2 4 - -
2 3 6 5 4 s
5 6 3 2 4 - -
6 2 3 5 4 - -
2 5 3 6 4 - -
6 3 5 2 4 - -
3 2 5 6 4 - -

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

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

Repeated.

First rung at St. Chads (R.C.) Cathedral, Birmingham, on Wednesday, January 13th, 1897. Conducted by William Short.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ALBERT E. PARSONS.

5088.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 3 6 2 4 - -
2 3 6 5 4 s
3 5 6 2 4 - -
2 6 5 3 4 - -
6 3 5 2 4 - -
3 2 5 6 4 - -

Twice repeated

Substituting bobs for single, produces :—

3 2 4 5 6 1 4 5 6

5 2 6 3 4 - -
3 2 6 5 4 s
2 5 6 3 4 - -
3 6 5 2 4 - -
6 2 5 3 4 - -
3 5 2 6 4 - -
5 6 2 3 4 - -
6 3 2 5 4 - -
5 2 3 6 4 - -

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

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By W. WILLSON, *Leicester*.

5008.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 6

5 4 3 2 6 - -
4 3 5 2 6 - -
3 5 4 2 6 - -
6 2 5 3 4 - -
2 5 3 6 4 s
5 3 2 6 4 - -
3 2 5 6 4 - -

Four times repeated.

Bobs for single except the 4th part produces :—

2 3 6 4 5 1 4 5 6

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

Rung at Irthlingboro for the first time, on Saturday, January 23rd, 1897. Conducted by C. W. Clarke.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By REV. H. LAW JAMES.

5040.

2 3 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 6 7 4

Twice repeated with Holt's Single instead of the last bob, gives :—

2 3 5 4 7 6

6 4 2 7 3 5 1
7 4 6 5 2 3 5
3 5 7 2 4 6 1
4 6 3 7 2 5 2
3 2 4 6 5 7 3
7 6 3 5 2 4 1
5 6 7 4 3 2 5
7 3 5 6 2 4 3
4 6 7 2 3 5 1
2 6 4 5 7 3 5
3 5 2 7 6 4 1
7 5 3 4 2 6 5
6 4 7 2 5 3 1
2 4 6 3 7 5 5
5 3 2 7 4 6 1
4 6 5 2 7 3 2
6 5 4 2 7 3 4
2 5 6 3 4 7 5
5 6 2 3 4 7 4
3 6 5 7 2 4 5
2 4 3 5 7 6 2
7 6 2 3 5 4 2
2 5 7 6 4 3 3
3 6 2 4 5 7 1
2 5 3 6 7 4 3
4 6 2 7 5 3 1
7 6 4 3 2 5 5
5 3 7 2 6 4 1
6 4 5 7 2 3 2
4 5 6 7 2 3 4
7 5 4 3 6 2 5
4 6 7 5 2 3 3
5 6 4 3 7 2 5
3 6 5 2 4 7 5
6 5 3 2 4 7 4
7 2 6 4 5 3 1
4 2 7 3 6 5 5
5 3 4 6 2 7 1
4 2 5 3 7 6 2

Repeat the last part twice with Holt's Single instead of the last bob.

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